

# Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

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## Parish Office

**Phone: 661.3224, press 1**  
Monday-Thursday: 9:00am-7:30pm  
Friday: 9:00am-5:00pm  
Saturday: 9:00am-3:00pm  
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## Our Lady of Lourdes School

**Phone: 587.7200, press 2**  
Monday-Friday: 9:00am-3:00pm  
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## Religious Education Office

**Phone: 661.5440, press 3**  
Monday-Friday: 9:00am-Noon,  
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E-mail: ReligiousEd@ollchurch.org

## Parish Outreach Office

**Phone: 661.9262, press 4**  
Monday-Friday: 9:30am-3:30pm

**SAGE** (*Senior Advocates for Growth and Enrichment*)

**Phone: 661.3224, Ext. 122**  
E-mail: Sage@ollchurch.org

## Liturgical Schedule

### Daily Mass

8:30am

### Weekend Masses

Saturday: 5:00pm

Sunday: 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am, 12:30pm  
and 6:00pm

### Reconciliation/Confession

Saturday: 4:00pm-4:45pm or by appointment

### Rosary

Daily at 8:00am

### Miraculous Medal Novena

Monday at 8:00am

## Sacraments

### Anointing of the Sick

Throughout the liturgical year. If needed sooner, please call the Parish Office.

### Baptism

Please contact the Parish Office to schedule an appointment.

### Marriage

Arranged at least six months in advance, please call the Parish Office.

### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

A process to be embraced by the Catholic Church. For non-Catholics and for Catholics who have never received formal religious education. If interested, please call the Parish Office.

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time • January 25, 2015**



## Welcome to our Parish Family

New Parishioners are cordially invited to register as members of our Parish Family. Please call or visit our Parish Office.

*Remember: Together, we can do something beautiful for God!*

*- Mother Theresa*

### *Pastoral Council*

Msgr. Brian McNamara  
Eileen Rega  
Mary Borgs  
Lisa Cantalino  
Sonia DaSilva  
Nilo DeLeon  
Jerry Esposito  
Trish Frodell  
Pam Gagliano  
Deborah Lamb  
Rosalie Mangels  
Deacon Jack Meehan  
John Muldoon  
Dottie Perdue  
Vita Scorcia

### *Parish Staff*

**Patti Anderson**  
Parish Office  
**AnnMarie Buonaspina**  
Director of Youth Choirs  
**Michael Buonaspina**  
Parish Organist  
**Anne Gregg**  
School Office  
**Mary Anne Lettieri**  
Parish Office  
**Rita Spera**  
Religious Education Office  
**Lori Walsh**  
Bulletin Editor/Website  
**Pat Young**  
Parish Office

### *Mission Statement*

As stewards of all that God has given us, the Parish Family of Our Lady of Lourdes serves and ministers to all who come to this place.

Regardless of a person's history, ethnicity, gender, orientation, age or race, we commit ourselves to open wide the doors of our Parish to provide a place of welcome and hospitality.

### *Readings for the Week of January 25*

**Sunday:** Jon 3:1-5, 10/ 1 Cor 7:29-31/ Mk 1:14-20  
**Monday:** 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/ Mk 3:22-30  
**Tuesday:** Heb 10:1-10/ Mk 3:31-35  
**Wednesday:** Heb 10:11-18/ Mk 4:1-20  
**Thursday:** Heb 10:19-25/ Mk 4:21-25  
**Friday:** Heb 10:32-39/ Mk 4:26-34  
**Saturday:** Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/ Mk 4:35-41  
**Next Sunday:** Dt 18:15-20/ 1 Cor 7:32-35/ Mk 1:21-28

## Financial Summary

### January 18, 2015

Weekly Collection	\$ 16,892.00
Weekly Budget	- \$ 17,800.00
+/- for the week	\$ ( 908.00)

*The estimated weekly collection needed to maintain and operate our parish buildings, ministries, programs and salaries is \$17,800.*

Dear Parishioners:

This week throughout the Diocese, we celebrate **Catholic Schools Week**. Here at Our Lady of Lourdes, we are extremely blessed to have a parish Catholic school. As you may know, some Catholic schools have closed over the past few years. Fortunately, OLL School has done very well and we are in good shape.

