

# Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

455 Hunter Avenue, West Islip, NY 11795

**Msgr. Brian McNamara**, Pastor  
**Rev. Charles Mangano**, Associate Pastor  
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## Parish Office

**Phone: 631.661.3224 (select option #2)**  
Monday-Thursday: 9:00am-7:30pm  
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Saturday: 9:00am-3:00pm  
Sunday: 9:00am-2:00pm  
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## Religious Education Office

**Phone: 631.661.5440 (select option #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: 631.661.9262 (select option #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](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.

*The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph • Sunday, December 26, 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

### 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 December 26

**Sunday:** 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/ 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/ Lk 2:41-52  
**Monday:** 1 Jn 1:1-4/ Jn 20:1a, 2-8  
**Tuesday:** 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/ Mt 2:13-18  
**Wednesday:** 1 Jn 2:3-11/ Lk 2:22-35  
**Thursday:** 1 Jn 2:12-17/ Lk 2:36-40  
**Friday:** 1 Jn 2:18-21/ Jn 1:1-18  
**Saturday:** Nm 6:22-27/ Gal 4:4-7/ Lk 2:16-21  
**Next Sunday:** Is 60:1-6/ Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/ Mt 2:1-12

### Parish Staff

**Patti Anderson**  
Parish Office/Bulletin Editor

**Michael Buonaspina**  
Parish Organist

**Rosemary Cannarella**  
Parish Office

**S. Kathleen Carberry, CSJ**  
Parish Office

**Stacy Gordon**  
Parish Office

**Carol Grillo**  
Parish Office

**Rita Spera**  
Religious Education Office

### Financial Summary

#### December 19, 2021

Weekly Collection	\$ 14,669.00
Weekly Budget	- \$ 17,800.00
+/- for the week	\$ (3131.00)

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

Dear Parishioners:

This weekend, we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. The Feast provides us with an opportunity to reflect upon our own families. The Church tells us that the family is the domestic church; the family is the place where we first and foremost encounter God. It is in the family setting that we first learn how to pray, etc.

Here are some Scripture quotes about the family:

Honor your father and mother that your days may be long in the land that the Lord, your God, is giving you (Exodus 20:12).

Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord (Psalm 127).

My son, keep your father's commands and do not forsake your mother's teaching (Proverbs 6:20).

Husbands, love your wives as Christ loved the Church and gave Himself up for her (Ephesians 5:25).

In addition, Pope Francis has spoken about the importance of the family as well:

"The family is the greatest treasure of any country. Let us all work to protect and strengthen this, the cornerstone of our society."

"A healthy family life requires the use of three phrases: "May I", "thank you" and "I'm sorry" and never, never end the day without making peace."

"The perfect family does not exist, nor is there a perfect husband or a perfect wife, and let's not talk about the mother-in-law! It is just us sinners. If we learn to say: 'I'm sorry and ask for forgiveness, the marriage will last.'"

Families require a lot of work and everyone in the family has a part to play. As we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family, we can all ask ourselves: What am I doing to help my family become a holy family; what am I doing to strengthen the family as a husband/wife, son/daughter, brother/ sister?

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

In Christ,

Fr. Brian

PS: Don't forget to hand in your chances for our 50/50 drawing which will take place after Christmas. Send them in by mail or drop them off at the rectory. As the saying goes, you have to be in it to win it! So, be in it and win it! Think about giving the chances as a Christmas gift to your family and friends. It will be a nice way to help the parish at the same time. Give them as Christmas gifts to your adult children! The drawing will take after the 12:30pm Mass on Sunday, January 16.

## Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Margaret Lehmann*. 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.

