

# Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

455 Hunter Avenue, West Islip, NY 11795

**Msgr. Brian McNamara**, Pastor  
**Rev. Robert Scheckenback**, Associate Pastor  
**Rev. James Drew**, In Residence

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

**Sr. Nancy Campkin CSJ**, Director of Religious Ed  
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## Parish Office

**Phone: 661.3224, press 1**  
Monday-Thursday: 9:00am-7:30pm  
Friday: 9:00am-5:00pm  
Saturday: 9:00am-3:00pm  
Sunday: 9:00am-2:00pm  
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Fax: 661.7143  
Website: [www.ollchurch.org](http://www.ollchurch.org)

## Our Lady of Lourdes School

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

## Religious Education Office

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

## Parish Outreach Office

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

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

**Phone: 661.3224, Ext. 122**  
E-mail: [Sage@ollchurch.org](mailto:Sage@ollchurch.org)



## Liturgical Schedule

### Daily Mass

8:30am

### Weekend Masses

Saturday: 5:00pm

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

### Reconciliation/Confession

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

### Rosary

Daily at 8:00am

### Miraculous Medal Novena

Monday at 8:00am

## Sacraments

### Anointing of the Sick

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

### Baptism

Please contact the Parish Office to schedule an appointment.

### Marriage

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

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

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

**First Sunday of Advent • November 30, 2014**



## Welcome to our Parish Family

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

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

*- Mother Theresa*

### Pastoral Council

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

### Parish Staff

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

### Mission Statement

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

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

### Readings for the Week of November 30

**Sunday:** Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/ 1 Cor 1:3-9/ Mk 13:33-37  
**Monday:** Is 2:1-5/ Mt 8:5-11  
**Tuesday:** Is 11:1-10/ Lk 10:21-24  
**Wednesday:** Is 25:6-10a/ Mt 15:29-37  
**Thursday:** Is 26:1-6/ Mt 7:21, 24-27  
**Friday:** Is 29:17-24/ Mt 9:27-31  
**Saturday:** Is 30:19-21, 23-26/ Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8  
**Next Sunday:** Is 40:1-5, 9-11/ 2 Pt 3:8-14/ Mk 1:1-8

## Financial Summary

### November 23, 2014

Weekly Collection	\$ 17,830.00
Weekly Budget	- \$ 18,200.00
+/- for the week	\$ ( 370.00)

*The estimated weekly collection needed to maintain and operate our parish buildings, ministries, programs and salaries is \$18,200.*

Dear Parishioners:

I hope and trust that all goes well by you and that you had a great Thanksgiving with family and friends – and that you had a delicious time with the left-overs as well! We do have much to be thankful for and Thanksgiving is an opportunity to reflect upon all the tender mercies that God has showered upon us.

As you know, last Sunday, Deacon Jack Teufel and I celebrated our anniversaries as a priest (30 years) and as a deacon (35 years). Deacon Jack, in fact, is from the first ordination class of deacons in our Diocese of Rockville Centre. We would like to thank everyone involved in making the celebration so special, from the liturgy (choir, musicians, ushers, lectors, Eucharistic ministers) to everyone who assisted with the reception following the Mass of Thanksgiving. We want to thank everyone who made sandwiches, desserts, etc. We especially want to thank Sr. Nancy for taking leadership in getting it all together!

Today we celebrate the first Sunday of the season of **Advent**. Advent is a time of waiting; waiting for the coming of Christ at the end of time (1<sup>st</sup> two weeks of Advent) and waiting for the coming of Christ at Christmas (the last two weeks of Advent). The increasing secularization and commercialization of Christmas has often caused us to lose sight of the season of Advent. Make Advent a time of waiting for Christ!

More appropriately, Advent is not just a time of waiting; it is really a time of *preparation*. You should have received in the mail a letter outlining all our **Advent Offerings** here at Our Lady of Lourdes. There is also a listing of the **Advent Offerings** in the bulletin. There are offerings for everyone, the young and the not-so-young, morning and night! These offerings are opportunities but, as with all opportunities, you have to choose to take advantage of them. Please take advantage of these offerings!

I especially would like to highlight **Saturday, December 6: Family Night with St. Nicholas** and **Friday, December 19: St. Francis Tells the Christmas Story**. The children will love each event and these events will help our children realize the true meaning of Christmas: the gift that God the Father gave us, the gift of his son, Jesus Christ.