**We are having an OPEN HOUSE for Our Lady of Lourdes School this Sunday, January 25 from 10:45am – 1:00pm. In addition, school tours will be conducted during the week from 9:00am – 11:00am. OLL School has programs for 2- year olds all the way up to the 8<sup>th</sup> grade. I urge everyone to go to the Open House. Catholic schools are so different from when I was in Catholic elementary school. Our Fine Arts/Drama program is outstanding and our computer technology is second to none. Stop by and check us out!**

As you know, we have ended the Christmas season and now we are now in the midst of “Ordinary Time.” Scripture-wise, we will be reading from the Gospel of Mark. The Gospel of Mark is the earliest and the shortest of all the Gospels; I sometimes refer to the Gospel of Mark as the “Readers’ Digest” of the Gospels because many stories in Mark are often embellished or expanded upon in the Gospels of Luke and Matthew (which were written about 10 years after the Gospel of Mark).

The Gospel of Mark is written in 2 sections. The first half of the Gospel seeks to answer the question: “Who is Jesus?” The second half of the Gospel seeks to answer the question: “What does it mean to be the Messiah?” For an interesting experience, try reading the Gospel of Mark in one sitting; it really should not take that long. Every Sunday, we read a small snippet of the Gospel. Because of that, we often forget what we read the week before. By reading it in one sitting, you get a much better flow to the Gospel. I would highly recommend reading the Gospel of Mark in one sitting to experience the full force of the Gospel.

Remember: Together, we can do something beautiful for God.

Fr. Brian

### **CALLING ALL ANIMAL LOVERS**

**Legend has it that cats were among the animals located at the manger when Jesus was born. In fact, all Tabby cats since the birth of our Lord, have the letter “M” distinctly marked on their foreheads, which has been symbolically linked to the intercession of Mary and her perpetual motherly protection of them.**

**Please rally around this great cause: Local cats were sadly, being shot, some were crippled, tragically, some died.**

**Three foster animal groups have intervened and rescued the remaining ones, temporarily holding them until great, dedicated homes are found. Fixed, up-to-date medically, healthy and friendly, these cats, average 3-5 years or older and need loving homes.**

**Please give these cats a life, a chance and a place to call home. Call Rob at 845 701-5557.**

## Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Pat Wissing*. If you would like to help care for our altar needs, please call the Parish Office at 661.3224.

## Members in the Military

We ask that you pray especially for those in our parish that are on active duty in the Middle East conflict.

**Michael Fantauzzi**-*US Air Force*  
**Christopher Florca**-*US Marines*  
**Christopher Jensen**-*US Air Force*  
**Anthony Mannino**-*US Marines*  
**James Rooney III**-*US Marines*

... and remember those of our parish family that are in the armed services, listed in our Parish Book of Intentions.



## Pastoral Care of Our Sick

Please call the Parish Office at 661.3224 to leave the names of parishioners who:

- Are homebound and would like to receive the Eucharist.
- Are in Good Samaritan Hospital and would like to be visited by a member of our Pastoral Care Ministry.
- Would like to receive the Sacrament of the Sick.

## Parish Spiritual Care Companions

Do you know a parishioner who is homebound and would welcome a visit from one of our trained Parish Spiritual Care Companions? Please call Rick Danowski at 586.2192, Vita Scorgia at 669.4717 or Charlie Zeiss at 669.7189.

## Pray for Our Sick

Please remember to keep in your thoughts and prayers ...

*Salvatore Albanese, David Aslin, Dorothy Blandino, Mary Breest, Robert Burnett, Thomas J. Calogero III, Patricia Carlson, Grace Ciccarello, Dennis Crowley, Robert Day, Dolores DellaVecchia, Karen DellaVecchia, Andrew DiBlasi, Nancy DiGruccio, Amanda DiTingo, Mark Dixon, Frank Edwards, Paula Edwards, William Fuchs, Kenneth Garretson, Robert Garretson, Jeanette Giordano, Ralph Giordano, Tommy Haughney, Thomas Hicks, Jr., Anne Kerrigan, George Koehler, Kevin Kuchler, Frank Licciardi, Sean Lillis, Barbara Malmquist, Paul Martucci, Vinny Meade, Peter Murray, Ruth Murray, Dorothy Proctor, Vincenzo Rao, Jimmy Reilly, Linda Anne Savino, Roseann Savino, Joseph J. Schiavoni, Ann Marie Schiraldi, Joseph Sepe, Roy Sorrese, Grace Weidner, Susan Vanduyne, Joseph Visconti, Camille Watts, Charles Zeiss*

Names of the sick are listed for **five weeks** for short-term requests and **five months** for long-term.



## ***Rest In Peace***

*John T. Malaszczyk  
Rosaria Tortora*

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We extend our prayerful sympathy to the families and loved ones of those recently deceased.

