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 Friday: 9:00am-5:00pm Saturday: 9:00am-3:00pm Sunday: 10:30am-2:30pm E-mail: ParishOffice@ollchurch.org Fax: 631.661.7143 Website: www.ollchurch.org

#### **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

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



#### **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 28, 2022



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

Parish Staff

**Patti Anderson** Parish Office/Bulletin Editor

**Michael Buonaspina** Parish Organist

**Rosemary Cannarella** Parish Office

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

**Carol Grillo** Parish Office

**Rita Spera** Religious Education 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 28,2022

 Sunday:
 Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/ Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/ Lk 14:1, 7-14

 Monday:
 1 Cor 2:1-5/ Mk 6:17-29

 Tuesday:
 1 Cor 2:10b-16/ Lk 4:31-37

 Wednesday:
 1 Cor 3:1-9/ Lk 4:38-44

 Thursday:
 1 Cor 3:18-23/ Lk 5:1-11

 Friday:
 1 Cor 4:1-5/ Lk 5:33-39

 Saturday:
 1 Cor 4:6b-15/ Lk 6:1-5

 Next Sunday:
 Wis 9:13-18b/ Phlm 9-10, 12-17/ Lk 14:25-33

### **Financial Summary**

August 21, 2022 Weekly Collection Weekly Budget +/- for the week

<u>- \$ 17,800.00</u> \$

The Weekly Financial Summary information was not available at the time of publication. It will be provided in a subsequent issue.

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

Pastor's Page

Dear Parishioners:

I wanted to alert you to a proposed rule by the federal government, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). The HHS has proposed rule (RIN 0945-AA17). This proposed rule expands the definition of "sex discrimination" to include "termination of pregnancy" and "gender identity".

If HHS adopts this expanded definition, it could be construed to require healthcare professionals and providers to perform abortions and also require a health plan to cover abortions. This would be based on the theory that declining to do so would constitute sex discrimination.

The rule, if adopted, would similarly prohibit health professionals and other health care providers from declining to provide, and prohibit a health plan from declining to cover, gender-transition procedures, again on the theory that a decision not to participate or pay for such procedures constitutes sex discrimination.

I urge you to contact HHS to comment on the proposal rule. Comments must be received by HHS on or before October 3, 2022.

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights Attention: 1557 NPRM (RIN 0945 – AA17) Hubert H. Humphrey Building, Room 509F 200 Independence Avenue SW Washington, DC 20201

You may wish to use the following proposed message:

The proposal rule (RIN-AA17) is an affront to, and offends, the conscience rights of health care professionals and entities that seek to Do No Harm and to offer practical and life-giving care to the people they serve. Health care providers and insurers should not be coerced to perform or cover abortions or transgender procedures.

A decision not to provide or cover abortion or transgender procedures is not sex discrimination.

Provisions of the proposed rule that can be construed to require the providing for, or coverage of, such procedures violate rights of conscience and religious freedom as reflected in current federal conscience laws, including the Weldon Amendment.

For these reasons, I oppose the abortion and gender identity provisions of the proposed rule.

Please sign your name

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

In Christ,

Fr. Brian



### Parish "Clean-up" Party

On Monday, September 5, we will be having a Parish "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!

### **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.

Michael DiMatteo-US Marine Corps Michael Fantauzzi-US Air Force Christopher Florca-US Marine Corps Dominick Gennaro-US Army Patrick Hart-US Coast Guard Ritchard Higham-US Army Colby Matthew Kelly-US Army Luke Loftsgaarden-US Army Anthony Mannino-US Marine Corps Msgr. Brian McNamara-US Air Force Anthony Memoli-US Marine Corps Timothy Milligan-US Marine Corps Melissa Mockler-US Navy Patric 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 Marine Corps Michael Wilkinson-US Army Peter Zaccaria-US Navy

