

St. Sylvester R. C. Church

68 Ohio Avenue, Medford, NY 11763

www.stsylvesterli.org

(631) 475-4506

A community praying, growing, serving & welcoming in Jesus Christ.

Eucharist:

Saturday 5pm; Sunday 7:30am, 9am & 11am.
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday @ 8:30am
in the Parish Center. Rosary recitation begins at
8:15am before morning Mass. Holy Days as
announced.

Baptisms:

Celebrated on pre-determined Sunday afternoons.

Prior to making plans, call Parish Center for
Baptism dates, for preparation class dates, and
important information regarding Godparents.

Reconciliation/Confession :

For those seeking spiritual healing.

Saturday: 4:00 to 4:30 pm in the Sacristy or by
appointment 631-475-4506, Ext. 101 or email
dsuglia@drvc.org

Confirmation:

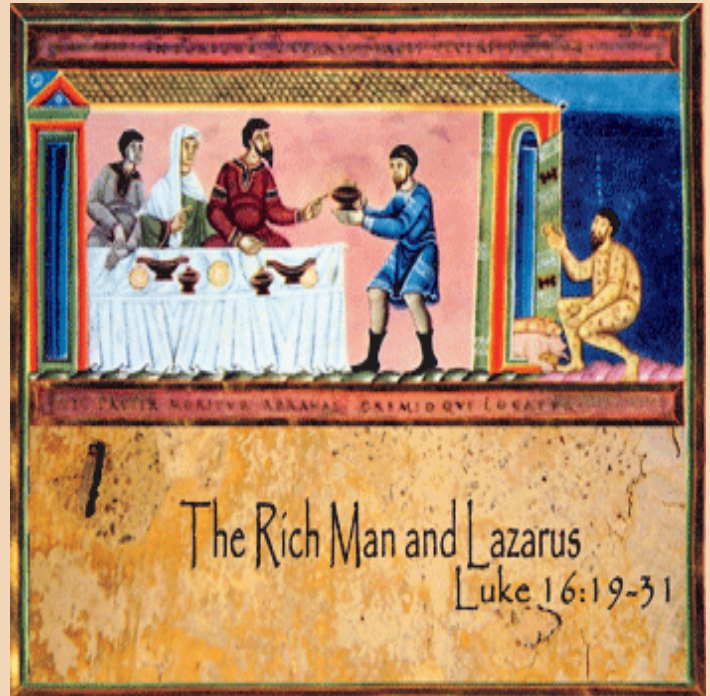
In the Fall for the youth of the parish. Adults and
young adults can also be confirmed at Pentecost.
Please call the Faith Formation Office 631-475-
4506, Ext. 118.

Marriage:

Friday @ 3, 4:30, 6pm; Saturday @ 11:00am,
12:30pm, & 2:00pm. Arrangements must be made
one year prior to the requested date. Please be
aware that all the Sacraments of Initiation should
have been celebrated prior to the requested
wedding date and Pre-Cana preparation is
required. No plans should be made prior to
meeting with a priest or deacon.

Anointing of the Sick: & Dying:

For those needing surgery or serious medical
treatment and for those in danger of death.
According to the Catechism of the Catholic
Church #1515, the Sacrament should be received
once, unless during an illness the sick person's
health worsens, or for subsequent surgeries, or
after recovery they begin a new illness. They may
then receive it again. Every second Friday of the
month @ 8:30am Mass, or call the Rectory at
631-475-0418 any time.



September 29, 2019
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastoral Leadership Team

Rev. Dennis A. Suglia, Pastor

Deacon Joseph Mystkowski

Deacon Frank Rivera

Deacon George Riegger, Retired

Theresa Ellner, Business Manager

Michael Lofaro, Administrator,

Faith Formation

Frances McMahon, Director,

Faith Formation & Music Ministers

Justin McMahon, Director,

Parish Social Ministry

Lori Zito, Director,

Parish Ministries & Events

Office Information

Parish Office: (631) 475-4506, ext 101; Fax (631) 475-1057; email: parishoffice@stsylvesterli.org
Mon. Tues. & Wed. 9am-12 & 1-8:30pm; Thurs. & Fri.. 9am-12pm & 1-5pm; Sun. 9:30am-12:30pm.