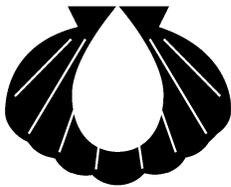
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## ***Upcoming Marriages***

*Jaclyn Polisi, OLL and  
Benjamin Tangney, Holy  
Name of Mary, Valley Stream*

*Kristi Salatti, OLL and  
Tommy Kwong*



## ***Baptism***

*Daniel Noble Boykin  
Keith & Suzanne  
Robert Nolan Daley  
Thomas & Rita  
Emma Grace Notaroberta  
Anthony & Brittany  
Christian Michael Shields  
Michael & Saati  
Giavanna Marie Testa  
Gerard & Jenny  
Colin Joseph White  
Ryan & Nicole*

## ***Mass Intentions***

**Monday, January 26**

*St. Timothy & St. Titus*

**8:30am** Denis C. Maher

**Tuesday, January 27**

*St. Angela Merici*

**8:30am** Patricia Regan

**Wednesday, January 28**

*St. Thomas Aquinas*

**8:30am** Ann Knox

**Thursday, January 29**

**8:30am** Marc Boyd

**Friday, January 30**

**8:30am** Ned Baker

**Saturday, January 31**

*St. John Bosco*

**8:30am** People of the Parish

**5:00pm** Emma Cameron & Carl Schmid  
*Msgr. Brian McNamara*

**Sunday, February 1**

**8:00am** John & Elizabeth Meditz  
*Msgr. Brian McNamara*

**9:30am** Albina & Alex Sipplak  
*Msgr. Brian McNamara*

**11:00am** LaRocca & Sweeney Family  
*Fr. Bob Scheckenback*

**12:30pm** Dolores Haggerty  
*Fr. Bob Scheckenback*

**6:00pm** People of the Parish, Special Intention of  
Clifford Proctor, Michael Cahill  
*Fr. Bob Scheckenback*

## Respect Life Ministry



### **Light in the Darkness** by Aaron Matthew Weldon

A person might choose to have an abortion, or to commit suicide, for a variety of reasons. A single woman may not feel that she can afford to take care of a child. A terminally ill husband may not want his wife to watch him suffer. People are driven to these tragic acts for deeply personal reasons. But there is more going on here. In these painful stories, where people choose against life, a pervasive emptiness, a spiritual darkness, comes into view. That emptiness is not limited to individuals, but is a part of our contemporary culture. An underlying despair threatens to permeate our modern secular society today.

A spiritual malaise has fallen across the culture of the West, diminishing the natural human desire to preserve one's life, to struggle against death, and to exert the effort necessary to build a stable world for future generations to enjoy. Secularization is a major factor here. The loss of a hope in something eternal, of faith in a reality that transcends the mundane, has created a void that can make the struggle against death seem meaningless.

The struggle for hope is real for people in a wide variety of situations. While terminally ill persons rightly draw our attention, consider the men who, having suffered years of solitary confinement in our nation's criminal justice system, attempt to kill themselves. For many people, to go on living is a struggle. When the distractions doled out by our consumer culture stop working, where will suffering people find hope?

As people of life, we must be people of hope. Our homes and parishes must be oases of hope in the spiritual desert of our time. An encounter with a Christian should bring one face-to-face with a person who has been seized with hope in the God who brings life out of death. To be sure, hope is not naïve optimism. Our Lord hoped in God while he wept in the Garden despite the darkness that loomed. Christian hope is formed in the crucible of Calvary, whenever we participate in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

A culture of life arises from a foundation of hope, and its attitudes and practices support hope. For example, we see a hope-filled culture in the corporal works of mercy. We visit the prisoner to remind her, in a tangible way, that she is not cut off from relationships, that she is loved. We bury the dead, mourning with those who mourn, hoping for the day when the dead will rise to new life in Christ. We feed the hungry and clothe the naked, hoping for the day when we will be companions at the eternal banquet in the kingdom of God.

Christians must be people who stop alongside the hopeless and lift them up. In a world that offers little to those who face life-and-death struggles, we must accompany people in the darkness. Our lives must testify to the Light that shines in the darkness, whom the darkness does not overcome.

*Aaron Matthew Weldon is a staff assistant for the Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. For more information on the bishops' pro-life activities, please visit [www.usccb.org/prolife](http://www.usccb.org/prolife).*

***“My soul ... You knew full well; nor was my frame unknown to You when I was made in secret ... Your eyes have seen my action; in Your book they are all written; my days were limited before one of them existed.”***

*~ Psalm 139:15-16*

## Pilgrimage Intentions

Fr. Brian is going on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land from February 8 – 20. If you have any intentions you would like him to pray for, please drop them off at the Parish Office. He will place the intentions on the altar when he celebrates Mass at the Holy sites. Please drop off your intentions by FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6.

