Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

455 Hunter Avenue, West Islip, NY 11795

Msgr. Brian McNamara, Pastor
Rev. Gregory Breen, Associate Pastor
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Chaplain, Southside Hospital
Rev. Freddy Lozano, in Residence

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Vita Scorcia, Ministry Spiritual Director

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

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.

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!

- Saint Teresa of Calcutta

Pastoral Council

Msgr. Brian McNamara
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Parish Organist
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Parish Office
Stephanie Hahn
Parish Office
Rita Spera
Religious Education Office
Jeanette Yantz
School 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 August 27

Sunday: Is 22:19-23/ Rom 11:33-36/ Mt 16:13-20
Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/ Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8/ Mt 6:17-29
Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/ Mt 23:27-32
Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13/ Mt 24:42-51
Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8/ Mt 25:1-13
Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11/ Mt 25:14-30
Next Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/ Rom 12:1-2/ Mt 16:21-27

Financial Summary

August 20, 2017

Weekly Collection	$ 15,191.00
Weekly Budget	- $ 17,800.00
+/- for the week	$ (2,609.00)

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

Dear Parishioners:

Someone sent me this; it was printed in the graduation booklet of a local Catholic High School. It was written by Andy Rooney (of **60 Minutes** fame). It is titled: "***Perspective"***. I liked it!

I've learned… That the best classroom in the world is at the feet of an elderly person.
I've learned… That when you're in love, it shows.
I've learned… That just one person saying to me, 'You've made my day!' makes my day.
I've learned… That having a child fall asleep in your arms is one of the most peaceful feelings in the world.
I've learned… That being kind is more important than being right.
I've learned… That you should never say no to a gift from a child.
I've learned… That I can always pray for someone when I don't have the strength to help him in some other way.
I've learned… That sometimes all a person needs is a hand to hold and a heart to understand.
I've learned… That simple walks with my father around the block on summer nights when I was a child did wonders for me as an adult.
I've learned… That life is like a roll of toilet paper. The closer it gets to the end, the faster it goes.
I've learned… That we should be glad God doesn't give us everything we ask for.
I've learned… That money doesn't buy class.
I've learned… That it's those small daily happenings that make life so spectacular.
I've learned… That under everyone's hard shell is someone who wants to be appreciated and loved.
I've learned… That to ignore the facts does not change the facts.
I've learned… That when you plan to get even with someone, you are only letting that person continue to hurt you.
I've learned… That love, not time, heals all wounds.
I've learned… That everyone you meet deserves to be greeted with a smile.
I've learned… That no one is perfect until you fall in love with them.
I've learned… That life is tough, but I'm tougher.
I've learned… That opportunities are never lost; someone will take the ones you miss.
I've learned… That when you harbor bitterness, happiness will dock elsewhere.
I've learned… That I wish I could have told my Mom that I love her one more time before she died.
I've learned… That one should keep his words both soft and tender, because tomorrow he may have to eat them.
I've learned… That a smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks.
I've learned… That when your newly born grandchild holds your little finger in his little fist, that you are hooked for life.
I've learned… That everyone wants to live on top of the mountain, but all the happiness and growth occurs because you are climbing it.
I've learned… That the less time I have to work with, the more things I get done.

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

In Christ,

Fr. Brian

Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Rosemary Kaste.* 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.

Michael DiMatteo-*US Marines*
Michael Fantauzzi-*US Air Force*
Christopher Florca-*US Marines*
Colby Matthew Kelly-*US Army*
Anthony Mannino-*US Marines*
Anthony Memoli-*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 631-661-3224 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 …
Salvatore Albanese, Patricia (Pat) Bowers, Caitlyn Breen, Ben Calogero, Tom Calogero, Ken Colavito, Diane Cullen, Eugene Dailey, Margaret DeLuca, Franklin Edwards, Paula Edwards, Ron Graziano, Josephine Heffron, Patrick Anthony Heffron, Thomas Hicks, Jr., Margaret Hucksloot, Msgr. William Jablonski, Henry Kahn, Shena Kahn, Anne Kerrigan, Mary Jane Keveny, George Koehler, Kathleen Kruger, Carl Mai, George Mangels, Joanne Mannina, Connell McGee, Vinny Meade, Dolores Politano, Rich Popper, Dorothy Proctor, Josephine Puleo, June Quirino, Rose Rickey, Christine Rizzo, Joe Roccaro, Baby Douglas Graham Russo, Carol Saracione, Joseph J. Schiavoni, AnneMarie Schiraldi, Beverly Schmidt, Doris Shaddock, Kathy Shaddock, Diana Smiloff, Barbara Sparrow, Patricia Toscani, Bruce Uher, MaryAnn Werner