... 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 J. Calogero III, Michele Carrano-McGee, Maria Clark, Susan Dedes, Dcn. John DeGuardi, Amanda DiTingo, Xavier DiPalm, Frank Dobias, Paula Edwards, Joseph Feminella, Anna Ferrante, Mike Ferrante, Nicolette Gebhardt, Patrick Anthony Heffron, Betsy Johnson, Henry Kahn, Shena Kahn, Margaret Kavoures, Anne Kerrigan, Marty Kerrigan, Bill Libasci, Joseph Marrone Jr., John McMahon, Kristina Messina, Glenn Meyer, Richard Meyer, Kenneth Monroe, Dan Murphy, Edward Pauciullo, Joseph Pepe, Mary Polik-Gunther, John Posanti, Louise Posanti, John Principe, Clifford Proctor, Daniel Ramaikus, Melissa Rogan, Joseph J. Schiavoni, Vita Scorcia, Kathy Shaddock, Richard Shaddock, Jennifer Stoop, Larry Sturgeon, Louise Sturgeon

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





#### **Rest In Peace**

Anthony Buchalski Francoise (Mimi) Heim Theresa M. McPhail

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



Upcoming Marriages Sarah Choksi Garrett Gorrasi, OLL

> Ewelina Roszkowska, St. Stanislaus, Brooklyn and Michael Kaponyas St. Stanislaus, Brooklyn

Contro?



Baptism

Jaxson Avery Whitehead

Masses may be viewed via livestream on our Facebook page. Please join us directly on Facebook or by visiting our website at: <u>ollchurch.org</u>, where you will be redirected. You do not need a Facebook account.

# **Mass Intentions**

Monday, August 29 The Passion of St. John the Baptist 8:30am Bernadette Mullins

Tuesday, August 30 8:30am Rosemary Reese

Wednesday, August 31 8:30am Clair Thomson

Thursday, September 1 8:30am John & Denise Yost

Friday, September 2 8:30am Bernadette Mullins

#### Saturday, September 3

St. Gregory the Great

8:30am Thomas Brown, Karen Ann Epp, Mark Amato, Diane Chamanlall, Angela Santa Mastrandrea, Beverly Caparella

5:00pm Pasquale Sgambati Fr. Charles Mangano

Sunday, September 4 Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:00am Kopitsch & Wilson Families Msgr. Brian McNamara

- 9:30am Salvatore Pinello Msgr. Brian McNamara
- 11:00am Patrick Sweeney Fr. Charles Mangano
- 12:30pm La Rocca & Sweeney Families Fr. Charles Mangano
- 6:00pm People of the Parish, Richard Loehr, Bernadette Mullins, Diane P. Aquilino, Christopher Fischer, Camille & Robert Watts Msgr. Brian McNamara

# **Healing After Abortion**

Have you suffered an abortion? Experience God's love and mercy and begin the journey of healing. Please call the Sisters of Life: 866-575-0075 or e-mail: <u>hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org</u>. For men, call Theresa Bonopartis at Lumina: 877-586-4621 or e-mail: <u>Lumina@postabortionhelp.org</u>

## **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, August 30<sup>th</sup> from 12:30pm to 8:00pm**. Come, spend some intimate time with Jesus during our new Extended Adoration. Invite a family member or friend along too! In case of inclement weather, please call the parish office at 631-661-3224 ext.0, or log onto the parish website (<u>ollchurch.org</u>) to check if adoration has been canceled.

## **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 3<sup>rd</sup>** concluding with Benediction at 9:50pm. Please come and pray with us. All are invited and welcome. Bring a friend!

# Children's Liturgy of the Word... We're Back!!

**Children's Liturgy of the Word will be back on Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>**. All children 4 years old up to 4<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to come together for age appropriate scripture readings and lessons during the 9:30am Mass each Sunday. The children share the word of God at their level along with other children. Parents may join the group if they wish.