## Holiday Ushers

We would like to extend a heartfelt **thank you** to everyone who served as an Usher here at Our Lady of Lourdes during the holidays.

Your service to our Parish family is greatly appreciated!



## *Special K*

*If you have a child in Kindergarten, please consider coming to a wonderful program!  
Designed to gently lead your child into formal religious education, this format will introduce your children to many Church traditions, children's prayer experiences and some practical ways in which to participate in Mass on their age level.  
We meet monthly in Church from 4:30pm to approximately 5:10pm:*

*February 13, March 13, April 17, May 15*

*Please register at: [sdiane@ollchurch.org](mailto:sdiane@ollchurch.org). There is no fee for this program.*

## Donations

If you would like to make a donation to Parish Outreach in memory of a loved one, please call Trish Frodell, Director of Parish Social Ministry at 661.3224, press 4.



Laundry detergent  
Personal care products  
Soap  
Toilet paper  
Toothpaste

Dear Parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes,

My name is Stephen Rooney, I am a college seminarian in the Diocese, and last year I was able to bicycle across the country to raise money and awareness for affordable housing. Thanks to your generous donations, I biked from Rhode Island to California while building houses for the poor along the way. I did such with charities such as Habitat for Humanity. I feel I was able to make a big difference and move forward with my discernment process. Furthermore, I thank you for your support, however, I ask you for your constant prayers for me while I discern my call to the priesthood.

God bless, Stephen Rooney

## Congratulations!

Congratulations to the following students of Chaminade High School who made First Trimester Honor Roll:

*Matthew C. Ahearn* (Freshman)

*Christian D. Kuhn* (Sophomore)

*Grant M. Macina* (Junior)

Great job - keep up the good work!



## Nocturnal Adoration

*"Come to me all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest."*

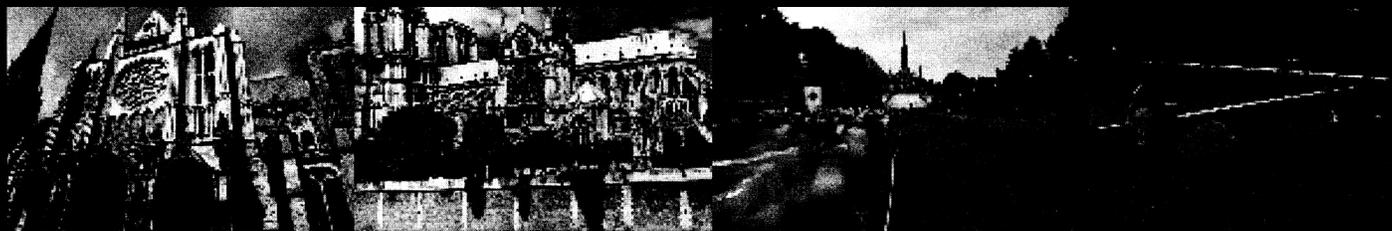
This is Jesus Christ's invitation every first Saturday of the month. The Blessed Sacrament is taken to the main altar after the 5:00pm Mass and will be exposed up to 9:50pm. Everyone is invited to spend some time in front of the Blessed Sacrament to offer prayers, petitions and thanksgiving to Jesus. Nocturnal Adoration will follow the 5:00pm Mass on **Saturday, February 7**, concluding with Benediction at 9:50pm. Please come and pray with us. All are invited and welcome. Bring a friend!

