

# Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

455 Hunter Avenue, West Islip, NY 11795

**Msgr. Brian McNamara**, Pastor  
**Rev. Andrew Garnett**, Associate Pastor

**Deacon John De Guardi, Deacon Tom Lucie,  
Deacon Jack Meehan, Deacon John Teufel**

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**Trish Frodell**, Director of Parish Social Ministry  
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**Debbie Meyer**, Business Manager  
**Robin Reynolds Brennan**, Coordinator of  
Worship and Choir Director  
**Vita Scorgia**, Ministry Spiritual Director

## Parish Office

**Phone: 661.3224, press 1**  
Monday-Thursday: 9:00am-7:30pm  
Friday: 9:00am-5:00pm  
Saturday: 9:00am-3:00pm  
Sunday: 9:00am-2:00pm  
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Fax: 661.7143  
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## Our Lady of Lourdes School

**Phone: 587.7200, press 2**  
Monday-Friday: 9:00am-3:00pm  
E-mail: [lkrol@ollschool.org](mailto:lkrol@ollschool.org)

## Religious Education Office

**Phone: 661.5440, press 3**  
Monday-Friday: 9:00am-Noon,  
1:00pm-5:00pm, 7:00pm-9:00pm  
E-mail: [ReligiousEd@ollchurch.org](mailto: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](mailto: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.

**Fourth Sunday of Advent • December 20, 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 Teresa

### 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 Scorcio

### Parish Staff

**Patti Anderson**  
Parish Office  
**AnnMarie Buonaspin**  
Director of Youth Choirs  
**Michael Buonaspin**  
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 December 20

**Sunday:** Mi 5:1-4a/ Heb 10:5-10/ Lk 1:39-45  
**Monday:** Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/ Lk 1:39-45  
**Tuesday:** 1 Sm 1:24-28/ Lk 1:46-56  
**Wednesday:** Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/ Lk 1:57-66  
**Thursday:** 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/ Lk 1:67-79  
**Friday:** Is 52:7-10/ Heb 1:1-6/ Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14  
**Saturday:** Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/ Mt 10:17-22  
**Next Sunday:** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/ Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/ Lk 2:41-52

## Financial Summary

### December 13, 2015

Weekly Collection	\$ 20,485.00
Weekly Budget	- \$ 17,800.00
+/- for the week	\$ 2,685.00

<u>Immaculate Conception</u>	\$ 3,227.00
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*The estimated weekly collection needed to maintain and operate our parish buildings, ministries, programs and salaries is \$17,800.*

Dear Parishioners:

Well, Christmas is upon us! Only five more days to go before we celebrate God's gift of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. I hope and pray that the Christmas holidays will be one of God's grace and peace for you and for your entire family.

As we end the Advent season and focus on Christmas, I would like to thank a few people for making the Advent season a spiritually profitable one. I would like to thank **Vita Scorgia**; our parish offered a number of prayerful events for all ages, and I appreciate her hard work and effort to make Advent a time of preparation for the coming of Christ.

I would also like to thank **Cathy Danowski and the Family Liturgy Committee** for a lovely, family-centered celebration. All who came had a wonderful time and it certainly helped all who experienced the Bethlehem Boulevard to focus on the true meaning of Christmas: that God so loved the world that He sent us his only-begotten Son. It was a monumental task and it was spectacular. Over 500 people stopped by! I am already looking forward to next year!

There are still two more **ADVENT OPPORTUNITIES**. On **Tuesday, December 22 at 7:30pm** in the Parish Center, we will have a presentation on the **INFANCY NARRATIVES** or the Christmas Gospels. Stop by to learn more about the Shepherds, the Wise Men, King Herod, the star of Bethlehem, etc.

Finally, on **Monday, December 21 from 3:00pm to 9:00pm**, Fr. Andrew or myself will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession). Come by and prepare yourself for Christmas by allowing God to remove your sins and give you the gift of his mercy. God wants to bless us with His mercy; all we have to do is to be open and receptive to receive that mercy. Accept this free Christmas gift from God!

