Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

455 Hunter Avenue, West Islip, NY 11795

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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.

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time • Sunday, August 29, 2021



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 Eileen Rega Mary Borgs Lisa Cantalino Sonia DaSilva Dcn. Nilo DeLeon Jerry Esposito Trish Frodell Pam Gagliano Deborah Lamb Rosalie Mangels John Muldoon Dottie Perdue Vita Scorcia

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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 29

 Sunday:
 Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/ Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/ Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

 Monday:
 1 Thes 4:13-18/ Lk 4:16-30

 Tuesday:
 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/ Lk 4:31-37

 Wednesday:
 Col 1:1-8/ Lk 4:38-44

 Thursday:
 Col 1:9-14/ Lk 5:1-11

 Friday:
 Col 1:15-20/ Lk 5:33-39

 Saturday:
 Is 35:4-7a/ Jas 2:1-5/ Mk 7:31-37

Financial Summary

August 22, 2021

Weekly Collection Weekly Budget +/- for the week

17,800.00

Financial information was unavailable to time of printing. It will be provided in a subsequent bulletin.

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 a few years ago; I thought parents of teen-agers might find it especially amusing.

Ten Rules Kids Won't Learn in High School

Life is not fair. Get used to it. The average teenager uses the phrase "It's not fair" 86 times a day.

The real world won't care as much about your self-esteem as your school does. This may come as a shock.

Sorry, you won't make \$40,000 a year right out of high school. And you won't be a vice president of a company and have a car phone. You may even have to wear a uniform that doesn't have a designer label.

If you think your teacher is tough, wait until you get a boss.

Flipping burgers is not beneath your dignity. Your grandparents had a different word for burger flipping. They called it opportunity.

It's not your parents' fault if you mess up. You're responsible. This is the flip side of "It's my life" and "You're not my boss."

Before you were born, your parents weren't boring. They got that way paying your bills and listening to you.

Life is not divided into semesters. And you don't get summers off. Not even spring break. You are expected to show up every day for eight hours, and you don't get a new life every 10 weeks.

Smoking does not make you look cool. Watch an 11-year-old with a butt in his mouth. That's what you look like to anyone over 20.

Your school may be "outcome-based," but life isn't. In some schools, you're given as many times as you want to get the answer right. Standards are set low enough so everyone can meet them. This, of course, bears not the slightest resemblance to anything in real life - as you will find out.

Good luck. You are going to need it - and the harder you work, the luckier you will get.

In Christ,

Fr. Brian

PS: Don't forget our Parish Clean-Up Party on Monday, September 6 (Labor Day), from 9:00am – 10:30am. Bring lopper, clippers, shovels, saws, etc. Let's spruce up the place!

Don't forget to volunteer for the upcoming Feast (Sept 15 - 19) and to buy chance books, both the Daily chance books (\$200 per night) and the Super Raffle (\$7,000, \$2,000, or \$1,000). You have to be in it to win it!

Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by Pat Wissing. 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.

Michael DiMatteo-US Marines Michael Fantauzzi-US Air Force **Christopher Florca**-US Marines **Dominick Gennaro**-US Army Patrick Harty-US Coast Guard **Ritchard Higham-**US Army Colby Matthew Kelly-US Army Luke Loftsgaarden-US Army Anthony Mannino-US Marines Msgr. Brian McNamara-US Air Force Peter Zaccaria-US Navy **Anthony Memoli**-US Marines

Timothy Milligan-US Marines Melissa Mockler-US Navy **Andrew Perniciaro**-US Army **Brandon Ranzie**-US Army **Stephen Rolston**-US Army Jack Shires-US Navy James Stultz -US Army Jack Taffner-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 ...