<b>Michael DiMatteo</b> - <i>US Marine Corps</i>	<b>Timothy Milligan</b> - <i>US Marine Corps</i>
<b>Michael Fantauzzi</b> - <i>US Air Force</i>	<b>Melissa Mockler</b> - <i>US Navy</i>
<b>Christopher Florca</b> - <i>US Marine Corps</i>	<b>Patricia Mockler</b> - <i>US Navy</i>
<b>Dominick Gennaro</b> - <i>US Army</i>	<b>Andrew Perniciaro</b> - <i>US Army</i>
<b>Patrick Harty</b> - <i>US Coast Guard</i>	<b>Brandon Ranzie</b> - <i>US Army</i>
<b>Ritchard Higham</b> - <i>US Army</i>	<b>Stephen Rolston</b> - <i>US Army</i>
<b>Colby Matthew Kelly</b> - <i>US Army</i>	<b>Jack Shires</b> - <i>US Navy</i>
<b>Luke Loftsgaarden</b> - <i>US Army</i>	<b>James Stultz</b> - <i>US Army</i>
<b>Anthony Mannino</b> - <i>US Marine Corps</i>	<b>Jack Taffner</b> - <i>US Marine Corps</i>
<b>Msgr. Brian McNamara</b> - <i>US Air Force</i>	<b>Michael Wilkinson</b> - <i>US Army</i>
<b>Anthony Memoli</b> - <i>US Marine Corps</i>	<b>Peter Zaccaria</b> - <i>US Navy</i>

... 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, Joyce Berlangero, Morgan Brennan, Thomas J. Calogero III, John Drake, Dcn. John DeGuardi, Amanda DiTingo, Paula Edwards, Anna Ferrante, Mike Ferrante, Sarah Franckowski, Kasey Gagliano, Nicolette Gebhardt, David Gilbride, Ted Gladkowski, Patrick Anthony Heffron, Henry Kahn, Shena Kahn, Anne Kerrigan, Martin Kerrigan, Rosemary LeConte, James Leung, Aidan Miller, Robert J. Olenik, Edward Pauciullo, William Pellegrino, Stephen Piccolo, John Posanti, Louise Posanti, Clifford Proctor, Anthony San Filippo, Joseph J. Schiavoni, Natalie Stone, Louise Sturgeon*

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

All of our Masses may be viewed via live-stream on our parish website. Please join us by visiting our website at: [ollchurch.org](http://ollchurch.org).



**Rest In Peace**

Jo Ann Mary O'Grady  
William Reilly

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



**Baptism**

August James Spiegleire

**Mass Intentions**

**Monday, December 27**

*St. John the Apostle*  
8:30am Tara Ehrhart

**Tuesday, December 28**

*The Holy Innocents*  
8:30am Andre Alcobia

**Wednesday, December 29**

*St. Thomas Becket*  
8:30am Nicholas Trupia

**Thursday, December 30**

8:30am Lester Stevens

**Friday, December 31**

*St. Sylvester I New Years Eve*  
8:30am Jack Fitzgerald  
5:00pm Jack Fitzgerald  
*Msgr. Brian McNamara*

**Saturday, January 1**

*Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God New Year's Day*  
8:30am Deceased Members of the Watts Family  
*Msgr. Brian McNamara*

10:00am Anthony San Filippo

12:10pm Noel McDermott

*Fr. Charles Mangano*

5:00pm Lou & Barbara Argento

*Fr. Charles Mangano*

**Sunday, January 2**

*Feast of the Epiphany*  
8:00am John Cassetta  
*Fr. Charles Mangano*

9:30am Noel Patrick Mac Dermott

*Fr. Charles Mangano*

11:00am Donald Horne

*Msgr. Brian McNamara*

12:30pm LaRocca & Sweeney Families

*Msgr. Brian McNamara*

6:00pm People of the Parish, Thomas Frascinella,  
Adriana Patino, Anna Chille, Jack Wilson,  
Steve Santarcangelo, Chioma Nnanna

*Fr. Charles Mangano*



## Now and at the Hour of Our Death Catholic Guidance for End-of-Life Decision Making

Illness and aging, coupled with rapid advances in medical technology, can lead to heightened anxiety when health care decisions must be made.

