Msgr. Brian McNamara, Pastor
Rev. Andrew Garnett, Associate Pastor
Rev. Lawrence Maduewesi, in Residence
Chaplain, Southside Hospital

Deacon John De Guardi, Deacon Tom Lucie, Deacon Rich Maher, Deacon Jack Meehan, Deacon John Teufel

Sr. Nancy Campkin CSJ, Director of Religious Ed
Trish Frodell, Director of Parish Social Ministry
Louise Jane Krol, School Principal
Sr. Diane Liona CSJ, Director of Religious Ed
Debbie Meyer, Business Manager
Robin Reynolds Brennan, Coordinator of Worship and Choir Director
Vita Scorcia, Ministry Spiritual Director

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.

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 4, 2016

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

Parish Office

Phone: 631.661.3224, 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: 631.661.7143 | Website: www.ollchurch.org

Our Lady of Lourdes School

Phone: 631.587.7200, press 2
Monday-Friday: 9:00am-3:00pm
E-mail: lkrol@ollschool.org

Religious Education Office

Phone: 631.661.5440, press 3
Monday-Friday: 9:00am-Noon,
1:00pm-5:00pm, 7:00pm-9:00pm
E-mail: ReligiousEd@ollchurch.org

Parish Outreach Office

Phone: 631.661.9262, press 4
Monday-Friday: 9:30am-3:30pm

SAGE *(Senior Advocates for Growth and Enrichment)*

Phone: 631.661.3224, Ext. 122
E-mail: Sage@ollchurch.org

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 Scorcia

Parish Staff

Patti Anderson
Parish Office
AnnMarie Buonaspina
Director of Youth Choirs
Michael Buonaspina
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 September 4

Sunday: Wis 9:13-18b/ Phlm 9-10, 12-17/ Lk 14:25-33
Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8/ Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday: 1 Cor 6:1-11/ Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31/ Lk 6:20-26
Thursday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/ Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/ Lk 6:39-42
Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22/ Lk 6:43-49
Next Sunday: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14/ 1 Tm 1:12-17/ Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-10

Financial Summary

August 21, 2016	
Weekly Collection	$ 17,477.00
Weekly Budget	- $ 17,800.00
+/- for the week	$ (323.00)
August 28, 2016	
Weekly Collection	$ 14,956.00
Weekly Budget	- $ 17,800.00
+/- for the week	$ (2,844.00)
Earthquake/Flood-8/28	$ 5,411.00

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

Dear Parishioners:

Our **Annual Italian Feast** starts next week: **Wednesday, September 14 through Sunday, September 18**. Please come down and support the parish. Make sure to invite your family and friends from outside the parish as well. If you have not turned in your chance books for the daily drawing of $200, please do so. Also, don't forget our **SUPER RAFFLE**. You have to be in it to win it! The grand prize for the SUPER RAFFLE is $7,000. The Feast is an important source of income for the parish and is crucial to maintaining our various ministries. Besides the various "guests" who will be in the Dunk Tank, Fr. Andrew, myself and some of the school teachers will be making guest appearances. Pray for good, sunny weather!

As you may recall, we had a Capital Campaign a few years ago. Part of that campaign was to "re-do" the main entrance of the church. That will be accomplished in the next few weeks. The vote went: Granite Blend: 16 votes, Granite City: 42 votes, Oyster Blend: 77 votes and, the winner, Mojave: 88 votes. My own personal choice did not win which is just another indication that I should not be making any decisions involving taste! The work should take about a week and will begin Monday, September 26. It should beautify the front entrance and make the entrance easier to walk on. We will also increase the lighting at the entrance area as well. Looking ahead, we will also be putting in new doors. We'll have a vote on the new doors, as well, after the plaza is finished.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank **JENNIFER ROSATI** for putting on a wonderful "**Sock Hop" dance**. The food and music were great and everyone had a good time. As you may recall, it was also a fundraiser for **PARISH OUTREACH**. We collected over 100 pairs of socks for the needy as we begin the school year. A dance takes a lot of time and effort. While I especially want to thank Jennifer who organized the event, I also want to thank a number of people who assisted her. Special "thank you" also goes to her brothers, **Joseph and Matt**, her parents, **Maria and Louis**, and her friends **Melissa D'Amato and Tyler Wendt**. Thanks again to all of them for their hard work and effort and care for the poor and needy.