Faith Formation Office: (631) 475-4506, ext. 118; email: faithformation@stsylvesterli.org
Please call (631)475-4506, ext. 118 to make an appointment and we will be happy to serve you!

Parish Social Ministry at Clare House: (631) 475-4506, ext. 122; Fax (631) 475-6058
Mon. 10am - 3pm ; Wed 10am - 3pm & 4pm - 7pm ; Fri. 10am - 12pm

Thrift Shop: (631) 475-4506, ext. 124; Tu, Wed & Th ~ 10am - 3pm; Sat ~ 10am - 1pm

We Pray

Saturday, September 28, 2019

5:00pm Timothy Higgins
Alice J. Farello
Matthew R. Wynn
Joseph Wunsch
Barbara J. Chin-Sang

Sunday, September 29, 2019

7:30am Michael DeVito, Sr.
9:00am Virginia Anne Dolfinger
11:00am Filomena Dimeglio (*10th Anniversary*)

Monday, September 30, 2019

8:30am The People of St. Sylvester

Tuesday, October 1, 2019

8:30am Denise Shaw

Thursday, October 3, 2019

8:30am Jaime Silva (*1st Anniversary*)

Friday, October 4, 2019

8:30am Frank Castellano

Saturday, October 5, 2019

5:00pm Joan Alexander
Barbara Chin-Sang
Nicholas Polisenio
Marlene Risley
Joseph Tagliatella
Guido Belluzzi

Sunday, October 6, 2019

7:30am Biagio Russo & Family
9:00am Betty & Harry Gears
11:00am Camille Muller

In order to keep our Sick List up to date, we will remove all names at the end of each month. Simply call or email the Parish Office if you wish to place someone on the list. Please remember that for the sake of privacy, this request must be made by either the sick person him/herself, or by an immediate family member.

We pray for all who are sick, especially . . .

Agnes Cantarelli, Andy Magyar, Baby Emma Connolly, Lucy Jimenez Garzon, Frank Cayea, Joan McGrattan, Elizabeth Pagano, Bill Berger, Bill Valentin, Evelyn Valentin, Brian Mullins, Chong Skladel, Marie Robbins, Edgar Ugas, Barbara Eustace, Josephine Chebat, Bob Prentiss and Nina Caravana.

We pray for all those who have died, especially:
Shirley Campo and James Reilly.

The Bread and Wine
used at this weekend's liturgies
are the gifts of
The Valentine Family
in loving memory of
Linda Valentine



HELP PROTECT OUR CHILDREN

TO REPORT SEXUAL ABUSE involving diocesan personnel, priests, deacons, teachers, employees or volunteers at schools or churches in the Diocese of Rockville Centre, please call our confidential hotline number at 1-516-594-9063 and speak with Mary McMahon, LCSW, Director.

IF YOU SUSPECT a child or vulnerable adult is being—or has been abused, call the New York State Hotline phone number: 1-800-342-3720

If you suspect someone is in immediate danger, call 911.

Visit our website at: www.stsylvesterli.org



Pastor's Column
SS Medford
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 29, 2019

There is a fascinating documentary on PBS called "Country Music." It is a Ken Burns piece. You remember him from his other Documentaries, notably "The Civil War" and "Baseball."

I have to admit that I am not a big country music fan, but I find the documentary fascinating, nonetheless. Country Music traces the history of essential regions in the United States as the music became a category. I would characterize the regions as Appalachia Coal Mining and the Cotton Farming South at the turn of the 19th Century forward, among others.

What has this to do with the Catholic Church, perhaps you ponder? Well, everything and nothing.

First the latter argument. There were hardly any Catholics in those regions in the story that so far, I have seen. But the most valid definition of catholic is universal. So, in theory, the human drama that is detailed and exposed in the documentary is the universal human drama: the emergence of a people and the roots that bring them to their cultural identity.