Go to: [www.CatholicEndofLife.org](http://www.CatholicEndofLife.org) for assistance in navigating the end-of-life challenges that you and/or your loved ones face. Learn about the key principles of Catholic teaching in this area, and how to apply them in the complex world of medical advance directives.

## 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, January 1**, concluding with Benediction at 9:50pm. Please come and pray with us. All are invited and welcome. Bring a friend!



## SAGE

The SAGE Group (*Senior Advocates for Growth and Enrichment*) will meet on **Tuesday, December 28 in the Parish Center at 9:30am.**

## Divine Mercy Prayer Group

We come together in the Church every Thursday from 1:30pm-2:30pm to pray and reflect on the Divine Mercy. We welcome anyone wishing to join us in this mission.

## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

We will be having extended hours of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on this **Tuesday, December 28<sup>th</sup>, from 12:30pm to 6:30pm.** Come, spend some intimate time with Jesus during our new Extended Adoration. Invite a family member or friend along too! Below are the Tuesday dates when adoration will end a little earlier because of other events happening in the church. Otherwise, all the other Tuesdays of the year will be 12:30pm to 8:00pm. In case of inclement weather, please call the parish office at 631-661-3224 ext.0, or log onto the parish website ([ollchurch.org](http://ollchurch.org)) to check if adoration has been canceled.

Tuesday, December 28 adoration ending at 6:30pm  
 Tuesday, January 11: adoration ending at 3:30pm  
 Tuesday, January 18: adoration ending at 3:30pm  
 Tuesday, March 1: adoration ending at 6:30pm

Tuesday, March 22: adoration ending at 7:00pm  
 Tuesday, March 29: adoration ending at 7:00pm  
 Tuesday, April 12 adoration ending at 7:00pm

## 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.



Ketchup  
 Mustard  
 Cooking Oil  
 Cookies/Snacks  
 Laundry Detergent



***The Parish Office will close at 3:00pm on New Years Eve - Friday, December 31.  
(No evening hours)***

***We will be closed on Saturday, January 1 in observance of New Years Day  
and will re-open at 9:00am on Sunday, January 2.***

**NEW YEAR'S EVE/DAY: FEAST OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD:**

**December 31: New Year's Eve:**

**5:00pm Church Msgr. Brian McNamara**

**January 1: New Year's Day:**

**8:30am Church Msgr. Brian McNamara**  
**10:00am Church Fr. Sylvester Chukwumalume**  
**12:10pm Church Fr. Charles Mangano**



***An Invitation from the Knights of Columbus***

Men of the Parish (18 years and older), are you interested in serving your Faith, your Church, and your Community? If so, then you are invited to join the Knights of Columbus, Our Lady of Lourdes Council 17379. Joining the Knights will make you part of a 129 year old Catholic Fraternal Order that exemplifies the high ideals of our faith and has contributed to our communities through charitable works and community outreach. We meet on the second Monday of each month in the Parish Center. Meetings begin at 8:00pm. So begin your journey of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism by becoming a Knight! Online membership is also available at [www.KofC.org](http://www.KofC.org).

Note: All COVID-19 guidelines are followed.

***Per N.Y. State mandate, everyone is required to wear a mask.***

**Our next general meeting is Monday, January 10, 2022  
at 8:00pm in the Parish Center.**

**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 631-661-3224, and we would be happy to help you.





## Butterfly Memory Café - January 7<sup>th</sup> from 1:30-2:30pm

What is a Memory Café? It is a program designed for persons with mild to moderate cognitive impairment and their caregiver to promote social engagement with others navigating through dementia's journey. Activities include crafts, music, reminiscing, art or movement. Light refreshments will be served. Our next event will take place on Friday, January 7<sup>th</sup> from 1:30-2:30pm. There is no charge to participate, but space is limited and reservations are required. For more information or to register, please call Michele at A Gentle Touch Senior Care at: 631-647-7622 or email: [michele@agentletouchseniorcare.com](mailto:michele@agentletouchseniorcare.com).

