

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

455 Hunter Avenue, West Islip, NY 11795

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

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Deacon Jack Meehan, **Deacon John Teufel**

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Sr. Diane Liona CSJ, Director of Religious Ed
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Robin Reynolds Brennan, Coordinator of
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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
E-mail: ParishOffice@ollchurch.org
Fax: 661.7143
Website: www.ollchurch.org

Our Lady of Lourdes School

Phone: 587.7200, press 2
Monday-Friday: 9:00am-3:00pm
E-mail: 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

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.

Fifth Sunday of Easter • April 24, 2016



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
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Deacon Jack Meehan
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Dottie Perdue
Vita Scorcio

Parish Staff

Patti Anderson
Parish Office
AnnMarie Buonaspin
Director of Youth Choirs
Michael Buonaspin
Parish Organist
Stacy Gordon
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 April 24

Sunday: Acts 14:21-27/ Rev 21:1-5a/ Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35
Monday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/ Mk 16:15-20
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/ Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/ Jn 15:1-8
Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/ Jn 15:9-11
Friday: Acts 15:22-31/ Jn 15:12-17
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/ Jn 15:18-21
Next Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/ Rev 21:10-14, 22-23/ Jn 14:23-29

Financial Summary

April 17, 2016

Weekly Collection	\$ 18,841.00
Weekly Budget	- \$ 17,800.00
+/- for the week	\$ 1,041.00

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

Dear Parishioners:

As you know, this year, Pope Francis has called for a special Holy Year of Mercy. As part of that “Year of Mercy”, special holy doors have been set up in the Diocese. They are at St. Agnes Cathedral (Rockville Centre), the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception (Huntington), Our Lady of the Island Shrine (Manorville) and the minor Basilica of Sacred Heart of Jesus and Mary (Southampton, where Fr. Mike Vetrano, our former pastor is now the pastor!).

During this Year of Mercy, one can receive a **plenary indulgence**. A plenary indulgence means that one has the complete remission of all temporal punishment due to one’s sins. One can receive a plenary indulgence if they meet the following criteria:

- Walk through a designated Door of Mercy (listed above).
- Pray the Apostles’ Creed or Nicene Creed.
- Pray for the Holy Father, Pope Francis, and his intentions.
- Receive Holy Communion.
- Go to Confession 20 days before or after walking through the holy door.
- Perform one of the Spiritual or Corporal Works of Mercy.

As part of our diocesan celebration of the Year of Mercy, **Bishop William Murphy** is pilgrimag-ing to every deanery in the Diocese to celebrate a special Mass for Mercy. Bishop Murphy will be here, at Our Lady of Lourdes, to celebrate a special Mass for Mercy on **Saturday April 30 at 5:00pm**. I hope as many as possible can come and pray for mercy with Bishop Murphy this coming Saturday.

Also, as part of the diocesan celebrations for the Year of Mercy, there will be a diocesan **pilgrimage** to the **Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C.** The pilgrimage will take place on **Saturday, September 24**. If you have never been to our national shrine, located on the grounds of the Catholic University of America, you are missing out! See the bulletin next week for more details. It is a long day but very well worth it. Come join us for the pilgrimage!

One of the Corporal Works of Mercy is to visit the sick. On **SUNDAY, MAY 1 at 3:30pm**, we will be celebrating a special **Anointing of the Sick Mass** here at Our Lady of Lourdes Church. I encourage all those who are ill to receive the grace of this sacrament. I ask that all parishioners who know of someone who is ill to tell the ill individual about this special Mass. Some of our parishioners cannot get to Mass due to illness, so we need to tell people about this special Mass. Light refreshments and hospitality will follow the Anointing of the Sick Mass. All are welcome!

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

In Christ,

Fr. Brian

Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Carol Grillo*. 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.

Brian Barthel-*US Air Force*
Michael Fantauzzi-*US Air Force*
Christopher Florca-*US Marines*
Anthony Mannino-*US Marines*
James Rooney III-*US Marines*
Michael Wilkinson-*US Army*