Labor Day is an opportunity to take stock of the ways workers are honored and respected. As **Pope Francis** has said: "Work is fundamental to the dignity of the person … It gives one the ability to maintain oneself, one's family to contribute to the growth of one's own nation." In addition, Pope Francis has said, "Through work, the family is cared for and children are provided with a dignified life … where there is no work, there is no dignity." However, Pope Francis has also cautioned against too much work: "Together with a culture of work, there must be a culture of leisure. To put it another way: people who work must take time to relax, to be with their families, to enjoy themselves, read, listen to music, play a sport."

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

In Christ,

Fr. Brian

PS: Don't forget our **PARISH CLEAN-UP PARTY** on this Monday, Labor Day, from 9:30am – 11:00am. Celebrate Labor Day by doing some labor for the Church. Bring gloves, rakes, hand-clippers, loppers, etc.

Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Connie Lynch.* If you would like to help care for our altar needs, please call the Parish Office at 631.661.3224.

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 DiMatteo-*US Marines*
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.

Pray for Our Sick

Please remember to keep in your thoughts and prayers …
Sal Albanese, Thomas Anderson, Rebecca Arrov, Mario Baibel, Luddy Bruno, Clare Buetow, Ann Calogero, Benjamin Calogero, Thomas J. Calogero III, Frank Castellano, Bob Cestaro, Lisa Charron, Helen Ciardella, Grace Ciccarello, Tom Corcoran, Diane Cullen, James Dobson, Michael Einfeldt, T. J. Ferrante, Robert Garretson, Daniel Golden, Elizabeth Goode, Charlene Grahn, Lillianna Grillo, Josephine Heffron, Patrick Anthony Heffron, Patricia Hernandez, Thomas Hicks, Jr., Dawn Hutchinson, Msgr. William Jablonski, Henry Kahn, Shena Kahn, Anne Kerrigan, George Koehler, Mary Lazzarini, Patrick Lillis, Sean Lillis, Ellen McGee, Vinny Meade, Dotty Meloni, Regina Mirabella, Ken Monroe, Christine O'Connell, Tobie Oreste, Phyllis Pasciuta, Bob Perlow, Peter Porzio, Dorothy Proctor, Bill Reilly, Jimmy Reilly, John Rickey, Rose Rickey, Joseph Roccaro, Alan Roman, Joseph J. Schiavoni, Ann Marie Schiraldi, John Shaddock, Barbara Sheehan, Denise Stark, Loretta Sullivan, Andrew Velten

Names of the sick will be listed for **six weeks** for short-term requests and **six months** for long-term.

Altar Bread and Wine

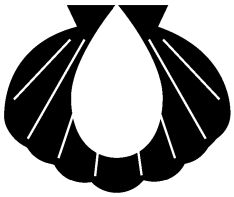
In memory of Michael Kirshbaum

Upcoming Marriages

Sonia DaSilva and
Steven Lopez, both OLL

Amanda Harnos, OLL and
Thomas Lowe,
St. Joseph, Hewlett

Nikki Bignami, OLL and
James Cameron,
Our Lady of Mercy,
Plainview



Baptism

Jagger James Arruda
Jason & Erica
Maverick James Ferrara
James & Jennifer
Shea Jean Mitchell
Keith & Kerri
Jaxson Rizk
Tarek & Marissa
Logan Stephen Wallrapp
Stephen & Veronique