Connie Ambrosino, Thomas Anderson, Patricia Blanch, Morgan Brennan, Thomas Calogero Jr., Thomas J. Calogero III, Lynn Cooper, Joseph Dreher, Dcn. John DeGuardi, Amanda DiTingo, Paula Edwards, Kasey Gagliano, Robert M. Grippo, Patricia Guinta, Patrick Anthony Heffron, Donald Horne, Henry Kahn, Shena Kahn, Anne Kerrigan, Martin Kerrigan, Rosemary LeConte, Christopher Lennon, James Leung, Michael F. Maher, Rose Mattiello, Allison Michelini, Aidan Miller, Michael Moskowitz, Dawn Muldoon, Edward Pauciullo, Barbara Perino, Stephan Quail, Joseph J. Schiavoni, Natalie Stone, David Stucker, Betty Teufel, Dcn. Jack Teufel, Louis Van Dyken

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



Julia Boccia Meta Ermert

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



Upcoming Marriages Jennifer Hunter and Matthew Butera

> Amber Kuchler, OLL and Darren Dominguez St. Brigid, Westbury



Baptism Cali Rose Giangaspro Rylie Skye Giangaspro Luca Francis Griffo Brielle Kim Whaley

All of our Masses may be viewed via live-stream on our parish website. Please join us by visiting our website at: <u>ollchurch.org</u>.

Mass Intentions

Monday, August 30 8:30am Evelyn Cellini

Tuesday, August 31 8:30am Clair Thomson

Wednesday, September 1 8:30am Joseph Montesanto, Sr.

Thursday,
8:30amSeptember 2
Evelyn Cellini

Friday, September 3St. Gregory the Great8:30amDeceased Members of the Genovese and D'Antonio
Families

Saturday, September 4

- 8:30am John Szczecina
- 5:00pm Sweeney & LaRocca Families *Fr. Charles Mangano*

Sunday, September 5

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time8:00amPasquale SgambatiMsgr. Brian McNamara

- 9:30am Deceased Members of the Okurowski Family *Msgr. Brian McNamara*
- **11:00am** Tony Squeo, Jean Sullivan and John Sullivan, Jr. *Fr. Charles Mangano*
- 12:30pm Patrick Sweeney Fr. Charles Mangano
- 6:00pm People of the Parish *Fr. Charles Mangano*



Gabriel's Courage Perinatal Support Program

Gabriel's Courage is a family centered program for families who receive a life-limiting prenatal diagnosis during their pregnancy. The program offers a multidisciplinary team approach to care and support throughout pregnancy, birth and post birth. Gabriel's Courage is a program of Catholic Health Services and Good Shepherd Hospice. This program offers hope, affirms life and provides an opportunity for the family to welcome their baby, as well as assisting in saying goodbye. Gabriel's Courage is seeking financial support to continue this important program. If you are interested in making a donation to Gabriel's

Courage, please contact Good Shepherd Hospice Development Office at 631-465-6350. At times, infant burial can be challenging financially. Gabriel's Courage seeks to honor the lives of these babies and support parents in their wishes to bury their child. A burial is the last act of parenting for some of our families. We ask that you consider donating resources for burials which could include financial support or donation of an available grave. If you are interested in making a donation, please contact Peter Ryan, Director of Catholic Cemeteries, at 516-334-7990, ext.109. Thank you for your support of this special program and the recipients in its care.



Parish "Clean-up" Party

On Monday, September 6th, we will be having a Parish Grounds "Clean-up" Party from 9:00am to 10:30am. Please bring hand clippers, loppers, hand saws, rakes, etc. We need to do some extra cleaning up.

All are welcome; no experience needed!

Casa Project Update

In the past, the "Casa House" in the Narthex has provided housing, bedding and ecostoves for our friends in El Salvador. We couldn't do this without your support and generosity. Next weekend (9/4 and 9/5) we are asking you to give your loose change to our Casa Project. Place your donations in the wooden house located in the north vestibule by the Father Joe Garden. Thank you for your support. We truly appreciate your generosity.



Please note: the CASA house is now in the north vestibule by the Father Joe Garden.



Important Outreach Information - Summer Schedule

Our Outreach Office is now operating on their Summer Schedule: **Open on Mondays and Thursdays ONLY** - **9:30am until 3:30pm** *We ask that you please call 631-661-3224, option 4, before coming down.*

Outreach is not accepting any articles of clothing as donations at this time.

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.



Juice Pancake Mix Sugar Toothpaste Shampoo



Fall Spectacular Super Raffle

Super Raffle tickets will be sold after all weekend Masses. Tickets will also be available in the Parish Office during the week. The cost is \$100 per ticket. Only 220 tickets will be sold.