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

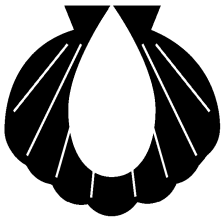
Rest In Peace

Loretta Stengel

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

Upcoming Marriages

Michelle LaBombard, and
Daniel Gargaro
both OLL



Baptism

Elizabeth Adrianna Bulmer
Jacklyn Michelle Colletti
Elania Elizabeth Crisci
Ava Elizabeth Feine
Alexandria Marie Fernandez
Ryan Stephen Ortiz
Lia Brooke Patscot

Mass Intentions

Monday, August 28
St Augustine
8:30am Daniel Lee Bahlkow

Tuesday, August 29
The Passion of St. John the Baptist
8:30am George & Mary Stone

Wednesday, August 30
8:30am Barry Smith (Living)

Thursday, August 31
8:30am Maureen Henry

Friday, September 1
8:30am Lena Cappetta

Saturday, September 2
8:30am Ethel Walsh, Salvatore Miranda, Ann McMahon

5:00pm Joseph Montesanto
Msgr. Brian McNamara

Sunday, September 3
Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00am Angelo J. Marroni
Msgr. Brian McNamara

9:30am Sabella Family
Msgr. Brian McNamara

11:00am Deceased Members of the D'Antonio, Perri & Genovese Families
Fr. Greg Breen

12:30pm Catherine McDonald
Fr. Greg Breen

6:00pm People of the Parish, Barbara McRory, Antoinette Sarro, George Quirino, Carole Gallagher, Patrick Sweeney, Josephine & Henry Pfeffer
Fr. Greg Breen

Project Rachel
Hope & Healing after Abortion

Project Rachel is a network of specially trained, compassionate care-givers, including counselors and clergy, who are prepared to assist those who suffer from abortion loss.

For anyone suffering abortion loss

- Project Rachel Hope After Abortion: hopeafterabortion.com
- Call the Respect Life Office's confidential phone line: 1-888-456-HOPE (4673)
- En Español: Esperanzaposaborto.org
- Visit the Respect Life Office website - respectlife.drvc.org - for more information

For anyone suffering Crisis Pregnancy

Visit OPTIONLINE.ORG for Pregnancy Options & Resources
Call the 24-hour National Hotline: 1-800-712-HELP (4357)

Outreach "Back to School" Drive

Outreach will be collecting school supplies to donate to families in need.

School Supplies we could use include:

* Glue Sticks	* 2 & 3 inch Binders
* Marble Notebooks	* Pencil Sharpeners
* Scissors	* Two Pocket Folders
* Crayons	* Soft Pencil Cases
* Post-Notes	* Pink Erasers
* Supply Boxes	* Highlighters
* Paper	* Markers

* One, Three and Five Subject Spiral Notebooks

* Gift Cards to Payless or Target would also be appreciated.

Donations can be left in the food baskets at the doors of the Church and, as always, our thanks!

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 631-661-3224, option 4.

Laundry detergent
Personal care products
Soap
Toilet paper
Toothpaste

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 25, 2017	10:30am or 7:30pm
Wednesday	September 27, 2017	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 $205
(Baptismal Certificate or copy is needed even if child was baptized at OLL)**

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.

Church Census Information

The process of updating our Parish Data System information is an ongoing process. We ask that you please submit any recent changes -- address, family members, phone numbers, etc. With your help, our parish data information will be more accurate, and receipt of Parish Offering Envelopes and other church information can be distributed more efficiently. Please mail the information to the Parish Office or email to: parishoffice@ollchurch.org.