The secular world likes to count down how many more “shopping” days until Christmas; as believers, you and I should count down how many more “praying” days until Christmas. As you read this letter, we have 24 more “praying” days until Christmas. Use these days wisely and draw closer to the Lord Jesus.

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

In Christ,

Fr. Brian

## Altar Society

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

## Members in the Military

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

**Michael Fantauzzi**-*US Air Force*

**Christopher Florca**-*US Marines*

**Kyle Fouhy**-*US Marines*

**Anthony Mannino**-*US Marines*

**James Rooney III**-*US Marines*

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



## Pastoral Care of Our Sick

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

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

## Parish Spiritual Care Companions

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

## Pray for Our Sick

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

*Salvatore Albanese, Anthony Anitra, Patricia Beni, Frank Biondo, Dorothy Blandino, Matilda Bontempo, Mary Breest, Robert Burnett, Thomas J. Calogero III, Patricia Carlson, Grace Ciccarello, Dolores DellaVecchia, Karen DellaVecchia, Andrew DiBlasi, Amanda DiTingo, Frank Edwards, Paula Edwards, Jake Feldman, Billy Fuchs, Kenneth Garretson, Robert Garretson, Donna Gerek, Tommy Haughney, Josephine Heffron, Patrick Anthony Heffron, Alexander Howe, Betty Infurno, Shena Kahn, Millie Kelly, Anne Kerrigan, Michael Kirshbaum, George Koehler, Kevin Kuchler, Frank Licciardi, Sean Lillis, Paul Martucci, Trisha Masiar, Vinny Meade, Richard Meyer, Ruth Murray, Alfred Musella, Evelyn Nonnon, Michele Nonnon List, Baby Joseph Onofrietti, Dorothy Proctor, Artie Petrino, Jimmy Reilly, Linda Anne Savino, Roseann Savino, Joseph J. Schiavoni, Ann Marie Schiraldi, Joseph Sepe, Carol Shinn, Roy Sorrese, Patricia Troiano, Joseph Visconti, Camille Watts*



## Rest In Peace

*Jean Dobson  
Francis Benedict Paules*

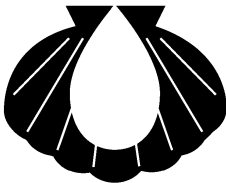
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We extend our prayerful sympathy to the families and loved ones of those recently deceased.

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## Baptism

*William Joseph Massaro  
William & KristiAnn*

## Mass Intentions

### Monday, December 1

**8:30am** Josephine Carrano

### Tuesday, December 2

**8:30am** Joseph Healy

### Wednesday, December 3

*Saint Francis Xavier*

**8:30am** Living and Deceased Members of Potuzak Family

### Thursday, December 4

*Saint John Damascene*

**8:30am** John Liona

### Friday, December 5

**8:30am** Sweeney & LaRocca Family

### Saturday, December 6

*Saint Nicholas*

**8:30am** John G. Meditz, Harry Mignone,  
Thomas Frascinella, Eugene Carroll,  
Dolores Murphy, Richard Gladkowski

**5:00pm** David Michael Calogero

*Msgr. Brian McNamara*

### Sunday, December 7

*Second Sunday of Advent*

**8:00am** Lodespoto Family

*Fr. Bob Scheckenback*

**9:30am** Ben & Loreto Fantauzzi

*Visitor*

**11:00am** Joseph & Mary Rizzo

*Visitor*

**12:30pm** Giovanni Andriola

*Fr. Bob Scheckenback*

**6:00pm**

People of the Parish, John Maestri,  
Anthony & Nancy Cerrella, Sr. Anne Dalton,  
Edward Stewart, Adam Sigler, William Maron  
*Msgr. Brian McNamara*

## OLL School 50th Anniversary Planning Meeting

Tuesday, December 9 from 7:00pm to 9:00pm in the Cafeteria

Please contact Richard Maher at 516.982.3487 or email [Tipperar@aol.com](mailto:Tipperar@aol.com).

### Respect Life Ministry



The following organizations, that work with moms and babies that are in need of services, are in need of all types of volunteers:

#### Regina Maternity Services

Yes ... we are in particular need of people to help out with driving the girls and babies to appointments. Also, we have a mentoring program where you can be of great help.

For more information, contact Maryellen Kwiecinski at 516.223.7888 or [kwiecinski.maryellen@catholiccharities.cc](mailto:kwiecinski.maryellen@catholiccharities.cc)

#### Momma's House, Inc.

Our volunteer coordinator is Joan Phillips and she can be reached at 516.236.3922 but preferably [mommasvolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:mommasvolunteers@gmail.com).