## December 2014 Donations to Outreach

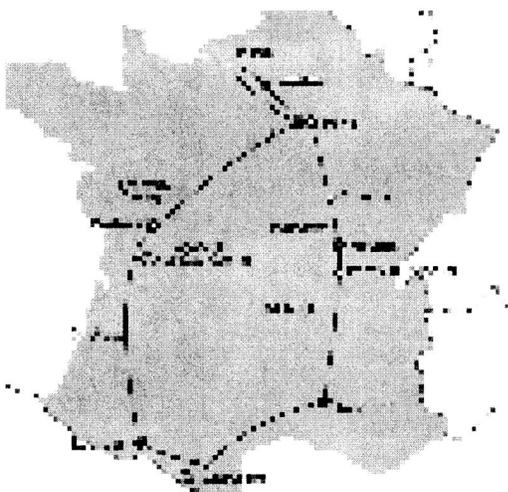
- *Telecom* made a donation to Outreach.
- *Fred & Patricia Werning, Laurel Eastman and Theresa Rizzo* made donations in loving memory of Denise Frame.
- Outreach received a donation from *Ann Munkwitz* as a Thank You to Chris and Donna for allowing Religion Class to meet in their Home. Merry Christmas to you, Frankie, Matthew, Mason, Shane, Jacob and Justin.
- A donation was made by *Jean Fisher* in memory of Robert Keith Fisher.
- *Marge & Ed Valenti* made a donation in honor of Father Brian and Deacon Jack.
- Outreach received a donation from *Lorraine Petito* in loving memory of her husband, Bob and son, Mark.
- Donations were made by *Ann & John Justin; Frank Curry; Dorothy & Donald Sullivan; Angela LaGiglia; Donald & Joan Milligan; Christina Cafarelli; Jean M. Fiust; Lois & Michael Popp; Phil & Connie Ambrosino; Blas & MaryAnn Hernandez; Marilyn Duffy.*
- *Mr. & Mrs. James Price; William & Patricia O'Brien; Barbara Schanno; Helen & Bill Hughes; and Marie & Jerry Fogarty* made donations in memory of Jean Marie Dobson.
- Outreach received a donation from *Regina Mirabella* in memory of her husband, Peter and all her family members who have passed away.
- A donation was made by *Carole & Thomas O'Brien* for a special intention.
- *Ed & Maureen Hawkins* made a donation in memory of Mary Danowski.
- Instead of sending Christmas Cards, *James & Teresa Reilly* made a donation.
- *Phil and Connie Ambrosino* made a donation in memory of John Zerbini.
- Outreach received a donation from *Barbara Kittner* in memory of Roy George, and a donation in memory of Alan Kittner.
- A Christmas donation was made by *Cyril & Joanne Marquardt.*
- *Mary Clancy & Ted Gladkowski* made a donation in memory of Patricia Collins-Wolff.
- Outreach received a donation from *Doris & Richard Shaddock* in loving memory of their children.
- *Catherine Goldstein* made a donation in memory of Bob Filce.
- A donation in memory of Cheryl Nappo was made by *Marie Nappo.*
- *Celia & Thomas Kopelakis* made a donation in memory of Pat Schaller and a donation for Christmas.
- A donation was anonymously made in thanksgiving for Corazon Smith's generous ministry to the sick.
- Christmas Gifts were donated to Outreach by *Anne and Marty Kerrigan* in memory of the following:

Kathleen Kerrigan; Bernadette Tuma; Judy Murphy; Rev. Jim Kissane; Nancy Carpenter; Marie Ricigliano; Tom Biehayn; Mary Megna; Jim Guerin; Michele Mc Cann; Bob Venturini; Mario Paone; Kathy McManus Kehoe; Martin Garvey; Donald Ryan; Paul McKee; Mary Cullinane Villani; Thomas Cutinella; Heidi Hubbard; Jessica Ortiz; William Rothaug; Evangeline Carroll; Richard Gladkowski; Virginia Deering and in celebration of the marriage of George Zirkel and JD Garcia.

# Pilgrimage to France - August 26-September 7, 2015



## Join Father Brian McNamara on a Spiritual Pilgrimage to THE SHRINES OF FRANCE & LOURDES



**Air & Land \$3582**  
**Land Only \$2149**

**August 26 - September 7, 2015**  
**Paris to Paris (12 days)**

**Headsets throughout the tour**

**Sightseeing:** Visits to Lisieux, Poitiers, Carcassonne, Avignon, Paray-le-Monial, Nevers, Chartres

**Scenic Highlights:** Château Country, Dordogne, Burgundy

**Mass/Religious Service:** Lisieux, Lourdes, Avignon

**Guides:** Local Guides for city sightseeing in Paris and Lourdes; services of a professional Tour Director while touring