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), from September through June, 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 631-586-8528.

Boy Scout Troop 179

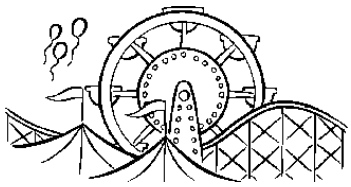
For over 40 years, Our Lady of Lourdes has been sponsoring Boy Scout Troop 179 of West Islip. We meet every **Thursday during the school year** in the School Cafeteria from **7:30pm to 9:00pm**. If you are interested in joining Boy Scouts, check out our website and stop by a meeting!
Website: http://witroop179.wix.com/bsatroop179#
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.

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

Italian Family Feast 2017



September 13-17, 2017

Opens Wednesday thru Friday at 7:00pm
Opens Saturday at 6:00pm
Opens Sunday at 2:00pm
Vegas Night Gambling on Friday and Saturday

Walk With Mary and Feast Mass

On **Saturday, September16**, 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 beginning August 19/20.** Don't wait - these tickets sell out very quickly! Super Raffle drawing will be held on Sunday, September 17 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 will be available online through a link from the parish website (ollchurch.org) beginning Sunday, August 20 until the first day of the Feast, Wednesday, September 13 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 Deacon Rich Maher at 631-661-5478.

Our Lady of Lourdes School

Growing in Wisdom and Grace

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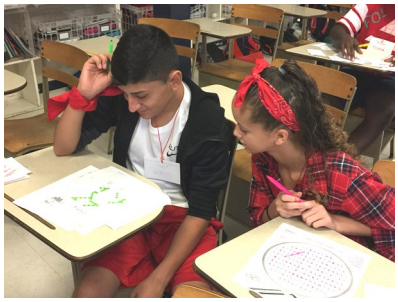


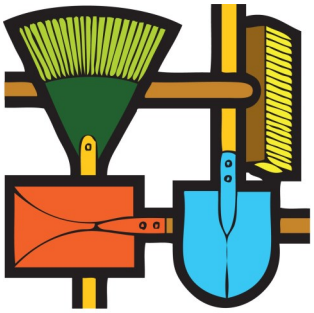
Our Lady of Lourdes

School Tours available throughout the day by appointment

- Registration for 2017-2018 school year
- Tours of school facilities
- Information about our faith-based, Academically enriched curriculum

At Our Lady of Lourdes School, our students have access to the latest educational technology- in addition to a comprehensive computer lab, all classrooms have SmartBoards and iPads are available for student use. Just this year, every student in Grades 5-8 has a Chromebook which enables the children to complete assignments in an efficient and effective manner, better preparing them for the dynamic world we live in today. OLL School is one of a few schools on Long Island to offer an abundance of technology to its student body.

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



Labor Day Parish "Clean-up" Party

On **Monday, September 4,** we will be having a Parish "Clean-up" Party from **9:00am 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!

Children's Liturgy Resumes on September 10th

We will be returning to 9:30am Mass on September 10th. All children from 4 years old up to 4th grade are invited to join us each Sunday to hear and learn about the scripture readings of the day. The children are dismissed from the church and rejoin their families in the church after the homily. Parents are welcome to join the children, if they wish.
The committee has been planning for the upcoming season and we are anxious to see the children again. All adults are welcome to join the committee. We can always use new people and ideas.

Music Ministry at OLL

Come let us sing joyfully to the Lord!
We need you! Do you like to sing? Do you play an instrument? Do you like to have fun and meet new people? Come be part of OLL's 11:00am Choir and minister to the Parish Family of Our Lady of Lourdes!
We rehearse on Thursdays at 7:00pm in the Church.
But our **first rehearsal is Friday, September 8th at 7:00pm**.