#### Life Center (AAA Pregnancy Options)

Donna Creen, Center Director

1767 Deer Park Avenue

Deer Park, NY 11729

631.243.0066

[www.lifecenter.org](http://www.lifecenter.org)

### The Giving Tree

**In anticipation of the great event Christmas!**

The Giving Tree has been decorated with tags so that you may help those in need this Christmas.

Please return your gift by **December 14** so that there is time to sort and distribute the gifts. We ask that the gifts are brought in *unwrapped* but we will gladly accept wrapping paper, bows and tags so that the families can wrap the gifts for their loved ones.

Thank you for all the support you give to Outreach.



## Religious Education

### ADVENT 2014

#### READY THE WAY

Come Be a Part of "THE SIX"

Sunday, 6:00pm Mass

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

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

#### 1st Sunday of Advent

**November 30 -Grade 8** ... Get ready for the power of prayer to change you!

#### 2nd Sunday of Advent

**December 7 -Grade 7** ... The message of John the Baptist has a lot to offer many of us!

#### 3rd Sunday of Advent

**December 14 -Grade 6** ... Prepare to be challenged to live your life in a different way!

#### 4th Sunday of Advent

**December 21 -Grade 5** ... Discover the unexpected ways of God!

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



### *Special K*

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

*We meet monthly in Church from 4:30pm to approximately 5:10pm:*

*December 5, January 16, February 13, March 13, April 17, May 15*

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

## 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](mailto:RCIA@ollchurch.org) or call the Parish Office at 661.3224, option 1, and we would be happy to help you.

## Rosary Christian Mothers

The Rosary Christian Mothers will be holding their Christmas Party on **Monday, December 1** in the Parish Center at 7:00pm. *Please don't forget gift for unborn!*

## SAGE

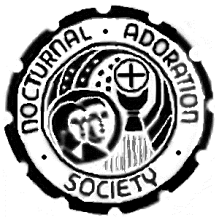
The SAGE Group (*Senior Advocates for Growth and Enrichment*) will meet on **Tuesday, December 2** in the Parish Center at 9:00am.

## Women's Prayer Group

Come join us and share a cup of coffee! We are women; mothers, daughters, sisters and wives, married and single, of all ages and stages in our lives. We come together to pray, share and discuss how our faith fills us and gets us through our lives. We welcome all women to come and share how God made us special and how we bring that into our world. We meet on the first Thursday of each month in the **Spiritual Life Center at 9:30am**. Your story is what we need to hear. **Our next meeting is on December 4**. For more information, call Vita Scorcia at 669.4717.

## Nocturnal Adoration

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



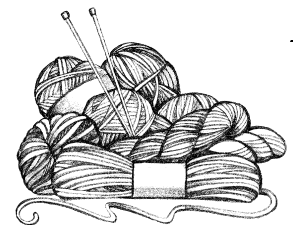
This is Jesus Christ's invitation every first Saturday of the month. The Blessed Sacrament is taken to the main altar after the 5:00pm Mass and will be exposed up to 9:50pm. Everyone is invited to spend some time in front of the Blessed Sacrament to offer prayers, petitions and thanksgiving to Jesus. Nocturnal Adoration will follow the 5:00pm Mass on **Saturday, December 6**, concluding with Benediction at 9:50pm. Please come and pray with us. All are invited and welcome. Bring a friend!

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

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

Join us...

**Wednesday, December 10 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.





## **ADVENT OFFERINGS**

### **MONDAY, DECEMBER 1:**

9:00am

### **REFLECTIONS ON THE ADVENT SUNDAY READINGS**

SPIRITUAL LIFE CENTER: Fr. Bob will lead the reflection.

### **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2:**

7:30pm

### **The “Camino” : Reflections of a Pilgrim**

PARISH CENTER: Fr. Bob will reflect on his *Camino* experience.

### **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6:**

6:00pm

### **LIGHTING OF THE CHRISTMAS TREE/FAMILY NIGHT WITH ST. NICHOLAS**

FR. JOE LUKASZEWSKI GARDEN/ALL-PURPOSE ROOM

### **MONDAY, DECEMBER 8:**

8:30am; 12:10pm; 7:30pm

### **HOLY DAY: FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

CHURCH: Masses for the Holy Day

9:00am

### **REFLECTIONS ON THE ADVENT SUNDAY READINGS**

SPIRITUAL LIFE CENTER: Deacon Tom will lead the reflection.