Mass Intentions

Monday, September 5
Bl. Teresa of Calcutta
8:30am Marian McNamara

Tuesday, September 6
8:30am Andrew Blank

Wednesday, September 7
8:30am Florence Mariotti

Thursday, September 8
The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8:30am Marian T. McNamara

Friday, September 9
St. Peter Claver
8:30am Esther Cacciatore

Saturday, September 10
Blessed Virgin Mary
8:30am Shannon Saturno, Marilyn Murtha, Peter James DeBlasi, Joan Puccia, Lucy Venutti

5:00pm Victims of 9/11 and their families
Msgr. Brian McNamara

Sunday, September 11
8:00am Donna Marie Neuman
Fr. Andrew Garnett

9:30am Helen Sullivan
Msgr. Brian McNamara

11:00am Victims of 9/11 and their families
Msgr. Brian McNamara

12:30pm Mary Petersen
Fr. Andrew Garnett

6:00pm People of the Parish, Barbara McRory, Victims of 9/11 and their families, Peter J. McCarthy, All the Souls in Potter's Fields throughout the World, James McDonough, Ronald X. Kopitsch, Anna Lee Bryant, Mother Joan Bott, Daughter Joan Bott, Charlene Hervey
Msgr. Brian McNamara

Healing After Abortion

Have you suffered an abortion? Experience God's love and mercy and begin the journey of healing. Please call the Sisters of Life: 866.575.0075 or email: hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org. For men, call Theresa Bonopartis at Lumina: 877.586.4621 or email: Lumina @postabortionhelp.org

The Catholic University of America Collection

The Catholic University of America, located in Washington DC, is the national university of the Catholic Church in the United States. CUA offers students an excellent education in a faith-filled atmosphere that is grounded in the Catholic intellectual tradition. Some of our own Diocesan priests have received education and have specialized in different ecclesiastical courses and are now serving our Diocese. **Next week** is the National Collection for The Catholic University of America. Every dollar given directly supports aid for students from Dioceses across the country, including our Diocese. Please be generous.

Jubilee Year of Mercy

Psalm 130: With the Lord

Refrain: 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.

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 **Spiritual Work of Mercy**

for this month is

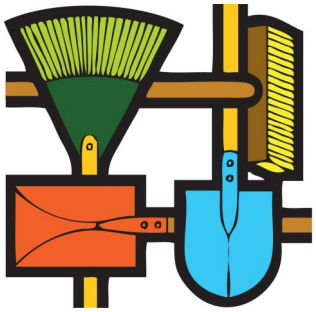
Instruct the Uninformed

(Teach by Example)

Teacher God,

Help each of us to find ways

to support each other as we grow and learn



Parish "Clean-up" Party

On **Monday, September 5 (Labor Day),** we will be having a Parish "Clean-up" Party from **9:30am to 11:00am**. Please bring hand clippers, loppers, hand saws, rakes, etc. We need to do some extra cleaning up.

All are welcome; no experience needed!

PEP 1 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM REGISTRATION INFORMATION

If you have a child entering **first grade** in public school, your child should be registered for our "PEP 1" Religious Education Program.
This first year program is required for participation in First Eucharist.
It introduces the children to a basic understanding of the loving presence of God, the person of Jesus, conscience formation and the importance of community worship.

INFORMATION MEETING AND REGISTRATION

Choose one:

Monday	September 26	10:30am	or	7:30pm
Wednesday	September 28	10:30am	or	7:30pm

The meeting will take approximately 45 minutes and will be held in the Parish Center (meeting room opposite the playground)

Please bring your child's Baptismal certificate (a copy is acceptable), and the registration fee (if this is your oldest child) is $200

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

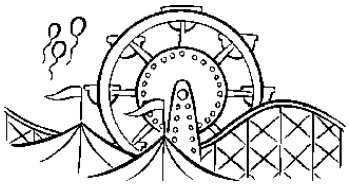
What's it all about?
IF you are an adult *AND*

… you were never Baptized
… you were Baptized in another faith and would like to become a baptized Catholic
… you never received Holy Communion (Eucharist)
… you never received your Confirmation

IF you are an adult *AND* one or more of the circumstances above apply to you …
IF you feel you would like to become a baptized Catholic or become more fully initiated into your Catholic faith …
Our email address is *RCIA@ollchurch.org* or call the Parish Office at 631.661.3224, option 1, and we would be happy to help you.