Employment Opportunity

Our Lady of Lourdes School

Needed - Teacher Assistant for Early Childhood.
This is a Per Diem position. $10.00 per hour for approximately 25 hours per week.
Please send resume to Mrs. Krol at: lkrol@ollschool.org

Nocturnal Adoration

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

This is Jesus Christ's invitation every first Saturday of the month. The Blessed Sacrament is taken to the altar after the 5:00pm Mass and will be exposed up to 9:50pm. Everyone is invited to spend some time in front of the Blessed Sacrament to offer prayers, petitions and thanksgiving to Jesus. Nocturnal Adoration will follow the 5:00pm Mass on **Saturday, September 2**, concluding with Benediction at 9:50pm. Please come and pray with us. All are invited and welcome. Bring a friend!

Gennesaret

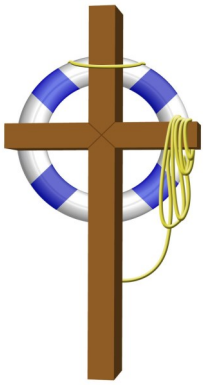
A Retreat experience for those facing serious illness

A retreat especially designed for persons who live with a serious illness is planned for September 22nd, 23rd and 24th, 2017 at Montfort Spirituality Center in Bay Shore, NY. This retreat offers a 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 to receive more information about this weekend, please call: Colette Fanelli at 631-665-7052.

A Journey of Faith from Darkness into the Light

Magnificat, a Ministry to Catholic Women, cordially invites you to attend a Breakfast on Saturday, September 23rd, at The Hofstra Club in Uniondale at 9:45 a.m. Our speaker will be Rita Parente, who will be sharing "A Journey of Faith from Darkness into the Light." Rita has been a member of Magnificat for many years and has felt a strong calling from Jesus and the Blessed Mother for the past 10 years to give her personal testimony on forgiveness and healing.

The Breakfast is $35 per person, and pre-registration is required. Please make checks payable to Magnificat and mail to: Judy Murphy, 42 Pinehurst Street, Lido Beach, NY 11561. Checks must be received by September 18th. Payment will not be accepted at the door. For additional information, please contact Judy at 917-453-5750. Come and bring a friend for a morning of fellowship, refreshment and worship!



Retrouvaille - You Can Help Heal Your Marriage

Do you feel alone?
Are you frustrated or angry with each other?
Do you argue or have you just stopped talking to each other?
Does talking about it only make it worse?

Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. For confidential information about the Retrouvaille program or to register for the upcoming weekend, which begins on Friday, September 8, 2017, please call 1-800-470-2230. You will be connected directly and confidentially to a couple from **Long Island/Metro Retrouvaille** who can help.

GIRL SCOUT PRAY AND PLAY DAY

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

10:00am to 2:30pm

Shrine of Our Lady of the Island, Eastport, NY

For a day of prayer, handicrafts and fun. Contact: 516-678-5800, ext. 245 or scouting@drvc.org

The Flame of Love to Elizabeth Kindelmann

Please join us for a day long retreat on the approved messages of "The Flame of Love to Elizabeth Kindelmann" on Saturday, September 30th, 2017 at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington. These messages are vital to the times we are living in! Tony Mullen, National Director of the Movement will be giving two retreat talks, and the day will include two meals, Mass and Adoration. You must pre-register by emailing: arguariglia@gmail.com or call Angela at 516-659-7945 for further information. The cost is $40 per person, payable at the door, and the day begins at 8:00am.

Golden Wedding Liturgy

This Fall, couples that have been married fifty years or more will be honored at liturgies on Sunday, October 22, 2017 at the Church of St. Rose of Lima in Massapequa and on Sunday, November 19, 2017 at the Church of Christ the King in Commack. Both liturgies will begin at 2:30pm. *Couples may register for ONE liturgy.* Registration forms and complete instructions can be obtained at the Parish Office. Registration must be received at the Office of Worship by October 9th for the October 22nd liturgy, and by November 6th for the November 19th liturgy. There will be additional celebrations in the Spring for those who find that more convenient. Dates for the Spring celebrations will be communicated at a later time.

If you have any questions, you may call 516-678-5800 ext. 207.

Oktoberfest Dance

The Rosary Christian Mothers are sponsoring an Oktoberfest on Saturday, October 14th from 7:00pm-11:00pm in the All Purpose Room. Music by "Note Worthy" - the same live band that played for the St. Patrick/St. Joseph Day Dance. Great authentic food. More details to follow.