First Prize - \$7,000Second Prize - \$2,000Third Prize - \$1,000Drawing for the raffle will be on Sunday, September 19th. Winner need not be present.

As Father Brian always says, "You got to be in it, to win it."

OLL Family Feast Volunteers Needed

We have been getting some response for our request to help out with our Annual Our Lady of Lourdes Feast, but more people are needed and welcomed. Whether you volunteer for one day or more, your help is much appreciated. Please contact me at: <u>rmaher@ollchurch.org</u> to volunteer. God bless,





Deacon Rich

OUR LADY OF LOURDES FEAST ANGEL and ARCHANGEL Donations



Support for our annual Feast has always been overwhelming. Sometimes, people want to help with our feast, but cannot give time as a volunteer. Our recently formulated Angels and Archangels Fund offers them an opportunity to help our parish raise funds. It gives one the opportunity not only to support our booths, but to make it a memorable one. All Angels and Archangels donations may be made by a business, individual, family or for a loved one (living or deceased.) Please return the form below with your donation to the rectory. Your name will appear in the bulletin following the completion of our feast. My thanks in advance; I know each family will do all they can to make our feast the best ever.

Please return the form below with your donation to the rectory.

Thank you and God bless, Fr. Brian		
Name	Phone No.	
Address		
Name of Deceased		
Name of Living		
Angel: \$25	Archangel: \$50 or more	
Please check the booth you	wish your Angel to Sponsor:	
Food_	Beer/Wine/Soda	Games
() Corn	() Inside – Casino)	() Hammer
() Hot Dog	() Outside	() Dime Booth
() Pretzel		() Fast Pitch
() Coffee/Dessert		

Please return this form along with your donation to the rectory.



Volunteers Needed

The Guilds of Good Samaritan Hospital are currently seeking new members to join our team of volunteers. Opportunities include but are not limited to, our Thrift Shop, located in Babylon Village, Gift Shop, and Gift Cart. Patient facing roles and clerical opportunities are also available within the hospital. To obtain an application, or to learn more information, please contact Good Samaritan Hospital's Manager of Volunteer Services, Brittany Colasanto at brittany.colasanto@chsli.org, or 631-376-3659. We look forward to meeting you!

PEP 1 Religious Education Program Registration Information

"Discover the Treasures of God's Love"

If you have a child entering the 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 27, 2021 10:30am or 7:30pm Wednesday, September 29, 2021 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).
- Baptismal Certificate or copy is needed even if child was baptized at OLL.
- No child will be assigned a room number unless we have a copy of the Baptismal Certificate.
- Returning families who have an incoming first grader MUST attend the registration meeting.

The registration fee (if this is your oldest child) is \$210.

Classes will begin on Wednesday, October 13th - 4:15pm-5:15pm

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 <u>*RCIA@ollchurch.org*</u> or call the Parish Office at 631-661-3224, and we would be happy to help you.

Bereavement Support Group at St. Mary's, East Islip

Loss must have occurred prior to June 16, 2021.

There is no cost, but a commitment to attend each meeting throughout the program is required. Groups are offered in a closed and confidential setting with highly trained facilitators and limited to 13 people. All CDC Covid guidelines will be followed.

Eight Week Group meets Thursday evenings at 7:00pm from September 16th through November 4th, 2021. *Pre-registration is required. Call 631-581-4266 ext.125 to register.*



Anxiety Disorder Sufferers

The Group, led by a trained and certified Anxiety Disorder Group Leader, will meet every Tuesday from 2:00pm-4:00pm in the Parish Center (located across from the playground and to the right of Outreach). For more information and to register, please call Michael at 631-968-9154.



Seminary Communion Breakfast

The Friends of the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, Huntington, invite you to their Annual Communion Breakfast on Sunday, September 19, 2021. Mass at 10:00am, followed by breakfast in Borromeo Hall. Celebrant and speaker is Bishop William Murphy, Bishop Emeritus, Diocese of Rockville Centre. \$50 per guest. Reservations required. For additional information and to reserve your spot, please contact the Seminary Development Office at: 631-423-0483 ext. 102, by e-mail at: <u>bmalone@icseminary.edu</u>, or visit our website at: <u>www.icseminary.edu</u>.