### **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9:**

7:30pm

### **ADVENT EVENING OF REFLECTION WITH SR. DIANE**

Why were shepherds chosen to receive the news of Christ’s birth?

### **MONDAY, DECEMBER 15:**

9:00am

### **REFLECTIONS ON THE ADVENT SUNDAY READINGS**

SPIRITUAL LIFE CENTER: Deacon John will lead the reflection.

### **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16:**

7:30pm

### **FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT: “THE NATIVITY”**

PARISH CENTER: A great family movie that focuses on the life of Joseph and Mary up to the birth of Jesus.

### **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19:**

5:30pm & 8:00pm

### **ST. FRANCIS TELLS THE CHRISTMAS STORY**

CHURCH: A musical for the entire family. It is the story of the Birth of Jesus through the eyes of the manger animals.

### **MONDAY, DECEMBER 22:**

3:00pm – 8:00pm

### **RECONCILIATION/CONFESSIONS**

CHURCH: Confessors will be available throughout this time.

9:00am

### **REFLECTIONS ON THE CHRISTMAS READINGS**

SPIRITUAL LIFE CENTER: Deacon Jack will lead the reflection.

**\*\*DECEMBER 1 – DECEMBER 15: GIVING TREE GIFT PROGRAM FOR THE NEEDY\*\***

**\*\*DECEMBER 8 – JANUARY 12: STOP BY & VISIT A COLLECTION OF NATIVITY SETS**

# St. Francis Tells the Christmas Story

Friday, December 19, 2014  
5:30pm and 8:00pm (two shows)  
Our Lady of Lourdes Church

Presented by your fellow parishioners, **St. Francis Tells the Christmas Story** is an entertaining and enjoyable musical portrayal of the birth of Christ as seen through the eyes of the animals at the nativity. Please join us in this heartwarming reminder of the simplicity of the Christmas story and re-discover the real “**reason for the season**” on **Friday, December 19 at 5:30pm or 8:00pm** in our lovely Church.



To make this event even more meaningful for the children in the audience, we are inviting them to participate in a procession during the musical to bring non-perishable food items (for our Outreach Pantry) and present them to the Baby Jesus, as their gift to feed the hungry. **Please be sure to wrap your child's food item as a Christmas gift!**

In order to assist in defraying the cost of presenting this musical, which includes the building of sets, lighting, etc., we are reaching out to the generous supporters of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish. We invite you to become a sponsor for this event by reserving a page or a message in our program for the night. Your sponsorship will help us present a wonderful musical event!

Full Page Ad:	100.00
1/2 Page Ad:	50.00
1/4 Page Ad:	25.00
Friends of OLL Music-One Line Ad:	5.00

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Please return this tear-off along with your check by **MONDAY, DECEMBER 1** to:

**Our Lady of Lourdes ~ 455 Hunter Avenue ~ West Islip, NY 11795 ~ Attn: Lori Walsh**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Size of Ad and Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Please print your message below, attach a business card or your ad copy

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## Adult Faith Formation

**Presenter: Fr. Bob**

**Tuesday: December 2**

**7:30pm to 9:30pm**

**Parish Center**

Please join Fr. Bob for a presentation on the **Camino de Santiago de Compostela**. You will experience a first-hand explanation of the Camino with pictures and stories.



*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](mailto:religioused@ollchurch.org).*

## Advent “Great Expectations”

**An Evening of Reflection**

**Tuesday, December 9**

**7:30pm**

**Parish Center**



Join S. Diane and other members of our Parish Family as they reflect upon **Advent “Great Expectations.”**

Why were shepherds chosen to receive the news of Christ’s birth?

We invite you to join in our Advent “Great Expectations” and share with all in a spirit of joy, love, peace, and hope ... and hospitality with all ... sponsored by *Evangelization Ministry*.

## Reflections on the Advent Sunday Readings

**Monday Mornings during Advent**

**9:00am**

**Spiritual Life Center**

Each Monday of Advent, at 9:00am, please join us as we gather in the Spiritual Life Center for coffee, rolls, and a talk, with some time for discussion and reflection.