On Tuesday, December 8, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Pope Francis inaugurated an extra-ordinary Holy Year dedicated to God's mercy. This Jubilee Year of Mercy is an invitation to God's love, kindness and unbounded mercy. I urge everyone to take advantage of the opportunity to encounter the incredible mercy of God. Throughout the year, our Parish will be offering various opportunities to focus on mercy. The Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy are a good starting point for our reflection. After the New Year, look at the Bulletin and/or our Parish website ([www.ollchurch.org](http://www.ollchurch.org)). We are planning a number of activities focusing on the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. Stay tuned ...

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

In Christ,

Fr. Brian

**PS: Don't forget our holiday raffle. Tickets are \$50 each or 3 tickets for \$100. You have received tickets in the mail but if you did not, see Page 13 of this bulletin or just stop by the Parish Office. Give them as Christmas gifts to your adult children!**

## Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Janet Loehr*. 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*  
**Edward A. Kelly IV**-*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/or a local nursing home 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 Scorcio at 669.4717 or Charlie Zeiss at 669.7189.

## Pray for Our Sick

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

*Helene Abizeid, John A. Alanzo, Salvatore Albanese, Mario Baibel, Terry Beck, Anne Bolin, Richard Bombardieri, Dorothy Caiazzo, Thomas J. Calogero III, Patricia Carlson, Joan Clark, Margaret DeLuca, Amanda DiTingo, Roseann Dorohow, Rosalie Dunne, Frank Edwards, Paula Edwards, Jake Feldman, William Fuchs, Mary Gagliardo, Kenneth Garretson, Robert Garretson, Sandra Gil, Jeanette Giordano, Ellen Golda, Elizabeth Goode, Beau Hamilton, Claire Hansen, Tommy Haughney, Josephine Heffron, Patrick Anthony Heffron, Charlene Hervey, Thomas Hicks, Jr., Betty Infurno, Msgr. William Jablonski, Hank Kahn, Shena Kahn, Tom Kaval, Anne Kerrigan, George Koehler, Ann Kotz, Rita LaPiana, Patrick Lillis, Sean Lillis, Margery Marotta, Patricia Masier, Ellen McGee, Una McGrade, Marian McNamara, Vinny Meade, Michael Meyers, Marie Miranda, Ken Monroe, Peter Murray, Ruth Murray, Nora Neshta, Kevin O'Brien, Patrick Joseph O'Connor, Helen Olsen, Nicholas Piotrowski, Dorothy Proctor, Bill Reilly, Jimmy Reilly, Peter Rooney, Maryann Savino, Michael Savino, Joseph J. Schiavoni, Ann Marie Schiraldi, Derek Stahl, Lindsey Stahl, Andrew Velten, Steven Witowski, Robert Wolfe, Charles Zeiss*