Seminary Ambassador Program

Interested in sharing the 'good news' of the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington? Become a "Seminary Ambassador." All that is required is a willingness to help publicize Seminary events and programs in your home parish. You are invited to an information meeting on **Wednesday, September 22nd at 7:00pm at the Seminary**. All are welcome! R.S.V.P. by calling the Seminary Development Office at: 631-423-0483, ext. 102, or by e-mail at: <u>bmalone@icseminary.edu</u>.

The Year of St Joseph



Pope Francis has declared the period of time from December 8, 2020 through December 8, 2021 as the Year of St Joseph when we remember the 150th anniversary of his declaration as Patron of the Universal Church. The Catholic Church considers St Joseph as the patron saint of carpenters, builders and workers. The title, Saint Joseph the Worker, was given to St Joseph by Pope Pius XII in 1955. Though little is said about the life of St Joseph in Scripture, we know the humble carpenter of Nazareth as the caring guardian of Jesus and faithful husband of Mary, who lived a quiet life of service. During the course of his life, Joseph

knew what it was to work hard to provide for the needs of his family and is a wonderful example to inspire Christian workers.

"St Joseph is a man of great spirit. He is great in faith, not because he speaks his own words, but above all because he listens to the words of the Living God. He listens in silence. And his heart ceaselessly perseveres in the readiness to accept the Truth contained in the word of the Living God." - St. John Paul II

Prayer to St. Joseph for Employment

Saint Joseph, you were yourself once faced with the responsibility of providing the necessities of life for Jesus and Mary. Look down with fatherly compassion upon me in my anxiety over my present inability to support my family. Please help me to find gainful employment very soon, so that this heavy burden of concern will be lifted from my heart and that I am soon able to provide for those whom God has entrusted to my care. Help us to guard against bitterness and discouragement, so that we may emerge from this trial spiritually enriched and with even greater blessings from God. Amen.



It is especially important to connect our graduating High School Seniors to the campus minister at their chosen college so they can connect with other Catholic students. As our teens move onto college, you can help them continue their journey of faith. Many colleges, secular and parochial, provide a *Newman Center* for incoming Catholic students. These Centers provide pastoral support and ministry to students, in addition to providing a space to meet other Catholic students interested in growing in their faith. This year, students will be able to connect immediately by downloading our newly created "Newman Connection App" on their phone!

Please send the graduate's <u>First & Last Name, e-mail address</u>, and <u>phone number</u> as well as the <u>Name of College, City/State</u> they will be attending to Patti Anderson at: <u>panderson@ollchurch.org</u>.

The respective *Newman Connection* campus leader will be informed and will welcome the student when he or she arrives in the fall.

Retrouvaille Weekend - 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. This program has helped thousands of couples worldwide experiencing ALL TYPES of marital difficulties.

For confidential information about the Retrouvaille program, or to register for the upcoming weekend which begins on **Friday, September 10, 2021**, please call **1-800-470-2230** or **516-405-0323** and you will be connected directly and confidentially to a couple from Long Island/Metro Retrouvaille who can help.

Weekend Location: Immaculate Conception Seminary 440 West Neck Road, Huntington, NY 11743

TACHS Prep Courses offered at St. John the Baptist, DHS St. John the Baptist, DHS is offering a Prep Course to prepare students for the Test for Admission into Catholic High Schools (TACHS EXAM). It will consist of five 2½ hour sessions beginning in September. St. John's will also offer a Test Taking Strategies Class

the Friday evening before the exam. For additional information, please visit: <u>www.stjohnthebaptistdhs.net</u> or call: 631-587-8000 ext.117.