The everything part: The Church also has roots, what we call the Judeo-Christian tradition. The Judeo part is our Jewish history, the emergence of a people that from 4000 years ago (Abraham and Sarah) were to follow the one true God. Those people, the Jewish people, delivered the Savior into the world.

Jesus Christ changes everything. He is no longer a way, or style of life or truth to consider among the many options. He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life (Jn 14:6). Nobody ever or since has made this claim.

The point is this: the Truth of the church is unchanging. That is why we have Dogmas. A dogma is **"a principle or set of principles laid down by an authority as incontrovertibly true" (Oxford Dictionary)**. Sometimes this can be misinterpreted as an old, stubborn way.

What the Catholic Church does offer is an updating of how our teaching is taught and methods for its reception. That was what the Second Vatican Council was about (Vatican II). For instance, the Catholic Mass in English instead of Latin. Vatican II's teaching is continuing to be implemented.

The essential Catholic message is this, the central Truth: as sinners, we are saved by God who came as a man, a human person to offer himself for our redemption. His name is Jesus Christ. We can be in a relationship with him because He is an eternal person.

Let us then, befriend Christ to grow in His love. Then to love and be at peace with all: neighbor, world, and self. And let us enjoy all our God's favored creatures' gifts! Like Country Music....

Yours in Christ,

Father Suglia

New Pastor Installation



It is a tradition that when the bishop appoints a new pastor to a parish,
he be installed publicly by a liturgical rite.

The installation of a pastor reaffirms the priest's and the parish's
connection to the bishop and diocese.

**The Installation of Fr. Suglia as the new pastor of St. Sylvester Parish,
will be Saturday, October 19, 2019 at the 5:00 p.m. Mass.**

Everyone is invited to join in the celebration of Mass and the Installation
and to join Fr. Suglia for refreshments
in the Patricia Desmond Hall (Lower Level of the Parish Center)
immediately following Mass.

Most importantly, pray for Fr. Suglia and the parish, as we continue to grow in
serving, welcoming and witnessing to the gospel of Jesus Christ!

So that we may be prepared, please RSVP no later than Sunday, October 13, 2019
by filling out the form below and dropping it off at the Parish Center, or
mailing it to the St. Sylvester Parish at 68 Ohio Ave., Medford, NY 11763 or
dropping it into the collection basket at Mass.

Tear off here

Yes, I will be attending!

Name: _____

E-mail Address: _____

The number of people in your party: _____

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mailing it to the St. Sylvester Parish at 68 Ohio Ave., Medford, NY 11763 or
dropping it into the collection basket at Mass. Thank you!
We look forward to being with you for this blessed occasion!



The Office of FAITH FORMATION DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

September 2019 through March 2020
Register Online WWW.DRVC-FAITH.ORG

Bereavement Facilitator Training Level II

Our Lady of Victory, Floral Park

Mondays, September 30, October 7, 21, and 28, 2019
from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

St. Mary's Parish, East Islip

Saturdays, September 28 and October 5, 2019
from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

St. Rosalie Parish, Hampton Bays

Saturdays, October 19 and 26, 2019
from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

RCIA Level II / RICA NIVEL II

St. Boniface, Elmont

Saturday, October 5 and 12, 2019
Sábados 5 y 12 de octubre de 2019
9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

RCIA Level I

Thursdays, October 17, 24, 31,
and November 14, 2019

Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Patchogue

10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

OR

St Martin of Tours, Bethpage

7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

31st Annual Mass For Deceased Children

St. Agnes Cathedral, Rockville Centre

Saturday, November 16, 2019
12:30 p.m.

Catechist Training Level II

St. James, Setauket

Tuesdays, March 10, 17, 24, and 31, 2020
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Bereavement Conference

St. Frances de Chantal, Wantagh

Saturday, March 21, 2020
8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

For more information, workshops, or to register online,
please visit drvc-faith.org/event/



With the arrival of autumn, I'd like to invite you to join Faith Direct, our parish's electronic giving program.

Our to-do lists can get lengthy during this season, but Faith Direct's eGiving program will give you one less thing to remember each week--no more envelopes to find before you go to Mass.