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

Italian Family Feast 2016



September 14-18, 2016

Open Wednesday and Thursday from 7:00pm-10:00pm
Open Friday from 7:00pm-11:00pm
Open Saturday from 6:00pm-11:00pm
Open Sunday from 2:00pm-8:00pm
Vegas Night Gambling on Friday, Saturday and Sunday

Walk With Mary and Feast Mass

On **Saturday, September17**, we celebrate our Feast Mass and Walk with Mary with a procession at 4:00pm and Mass at 5:00pm. Please plan to join us in prayer and song as we process through the Feast grounds.

Super Raffle

$10,000 in prizes. Only 220 tickets to be sold. Each ticket $100. **Tickets on sale after Mass .** Don't wait - these tickets sell out very quickly!
Super Raffle drawing will be held on Sunday, September 18 at 8:00pm.

Television Raffle Tickets

Also, purchase your raffle tickets to win a Big Screen Television.
$5 per raffle ticket - 6 raffle tickets for $20.

Pay-One-Price

POP bracelets are available online through a link from the parish website (ollchurch.org) until the first day of the Feast, Wednesday, September 14 at noon.
Cost: Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday: $22 for 1 bracelet
Friday and Saturday: $30 for 1 bracelet.
All bracelets will cost $30 at the Feast, so purchase your POP bracelets early to take advantage of the discount and/or avoid waiting on line at the Feast!

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are always needed and welcomed to support our annual Italian Family Feast.
Can you help? If you're interested or have any questions, please call Frank Antonawich at 631.882-0886 or Deacon Rich Maher at 631.661.5478.

The Parish Office will be **closed** on **Monday, September 5** in observance of **Labor Day**. The Parish Office will reopen on Tuesday, September 6 at 9:00am.

Rosary Christian Mothers

The Rosary Christian Mothers meet on the first Monday evening of each month except in September when Labor Day falls on the first Monday. The next meeting will be on **Tuesday, September 6**. We will begin with Rosary at 7:45pm in the Spiritual Life Center, followed by our business meeting at 8:00pm, also in the Spiritual Life Center.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Bring your prayer and creativity together in a gift of love.

Join us…

Wednesday, September 7 at 9:30am in the Parish Center. All you need to bring is scrap yarn, knitting needles or crochet hooks (patterns and instructions will be given to you) and your gifts of love and prayer.

Holy Name Society

The Holy Name Society invites the men of our parish, young and old, to join us. We can use the wisdom of the older men and the energy and fresh ideas of our younger men. The Holy Name Society meets on the second Sunday of each month. Our next meeting will be on **Sunday, September 11**. We come together to pray the **Rosary at 7:40am in the Church** and the **meeting will follow the 8:00am Mass at 9:00am in Room 16**. Stop by - all are welcome!

Children's Liturgy of the Word - We're Back!!!

September 11 - 9:30am Mass

We will be having Children's Liturgy of the Word again at the 9:30am Mass each Sunday. All children from 4 years old and up to 4th grade are invited to join us in the Parish Center during Mass for age appropriate scripture readings, homily and activities. The children will rejoin their families for the remainder of the Mass. Parents and caretakers are always welcome to join us, if they wish. See you next week!

2016 Catechetical Congress: Safeguarding Human Dignity In this Year of Mercy

Featuring Keynote Speaker: Helen M. Alvaré, Professor of Law at George Mason University School of Law, Advisor to USCCB, Author

Catechetical Congress is an exciting, enjoyable, and rewarding experience. The worship, keynote address, and many workshops will touch on every aspect of parish ministry. The Congress also serves as an opportunity for renewal, formation, and fellowship for all the ministries in the parish community, such as RCIA, Marriage Prep, and Baptism Prep.