... 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 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, Carol Alma, Joan Ansman, Mario Baibel, Margaret Boccio, Richard Bombardieri, Thomas J. Calogero III, Frank Castellano, Bob Cestaro, Lisa Charron, Helen Ciardella, Joan Clark, Kathy Corcoran, Margaret DeLuca, Joan Demsheck Preston, Amanda DiTingo, Roseann Dorohow, Frank Edwards, Paula Edwards, Jake Feldman, Mary Finn, Mary Gagliardo, Robert Garretson, Jeanette Giordano, Ralph Giordano, Jr., Beau Hamilton, Josephine Heffron, Patrick Anthony Heffron, Charlene Hervey, Thomas Hicks, Jr., Donald Horne, Dawn Hutchinson, Betty Infurno, Msgr. Wm. Jablonski, Marie Janetti, Anne Kerrigan, George Koehler, Rita La Piana, Katrina Lavin, Patrick Lillis, Sean Lillis, Peter McCarthy, Ellen McGee, Una McGrade, Vinny Meade, Debbie Mees, Dotty Meloni, Marie Miranda, Peter Murray, Ruth Murray, Nora Neshta, Nicholas Piotrowski, Nicky Polini, Dorothy Proctor, Bill Reilly, Jimmy Reilly, John Rickey, Rose Rickey, Alan Roman, Joseph J. Schiavoni, Ann Marie Schiraldi, John Shaddock, Andrew Velten, Linda Ward, Charles Zeiss

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



Rest In Peace

*Patricia Gail Carlson
Donald A. Peterson
Elizabeth Sapone*



Upcoming Marriages

*Kaitlin Scheid and
Kevin W. Murphy,
both OLL*

*Ashley Paolicelli and
Lance Perez,
both OLL*

Mass Intentions

Monday, April 25

St. Mark

8:30am Francis Durante

Tuesday, April 26

8:30am Michael Reilly

Wednesday, April 27

8:30am Angelina & Carmine DeFalco

Thursday, April 28

St. Peter Chanel, St. Louis Grignon de Montfort

8:30am Marian McNamara

Friday, April 29

St. Catherine of Siena

8:30am Christina Aprile

Saturday, April 30

St. Pius V

8:30am Kevin & Christine Blaes, Linda Stanczik,
Esteruina DeJesus

5:00pm Joseph Lehmann, Mary & John Flynn
Bishop Murphy

Sunday, May 1

8:00am Margaret Galligan
Fr. Andrew Garnett

9:30am Jane Desthers
Fr. Andrew Garnett

11:00am Aniello Bianco
Msgr. Brian McNamara

12:30pm Frank Romanelli
Msgr. Brian McNamara

6:00pm People of the Parish, Horace J. Ruiz,
Georgette Tiedemann, Pete Baldwin,
Kevin Richardson, Domenica (Mae) Palminteri,
Jennie R. Franco, Marie Pandolfo, Anna Raffa
Fr. Andrew Garnett



Mass for Mercy

On **Saturday, April 30 at the 5:00pm Mass**, **Bishop Murphy** will celebrate a special Mass for Mercy to commemorate the Jubilee Year of Mercy.

Please plan to attend this special Mass with Bishop Murphy. All are welcome!

Jubilee Year of Mercy - Psalm 130: With the Lord

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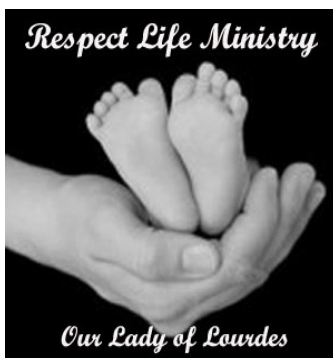
*With the Lord there is mercy and the fullness of redemption,
Call to Him in your trials, He will answer whenever you call.*

Out of the depths I cry to you,
I cry to you, O Lord.
Lord, open your ears and hear my voice,
attend to the sound of my plea.

If you O Lord, should mark our guilt,
then, Lord, who could hope to survive?
But with you is found forgiveness of sin,
and mercy that we might revere you.

Trust in the Lord, count on His word,
wait for the Lord, my soul.
I will wait for the Lord all the days of my life
as sentinels wait for the dawn.

More than the sentinels wait for the dawn,
let Israel wait for the Lord.
For kindness is His, redemption for all,
forgiveness of sins for His people.



“By radiating charity and mercy to all our neighbors, we provide those much needed islands of mercy. Together, we stand against the wind of the throwaway culture, and brave its sea of indifference, sustained by Jesus who is, as Pope Francis has called Him, ‘the living face of the Father’s mercy.’”