Mark Your Calendar! September 11th - 20 Year Remembrance Mass

As the 20th Anniversary of 9/11 approaches, preparations are being made to honor and remember the victims and the first responders of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. A special Mass will be held here at **Our Lady of Lourdes on Saturday, September 11 at the**

8:30am Mass. All are welcome to participate in remembering those souls who died tragically at the World Trade Center, and to pray for their families, as well as the countless personnel and volunteers who were devastated and who came to the rescue. We extend an invitation to all parishioners, the community, airline crew members, fire departments, police, first responders, tugboat crews, doctors, nurses, emergency personnel, National Guard, Red Cross, Port Authority, government officials and the myriad of volunteers to join us for this special tribute. If you know of anyone who was directly affected by the 9/11 attacks, and would like to be a participant, kindly contact Eileen at 631-321-6571.

Do you know a Senior, graduating from High School?







The Father Mychal Judge 911 Walk of Remembrance - September 5, 2021

All are invited to attend the Father Mychal Judge 9/11 Walk of Remembrance in NYC. Held on the Sunday before 9/11, the walk was started by Det. Steven McDonald in honor of his friend who perished in his role as Fire Department Chaplain. It has evolved to include all civilians, police and fire fighters who perished on that day. Join together and retrace Fr. Mychal's steps beginning at St. Francis of Assisi Church, where Father lived, and ending at St. Peter's in lower Manhattan where Father was brought, the first identified victim of 9/11. Stops will be made along the way to honor police and fire department units.

Come together to pray and never forget. 9:30am: Rosary at St. Francis of Assisi RC Church, 135 W. 31st Street 10:00am: Walk Begins: E1/L24 FDNY 31st Street & 7th Avenue ~2:00pm: Walk Concludes at St. Peter's RC Church, Barclay Street, NYC

911WalkofRemembrance@gmail.com

www.911walkofremembrance.com

646-856-WALK

Bereavement Support Group for Widows and Widowers For losses that have occurred before June 15, 2021

8 Week Program for Age 50 and Over Starting Wednesday, September 15, 2021 - 1:00pm – 3:00pm St. Joseph Parish Center, 39 North Carll Avenue, Babylon NY 11702

For more information and registration, please call: Terry Hoffmann 631-669-0198 or Geri Olson 631-661-8994





"Moving On" Group

After-Bereavement' Group for Widows and Widowers Presents: **"How Covid Impacted Your Bereavement Process" Friday, September 10, 2021 at 7:30pm**

St. Joseph Parish Center 39 North Carll Avenue, Babylon, NY 11702 For further information please call: Linda Sparaco, Facilitator at 631-225-9530 or Joyce Gangone, Co–Facilitator at 631-513-7889

"Virtual" Worldwide Marriage Encounter



To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences. Some are on weekends and there are seven sessions on weekdays from 7:00pm to 9:30pm. Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call Chuck & Maria Reiss at 631-486-8607 or visit them at https://wwmenyli.org/.

"Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves." Learn how to have a holy marriage by participating in the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience.

The next VIRTUAL Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience will be on September 24-26, 2021.

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". To listen online or for more information, visit: www.ReligionandRock.com.

Sharing the Gospel

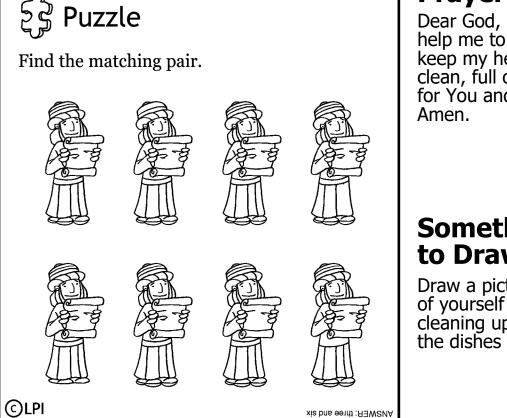
Wash your hands before you eat! Did you know that rule came from God, so that we would stay healthy? In today's Gospel, the Pharisees liked to wash their hands and follow God's rules, only because they liked to show off. Don't be like those Pharisees. When you follow God's rules, do the right thing out of love for God.



Mission for the Week



The next time you wash your hands, thank God that He made rules to keep us all safe, healthy and happy.



Prayer



keep my heart clean, full of love for You and other people.

Something to Draw



Draw a picture of yourself cleaning up the dishes after a meal.