The Congress will be held on **Saturday, September 17 at St. John the Baptist High School** in West Islip from **8:30am-5:00pm**. To register for the Congress online, visit www.drvc-faith.org

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VIRTUS® Online

Virtus

As members of the Body of Christ, we are called to protect the dignity of everyone. We all need to make sure that our children are in safe environments at home, at school, at church. As a Church, and more specifically as a Diocese and as a parish, we have the Virtus Program.

EVERY employee and EVERY volunteer is required to take a special class (called VIRTUS) that trains adults to see the signs of behaviors in adults that may be a sign of a sexual predator. While this training is mandatory for all employees and volunteers, it is good training for all parents also.

If you have already taken the VIRTUS course, you need not repeat it.

- **You MUST pre register online, that is the only way to be "signed up" for the course**
- **You MUST register by going online to drvc.org / click VIRTUS link to register**

Thursday September 8, 2016
7:00pm-9:00pm
Our Lady of Lourdes, West Islip
Parish Center

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Sister Nancy at 631.661.5440, Option 3.

Dear OLL Parishioners,

Please help the Ancient Order of Hibernians, St. Patrick's Division 2 (Babylon, NY) provide food to the needy families in our parish. The AOH is a national Irish-Catholic men's fraternal organization; Msgr. Brian is the chaplain of this local division here in Babylon.

After the Masses next weekend, AOH members will be distributing grocery bags to be filled with much needed non-perishable food items. Once filled, please drop off the grocery bag to the Parish Outreach office (Monday through Friday / 9:30am–3:30pm) or leave in the baskets at our parish entrances.

For more information on the AOH hunger program, or to become a member, you may contact Division 2 president, Tom Bennet at 516.817.5150.

Thank You and may God bless you,

Ancient Order of Hibernians | St. Patrick Division 2 | Babylon, NY | Tom Bennet – President

Requested Non-Perishable Items:

Boxed Cereal
Canned Meats
Canned Fruits / Vegetables
Mayo / Ketchup / Mustard / Oil-Vinegar
Peanut Butter
Jelly / Jam
Pasta
Tomato Sauce in Jars
Coffee / Tea / Hot Chocolate
Parmalat Milk
Powdered Milk
Cake / Pancake Mix
Rice / Beans
Canned Tuna / Salmon

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 over 40 years, Our Lady of Lourdes has been sponsoring Boy Scout Troop 179 of West Islip. We meet every **Thursday during the school year** 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.

Diocesan Year of Mercy Pilgrimage

Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

In celebration of the Year of Mercy, the Diocese of Rockville Centre offers us a Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C**. Departure will be from Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Lindenhurst, NY.**

Saturday, September 24, 2016

TBA:	Departure Time
12:00pm	The Angelus, *Upper Church*
12:10pm	Welcome and Introduction, *Msgr. Vito A. Buonanno*
12:15pm	Presentation, *Christopher Ruddy, PhD Catholic University of America*
12:45pm	Lunch, *Tours and Gift Shop, Private Prayer, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Visit to the Holy Door of Mercy and Individual Confessions in the Reconciliation Chapel*
2:45pm	Youth Event, *Crypt Church*
3:00pm	Rosary in Word and Song, *Upper Church*
4:15pm	Celebration of the Eucharist
5:30pm	Departure

Cost: $60 per person round trip coach bus transportation (includes driver gratuity). Contact: Angela Garofalo at 516.445.9635 or email at finestone@optonline.net for more information. To reserve a seat on the bus, please fill out and return the slip below:

Diocesan Year of Mercy Pilgrimage

Name:_____

Home phone:_____

Cell phone:_____

Email address:_____

Amount included:_____

Please drop in the collection basket or at our Parish Office. Make checks payable to: **OLPH Church**

Girl Scout Pray and Play Day

All Brownies Girl Scouts and their leaders are invited to the Girl Scout Pray and Play Day on **Saturday, September 24** at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Island in Eastport, New York. The day of handicrafts, fun and prayer will begin at 9:30am and conclude at 2:30pm. Earn a special patch!