### **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.



Canned Tuna Crushed Tomatoes/ Tomato Puree Canned Stew Spaghetti Size 4 Diapers



#### **CALLING ALL BUILDING/CONSTRUCTION EXPERTS**

As you know, I spoke at all the Masses about various building projects that will take place in the near future (parking lot, school boiler, etc.)

I want to establish a **BUILDING & MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE**. This Committee would help me on certain projects precisely because you would have expertise in a given area (plumbing, paving, air conditioning, etc.). As a member of the committee, you would look at the scope of work/specifications/etc. for a given project. I really need your help. Please call and leave your name and contact number at the rectory. Thank you for helping me and the Parish!

### **Important DRVC Information**

Information regarding a new deadline to file proofs of claim for victims of sexual abuse who were over 18 or older when the alleged conduct occurred and the forms to use, can be found by clicking on the following link to the Diocese's bankruptcy website and scrolling down the page: <u>https://dm.epiq11.com/drvc</u>.

# PEP 1 Religious Education Program Registration Information

"Discover the Treasures of God's Love"

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.

Classes will begin on Wednesday, October 12 4:15-5:15 pm

#### INFORMATION MEETING AND REGISTRATION

Choose one:

Wednesday, September 21,202210:30am or 7:30pmWednesday September 28, 202210:30am 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 \$215

# **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.





# 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 and fourth Monday of each month in the Parish Center. The fourth Monday is an Officers' meeting, but members are welcome to attend. 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.

Our next meeting will be Monday, September 12, 2022 at 8:00pm in the Parish Center.

# **Baby Blanket Bunch - Volunteer Opportunities**

The Baptism Program and the Prayer Shawl Ministry recently introduced the Baby Blanket Bunch.

We are hoping to give a *blessed*, white baby blanket to each child baptized in the parish. This gift to the family will be a sign of this special day on which we welcomed our newest members into our parish family. We always need more people to knit or crochet the white baby blankets. The blankets can be brought to the Prayer Shawl Ministry meeting at 9:30am on the first Wednesday of each month in the Parish Center or dropped off at the Rectory. We



also need volunteers who will help by donating soft white yarn for the blankets. The yarn can be dropped off at the rectory or brought to the meeting as well. Please share your special creative talent, generosity and love with the youngest of our parish.

# **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 (9/3 and 9/4) 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.





# Butterfly Memory Café - September 2<sup>nd</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, August 19<sup>th</sup> from 1:30pm-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 e-mail: <u>michele@agentletouchseniorcare.com</u>.



## Dementia Caregiver Support Group Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Caregiving for someone with Alzheimer's or a related dementia can cause frustration, fear, anger, sadness and other emotions. Our support group can provide emotional, social, and educational help to caregivers whose lives are affected by dementia.

Join us on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month from 5:30pm-7:00pm in the Parish Center

There is no charge to participate, but please contact Michele at 631-647-7622, ext. 2006 or via email at: <u>michele@agentletouchseniorcare.com</u> to reserve your place.



# **DER RAFELE** 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 - \$7,000 Second Prize - \$2,000 Third Prize - \$1,000 Drawing for the raffle will be on Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. Winner need not be present.

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

# **OLL Family Feast Volunteers Needed**

Volunteers are still needed for our Annual Parish Italian Feast. Whether you have volunteered in the past or would like to volunteer for the first time, we could use your help! If you missed the volunteer meeting, please contact me at: <u>maher@ollchurch.org</u> If you do not have VIRTUS certification, you must take the class and have a background check in order to volunteer. Sign up online at: <u>VIRTUS.org</u>. The dates for this year's feast are Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. Mark your calendars! God Bless,

Deacon Rich



### **OUR LADY OF LOURDES FEAST** ANGEL and ARCHANGEL Donations



Family Feast

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 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 boot	n you wish your Angel to Sponsor:
Food	Beer/Wine/Soda Games
() Corn	() Inside – Casino) () Hammer

( ) Hot Dog

- () Pretzel
- ( ) Coffee/Dessert

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

) Outside

) Fast Pitch

# **Important Information for ALL Parish Volunteers**

The Diocese of Rockville Centre requires all clergy, employees, and volunteers (18 yrs. or older) to participate in the Safe Environment Guidelines as established by the Charter for the Protection of Children/Young People (2002) and outlined in the Diocesan Child Protection Policy.