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



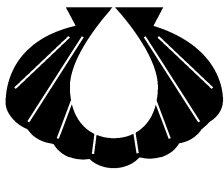
## ***Rest In Peace***

*William R. Howe  
Catherine E. Hubenko*

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

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## ***Baptism***

*Leah Maria Atienza Cajigal  
Noel & Rochelle*

*Benjamin Andrew Carroll  
Brian & Andrea*

*Connor Michael Holland  
Nicholas & Samantha*

## ***Mass Intentions***

### **Monday, December 21**

*St. Peter Canisius*

**8:30am** Alice Carlin

### **Tuesday, December 22**

**8:30am** Deceased Members of Langan & Clancy Families

### **Wednesday, December 23**

*St. John of Kanty*

**8:30am** Basilio, Melchora Aquino & Family

### **Thursday, December 24**

**8:30am** All Souls of Maggi Family

### **Vigil of Christmas**

**4:00pm** Christmas Novena

**6:00pm** Christmas Novena

**8:00pm** Christmas Novena

**11:00pm** Christmas Novena

### **Friday, December 25**

### **Nativity of the Lord - Christmas Day**

**8:00am** Christmas Novena

**9:30am** Christmas Novena

**11:00am** Christmas Novena

**12:30pm** Christmas Novena

### **Saturday, December 26**

*St. Stephen*

**8:30am** Dymphna Leonard, Thomas Robinson

**5:00pm** Lillian LaRocca

*Msgr. Brian McNamara*

### **Sunday, December 27**

*The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph*

**8:00am** Donald McDonough

*Msgr. Brian McNamara*

**9:30am** Gene Meyn

*Msgr. Brian McNamara*

**11:00am** André Alcobia

*Fr. Andrew Garnett*

**12:30pm** Cathy Santiago

*Fr. Andrew Garnett*

**6:00pm** People of the Parish, Ellen Buchanan

*Fr. Andrew Garnett*



## 9 Days for Life 2016

**Your prayers matter. Your sacrifices make a difference.**

**What:** 9 Days for Life is a focused period of prayer, penance, and pilgrimage. Marking the anniversary of Roe v. Wade (the Supreme Court case which legalized abortion during all 9 months of pregnancy), this novena has as its overarching intention the end to abortion.

However, as Catholics, we recognize the inherent dignity of every person in every circumstance and at every stage of life—from conception to death. In addition to the topic of abortion, this novena highlights many other ways we are called to bear witness to and defend the immeasurable worth of each person and his or her life.

*9 Days for Life* is an opportunity to:

- Pray for the respect and protection of each person and his or her life.
- Reflect upon God, our relationship with him, and our role in His loving plan.
- Make reparation for “violations to the dignity of the human person” (GIRM, no. 373).
- Inform ourselves about life issues that affect daily life in this country.
- Build up a culture of life through prayer and other concrete actions.

This initiative includes different intercessions, reflections, actions, and resources for each day of the novena.

**When:** January 16-24, 2016

**Who:** Leaders in local parishes, schools, dioceses, ministries, and other organizations are encouraged to incorporate 9 Days for Life into their regular programming and/or to host special, related events during this time.

Catholics throughout the country, as well as anyone else who wants to join, are invited to participate in both the nationwide novena, as well as local programming.

**How:**

- Nationwide novena (available in both English and Spanish): Visit [www.9daysforlife.com](http://www.9daysforlife.com) to download a free app for your Android or iPhone or to sign up for daily emails or text messages. Print versions of each day’s content are also available to download.
- Leader Resources: Visit [www.goo.gl/JzZak6](http://www.goo.gl/JzZak6) for promotional, prayer, and programmatic resources: social media kit; pulpit and bulletin announcements; promotional flyer, graphics, and articles for redistribution; youth/young adult ministry guide; prolife Rosary prayer intentions; Holy Hour template; and more! (Most resources are available in both English and Spanish.)



**PRAY WITH THE BISHOPS  
TO END ABORTION**

**9DAYS FOR LIFE**  
PRAYER • PENANCE • PILGRIMAGE

[9daysforlife.com](http://9daysforlife.com)



## **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION/PENANCE)**

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 21:**

**3:00pm – 9:00pm**

## **CHRISTMAS MASSES**

**December 24: Christmas Eve:**

**4:00pm**

**Church**

**Msgr. Brian**

**(Christmas Carols will be sung by the choir starting at 3:30pm)**

**4:00pm**

**School Cafeteria**

**Fr. Andrew**

**6:00pm**

**Church**

**Msgr. Brian**

**8:00pm**

**Church**

**Msgr. Brian**

**11:00pm (Midnight Mass)**

**Church**

**Fr. Andrew**

**(Christmas Carols will be sung by the adult choir starting at 10:30pm)**

**December 25: Christmas Day:**

**8:00am**

**Church**

**Msgr. Brian**

**9:30am**

**Church**

**Fr. Andrew**

**11:00am**

**Church**

**Fr. Andrew**

**12:30pm**

**Church**

**Msgr. Brian**



## Religious Education

### ADVENT 2015

#### *READY THE WAY*

**Come Be a Part of "THE SIX"**

**Sunday, 6:00pm Mass**

ALL GRADE 5/6/7/8 and their FAMILIES in our Parish

Please join "THE SIX" with your grade...