For information, contact the Catholic Scouting Office at 516.678.5800, ext. 245 or email scouting@drvc.org.

Attention All High School Grads, Parents and Grandparents

Our Teens are becoming Young Adults—starting college with a lifetime of opportunities in front of them. There will be many choices that they will make during the next 4 years, let's help them to stay connected to their faith while they are making those choices! Let's help our young people keep a faith connection while they are in college. Many will be away from home and out on their own, what better way to help them stay grounded and give them a safe place to meet new friends than through their University's Newman Center. Newman Centers are Catholic ministry centers at non-Catholic universities throughout the country. These Centers provide pastoral services and ministries to their Catholic student population. Through the Newman Connection, students are connected to their Campus Minister and invited to join Catholic Campus Ministry—this becomes their faith community away from home!

It's simple to make that connection—the only information that is required is the student's first and last name and the name of the college or university they will be attending in September. Then send this information to Marianne Sheridan, Director for Youth Ministry at msheridan@drvc.org. This information will be forwarded to the proper Newman Center and your teen will be welcomed in the fall when they arrive at their school. Let's help our Young Church stay connected!

Auditions for the Diocesan Choir

The Diocesan Choir of Rockville Centre, which sings for the principal Diocesan liturgies, is currently holding auditions for all voice parts (soprano, alto, tenor, bass). Singers with previous choral experience and basic music reading skills are encouraged to fill out an application form by visiting the choir website at www.drvc.org/diochoir.

This group of 100 singers leads the music for all the principal Diocesan liturgies at the Cathedral, frequently appearing on Telecare as they sing for the Ordinations of Deacons, Priests, and Bishops, as well as Advent Lessons and Carols, the St. Agnes Awards, and other celebrations. The choir also performs concerts of sacred music, often with orchestra, including the Gounod *St. Cecilia Mass*, the Haydn *Te Deum*, and works by other classical and contemporary composers. The repertoire of the choir includes a wide variety of music from chant to contemporary compositions.

The choir rehearses on Monday evenings (every other week) at St. Kilian Church in Farmingdale. Since many in the choir also belong to their parish choirs, the Diocesan Choir schedule is careful to avoid conflicts on Sunday mornings, and avoids important liturgical weeks like Christmas and Holy Week.

In addition to Diocesan Liturgies, the choir has brought their joyful music to additional locations in Montreal, Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore, as well as St. Patrick's' Cathedral in New York City. In 2010, the choir made their first European tour to Salzburg, Munich and Vienna, and most recently embarked on a Pilgrimage to England and Ireland celebrating their 25th anniversary season. This coming September, the choir will be accompanying many Diocesan pilgrims to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington D.C.

Bereavement Support Group

St. Mary's Parish in East Islip is offering a free 8-week support group for adults who are struggling to cope with the death of a loved one. Registration is required for this group which begins on **Wednesday, September 7-October 26 from 7:00pm-9:00pm**. Refreshments will be served. For information and/or registration, please call the Rectory at 631.581.4266, Ext. 100. Please note the group is open to people of all faith denominations. In order to participate in this group, the death must have occurred prior to June 7, 2016.

Ladies Night Out at St. Joseph's, Babylon

Extend the summer festivities and come to St. Joseph's Parish Center on **Saturday, September 10 from 6:30pm to 10:30pm**.

Come on your own, bring a friend or a group of friends. We're doing a Pot Luck Dinner so everyone's being asked to bring your favorite dish to share. Cost is $20 pp, which covers the DJ, beverages, hot/cold drinks, beer, wine, water, line dancing with dance instructor, 50/50, games. If you can't bring a dish, then the cost is $30 at the door. Adults only please and remember, the guys have to stay home.