Catholic High School Entrance Exam Prep Courses

The Prep Course for the Catholic High School Entrance Exam will be offered at the following locations:

St John the Baptist D.H.S. **-** For additional information, please call: 631-587-8000 ext.117 or visit: www.stjohnthebaptistdhs.net
Holy Trinity H.S., Hicksville - For additional information, visit: holytrinityhs.org or call 516-433-2900.
St. Dominic H.S., Oyster Bay - For more information, contact Mrs. Stutzmann at: 516-922-4888 ext.5241

All Volunteers - VIRTUS TRAINING

Are you aware that the Diocese of Rockville Centre requires all volunteers that are 18 years or older must attend the Virtus class? CYO Coaches, Religious Education, Catechists, Cantors, Ushers, Parish Volunteers (feast workers, mailing team, etc.) are required to attend Virtus training course, if they have not yet done so. You MUST register online by visiting *www.Virtus.org*, then click the link for first time registrants. You can view the list of sessions to find a course and then complete the registration online.
PLEASE NOTE: After completion of VIRTUS training, you will receive a certificate of completion. Please retain your certificate and training completion date for future use.

Upcoming VIRTUS Training will be:
Tuesday, September 12, 2017: 7:00-9:00pm in the Parish Center of Our Lady of Lourdes, W. Islip

PLEASE NOTE: If you have already taken the VIRTUS course you need not repeat it.

Preparing for Marriage?

Engaged Encounter is an effective Pre-Cana 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 Immaculate Conception Seminary in Huntington on October 13-15. For information/registration, please call 631-563-1032 or visit: www.engagedencounterli.org.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Help discover the keys to your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next WWME Weekends are Sept. 15-17, 2017 in Huntington, NY and Nov. 3-5, 2017 in Huntington, NY. For more information, call John & Toni Torio at 718-344-3700 or visit us at http://www.wwmeli.org.

St. Joseph Renewal Center *26 South Saxon Avenue, Bay Shore, NY 11706*

Living with Alzheimer's & Dementia 1:00-2:30pm - 1st Wednesday of the month from 9/6/17 to 6/6/18
Facilitators: Josephine Daspro, CSJ, D.Min & James Morris Free will offering.

Enduring Spirituality for Senior Men & Women Fridays, 10:30am-Noon E.O.W. from 9/8/17 to 11/17/17
Presenter: Josephine Daspro, CSJ Offering $15 per session or $75 for all the sessions.

Men 2 Men Gathering 8:00-9:30am - 2nd Saturday of every month from 9/9/17 to 8/11/18
Facilitators: Michael Dunn & participants from the gathering Offering $20, includes breakfast.

Please call 631-647-8683 to register for any of these programs

Cenacle Retreat Center *310 Cenacle Road, Ronkonkoma, NY 11779*
631-588-8366

Thursday, September 21, 2017
1:00-4:00pm at the Retreat Center, 12:30pm arrivals and refreshments
LOVE NEVER DIES - THE HEART OF GRIEF AND HOPE Grief and Healing Workshop
September: Tasks and challenges of grief, the faces of grief
This workshop helps us find strength and hope following the death of a loved one. An opportunity to heal some of the hurting a loss can bring. A supportive, safe place to honor our journey and the love that never dies even as time moves on. One may attend one or all of the workshops: (See also 10/19 & 11/16)
Presenter: Paul Alexander, LCSW Offering: $35 per session - $20 deposit required to hold your reservation.

Sunday, September 24, 2017
1:30-4:30pm at the Retreat Center, 1:00pm arrivals and refreshments
GET OUT OF THE BOAT! – SILENT AFTERNOON OF PRAYER
"If it is you, bid me to come to you upon the waters" (Matthew 14:28). In *Essence of Prayer*, Carmelite writer Ruth Burrows insists that in order to heed Jesus' invitation to "Come," we have to be willing to let go of our criterion regarding prayer and what growth in the Spirit might mean. Discover how real prayer entails letting go of the controls.
Presenter: Sr. Kathryn Madden, r.c. Offering: $35 - $20 deposit required to hold your reservation.