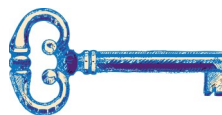
#### **4th Sunday of Advent**

**December 20 - Grade 5 ...** Discover the unexpected ways of God!

COME AND BE A LECTOR / GREETER / USHER / Participate in the Presentation of the Gifts.  
We ask that you please bring an "un-food" item such as soap, shampoo, Kleenex, paper towels, etc. for the OLL Pantry.



## Special Keys ...



### **Religious Education Kindergarten Program!**

We started this program a few years ago and have expanded it so that  
we have a session each month:

**January 15 • February 25 • March 11 • April 15 • May 13 • June 3**

**We meet in the Church at 4:30pm on Friday**  
and the program lasts about 40 minutes.

Come and see what wonderful opportunities there are for your  
Kindergarten children to learn about their faith!

E-mail to register: [sdiane@ollchurch.org](mailto:sdiane@ollchurch.org)



# 2015-2016 Missalette Memorial Opportunity

Each year, Our Lady of Lourdes Parish purchases new missalettes which include the order of Mass texts, readings for Sundays and Holy Days, daily Mass propers and all the music we sing throughout the year.

This year, and for the years to come, we are asking you to consider making a donation to help offset the cost of the missalettes. We are asking for \$20 per missalette. For each donation, there will be a book plate inscription on the inside front cover of a missalette.

We hope to offset the cost each year by having parishioners:

- Make a donation as a gift
- Memorialize a missalette in memory of a deceased friend or relative
- Dedicate a missalette in honor of a friend or relative (living)

We thank you for your consideration of this request. Your generosity and commitment to Our Lady of Lourdes is vital and your participation is greatly appreciated. Your gift will certainly enable us, as a Parish, to continue to lift our hearts and voices to God and at the same time, remember your intention.

## 2015-2016 Missalette Memorial

Yes, I would like to help defray the cost of our yearly missalette.  
I am enclosing \$20 per book, checks made payable to Our Lady of Lourdes.  
*\*\*\*Please return form to the Parish Office or mail back to the Parish*

Name\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_

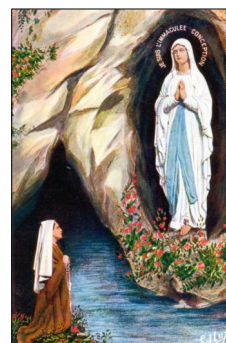
Phone\_\_\_\_\_

Email\_\_\_\_\_

Envelope/Contribution #\_\_\_\_\_

Example of a 3½" x 5"  
Memorial Label  
Inside the front cover  
of each missalette

*Our Lady of Lourdes Parish*



In memory of John Doe  
Given by  
Jane Doe & Family

The bookplate will have the following inscription:

Please choose only one per book.

You may memorialize more than one book.

**Please print very clearly.**

(For a Deceased Person) In memory of\_\_\_\_\_

Given by (Your names)\_\_\_\_\_

(For a Living Person) Please Pray for\_\_\_\_\_

Given by (Your names)\_\_\_\_\_

(Given as a gift) Gift from\_\_\_\_\_

## Donations to Parish Outreach

- The Outreach Office received donations **In Memory of Father Andrew's Father, Edward Garnett**, from *Pat & Bill Young, Marcy & Ken Chapuisat, Anne Basso, Pat & Carl Falco, the Men's Prayer Group c/o Jack Fitzgerald, Patricia & John Amabile, Maria & John Ninivaggi, Roberta Palumbo, the Rosary/Morning Mass Sisters and Brothers, Gregory A. Shemitz, the Sage Ministry, the Lehmann, Holland & Walsh Families.*
- Donations were received **In Honor of Sister Diane's 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee** from *Jill Radesky and Roberta Palumbo.*
- *Pat Heithaus, Regina Mirabella, Carl & Pat Falco, and Ed & Sheryl Kelly* made donations In Memory of long-time, dedicated Outreach Volunteer, Jane Desthers.
- Donations earmarked for "Thanksgiving" were received from *the Good Samaritan Retiree Club, Maria & John Ninivaggi, Lee Critchley, Domenica Ruocco, Mary & Pete Cunningham, Catherine & Michael Duca, Patricia & John Amabile, Barbara Tuma, Janet Loehr, Cyril & Joanne Marquardt, Michael J. Abbruscato, Michela Farrauto, and Regina Heartt.*
- *The Guglielmo Marconi Lodge* made a Thanksgiving and Christmas donation.
- A donation In Thanksgiving was made by *Thomas & Celia Kopelakis.*
- *Maria & John Ninivaggi* made a Christmas donation.
- A donation was received from *Mary & Jack Hulse* In Memory of Florence Fels.
- *Phyllis Stehling* made a donation In Memory of John Martin Christopher Stehling.
- A donation was received from *Rose Contelmo* In Memory of Rita Timperio.
- *The Hervey Family* made a donation In Memory of members of the Hervey Family.
- Outreach received a donation from *Rosemary LeComte* In Memory of John & Mary, and John James Lynch.
- *Kathy Holland and Family* made a donation In Memory of Stanley Werner.