Note: If you already have a Virtus account (<u>www.Virtus.org</u>), have signed the Code of Conduct and attended the Class, all you need to do is initiate the updated back-ground screening through Sterling Volunteers.

#### **Requirements are as follows:**

- 1. Attend a Virtus: Protecting God's Children class
- 2. Undergo background screening.
- 3. Sign the Diocesan Code of Conduct.

#### **Instructions to Complete the Safe Environment Requirements:**

- 1. Log into the Virtus website: <u>www.Virtus.org</u>.
- 2. Begin the registration process by creating a Virtus account. The first screen requests the location: Please select Rockville Centre from the drop down list.
- 3. Follow directions on each page.
- 4. During the registration process you will receive a copy of the Code of Conduct and Pastoral Code of Conduct. Please sign each Code electronically.
- 5. Select the class you wish to attend.
- 6. Complete the background screening application provided. Background screening is conducted by Sterling Volunteers.

When you complete the registration process, you will have a Virtus account and an account with Sterling Volunteers. Your Virtus account will contain the date you signed the Codes of Conduct; date you submitted the background screening application and date you will attend Virtus. Please keep your username and the password for both your Virtus account and Sterling account as these are required to access each account.

Please contact the Office for the Protection of Children/Young People if you have questions or require assistance. <u>cprotection@drvc.org</u>

# *Our Lady of Lourdes Parish* **Italian Family Feast September 14-18, 2022**



Wednesday and Thursday 7:00pm—10:00pm Friday 7:00pm—11:00pm Saturday 6:00pm—11:00pm Sunday 2:00pm—8:00pm Vegas Night Gambling on Friday and Saturday



# Walk With Mary and Feast Mass

On Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 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 will be sold. Each ticket is \$100. Don't wait - these tickets sell out very quickly! Purchase your ticket after mass on weekends, or in the Parish Office during the week. Super Raffle drawing will be held on Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 8:00pm.

# **Additional Raffles**

Purchase separate tickets to win a Big Screen Television, Outdoor Barbecue Package, or Local Gift Certificates.

5 per raffle ticket - 6 raffle tickets for 20

# **Pay-One-Price**

POP bracelets are available online though a link from the parish website (<u>ollchurch.org</u>). We are encouraging everyone to purchase your POP Bracelets online to avoid crowded lines at the Feast. (Pick up your online bracelets at the Fr. Joe Garden when you arrive at the Feast.) **Purchase POP Bracelets online at the link below to get the Pre-Sale price of \$29.95** <u>https://newtonshows.yapsody.com/event/index/740443/italian-feast-our-lady-of-lourdes</u>

#### Bracelets purchased at the Feast will be \$40.00

# **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 the Parish Office at 631-661-3224 and leave a message for Deacon Rich. You may also e-mail Deacon Rich at: <u>rmaher@ollchurch.org</u>



### **On Care for Our Common Home Season of Creation**

The <u>Season of Creation</u> is an annual event, a time to renew our relationship with the Creator and all creation. During the Season of Creation, **September 1** (World day of Prayer for Creation) – **October 4**, (Feast of St. Francis of Assisi) we join our sisters and brothers of the ecumenical family around the world in prayer and action for our common home.

This year the theme is: "Listen to the Voice of Creation". Thousands of Christians will join in prayer, sustainability projects and advocacy. The symbol chosen for this year is the **burning bush**. Today, the prevalence of unnatural fires is a sign of the devastating effects of the climate crisis. The **Burning Bush** is the sign of the fire of the Holy Spirit which unites us as Christians.