**PARIS** Kyriad Bercy (ST)

**POITIERS** Ibis Centre (F)

**LOURDES** Quality Alliance (ST)

**AVIGNON** Mercure Cité des Papes (F) or Ibis Styles Avignon Sud (ST)

**NEVERS** Kyriad Centre (ST)

- **Buffet breakfasts; 5 dinners**

## Vacation overview

Meet your Tour Director and fellow travelers in Paris, where guided sightseeing features all major sights and visits the Basilica of Sacre Coeur and Notre Dame Cathedral, where the relics of the Passion of the Christ can be seen on the first Fridays of the month (departures April 3 & July 31 only). During an excursion to Lisieux, visit Les Buissonnets, family home of St. Therese, and the basilica. Also visit St. Peter's Cathedral and the Carmelite Convent, where she lived as a nun. Back in Paris, special visits have been included to the Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Shrine, where the Virgin Mary appeared to St. Catherine Laboure in 1830, and the St. Vincent de Paul Shrine. Travel south to Poitiers and visit the baptistry of St. John, then arrive in Lourdes, one of the world's most famous places of pilgrimage, where you will stay for three nights. Visit the grotto where the Virgin Mary appeared to St. Bernadette in 1858, the Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine, and St. Bernadette's birthplace and family home. You may wish to bathe in the healing waters, attend the "Blessing of the Sick," or join the evening's rosary and candlelight procession. A full day at leisure allows the chance to join an optional excursion to the nearby Pyrenees. Via medieval Carcassonne, travel to Avignon to see the Palace of the Popes and to attend Mass in the Cathedral of Avignon. Stop in Paray-le-Monial, home to the Chapel of the Apparitions, and visit the Basilica of the Sacred Heart before arriving in Nevers. Here, visit St. Gildard, then on to Chartres, where you visit the magnificent cathedral. Return to Paris for a final overnight.

**Tour Price: \$2149** p/person (based on double occupancy; singles and triples available upon request)

**Air from JFK: \$1433**

**Insurance, \$199**, highly recommended to protect your vacation investment, **must be paid at time of deposit to cover pre-existing conditions.**

**CruiseOne**

Contact: Monica Colonna

631.539.9756 or mcolonna@cruiseone.com

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# Our Lady of Lourdes School

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## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2015

# OPEN HOUSES

Sunday, January 25th  
10:45 a.m.—1 p.m.

Monday, January 26th through  
Friday, January 30th  
9—11 a.m.



- **Registration for 2015-2016** school year
- **Tours of school** facilities including classrooms, media center, TV studio, science lab, cafeteria, etc.

PROGRAMS: “Someone Special & Me,” Nursery, Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten (full day), Grades 1-8  
Extended Care, After School Enrichment Activities, Sports Teams, Theatrical Arts  
Educational Technology including SmartBoards and iPads

Visit our school web site at: **[www.ollschool.org](http://www.ollschool.org)**  
for more information about our  
exciting programs!  
*Call the School Office at  
631-587-7200 ext. 100 if you have questions.*



## Ministry of Praise

Members pray at home for the intentions of the Church and Parish; designed for the homebound, senior citizens, etc. Monthly calendar is available in the Narthex. Prayer requests can be left in the Ministry of Praise box along with the name and address of any homebound person who might want a copy of the calendar mailed to them (please print).

## Good Samaritan Prayer Group of L.I.

The Good Samaritan Prayer Group of Long Island holds their meetings every Friday (except the first Friday of the month) at OLL School in Room 16 from 8:00pm until 10:00pm. All are welcome to experience singing, praying and fellowship.

## Prayer for Divine Mercy

An invitation to all men and women to be part of God's plan. We invite you to meet in prayer for the world and our nation to put their trust in God. Our hope is that the nations will have a new spirit of morality. Please come with your love and hope for humanity as well as your prayer requests. We gather together every **Thursday at 1:30pm** before the Blessed Sacrament for about one half hour. For more information, call Charles Argento at 586.8528.



## Boy Scout Troop 179

For more than 41 years, Our Lady of Lourdes has been sponsoring Boy Scout Troop 179 of West Islip. We meet every **Thursday** in the School Cafeteria from **7:30pm to 9:00pm**. If you are interested in joining Boy Scouts, check out our website and stop by a meeting!

Website: <http://witroop179.wix.com/bsatroop179#>

Email: [WIBSATroop179@outlook.com](mailto:WIBSATroop179@outlook.com)

## Support Groups *(all meetings are in Lourdes Hall - lower level of Convent)*

**Alcoholics Anonymous:** Monday and Tuesday at 8pm and Saturday at 11am and 7pm.

**ALANON:** Wednesday at 10am. Beginner's meeting at 9:30am. Free babysitting available.

**AA Day-by-Day/Girls Night Out:** Thursday at 7:30pm.



In addition to our parish website, please visit us on *Facebook* at ***The Parish Family of Our Lady of Lourdes***. Click "Like" and you will receive the latest news on upcoming parish events and information.

# Ordinary Time: Winter

## A Sense of the Season

What do the words Ordinary Time mean? Dorothy Day said, “The words ‘Ordinary Time’ in our prayer books put me in a state of confusion and irritation. To me, no time is ordinary.” She was right. The Ordinary in Ordinary Time refers to ordinal—counted—time, not to a lack of something to celebrate. The Roman document, *General Norms for the Liturgical Year and Calendar*, says: “Apart from those seasons having their own distinctive character [Advent, Christmastime, Lent, Triduum and Eastertime], 33 or 34 weeks remain in the yearly cycle that do not celebrate a specific aspect of the mystery of Christ. Rather, especially on the Sundays, they are devoted to the mystery of Christ in all its aspects.” (#43)

How do we celebrate “the mystery of Christ in all its aspects”? We gather every Sunday. Sunday is our original feast day. Christians have gathered every Sunday—the day of Christ’s resurrection, the first day of the week—ever since there were Christians.