**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, option 4.**



Laundry detergent  
Personal care products  
Soap  
Toilet paper  
Toothpaste



DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE  
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Christmas 2015

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Jesus Christ,

***Christ is born: sing glory! Christ has descended from heaven: go out to meet Him! Christ is on earth: lift yourselves up! Sing to the Lord, all the earth; for He who belongs to heaven is now on earth!***

With these words, the fourth century theologian, St Gregory Nazianzen (+389) proclaimed the Christmas message that is as true today as it was from that first moment in Bethlehem when the Blessed Mother Mary brought her son Jesus into the world. Since that night we, like Gregory and all others who know Jesus, have exulted in the gift of the Son of God made man. His birth heralds the defeat of sin and death. His presence among us, like us in all things but sin, shines the bright promise of God's merciful love on our faces and into our hearts. Who does not rejoice to know that *God so loved the world that He sent His Son?* Which one of us would turn away from this blessed scene of the Virgin with Joseph in the Bethlehem stable offering the Child to us so that all humankind can be saved? How can we do anything but sing *Glory to God* with the angels and bend low in adoration with the shepherds. This night we all become free! This night we all are one. This night we see the salvation of our God.

My dear friends, this has not been an easy year for any of us, for our families, for our parishes, for our nation, for the world. The forces of darkness are strong and determined. Terrorism seems to be widening its sweep and too many of our leaders seem unsure of what must be done to protect society and care for the suffering. Too many families are struggling to make ends meet. Too many youth in our midst are led astray by the false gods of drugs, alcohol and momentary pleasures. Freedom is under attack at home and abroad. Many look in all the wrong places for answers that hurt rather than help.

We have the right answer. We all need Christmas. We all need Jesus. We all need Mary. God has given HIS answer to the world, an answer that overcomes all its tragedies and all its temptations. God's response to our cries is clear and unequivocal: His Son! Yes: Jesus Christ, His Son! He is God's answer to our cries. He is God's gift for our lives. He breaks down the barriers, for the name of peace is Jesus Christ. He is Our Peace! And He and He alone can calm our fears, renew our strength, lift up our hearts and give joy to our lives!

Yes, my friends, this Christmas go out to meet Him; lift up your hearts; Sing for joy. For all humankind has seen the salvation of our God! A blessed and Joyous Christmas to you all!

Bishop of Rockville Centre



## Thank you for your generous support of the 2015 Catholic Ministries Appeal.

Completing your 2015 pledge ensures that our Parish  
will benefit by receiving our full rebate.

If you have not yet had the opportunity to give,  
please prayerfully consider making a donation to the Appeal.

Pledges can be accepted until December 31<sup>st</sup> and  
payments can be made through January 31<sup>st</sup>!

Extra envelopes are provided in the back of the church.

Join us as we *Serve God by Serving Others*.

## Thank You!



Goal:	\$107,300.00
Pledges:	\$ 93,916.00
# of Donors:	456
Payments (as of 12/9):	\$ 90,275.25

Once we reach our goal in paid pledges, the Parish  
receives a rebate of 20%. Help the good work of the  
Diocese and help our Parish at the same time!  
Please pledge today.