“Life Issues Forum: After Marching, Acting as Islands of Mercy” - Caitlin Thomas, USCCB
Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
www.goo.gl/QNBGZp



Jubilee Year of Mercy



*... You are the visible face of the invisible Father,
of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy*

Our Parish **Corporal Work of Mercy**

for this month is

Comfort the Sick

Body, Mind and Soul

Join us in writing notes to Parishioners in need

of our thoughts and prayers

this weekend after all the Masses

Adult Faith Formation

Catholicism

Presenter: Father Andrew Garnett

Tuesdays, **April 26** and *May 3*

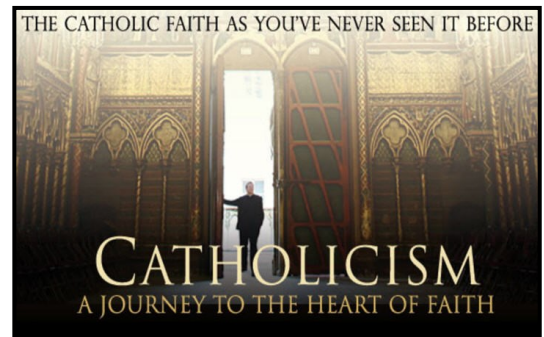
7:30pm - 9:30pm

Parish Center

Episode Nine: “The Fire of His Love: Prayer and the Life of the Spirit”

In this lesson, Father Barron explores Catholic spirituality, which is centered on prayer. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church states: “Prayer is the lifting up of the mind and the heart to God.”

On pilgrimage to the places where the great saints and spiritual masters lived, Father Barron explores the different types of prayer: contemplation; adoration; petition; and intercession. In telling the stories of Catholics like Thomas Merton, St. Theresa of Avila and St. John of the Cross, Fr. Barron demonstrates how the human person can be transformed through prayer that manifests a deep, spiritual commitment centered in Christ.



There is a \$5 fee for each session. No fee is required for those who have paid the Religious Education Family Fee or Our Lady of Lourdes School tuition. Registration is necessary and helpful. This will enable us to have enough reading material and refreshments for all those attending. To register, please call the Religious Education Office at 661.5440, option 3 or email to religioused@ollchurch.org.

Donations to Outreach

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



Save the Date!

Saturday, April 30

Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser for our Mission Awareness Trip to El Salvador

Dinner will be served in the Cafeteria of Our Lady of Lourdes School from 6:00pm to 9:00pm. Price of Admission: Adults \$8, Students under 12 \$5, and children under 5 free. There will be raffles and a 50/50, as well. Come and make a night of it!

Senior Singles

The Senior Singles of Our Lady of Lourdes are planning a casino trip to Sands casino, Bethlehem, PA on **Tuesday, May 17**. There are still openings, and we invite you to join us. The cost is \$40 with a \$30 gamble cash back and a \$5 food voucher; that leaves just \$5 for a whole day of entertainment and that's quite a bargain!

You don't have to be a senior or a single to participate in this outing ... so come and enjoy a day with friends!! If you're interested, please call Pat McKeefery at the parish outreach office 661-9262 x 4 or at 748-8906.

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:

May 13 • June 3

We meet in the Church at 4:30pm on Fridays 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

Bulb Planting Party

On **SUNDAY, MAY 1 at 1:30pm**, I need people to help plant bulbs/flowers around the parish grounds. It should only take about an hour, hour and a half, and it will greatly beautify the parish grounds. Please stop by and help. Bring some shovels, trowels, etc.



OLL School Annual Spring Plant Sale and Mother's Day Weekend Sale!

**Find us on Saturday, May 7 between 4:00pm and 6:00pm and
Sunday, May 8 between 9:00am and 1:00pm
outside the Church near the Rectory Garage**



***Gorgeous hanging baskets and
plants for Mom!***



Our Lady of Lourdes School thanks you for your continued support!

Congratulations!

Congratulations to the following students who made Second Trimester Honor Roll:

Kellenberg Memorial High School

Gina Green, John Rainis, Santiago Rolon, Mia Sessa, Brandon Wainwright, Brooke Wainwright

Chaminade High School

Josef M. Moses (freshman)

Matthew C. Ahearn, Jack A. Bishop, Patrick X. Rooney (sophomore)

Christian D. Kuhn (junior)

Great job - keep up the good work!



Anointing of the Sick Mass

On **Sunday, May 1 at 3:30pm in the Church**, we will be having an “**Anointing of the Sick**” Mass. We encourage all people who are ill to receive this sacrament. We will have refreshments following the Mass. We especially invite those people who normally cannot attend Mass due to illness.

Mother’s Day Novena

Please don’t forget to turn in your *Mother’s Day Mass Remembrance* envelope which you received in the parish mailing. It is a nice way to show our love and respect for our mothers by praying for them at Holy Mass. All the names on the envelopes will be placed in front of the Tabernacle as a concrete reminder of our prayers for them.

Mother’s Day Candles

Once again, we are offering a *Loving Candle* which will be placed in the Tabernacle area and lit on Mother’s Day weekend. This symbolic light will remain in the Tabernacle area for the life of the candle (approximately a week).