Each year there are two blocks of Ordinary Time, one in the winter between Christmastime and Lent, and the other in summer and fall, from Pentecost through Christ the King. When we gather on Sundays in Ordinary Time, as always, we hear the scriptures proclaimed. We systematically read through the gospels. The first readings from the first testament of the Bible were chosen for their relationship to the gospel passages. The second readings come from the various letters of the second testament of the Bible. The mystery of Christ “in all its aspects” unfolds.

What is the heart of our Sunday celebration? We do our Eucharist; that is, we do our thanksgiving. We praise and thank God for all creation; we pray for the whole world, as we remember Christ’s life, death and resurrection. We share the bread and wine, the body and blood. We are sent forth to be the body and blood of Christ in our homes, our workplaces, our neighborhoods, our towns, our cities, our country, our world.

“What happens in our churches every Sunday is the fruit of our week. What happens as the fruit of the week past is the beginning of the week to come. Sunday is simultaneously a point of arrival and departure for Christians on their way to the fullness of the kingdom. This is not ordinary at all. This is the fabric of Christian living.” (Saint Andrew Bible Missal [Brooklyn: William J. Hirten Co., 1982.]

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## Camp Veritas 2015

Camp Veritas is a one-week play-and-pray sleep away summer camp for teens going into 7th to 12th grades. It will be held at three USA locations in 2015: July 19-25 at Mount Saint Mary College in Newburgh, NY, July 26-August 1 at Summit Lake Camp in Emmitsburg, MD and August 16-22 at Camp Lakota in Wurtsboro, NY. Enrollment opened 1/1/15 and the enrollment price for each week is \$400 per camper. Early bird rates (if paid in full by 4/1/15) are \$370 for all sites. More details can be found at [www.campveritas.com](http://www.campveritas.com).

## Rachel's Vineyard Weekend Retreat

**February 6-8, 2015**

Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington, NY

Many women and men struggle with the emotional and spiritual pain associated with abortion. This weekend offers a beautiful healing opportunity for them.

If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Joe McNicholas at 516.445.3927 or online at : [rvr@lifecenterli.org](mailto:rvr@lifecenterli.org). You may also call Rachel's Vineyard toll-free at 1.877.HOPE.4.ME or visit the website at [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org).

## Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians

St. Patrick's Division Two  
27 Locust Avenue, Babylon, NY 11702

ANNUAL FUNDRAISER BENEFIT FOR EIGHT LOCAL OUTREACH PROGRAMS

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2015

8:00pm – 12:00 midnight

Music and Entertainment by TOMMY POLITO AND SWEETWATER

Tickets \$30.00 per person (reservations a must)

Includes Full Open Bar and Snacks

50 / 50 RAFFLE

Bring a bag of non-perishable food and be entered in a special raffle

RESERVATIONS: Colette 631-356-4379 or Martha 631-940-7451

## Good Samaritan Hospital

Good Samaritan Hospital will host a free community event "Open Your Heart to Health" on **Saturday, February 7** from **10:00am to 3:00pm** at Westfield, South Shore Mall by the Lord & Taylor court. Event will feature expert discussions, giveaways, information, raffles and more.

## Long Island / Metro Retrouvaille

Another marriage saving Retrouvaille weekend will be offered  
February 6th-8th, 2015.



### You Can Help Heal Your Marriage

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped thousands of couples worldwide experiencing ALL TYPES of marital difficulties.

For confidential information about the Retrouvaille program, or to register for the upcoming weekend that begins on Friday, February 6th, 2015 at the Immaculate Conception Seminary in Huntington, please call 1-800-470-2230 and you will be connected directly and confidentially to a couple from Long Island/Metro Retrouvaille who can help.

## Happy Holy Hour

All young adults in their 20s and 30s – you are invited to join the Young Adults of the Diocese of Rockville Centre for a “Happy Holy Hour” on **Thursday, January 29 at 7:30pm** at Holy Family Church, 17 Fordham Avenue, Hicksville.

Fr. Frank Zero, the Pastoral Associate of Holy Family Church and a friend of the young adult community, will be the Presider for this Holy Hour. Afterwards, join us for food and fellowship at Jackie Reilly’s, 3964 Hempstead Bethpage Turnpike, Bethpage! Spend time in prayer with our Lord and in fellowship with His people.