We, Sisters of St. Dominic of Amityville, along with our Associates and Young Adults, are currently embarking on a Seven Year plan of Action to save our **EARTH** and invite you to join us in our efforts.

#### **Resources:**

www.seasonofcreation.org

www.laudatosimovement.org

SISTERS OF ST. DOMINIC

of AMITYVILLE, NEW YORK



Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation Committee

#### Upcoming Bereavement Support Program St. Mary's Parish, East Islip

#### Eight Week Group beginning Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm

Support Groups are open to anyone who has suffered a loss at **least three months prior** to the start of the group. Loss must have occurred prior to June 13, 2022. 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 Covid CDC guidelines will be followed.

#### Pre-registration is required.

Please call 631-581-4266 ext. 125 to register.

# **BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP FOR WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS**

8 Week Program for Age 50 and Over Starting Thursday, September 15, 2022 3:00pm – 5:00pm at St. Joseph Parish Center - 39 N. Carll Avenue, Babylon

> For losses that have occurred before June 30, 2022 For more information and registration, please call: Terry Hoffmann 631-669-0198 or Geri Olson 631-661-8994



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# **Marriage Struggling?**

- 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?
- Are you separated or divorced, or thinking about separation or divorce?

# Another marriage-saving weekend is coming to the Metro/New York Area:

# September, 9-11 2022

The Retrouvaille Program helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. To be connected directly and confidentially to someone who can help, or to register, contact:

or

# www.helpourmarriage.org

**Long Island/Metro Retrouvaille** is a 5013c non-profit, peer ministry. Couples of all faiths, or no faith, are encouraged to attend, and no one is ever turned away for lack of funds.



(Retro vi – French for rediscover)

Because No Marriage is Beyond Hope



## The "Moving On" Group

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

#### "The Geek Squad" from Best Buy

Friday, September 9, 2022 at 7:00pm

St. Joseph Parish Center

39 North Carll Avenue, Babylon, NY 11702

For further information please call: Linda Sparaco at 631-225-9530 or Joyce Gangone at 631-813-9356.

#### Father Mychal Judge 911 Walk of Remembrance

All are invited to attend the Father Mychal Judge 911 Walk of Remembrance in NYC.

Held the Sunday before 9/11, the walk was started in 2002 by Det. Steven McDonald in Honor of his friend who perished in his role as Fire Dept. Chaplain. It remembers all civilians, police and fire fighters who were victims of that day. Join us as we 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. Join us as we come together to pray and never forget.

Walk begins at 9:30am Sunday, September 4, 2022 at FDNY 31st Street and 7th Avenue,

directly across from St. Francis of Assisi Church, where the rosary will be said at 9:00am.

Walk concludes 12:00pm at St. Peter's RC Church, Barclay Street, NYC.

911WalkOfRemembrance@gmail.com 646-856-Walk www.911WalkOfRemembrance.com

Seminary of the Immaculate Conception Annual Communion Breakfast

Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>



Mass Seminary Chapel 10:00am

Rev. Msgr. Steven R. CampSeminary Rector & Pastor, Church of St. Patrick, Huntington<br/>Celebrant and Speaker(Mass followed by Brunch and Msgr. Camp's Presentation in Refectory)Reserve online: www.icseminary.edu (Events)\$50.00 per personReserve by September 11thWalk-in Guests cannot be accommodated<br/>Additional Information: 631.423.0483x102

# **Employment Opportunity - St. John the Baptist DHS**

**Spanish Teacher** needed to teach high school Spanish at St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School in West Islip. Candidate should have BA or MA in Spanish or related area. Please send resumé and cover letter to: <u>principalsoffice@sjbdhs.org</u> or fax to: 631-587-8996.