September 29-30, 2017 5:00pm Friday – 4:00pm Saturday
INTRODUCTION TO A SILENT, DIRECTED RETREAT
Hungry for something deeper in your spiritual life? This quiet overnight retreat offers the experience of silence, solitude, different ways of praying and what to discuss with your Director during a Directed Retreat.
Presenters: Sr. Kathy Scott, r.c. and Joan McGovern, Cenacle Ministry Staff
Offering: $125 - $50 deposit required to hold your reservation.

Saturday, September 30, 2017
1:30–4:30pm at the Maude Adams House, 1:00pm arrivals and refreshments
THIRD ACT – What's God's Purpose for Me after the Grandchildren Are Grown? Day of Prayer for Women over 70.
What fears am I facing? How do I open myself to the joy that Jesus is offering me? We'll process our limitations and begin to let go of the "small stuff".
Presenter: Sr. Margaret Rohde, r.c. Offering: $35 - $20 deposit required to hold your reservation.

Part-Time Receptionist – St. Joseph Parish, Babylon

St. Joseph's Parish in Babylon is looking for a friendly, detail-oriented, part-time receptionist to work in the parish office various times on Saturdays. Responsibilities include answering phones, sorting mail, greeting visitors, data entry into parish database, mailing projects. Some computer skills necessary. Qualified candidates please call: 631-669-0068 x159
or e-mail resume to: jzollo@stjosephsbabylon.org.

"Moving On" Group

An 'After- Bereavement' Group for Widows and Widowers Presents:

"Organize, De-Clutter and Downsize"

Presented by Alice Price

Friday, September 8th at 7:30pm
Church of St. Joseph Parish Center
39 North Carll Avenue, Babylon, NY 11702
For further information please call Geri Olson at 631-661-8994 or
Mike Goodwin at 631-422-0957

Calling all St. Dominic High School Alumni

2017 Alumni Hall of Fame Dinner Saturday, September 23, 2017

Honoring: Stephen Dannhauser '68, Al Carey '69, Tim Kempton '82, Jay Hernandez '96, Mercedes Quinn '43, Maria Ehlinger '05, Coach Tom Capozzoli (Posthumous)

For more information, please contact:
Lori Mascia, Office of Development & Alumni Relations
(516) 922-4888 ext. 2225

Religion and Rock

Tune into "Religion and Rock" with Msgr. Jim Vlaun on Sunday from 7:00am to 8:00am on WBAB 102.3 FM or 95.3 on the East End of Long Island. Listen on Saturdays at 11:00pm on Sirius Radio, Channel 159, the Catholic Channel and at 11:00pm on XM Satellite, Channel 117. Next Sunday's theme is "**Labor Day/Work/Laboring for God**."

Sharing the Gospel

God sent great prophets to His people. Jeremiah, Elijah, and John the Baptist were faithful to God. They told God's people to love each other. But God's people would not listen. That is why God sent His Son, Jesus, to be your Savior. With Jesus' help, you can turn back to God. Because of Jesus, you can love others. Because of Jesus, you can look forward to Heaven.

Mission for the Week

Tell God you are sorry for your sins. Ask God to help you follow Jesus' example.

Puzzle

Which picture name **begins** with this letter? Circle the picture that starts with that sound.

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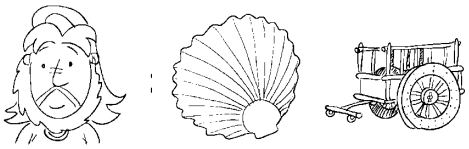

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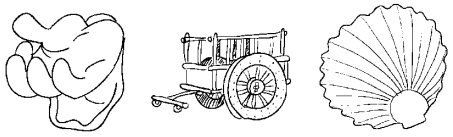

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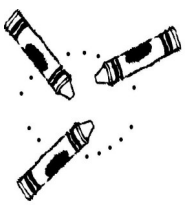
Prayer

God,
I thank You for sending Your Son, Jesus, to be my Savior.

Something to Draw



Draw a picture of Jesus in Heaven, holding out His hand to you.