## 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 (1/1 and 1/2), 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.**



## Christmas Flower Offering

*In Memory of Theresa Orsogna  
Mr. & Mrs. William Mazzoli*



## Boy Scout Troop 179

For 50 years, Our Lady of Lourdes has been sponsoring Boy Scout Troop 179 of West Islip. Troop meetings are held every Thursday at 7:30pm.

If you are interested in learning more about Boy Scouts and our Troop, please check out our website: <https://witroop179.wixsite.com/bsatroop179> or contact us at: [troop179cc@yahoo.com](mailto:troop179cc@yahoo.com).

## 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.

## Church Census Information

### Has your contact information changed, or are you moving?

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 processed more efficiently.

Please mail the information to the Parish Office, or email to: [parishoffice@ollchurch.org](mailto:parishoffice@ollchurch.org).



## Solemnity of Mary

The Parish Family of Our Lady of Lourdes will gather on **Saturday, January 1** to celebrate the **Solemnity of Mary**.

*We will celebrate the Solemnity of Mary on...*

**Friday, December 31 at 5:00pm**

**Saturday, January 1 at 8:30am, 10:00am, 12:10pm and 5:00pm**

*(The 5:00pm Mass on January 1 is the Vigil Mass for the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord.)*

Please come and pray with us!

## The First Nativity Scene

The origin of the display of the Nativity dates back to the time of St. Francis of Assisi. St. Francis was concerned that people did not appreciate the gift of Christ's birth. St. Francis wanted to celebrate the Incarnation (God becoming a man) in a special way. He wanted to do something that would help people to remember the Christ Child and how Jesus was born in Bethlehem.



On Christmas Eve, in the year 1223A.D., at the proper time, St. Francis and his Franciscan brothers created a new Bethlehem. People, young and old, came to see this new sight. They carried torches to light up the sky as they approached the manger. Once again, shepherds came from the fields to come and adore the King. All were filled with joy over the mystery of the Incarnation. And a beautiful tradition was started.

As you look upon your own family Nativity set, may you remember and celebrate again God's love for His creation. In order to show His abundant love, mercy, and forgiveness for us, God became one like us. That is what the crèche ultimately symbolizes.

## Visit a collection of Nativity Sets from around the world in the Parish Center.

## Christmas Raffle



Below please find a set of 6 chances. It is a 50-50 drawing. Chances are \$25 each or 6 chances for \$100. 1<sup>st</sup> place winner will win 35% of the money, 2<sup>nd</sup> place will win 10% of the money and 3<sup>rd</sup> place will win 5% of the money. You have to be in it to win it!

The drawing will take place on **Sunday, January 16 after the 12:30pm Mass.**

*Hopefully, the Wise Men will bring you a gift of a winning ticket!*

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

**Alcoholics Anonymous:** Monday and Tuesday at 8:00pm and Saturday at 11:00am and 7:00pm.

**ALANON:** Wednesday at 10:00am. Beginner's meeting at 9:30am. Free babysitting available.

## Babylon Chorale Auditions

The Babylon Chorale will hold auditions on Monday, January 3, 2022 and Monday, January 10, 2022 at the Sisters of St. Joseph Brentwood Campus. All voice parts are welcomed. For further information and current protocols, call: 631-585-3111 (leave message if no answer), visit our website: [www.babylonchorale.org](http://www.babylonchorale.org) or [e-mail info@babylonchorale.org](mailto:info@babylonchorale.org)

## *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?**



The Retrouvaille Program is for married couples facing difficult challenges in their relationships.

Primarily a practical program to improve communication, build stronger marriages and help couples reconnect.

Presenters are not trained marriages counselors, but rather couples sharing their personal stories of marital struggles and the tools they used to rediscover their love.