## Christmas Candles

This year, we are once again offering a *Loving Candle* which will be placed in the Tabernacle area and lit on Christmas Eve. This symbolic light will remain in the Tabernacle area for the life of the candle (approximately a week).

This is a beautiful way to remember our loved ones - both living and deceased. The *Loving Candles* will be available after all the Masses this weekend and at the Parish Office (Rectory) during the week for a donation of \$10. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at 631.661.3224, ext. 121.



## ADVENT OFFERINGS

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 21:

3:00pm – 9:00pm

### RECONCILIATION/CONFESSIONS

CHURCH: Confessors will be available throughout this time

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22:

7:30pm

### THE INFANCY NARRATIVES

PARISH CENTER: Join Fr. Brian as he leads us in the exploration of the Christmas Gospels in Luke and Matthew: Wise Men, Shepherds, Angels and the like!

### DECEMBER 7 – JANUARY 10:

**STOP BY & VISIT A COLLECTION OF NATIVITY SETS  
FROM FOREIGN COUNTRIES IN THE PARISH CENTER**

Below please find a set of 3 chances. It is a 50-50 drawing. Chances are \$50 each or 3 chances for \$100. 1st place winner will win 35% of the money, 2nd place will win 10% of the money and 3rd place will win 5% of the money. You have to be in it to win it! The drawing will take place on **Sunday, January 17 after the 12:30pm Mass**. Hopefully, the Wise Men will bring you a gift of a winning ticket!

#### CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

1 ticket for \$50; 3 tickets for \$100

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

1 ticket for \$50; 3 tickets for \$100

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

1 ticket for \$50; 3 tickets for \$100

## 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 42 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.



## Congratulations!

Congratulations to the following students who have achieved Honor Roll status at *St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School*:

### **Summa Cum Laude Honors (100+ weighted average)**

Daniel DiPietrantonio

### **Magna Cum Laude Honors (95 weighted average)**

Katarina Agudelo, Madison D'Antona, Angelina Diamante, Mitzy Jimenez, Alessandra Ponzio, Vincent Piazza, Jack Scheid, Kathryn Antonawich, John (Jack) Natale, Alicia Flareau, Danielle Mehlberg, James Sanchez

### **Cum Laude Honors (90 weighted average)**

Matthew Hartinger, MacKenzie Hoffman, Gia Piazza, Kailey Umpleby, Madison Hoffman, Thomas Roulette, Daniel Bonge, Stephanie Hahn, Christian Martino, Nicholas Ponzio, Cole Amdur, Jessica Herbert, John Piazza, Stephanie Sabarese

Great job - keep up the good work!



## **Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians Division 2 Babylon**

### **Paint Party Fundraiser**

**Sunday, February 28 from 1:00pm to 5:00pm**

Paint and all materials provided by instructor. Come experience a new adventure! Tickets \$40.00 make a great Christmas Gift for daughters, moms, grandmas and girl friends. Join us for a wonderful afternoon of fun. Coffee, tea and snacks included. Cash bar.

Tickets Ann Munkwitz 631.666.4756 or Casey DeNatalie 631.241.8508

## **Bereavement Support Groups**

Good Shepherd Hospice Bereavement Services are open to anyone in the community who has experienced a loss through death at no charge.

Upcoming Bereavement Support Groups, led by a Bereavement Specialist, include:

- **SPOUSAL/PARTNER LOSS GROUP: 1/7/16 - 2/25/16 – 4:00pm-5:30pm**
- **ADULT LOSS OF PARENT OR SIBLING GROUP: 1/7/16 - 2/25/16 – 6:00pm-7:30pm**

Both groups are held at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, 9 Clinton Avenue, Bay Shore, NY. Registration is required; call Sheila Felice, LCSW-R at (631) 828-7629.

## Youth Band Leader Wanted!

The Church of St. Joseph, Babylon is seeking a liturgical musician who can lead our youth on instruments and in song at the Sunday 5pm liturgy. Guitar and vocal skills are desired; music degree preferred, but will consider one's experience and musical talent. Rehearsals are held in the church on Sundays, just prior to Mass. The candidate should exude spirituality, enthusiasm, social graces and enjoy working with teens and young adults. Other optional worship opportunities may arise during the year that will highlight the band in and out of state.