If you have any questions, please contact Marianne Sheridan, Director for Young Adults, Diocese of Rockville Centre at 516-678-5800, ext. 615.

## Worldwide Marriage Encounter - Married Couples!



Are you looking for the perfect Valentine’s Gift?  
A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend just might be what you are looking for.

The next weekend on Long Island is scheduled for **February 13-15, 2015** at the Montfort Spiritual Center in Bay Shore, NY.

Space is limited. For more information about the weekends or to apply, call 1-877-697-9963 or visit our web site at <http://www.wwme.org>.

## The Parish of St. Mary

**Parish Chinese Auction** *(to help support parish services and facilities)*

Friday, February 6

Doors open at 6:00pm

Admission is \$15 - food will be sold

St. Mary's School Auditorium, East Islip

For more information, call 631.581.4266, ext. 107

## Needed: Full-Time Cook

(M-F, 10am – 6:30pm)

Are you a professional cook with experience cooking for up to 40 individuals? Would you find it rewarding to put your skills to work supporting those in recovery?



Our **Talbot House Chemical Dependence Crisis Center**, located in **Bohemia** is seeking a full-time Cook. In this role, you will prepare and serve midday and evening meals for our resident clients in recovery. You will plan weekly menus, order food items from vendors and oversee residents who perform daily kitchen housekeeping chores.

**Qualifications include** HS/GED and prior experience as a Cook. Experience cooking in a small institutional setting is a plus!

We offer a generous benefits package and a collaborative team environment helping clients on their road to recovery from chemical dependence.

**Email resume and cover letter to:** [jobs@catholiccharities.cc](mailto:jobs@catholiccharities.cc) or fax to: 516.733.7038. Please mention “**Talbot Cook**” in the subject line of your email or fax.

## Religion and Rock

Tune into “Religion and Rock” with Msgr. Jim Vlaun on Sunday from 7am to 8am on WBAB 102.3 FM or 95.3 on the East End of Long Island. Listen on Saturdays at 11pm on Sirius Radio, Channel 159, the Catholic Channel and at 11pm on XM Satellite, Channel 117. Next Sunday’s theme is “**Searching for a Meaning.**”

## Sharing the Gospel

There's a colorful envelope addressed to you on the kitchen table. You see it's from your friend. You open it and find a party invitation inside. Your parents say you can go! When Jesus invited Peter, Andrew, James and John to come along with him, they were just as excited to go. Jesus was the Savior and a good friend. They couldn't wait!



## Mission for the Week



Jesus wants you to come to his home in heaven. Make a party invitation from Jesus to you. Use this invitation as a bookmark in your Bible.

## Prayer

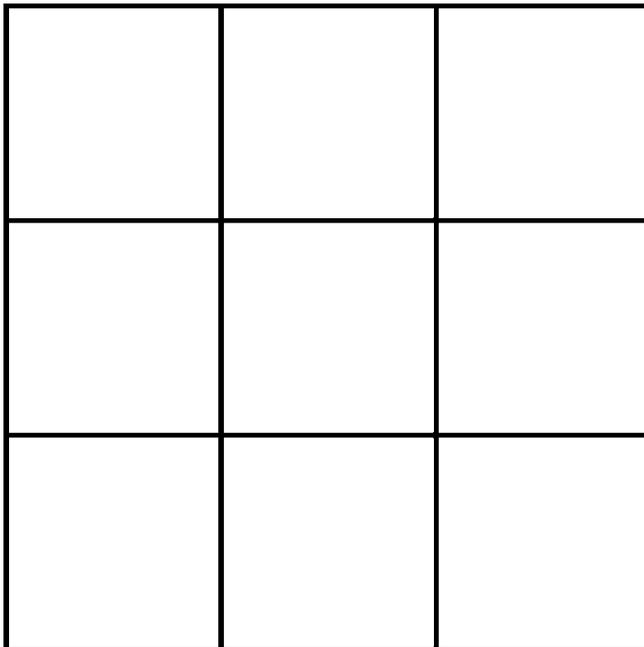
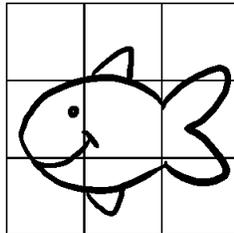


Jesus, I thank you for inviting me to spend time with you.



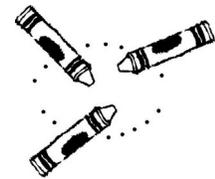
## Puzzle

Enlarge the picture square by square.



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## Something to Draw



Draw a picture of Jesus smiling and waving to you.