Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

455 Hunter Avenue, West Islip, NY 11795

Msgr. Brian McNamara, Pastor

Rev. Charles Mangano, Associate Pastor Rev. Sylvester Chukwumalume, in Residence Chaplain, South Shore University Hospital (Southside)

Rev. Freddy Lozano, in Residence

Deacon Nilo DeLeon, Deacon Tom Lucie, Deacon Rich Maher, Deacon John Teufel

Sr. Nancy Campkin CSJ, Director of Religious Ed
Trish Frodell, Director of Parish Social Ministry
Sr. Diane Liona CSJ, Director of Religious Ed
Debbie Meyer, Business Manager
Robin Reynolds Brennan, Coordinator of
Worship and Choir Director
Vita Scorcia, Ministry Spiritual Director

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: 9:00am-2:00pm

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.



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

AnnMarie Buonaspina

Director of Youth Choirs

Michael Buonaspina

Parish Organist

S. Kathleen Carberry, CSJ

Parish Office

Maggie Frodell

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 May 23

Sunday: Acts 2:1-11/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25/

Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

Monday: Gen 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/ Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12/ Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: Sir 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17/Mk 10:32-45

Thursday: Sir 42:15-25/ Mk 10:46-52 **Friday:** Sir 44:1, 9-13/ Mk 11:11-26 **Saturday:** Sir 51:12cd-20/ Mk11:27-33

Next Sunday: Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/ Rom 8:14-17/ Mt 28:16-20

Financial Summary

May 16, 2021

Weekly Collection \$ 15,986.00 Weekly Budget - \$ 17,800.00 +/- for the week \$ (1,814.00)

Ascension Thursday \$ 2,228.00 Communications \$ 2,476.00

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

How Are We to Love?

For these past seven weeks, the readings have been nothing short of a love story. The story of how God the Father sent His Son into this world out of love to save us. How Jesus, obedient to the Father and out of love for us, suffered, died and rose from the dead so that we could have a share in His eternal life. Today as we celebrate Pentecost, we see a continuation of the love story. Jesus sends the Holy Spirit, the Advocate, so that God's love would continue to remain with us and to work through us.

Of course, this is not the first time we have heard that the very essence of Christianity is love. In response to the question about the first commandments, Jesus says: The first is, Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one; and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this, you shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these."

I suppose the most challenging command that Jesus gives is that we are to love like Him! In other words, to continue His work through us. In the Catechism of the Catholic Church, we read that Jesus makes charity the new commandment. "The Lord asks us to love as He does, even our enemies".

So, if we are commanded to love "as Jesus loves", we must ask ourselves how did Jesus love? In the New Testament, we see frequent references to "Agape" love particularly in the writings of Paul and John. Agape love is essentially a way to describe the love that God has for us which is unconditional and selfless. This is the highest form of love, one that is intimately connected to charity. It is how God loves us and how we are supposed to return this love to God by loving one another. It is a unifying love that emanates from God, is given to us through Jesus and the Holy Spirit and returned to God by us in gratitude. The love that is returned completes the circle. As Saint Mother Teresa says, "God's thirst to love us is reflected in our thirst for God and is accomplished by loving one another."

If we are to authentically love as Jesus loved, we cannot do it alone. It is through the help of the Holy Spirit, the Advocate, that we receive the courage and fortitude to persevere. In our country, we have seen over the last several years a major division among people. It seems to me that we must start paying more attention to the objective truth and less to politics and lies that are grounded in power and greed. As an example, close to half the wealth in this country (44%) is controlled by less than 1% of the population (Pew Research) and the wealthiest 10% control 75% of household net worth (USA article). On a global basis, the United Nations reports that 26 of the world's richest people held as much wealth as half of the global population. This inequality does not unite but rather divides a nation and the world. It is also counter to the Gospel message.

We must, as a nation, respect all people based on their God given dignity, no matter their race, religion or age (from conception to natural death). Authentic love is more than a feeling or emotion just as Pentecost is not an abstract mystery. As Fr. Ron Rolheiser reminds us, once we accept and embrace the Holy Spirit in our own lives, "the Advocate starts to work in us and through us, to help us do things that we can't do all by ourselves, namely create community with each other and bring justice, peace, and joy to our world". The question is simple. Are we up for the challenge? Or maybe we should ask ourselves, do we choose to follow the command?

In the Peace of Christ,

Deacon Tom

Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by Connie Lynch. If you would like to help care for our altar needs, please call the Parish Office at 631-661-3224.

Members in the Military

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

Michael DiMatteo-US Marines Michael Fantauzzi-US Air Force Christopher Florca-US Marines 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 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, Loretta Anzalone, Rebecca Budriss, Thomas J. Calogero III, Kayla Cappetta, Grace Ciccarello, Robert Cigliano, Lynn Cooper, Dcn. John DeGuardi, Patricia Dennehy, Amanda DiTingo, Pat Eastwood, Paula Edwards, Anna Ferrante, Mike Ferrante, Elizabeth (Betty) Goode, Robert M. Grippo, Josephine Heffron, Patrick Anthony Heffron, Carol Randazzo Hopkins, Audrey Hoskins, Henry Kahn, Shena Kahn, Christopher Lennon, Diane Mahlstadt, Margaret Mooney, Michael Moskowitz, Dawn Muldoon, John Ninivaggi, Rosemarie Olivieri, Vivian Patterson, Edward Pauciullo, Barbara Perino, Patricia Planteny, Wyatt Rajotte, Teresa Regina, Matthew Roopchandsingh, Christina Sanchez, Christopher Sanchez, Joseph J. Schiavoni, Natalie Stone, David Stucker, Betty Teufel, Dcn. Jack Teufel, Anna Turnwall, Phyllis Van Dyken