Send all contact information with your résumé and 2 letters of recommendation to the Pastor by mail to: Msgr. Chris Heller at Church of St. Joseph, 39 N Carll Ave, Babylon, NY 11702, or via e-mail to [cheller@stjosephsbabylon.org](mailto:cheller@stjosephsbabylon.org) with "Youth Band Leader Position" in the subject area.



## Worldwide Marriage Encounter Longest Married Couple

The search is underway for the Longest Married Couple in the U.S. Do you think you know who they are? Maybe it's your parents ... grandparents ... that nice couple who live down the street ... nominating a couple is easy! Just send their names, wedding date and where they live and your contact information to:  
[wwmelmc2015@gmail.com](mailto:wwmelmc2015@gmail.com).

Nominations accepted until January 10, 2016. Winners will be announced February 2016 to celebrate World Marriage Day. Nominate a couple you know today!

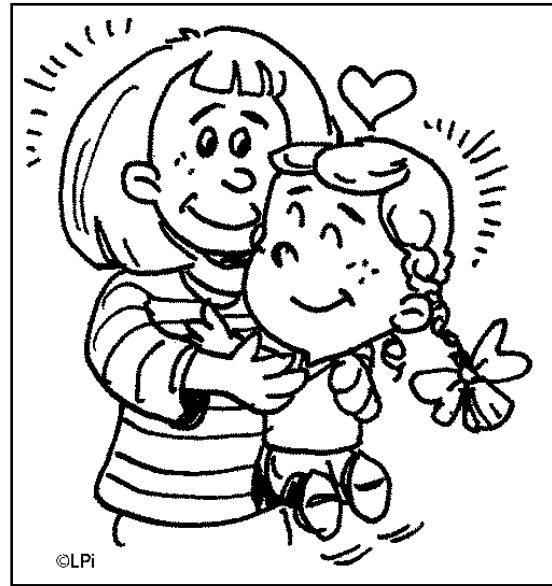
## Religion and Rock

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 "**Christmas Special.**"



## Sharing the Gospel

Mary couldn't wait to visit her much older cousin, Elizabeth, up in the hills of Judea. Both of them were expecting babies. Each of them knew that the birth of her child was a special event that could only happen because they trusted God. Your own mother trusted that God would give you life in this world. Both Mary and Elizabeth watched their children grow up to do good things. You can grow up to do good things too, if you trust in God.



## Mission for the Week

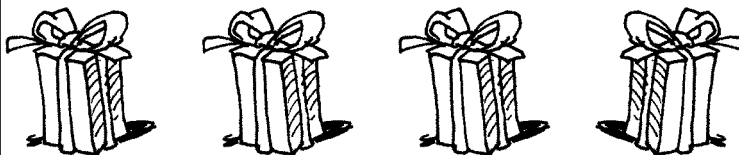
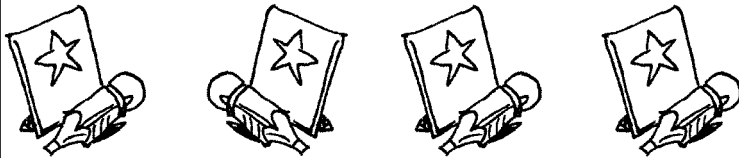
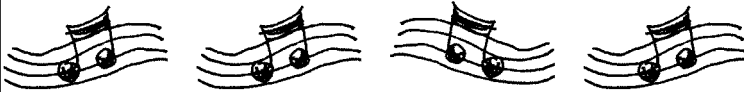


You belong to a larger family than just the people in your home. See how many of your relatives you can name before you visit them at Christmas. When you do see them, wish them "Merry Christmas!"



### Puzzle

Circle the pictures that are **facing** the **same** way. Then color in all the pictures.



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## Prayer

Dear Jesus,  
help me to  
trust you and  
to remember  
that you are the  
reason we celebrate  
Christmas. Amen.



## Something to Draw

Ask your mother who she visited while she was waiting for you to be born. Draw a picture of her visiting with a relative or friend.