Questions or to register, contact Lorraine DeCanditis at 631.553.0160. Make checks payable to: St. Joseph Church and mail to: Lorraine DeCanditis, 132 Foster Boulevard, Babylon, NY 11702.
Sponsored by Sociable Singles

Baptism Preparation Facilitator Training Course Level 1

Diocese of Rockville Centre, Office of Faith Formation

Location:	Saint Peter the Apostle, 70 Rockaway Street, Islip Terrace, NY 11752
Dates:	Thursdays, September 15, 22, 29, October 6
Time:	7:00pm-9:30pm
Cost:	$40.00
Register Online:	www.drvc-faith.org
Contact Information:	Jason Velázquez, Associate Director, Faith Formation 516.678.5800 ext. 236 | jvelazquez@drvc.org

Preparing for Marriage?

Engaged Encounter is an effective PreCana program designed to provide you with the tools for a successful marriage. Couples are given the opportunity to explore many aspects of their relationship through a series of presentations, writings and dialog. There are no group discussions. Our next weekend will be held at the Montfort Spirituality Center in Bay Shore **September 16-18**.

For information/registration please call 631-563-1032 or visit www.engagedencounterli.org

Gennesaret Retreat For Those Facing Serious Illness

A retreat especially designed for persons who live with a serious illness is planned **September 23, 24 and 25** at Montfort Spirituality Center in Bay Shore, NY. This retreat offers respite, a quiet time, an oasis, to enable one to continue the journey. The retreat focuses on God's love, His forgiveness and His faithfulness. To register or receive more information about this weekend, please call: Colette Fanelli at 631.665.7052.

Babylon Chorale

The Babylon Chorale will hold auditions for all voice parts on Monday, September 12 AND Monday, September 19 at St. John the Baptist H.S., Montauk Highway, West Islip. Join us for rehearsal at 7:30pm; auditions take place at 8:45pm. For further information, call 516.445.5073 or 631.585.3811, visit www.babylonchorale.org or email thebabylonchorale@gmail.com.

Celebrating the Year of Mercy in our Diocese

Pope Francis has called for all of us to be on a "pilgrimage of mercy" this year. Our Diocese will be celebrating this pilgrimage at 4 locations: **St. Agnes Cathedral**, Rockville Centre; **Basilica of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary**, Southampton; **Shrine of Our Lady of the Island**, Eastport; and **Seminary of the Immaculate Conception**, Huntington, according to the following schedule:

- **Tuesdays, Cathedral of St. Agnes, 1 Quealy Place, Rockville Centre:**
  Mass at 12:10pm; Exposition and Adoration; Confessions; Chaplet of Mercy; Benediction at 4pm
- **Wednesdays, Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, 440 West Neck Road, Huntington:**
  Optional Lunch at 12 noon; Tours of the Seminary at 1pm; Rosary at 1:45pm; Exposition and Adoration at 2pm; Confessions from 2-4pm; Vespers and Benediction at 4pm
- **Thursdays, Basilica of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, 168 Hill Street, Southampton:**
  Mass at Noon; Confessions; Exposition and Adoration; Tours of the Basilica (as arranged); Devotions to Divine Mercy in Spanish at 3pm; Benediction at 4pm
- **Saturdays, Shrine of Our Lady of the Island, 258 Eastport Manor Road, Manorville:**
  Mass at 11:30am; Exposition and Adoration; Confessions; Chaplet of Mercy; Benediction at 4pm

Special Indulgences: make a pilgrimage; go to confession; receive the Holy Eucharist "with a reflection of mercy"; make a profession of faith; and pray for the Pope and his intentions (for the able-bodied); living with faith during an illness; receiving the Eucharist; or attending Mass even through the various means of communication (for the elderly, confined and ill)

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Attention Married Couples!
Fall in Love again 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!