For confidential information about the Retrouvaille program, or to register for the upcoming weekend which begins on **Friday, January 21, 2022**, please visit our website at: [www.helpourmarriage.org](http://www.helpourmarriage.org) or call: **1-800-470-2230** 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



## The “Moving On” Group

An ‘After- Bereavement’ Group for Widows and Widowers Presents:

### “Staying Safe”

*Presented by: Jeanne Osias, of the Suffolk County Police Department*  
*Topics Include: Current Scams, Online Safety, Burglary Prevention, etc.*

**Friday, January 14, 2022 at 7:30pm**

St. Joseph Parish Center

39 North Carl Avenue, Babylon, NY 11702

For further information please call: Linda Sparaco at 631-225-9530 or Joyce Gangone at 631-513-7889

## Saint Anthony’s High School, South Huntington, NY

### Missed the Entrance Exam? Apply online!

Celebrating 88 years of Franciscan Academic Excellence on Long Island  
Grades 9-12

Visit the Saint Anthony’s website to apply! (“Admissions” tab)

275 Wolf Hill Road • South Huntington, New York 11747

Phone: 631-271-2020 ext. 226 • Website: [www.stanthonyshs.org](http://www.stanthonyshs.org)

E-mail: [admissions@stanthonyshs.org](mailto:admissions@stanthonyshs.org)



# A New Dawn for Catholic Education on Long Island

In January 2020, the *Marianists*, *Tomorrow's Hope Foundation*, and the *Department of Education* launched the Morning Star Initiative (MSI) to revitalize Catholic education on Long Island through a robustly Catholic culture, academic excellence, safe and supportive communities, and fiscally sustainable schools.

### DONOR IMPACT TO DATE

To date, fellow Catholics and foundations have pledged more than \$3 million to Tomorrow's Hope Foundation for vital MSI programs and local Catholic school needs, including:

- Tuition assistance for underserved students
- New learning devices for thousands of students and teachers
- Internet connectivity for 300 school families
- The launch of iReady, an innovative web-based student benchmarking tool, among all the Catholic elementary schools
- Vital startup investments in two MSI pilot schools

### WHY GIVE?

By supporting MSI, donors can invest in a sustainable and robust educational model for our children and for future generations. Please help make that a reality by making a gift today.

*"I am very confident in Brother Tom and the Marianist Brothers who are leading this [MSI] effort, and I am hopeful that other individuals and organizations will support this cause to help ensure our Catholic schools have a bright future."*

— MICHAEL PASCUCCI, MSI DONOR

### GET INVOLVED

Contact [kbill@thfny.com](mailto:kbill@thfny.com) or call (516) 745-7640



**Morning Star Initiative**



To make a tax deductible donation, please scan the QR code below or complete this form and mail your check to *Tomorrow's Hope Foundation* with "MSI" written in the memo line.

**Tomorrow's Hope Foundation**  
50 Charles Lindbergh Blvd, Suite 500  
Uniondale, NY 11553



First, Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

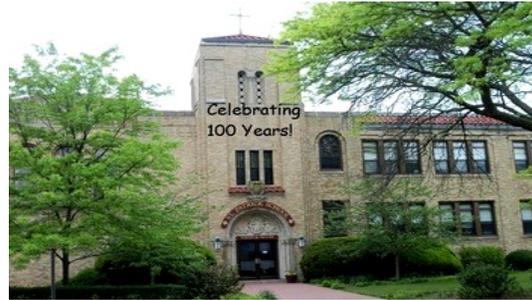
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**1921-2021**

## **St. Patrick School Is Celebrating 100 Years of Academic Excellence!**

*St. Patrick School Teachers are being honored at our 100th Anniversary Cocktail Party on January 29, 2022*

Mass at 5:00pm (MPH) - Cocktail Party 6:00pm-8:00pm (School Gym) - Tickets: \$50.00 per Person  
*Come and be a part of the celebration!*

To order tickets, visit: [SPSBAYSHORE.ORG](http://SPSBAYSHORE.ORG) Contact us at: 631-665-0569 for further information.