This is a beautiful way to honor our living and deceased loved ones. The *Loving Candles* will be available after all the Masses this weekend, next 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 661.3224, ext. 121.





In addition to our parish website (ollchurch.org), 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.

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

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.



2016 Catholic Ministries Appeal

ONE FAITH COMMUNITY

As with any family, there are times when a brother or sister is in serious need and reaches out to us for help. Catholic Charities' Talbot House serves the needs of families in crisis due to substance abuse.

In 2008, Bill received a call from his son Michael who was away at medical school. Michael was in crisis – addicted to drugs and plummeting out-of-control.

Searching for a safe environment to get Michael help, Bill found Talbot House. At first Michael didn't want to stay – but 22 days after he moved in – Michael was a different person.



"Talbot House gave our son back to us. It's a wonderful resource. Michael fully credited Talbot House and his counselor with his recovery. Michael went on to graduate from medical school with the intention of working in the area of addiction medicine."

Michael's life was cut short when, on the way to visit his grandmother, his car was hit head-on by an impaired driver. Inspired by his son's desire to help those with addiction, today Bill volunteers at Talbot House as a spiritual education counselor, helping residents address the topics and events that may be holding them back from recovery.

"Michael said he owed his life to Talbot House. I know I belong here carrying on his work."

Please consider donating to the Appeal and a difference in someone's life. Thank you!

Make checks payable to:
Catholic Ministries Appeal

Parish _____

Pledge: \$ _____

Name _____

Down payment: \$ _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

Shrine of Our Lady of the Island

Our Lady of Fatima Day - Friday, May 13

10:00am	Rosary Procession at Rosary Walk
11:30am	Mass at The Rock
12:30pm	Lunch Break
1:30pm	Conference
3:00pm	Holy Hour

The Shrine of Our Lady of the Island | 258 Eastport Manor Road | Manorville, NY 11949
631.325.0661 | www.OurLadyofTheIsland.org | www.facebook.com/OurLadyofTheIsland

St. Joseph Renewal Center

The following programs take place in the St. Joseph Renewal Center, 1725 Brentwood Road, Building 4, Brentwood, NY 11717. If you are interested in any of these programs, please call the office at 631.273.1187, Ext. 123.

Men's Spirituality Retreat (A Man Matters Retreat) "The Vision of the Dry Bones"

April 29 to May 1 - Offering: \$215.00 incl. all meals and accommodations - \$50.00 deposit required to hold place.

Presenters: Bro. Tim Aller, OFM Cap., Michael Boccia, Michael Dunne, Lenny Sclafani and Brian Walsh

Gathering of Women - May 3 from 10:00am to 12:00 noon - Offering \$15.00

Facilitators: Tina Cafaro and Joan Vessio

Living with Alzheimer's and Dementia - May 4 - 1:00pm to 2:30pm - Free will offering

Presenter: Josephine Daspro, CSJ

Guided Meditation for Inner Healing - May 4 - 7:00pm to 8:00pm - Offering \$15 (\$25.00 for individual session by appointment)

Presenter: Irene Moore, CCH / Meditation Therapist

Deepening your Spiritual Practice through the use of FOCUSING - May 4 - 7:00pm to 9:00pm - Offering \$15.00

Presenter: Kathy Porter

Men 2 Men Gathering - May 14 - 8:00am to 9:30am - Offering \$20.00 incl. breakfast

Presenters: Michael Dunne and participants from the group

11th Step Prayer Support for 12 Steppers - "A Journey to Spiritual Wholeness" -

May 15 - 2:00pm to 4:00pm - Free will offering

Presenters: Josephine Daspro, CSJ and Linda Oristano

Community Blood Drive

Monday, April 25 from 4:00pm to 8:30pm

Knights of Columbus 564 Bishop John R. McGann
1341 Fifth Avenue, Bay Shore

Emergency blood shortage

We need your help! Your donation will help to **save up to three lives**. Our community hospitals need your help. Please share this lifesaving gift - thank you for caring!

Eligibility Criteria:

- Bring ID with signature or photo
- Minimum weight 110 lbs
- Age 16-75 (*16 year olds must have parental permission / age 76 and over need doctor's note*)
- Eat well (low fat) and drink fluids
- No tattoos for past 12 months

For questions concerning medical eligibility, call 1.800.688.0900 | www.nybc.org

James Street Players

"Chitty Chitty Bang Bang" is being presented by the James Street Players at the Babylon United Methodist Church, 21 James Street, Babylon, NY.

Performances are scheduled for **April 26, 29 and 30 at 8:00pm** and **May 1 at 3:00pm**.