Monday, December 1, 9:00am Fr. Bob will lead

Monday, December 8, 9:00am Deacon Tom Lucie will lead

Monday, December 15, 9:00am Deacon John De Guardi will lead

Monday, December 22, 9:00am Deacon Jack Meehan will lead (*Christmas readings*)



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Our Lady of Lourdes School's

# Breakfast with Santa! Sunday, Dec. 7th

Hot Breakfast, Raffles, 50/50 Raffle and of course  
**SANTA!**

Buy your ticket ASAP as seating is limited.  
\$10 per adult, \$7 for ages 12 and under,  
children 3 and under are FREE

**2 Seatings:**  
**7:30-9:30 a.m.**  
**10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

Any questions please contact Denise Stidd  
631-365-1845 or dstidd@ollschooll.org  
Thank you for your support!



Please tear off this portion of the flyer, complete it in full and submit it to our School Office –Attention: Breakfast with Santa Committee with your check made payable to Our Lady of Lourdes School. Guest list will be at the door – no tickets will be mailed.

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

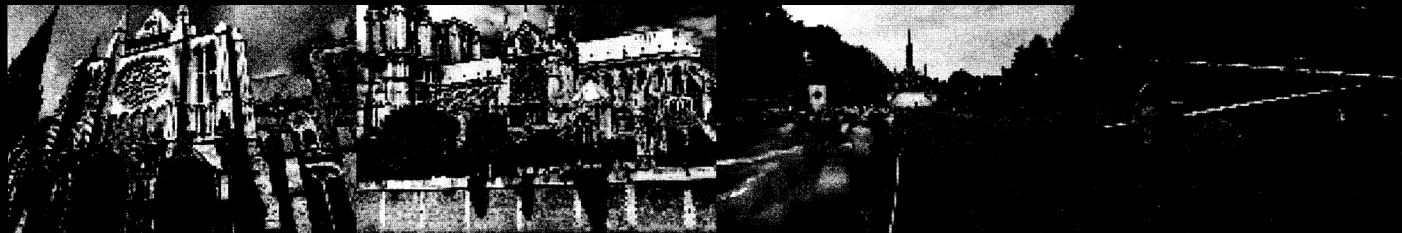
Family Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of people in attendance:	# of adults	_____	x \$10	=	_____
	# of kids, 12 under	_____	x \$7	=	_____
	# of kids, 3 under	_____	x \$0	=	_____

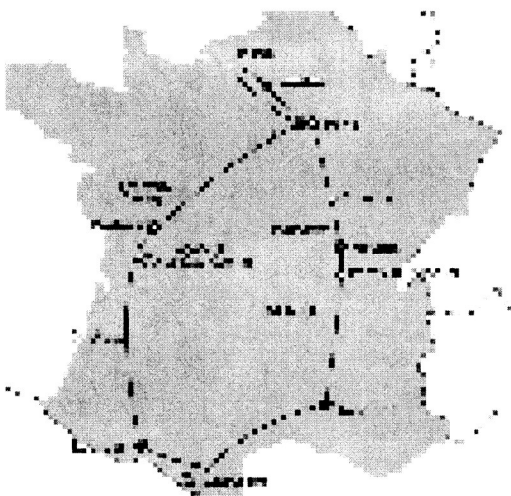
Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

CHECK seating will you be attending: \_\_\_\_\_ 7:30-9:30 a.m.  
\_\_\_\_\_ 10:30-12:30 p.m.

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



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



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

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

### Headsets throughout the tour

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

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

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

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

**PARIS** Kyriad Bercy (ST)

**POITIERS** Ibis Centre (F)

**LOURDES** Quality Alliance (ST)

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

**NEVERS** Kyriad Centre (ST)

- **Buffet breakfasts; 5 dinners**

## Vacation overview

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

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

**Air from JFK: \$1433**

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

**CruiseOne**

Contact: Monica Colonna

631.539.9756 or mcolonna@cruiseone.com

**COSMOS**  **JOURNEYS YOU  
CAN BELIEVE IN**

## Ministry of Praise

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

## Good Samaritan Prayer Group of L.I.

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

## Prayer for Divine Mercy

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



## Boy Scout Troop 179

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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



# Parish Advent Celebration

## Saturday, December 6

Everyone is invited to our **Parish Advent Celebration**.  
Let us come together ... young, old and in between ... to celebrate the season together.

### Lighting the Parish Tree and Nativity Scene

Fr. Brian will bless and light the Parish Christmas Tree and Nativity Scene in the **Fr. Joe Garden** following **5:00pm Mass**. St. Nicholas will be joining us.

### Cookie Sale

OLL School will be selling delicious cookies in the All Purpose Room following the Tree Lighting. Proceeds will benefit OLL School.