## **Families Anonymous VIRTUAL Meetings**

12-Step support group giving Hope & Strength to parents, family and friends concerned with a loved one's destructive behavior caused by Alcohol, Drugs or Related Behavioral Problems will meet virtually until further notice. For additional information e-mail: [Donna526@aol.com](mailto:Donna526@aol.com) or call Diane at: 631-587-0966 or Donna at: 631-589-3790. Website: [FamiliesAnonymous.org](http://FamiliesAnonymous.org).

## **Preparing for Marriage?**

### **Do you need to fulfill your Marriage Prep Requirement?**

Engaged Encounter is an effective Pre-Cana program designed to provide you with the tools for a successful marriage. Couples are provided with social-distancing during this time.

Our next 2-day weekend will be held at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington on **March 19-20, 2022**. For information please call Lenny & Pat Walker at: 631-563-1032 or visit: [www.engagedencounterli.org](http://www.engagedencounterli.org).



## **“Virtual” and “In-Person” Worldwide Marriage Encounters**

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/>. Give yourselves the best Christmas present ever – take time for your marriage. Strengthen your relationship, rekindle your romance and renew your sacrament by attending the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. There will also be an “In-Person” Marriage Encounter on January 28-30 at Immaculate Conception Seminary in Huntington. For more information, visit: [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org), click on apply and search by zip code or address.



## **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 “**Being Excited**”. To listen online or for more information, visit: [www.ReligionandRock.com](http://www.ReligionandRock.com).

## Sharing the Gospel

When Jesus traveled to Jerusalem as a 12-year-old young man, He felt completely at home in the Temple. He enjoyed talking to the teachers about His Father in heaven. His questions and His answers showed how much He loved God.



## Mission for the Week

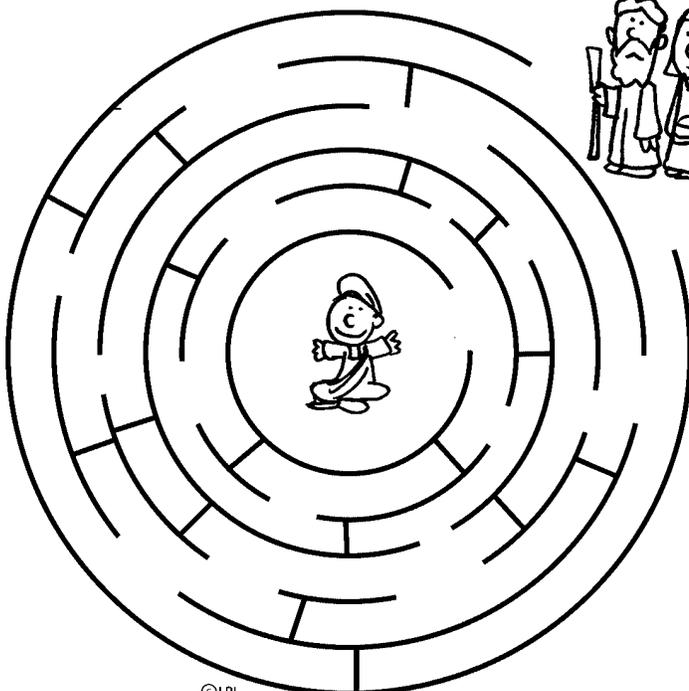


Help visitors to your church feel welcomed. Ask your religion teacher if, as family or as a class, you can make cards for visitors, asking them to come back.



### Puzzle

Help Mary and Joseph find Jesus.



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## Prayer



Dear God,  
 Help me to  
 feel at home  
 in my church  
 like Jesus did.  
 Amen.

## Something to Draw

Draw a picture of yourself learning about God with your teacher.