# **SJB Offers Prep Course for TACHS Exam**

St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School is offering a Prep Course to prepare students for the test for ADMISSION INTO CATHOLIC HIGH

SCHOOLS (TACHS EXAM). This course consists of five 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> hour sessions beginning in September. A Test taking Strategies Class is also being offered on the Friday evening before the exam. For additional information please visit <u>www.stjohnthebaptistdhs.net</u> or call 631-587-8000 ext.117

# **Hope House Ministries needs your help!**

#### Contact your Elected Representatives in support of Hope House Ministries.

Hope House Ministries is eligible for a grant to support people in our area recovering from the long term effects of opioid addiction. Hope House has been serving men, women, teenagers and families in different ways for over 40 years. If you'd like to express in writing your sup-

port for Hope House's application for the grant, please go to: <u>https://www.hhm.org/local-representative-letter/</u> Download the template letter, sign and send it to your local representative.

#### **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.

# **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: <u>https://witroop179.wixsite.com/bsatroop179</u> or contact us at: <u>troop179cc@yahoo.com</u>.

# Calling all Boy Scout Troop 179 Alumni!!!

OLL's own Troop 179 is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. There are many events being finalized for this Golden Anniversary. To ensure you don't miss out on any of our great upcoming events please email: <u>troop179cc@yahoo.com</u> to get on our alumni list.



Test for Admission

into Catholic High School







# **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 **Nov. 19-20, 2022**. For information please call Lenny & Pat Walker at: 631-563-1032 or visit: **longisland.engagedencounter.com**.

# Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Do you have grandparents or older friends that danced and partied in the 1930s and 40s? Did they only listen to radio shows? If you answered YES please nominate that couple for the Longest Married Couple Project, sponsored by Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) starting today. Go to: <u>https://wwme.org/community/sponsored-events/longest-married-couple/</u> to place your nomination or call 321-544-3440 or email: <u>dick.diane.baumbach@wwme.org</u>.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring a variety of in-person and virtual marriage experiences, some on weekends and some on seven weekdays. Couples will explore their relationship with each other, God, and the Church. 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: <u>https://wwmenyli.org/</u>.

Take my yoke upon you, says the Lord, and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart. Be humble enough to gift your spouse with an experience to enliven your relationship. Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter experiences on **September 23-25** or **November 11-13** at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington, NY.

# **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.

Everyone is encouraged to wear a mask, regardless of vaccination status.

#### 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.

# **Families Anonymous 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 and in person. For additional information e-mail: <u>Donna526@aol.com</u> or call Diane at: 631-587-0966 or Donna at: 631-589-3790. Website: <u>FamiliesAnonymous.org</u>.

## **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: <u>www.ReligionandRock.com</u>.





# Sharing the Gospel

If you act bossy, you might get your way, but you won't make many friends. Jesus shared a secret about making friends. When you treat other kids with kindness, they will want to be your friends. Instead of telling other kids what to do, ask other kids to choose a game. If you want to play tag with other kids, offer to be "it" first. If it is time to line up to go outside, offer to go to the back of the line and let other kids in front of you.

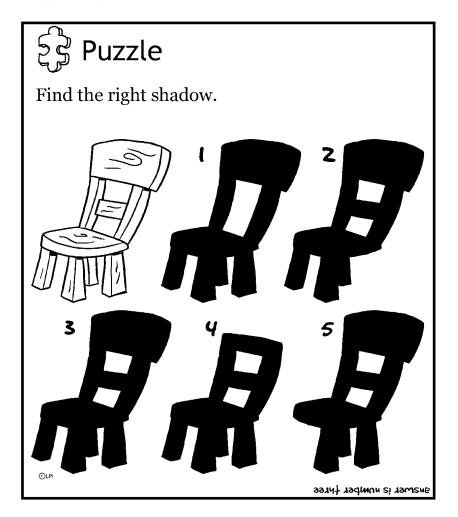


# Mission for the Week



When you sit down with

your family for dinner tonight, ask if you can serve the food. You may surprise your parents and get some pretty big smiles



# Prayer

Dear God, help me to be a good friend.



Amen.

# Something to Draw

Draw a picture of yourself at the end of the line.