Non-residential weekend: October 15 and 16
at Immaculate Conception Center, 7200 Douglaston Parkway, Douglaston (Queens), N.Y. 11362

Full weekend: November 4 to 6
at The Montfort Spiritual Center, 26 South Saxon Avenue, Bay Shore, NY 11706

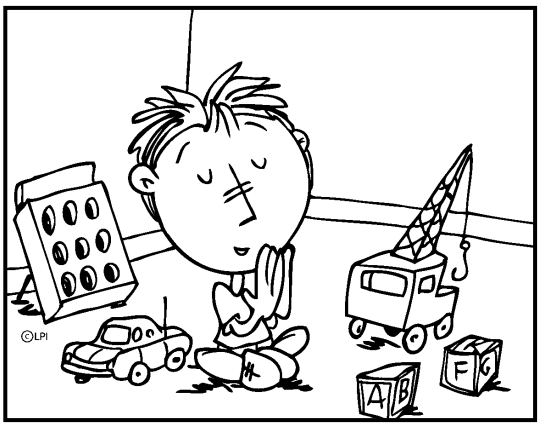
Space is limited. For more information about the weekends or to apply, call 1.877.697.9963 or visit our web site at http://www.wwme.org**.**

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 "**Labor Day / Work / Laboring for God**."

Sharing the Gospel

Living God's way can be very hard for some people. Name the people in your family. Can you love God more than you love your family? Name some of your friends. Can you love God more than you love your friends? Name your favorite books, movies or toys. Can you love God more than those things? It is OK to love your family, have good friends, and enjoy the gifts God has given you. Just remember to love God first.

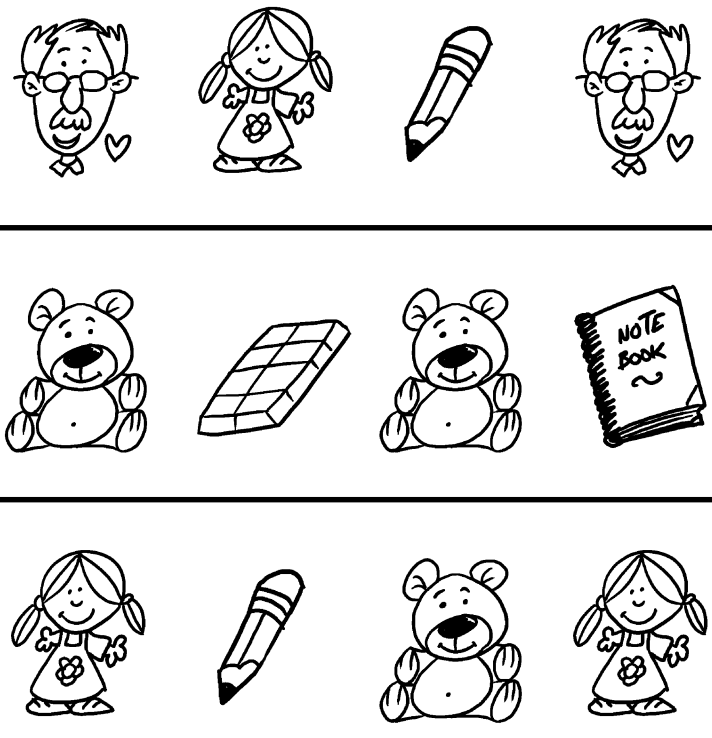


Mission for the Week

Say a special prayer to God today. Thank him for your family, your friends, and for all the things God has given you to enjoy.

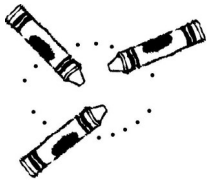
Puzzle

Circle the picture that is the **same** as the **first** one. Then color in all the pictures.



Prayer

Dear God, help me to love you more than anyone or anything else.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of a heart. Inside the heart, draw all the people and things you love.