You can either go online to faith.direct/NY285 or text the word ENROLL to (631-201-5922)

Thank you for your prayerful support of St. Sylvester.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Suglia

The **Readings for the Week** can be found on our parish website home page by clicking on the "Daily Readings" button. You may also access the readings for the month directly from the USCCB website, www.USCCB.org. Simply click a date on their Daily Readings Calendar to bring up the readings for that particular day.



This Fall, couples who have been married 50 years will be honored at a special Mass on Sunday, November 3, 2019 at Maria Regina Roman Catholic Church in Seaford. Mass will begin at 2:00 pm, with Bishop Andrzej Zglejszewski presiding. Please contact the Parish Office to register. Space is limited, and registration will be accepted on a first come, first served basis. Registration forms can also be found on the diocesan website www.drvc-faith.org. If you have any questions you may call 516-678-5800, ext. 223.



Are you being called to lead the community in sung prayer?

Do you like to sing...play an instrument...

or just like to praise God in song?

Come join the 5:00 p.m. Mass Choir

No commitment needed...just try it out!

We regularly practice at 4:00 p.m. right before Mass on Saturdays.

If you are not sure or have questions,



Calling All Ushers!

*There will be an Usher
Training Meeting
including CPR*

on

Saturday

October 12, 2019

*from 1:00 to 4:00 P.M.
in the Church*



**Parents
Guardians!!**

***Please accompany your
child to the restroom if
needed during Mass!***

***Thank you for your
cooperation.***

FALL FLOWER SALE

Hosted by the Garden Club Ministry

Saturday, October 5th ~ 10am—6:00pm

Sunday, October 6th ~ 8am—12:00pm



Mums
Montauk Daisies
Asters
Kale

Don't miss our beautiful selection of pots and hanging baskets
from Forge River Nursery in Mastic!
(Same growers, new location)!



Parish Social Ministry



Thanksgiving Food Drive

During the month of October we are collecting food in the church lobby every weekend, before and after masses. These food items will be brought to the church basement every Monday morning following daily Mass. Our level 7 children will help to sort and date the donated items and they will be assembled into a "Free Market." Clare House clients will be invited to shop at our Free Market. We hope to facilitate Thanksgiving celebrations and share the bounty of the harvest season with those in need!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Thanksgiving Items Needed:

Mashed Potatoes
Stuffing
Cranberry Sauce
Gravy
Canned Vegetables (Corn/Green Beans/Peas/Carrots/etc.)
Yams/Sweet Potatoes
Canned Fruit (Apples/Peaches/Cherries/Pumpkin/etc.)
Nuts
Cake Mix/Pie Crust/Desserts
Other Seasonal Non-Perishable Foods

Special Request From Clare House Pantry:

Soap, Shampoo, Conditioner
Toothbrushes, Toothpaste
Feminine Hygiene Items

Faith Formation

On-Line Registration Has Been Extended Until September 30, 2019!

Please go to www.stsylvesterli.org and click on Faith Formation and then Registration.

**If you are interested in serving as a
Teacher/Catechist,
please call 631-475-4506 X 118
or email
faithformation@stsylvesterli.org**

**In the fall, we will have the
following opportunities for Teachers/Catechists:**

Level 4 ~ Mondays 5:45 to 6:45 p.m.

Level 5 ~ Tuesday 5:45 to 6:45 p.m.

**Level 6 ~ Tuesday 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday 5:45 to 6:45 p.m.**

Level 7 ~ Mondays 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

All Are Welcome!!!!

***Did you know that we have an
Individualized Faith Formation Program
for children with special needs?***

If your child has special needs, and has been
diagnosed with:

**Autism
ADD or ADHD
Reading Disability
Cognitive Speech Delay
ODD or Other Behavioral Concerns
Sensory Processing Disorder
Other Health Impairment**

....please know that there is a place for your child
in the St. Sylvester Faith Formation and
Sacramental Program. We have been blessed with
volunteers who are educated and experienced in
working with children with special needs
and their families.

Please call the Faith Formation office at
631-475-4506, Ext 118
so that we can help in placing your child in the class
that will be most beneficial for them.