Tickets are available by calling 631.649.4140 or visiting the website at jamesstreetplayers.org. All tickets are \$15. Come and enjoy this family musical!

American Legion Auxiliary Unit #94

Annual Chinese Auction

22 Grove Place, Babylon, NY 11702

Friday, April 29

Doors Open at 6:00pm

Food and refreshment available for purchase

\$10.00 donation includes: 1 sheet and cake and coffee - Extra tickets sold - One of the raffles is for a 49 inch TV

Contact: Jayne Harman 631.766.8685 or Roberta Palumbo 631.254.6833

West Islip Homemakers

President: Dawn Minenna

516.524.4267

If you're interested in becoming involved with **charity oriented**, craft enthusiasts, fun with games, trips, luncheons, and lots of opportunities for socialization, this non-profit organization is for you! Give us a try. If interested call Dawn.

Job Opening

Part-Time Bookkeeper

The Diocese of Rockville Centre seeks a financial professional to work with select parishes and schools within Nassau and Suffolk County. Must be an experienced bookkeeper with knowledge of computerized accounting system, bank reconciliations and account analyses. Proficiency in Excel and Word required.

Office of Human Resources
Diocese of Rockville Centre
PO Box 9023, Rockville Centre, NY 11571-9023
Fax: 516.678.9566
Email: Employment@drvc.org

Spread the Word

Earned Income Tax (EIC) & Child Tax Credit (CTC)

Many low and moderate wage tax filers in 2015 may be eligible for an EITC worth from \$506 up to \$6,269. According to the IRS, each year millions of eligible workers do not claim their credit. Even if workers don't earn enough to owe income tax (although they pay federal excise and payroll taxes, as well as state and local taxes), they can qualify for these tax credits but may not realize it.

Child Tax Credit (CTC)

Many families that earn more than \$3,000 may qualify for Child Tax Credit refund – up to \$1,000 each qualifying child under age 17. File a Federal Tax Return to get the EIC and CTC.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Attention Married Couples: Spring into Love with a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend!

This might be just what you're looking for! It's time to renew your relationship. Rediscover your love and enhance your hopes and dreams! WWME is the original and still the best!

April 29 to May 1 at The Montfort Spiritual Center
26 South Saxon Avenue, Bay Shore, NY 11706

June 10 to 12 at The Seminary of the Immaculate Conception
440 West Neck Road, Huntington, NY 11743

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>.

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 "**Poverty**."

Sharing the Gospel

Jesus gave his disciples a new rule. He told them they had to love each other, just like he loved them. What did Jesus mean? Jesus was very patient with his friends. He forgave his friends when they let him down. Jesus comforted his friends when they were afraid. Most of all he helped them grow closer to God.



Mission for the Week



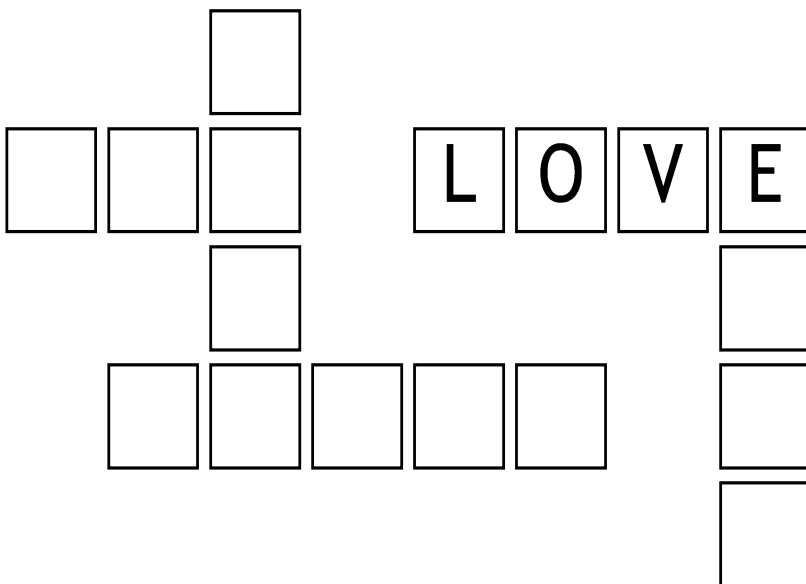
I will follow Jesus and forgive those who have hurt me.



Puzzle

Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:

You must love each other.



©LPi

Prayer

Dear God,
help me to
love my
friends like
Jesus did.



Something to Draw

Draw a
picture of
yourself
talking to a
friend who
is afraid.