### Our Special OLL Advent Town

This is a busy time of the year with planning, preparing and shopping. Most of the malls and shops are filled with glitter, toys, gifts and tired shoppers. The *shops* in our **Advent Town** are filled with activities, goodies and the message that **“The Best Christmas Gift Of All, Can’t Be Bought in the Mall.”** Come visit our *shops* in the **All Purpose Room** following the Tree Lighting.



\*COOKIE TOUR  
\*TIL-8:00PM

\*CELEBRATE MASS  
5:00PM

\*TREE LIGHTING  
6:00PM

\$ 10 PER BOX

JOIN US AFTER THE TREE LIGHTING FOR THE  
COOKIE TOUR WITH CAROLS PERFORMED BY OUR  
STUDENTS, FUN CONTESTS AND 50/50 RAFFLE

## Christmas at Sagtikos Holiday House Tours

*Saturday, December 13*

*Sunday, December 14*

*11:00am - 3:00pm (last tour)*

Take a trip into the past as the holidays are recalled from the works of well-known authors and poets. The tour will take you through the holiday decorated Manor, led by docents in period dress. After the tour, enjoy hot drinks and cookies, and you can do some holiday shopping in our gift shop. Also available for sale are fresh hand-made greenery items offered by the Friends of the Manor Gardens. Tours leave every 15 minutes beginning at 11:00am. Last tour is at 3:00pm. Adults \$20, Seniors & Students \$15 and Children (5-12) \$5 if reserved. Reservation must be sent in with check and received by Dec. 10th. The cost at the door is \$25, with the child price remaining at \$5 as space allows. Please keep in mind that tour slots are reserved in advance so if you pay at the door, there may be a wait. To download a form, go to web address: <http://sagtikosmanor.com/events.html>

## Worldwide Marriage Encounter



### Fifth Annual Search Begins for Longest Married Couples in United States

The fifth annual search for the longest married couple in the United States is under way as announced by Worldwide Marriage Encounter, the original faith-based marriage enrichment program in this country. Once again, we want to honor the longest married couple in the United States, as well as in each of the 50 states and territories. The national winners will be recognized during Valentine's Week 2015 which coincides with World Marriage Day which is the second Sunday of February (2/8/15). This marks the project's fifth consecutive year for the highly acclaimed activity recognizing couples for their long marriages. There have been over 1,200 couples nominated for the honors during the last four years. Winners are selected solely from nominations submitted. Local Long Island winner will be honored at a celebration on February 6, 2015.

The contact information for sending in a nomination, which simply requires the name of the couple, their wedding date and where they currently reside plus a contact phone or email address of the individual nominating the couple, is as follows: email [wwmelmc2015@gmail.com](mailto:wwmelmc2015@gmail.com), regular mail Dick & Diane Baumbach 8924 Puerto Del Rio Drive Suite 402, Cape Canaveral, FL 32920, and special phone number 321-613-5180. Nominations must be received by January 10th, 2015. For more information visit our web site at <http://www.wwme.org>.

## Animal Shelter Toy and Food Drive

**Hope for the Holidays** is an annual food drive for Long Island's local animal shelters. We are looking to collect pet food, old blankets, treats, toys and litter now until December 22. For more information and drop off locations, visit [Facebook.com/hopefortheholidaysshelterdrive](https://www.facebook.com/hopefortheholidaysshelterdrive). Help us make this holiday season a good one for these forgotten pets!

## 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 **"Being Prepared."**



## Sharing the Gospel

When you play on a baseball team, you learn how to pay attention. Your coach reminds you and your teammates to stay ready. You learn to watch the ball. Those are good lessons to learn, because Jesus wants you to pay attention, too. Keep your eyes and your mind on Jesus, so you're ready when he comes.



## Mission for the Week

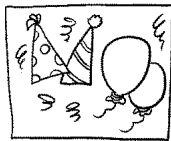
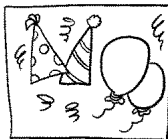
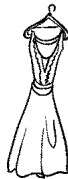
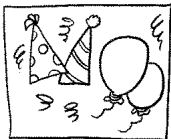


Play a quick game of baseball. Cheer for one another. End the game with a prayer that you will keep your eyes on Jesus.



### Puzzle

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



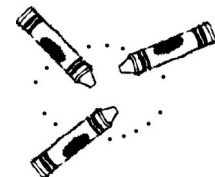
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## Prayer



Jesus, help me to stay ready for you.

## Something to Draw



Draw a picture of people who help you stay ready for Jesus.