Stewardship

One Family in Mission

Called to Evangelize

Formation

Hospitality

Prayer

Service



Gifts of Treasure *September 22, 2019*

Regular ~ \$8,829

Renovation ~ \$30 Solar ~ \$60

Reflection

The sin of the rich man in today's parable was not that he was rich, but that he failed to share his wealth with the beggar at his gate. He knew Lazarus, walked by him every time he came in or out, but did nothing to relieve his suffering. Is there a Lazarus in my life?

Living Stewardship...Hospitality

This week seek out the Lazarus in your life that needs love. Maybe your elderly parents or grandparents?

Catholic Ministries Appeal 2019

Designated Goal: \$65,800.00

Amount Pledged to Date: \$41,305.00

% of Goal Pledged to Date: 62.8%

Number of Donors to Date: 144

Your donation can make a difference!

Make checks payable to: Catholic Ministries Appeal

Parish: St. Sylvester Church

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Please place in collection basket
or return to the Parish Center. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS ALREADY?



Believe it or not, we are already planning for this year's Holiday Fair on November 16th & 17th!

Our Crafters are already meeting to create items to sell at our Fair and we welcome handcrafted donations from parishioners.

We are also looking for those who are interested in helping out at this year's Holiday Fair with our Raffle Tables, Christmas Café and Granny's Attic areas. If you are looking for a fun way to get involved here in the parish, this is it!

Interested in being one of our volunteer elves this November? Please contact Lori Zito in the Parish Ministry & Events Office by calling 631-475-4506, ext. 115 or by emailing to lzito@stsyvesterli.org.

P.S. ~ Gently used items for **Granny's Attic** will be accepted from **November 8th through 14th ONLY**. No TV's please.



We have also now begun accepting donations of new items, event & movie tickets, gift cards, etc. for our popular Holiday Fair raffle baskets.

Thank you for your generosity!

What's Happening?

Get Involved!



Drawing Class

Mondays 10am to 12pm East Wing

Art Class

Tuesdays 9am to 12pm Patricia Desmond Hall

Art Class

Saturdays 9am to 12pm Patricia Desmond Hall



First Wednesday of the Month 10:30am to 12pm in the East Wing We knit, crochet, pray and share patterns. The shawls and lap robes are lovingly brought to the sick and homebound. Donations of yarn are appreciated and new members always welcome.

Senior Circle of Friends

Second and Fourth Fridays of the Month
12:30pm to 3:30pm



L.I. COALITION FOR LIFE PRESENTS:

22nd Annual Stand Up for Life
Sunday, October 6, 2019
2—3pm (rain or shine)

At two locations:
Along Rte. 110 and Rte. 25
Huntington, NY

LIEm Exit 70S, Cty. Rd. 111
Manorville, NY

Support Groups

Al-Anon

Meets every Thursday 9:30am to 12:00pm

Compassionate Friends

(For those who have experienced the loss of a child)
Second Friday of the Month at 7:30pm to 10:00pm

Divorced & Separated Support

If you are going through the pain of marital separation or divorce, we have a parishioner with a degree in psychology and a background in social work who will be happy to meet with you here in the Parish Center to support you at this difficult time. Please contact our Parish Social Ministry Office at Ext. 122 if you would like to set up an appointment.

Prayer Groups

*Please see the Website for more details
for Prayer Group Meetings*

Holy Hour & Adoration

2nd Friday of the month ~ 8pm ~ WR

Charismatic Prayer Group

1st, 3rd & 4th Fridays of the month ~ 8pm
Worship Room

Women's Prayer Group

3rd Monday of the month ~ 7pm ~ EW

Legion of Mary

Tuesdays ~ 1:30pm ~ Room 8

Spanish Legion of Mary

Wednesdays ~ 5:45pm ~ Room 9

First Saturday Devotion

First Saturday of the Month 9am to 10 am Worship Room

Religious Orders

Lay Carmelites

3rd Friday of the month Mass ~ 7pm
Worship Room Meeting ~ 8pm ~ East Wing