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



Rest In Peace

Immacolata Correale Julius Dempsey Grace M. Geratv Christine Molinari Ruurd Rodenburg Elizabeth Ann Vela Eileen Vollmuth

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



Upcoming Marriages

Paige Zaccaria, OLL and John Filosa, OLL



Baptism

Anthony Dominick Michael Bertucci. Jr. Londyn Jade Massaro *Kylie Nichole Martinez* Sophia Ray Zuaro

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

Mass Intentions

Monday, May 24

The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

Elvis Menjivar 8:30am

Tuesday, May 25

St Bede the Venerable, St. Gregory VI, St. Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi

Catherine Peterson 8:30am

Wednesday, May 26

St. Philip Neri

Lien Belz 8:30am

Thursday, May 27

St. Augustine of Canterbury Arthur Baller 8:30am

Friday, May 28

8:30am Geraldine Maccio

Saturday, May 29

St. Paul VI

8:30am Josephine & Melchiore Barbiera

5:00pm Anne G. Magner

Fr. Charles Mangano

Sunday, May 30

The Most Holy Trinity

Thomas Sokol 8:00am

Fr. Charles Mangano

9:30am John McArdle

Fr. Charles Mangano

11:00am Anthony DeLise

Msgr. Brian McNamara

12:30pm Carolann Kenney

Msgr. Brian McNamara

6:00pm People of the Parish, Lisa Ragano, Angelo Manes,

> Elizabeth Vela, Hannah Wheeler Fr. Charles Mangano



Pregnant? Need Help?

Birthright, Inc. 24 Hour Helpline 1-800-550-4900

Islip: 631-277-3888 - Hampton Bays: 631-728-8900 - Rocky Point: 631-821-9727 Southold: 631-876-5138 - Wantagh 516-785-4070

Meeting Cancellations

Due to prescribed social distancing and COVID protocols, all meetings are cancelled until further notice. Please watch the bulletin and our parish website (ollchurch.org) for updates.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

What's it all about?

IF you are an adult AND

- ... you were never Baptized
- ... you were Baptized in another faith and would like to become a baptized Catholic
- ... you never received Holy Communion (Eucharist)
- ... you never received your Confirmation

IF you are an adult AND one or more of the circumstances above apply to you ...

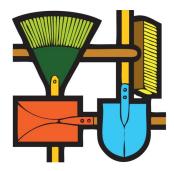
IF you feel you would like to become a baptized Catholic or become more fully initiated into your Catholic faith... Our email address is *RCIA@ollchurch.org* or call the Parish Office at 631-661-3224, and we would be happy to help you.

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.



Diced tomatoes Canned chicken Cooking oil Canned pineapple Mayonnaise



Parish "Clean-up" Day

On Sunday, May 30, we will be having a Parish "Clean-up" Day from 2:00pm to 3:30pm. Please bring hand clippers, loppers, hand saws, rakes, etc. We need to do some extra cleaning up.

All are welcome; no experience needed!

American Legion Poppy Sale - Memorial Day Weekend

The red poppy is a nationally recognized symbol of sacrifice worn by Americans since World War I to honor those who served and died for our country in all wars. It reminds Americans of the sacrifices made by our veterans while protecting our freedoms. Wear a poppy to honor those who have worn our nation's uniform.





Members of the American Legion will be selling poppies after the 5:00pm Mass on Saturday, May 29th and on Sunday, May 30th after the 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am and 12:30pm Masses. All donations received are used by The American Legion Family for their programs that support veterans, the military community and their families.

Anxiety Disorder Sufferers

A Recovery Group for those suffering from Anxiety Disorder

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.

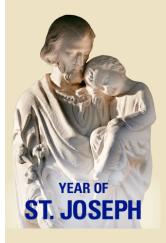
Easter Raffle - Drawing is THIS Weekend!

Below, please find a set of 6 chances. It is a 50-50 drawing. Chances are \$25 each or 6 chances for \$100. 1st place winner will win 35% of the money, 2nd place will win 10% of the money and 3rd place will win 5% of the money. You have to be in it to win it! The drawing will take place on **Pentecost Sunday, May 23 after the 12:30pm Mass**.



EASTER RAFFLE	EASTER RAFFLE	EASTER RAFFLE
Name	Name	Name
Phone	Phone	Phone
1 Ticket for \$25, 6 Tickets for \$100	1 Ticket for \$25, 6 Tickets for \$100	1 Ticket for \$25, 6 Tickets for \$100
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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.

Below is the prayer chosen by Pope Francis to honor St Joseph:



Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.





Congratulations Deacon Nilo DeLeon

Ordained on Saturday, May 22, 2021 St. Agnes Cathedral, Rockville Centre

Praying that God will bless you
as you begin your Ministry as a Deacon.
May the Holy Spirit shine brightly in you
as you serve the community
of God's people at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish.



There will be a special Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday, June 13, 2021 at the 11:00am Mass.

All are invited to come and pray for and with Deacon Nilo as he begins his Ministry at Our Lady of Lourdes.

Reception to follow.

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: <u>parishoffice@ollchurch.org</u>.



An Invitation from the Knights of Columbus

Last year, a group of men from Our Lady of Lourdes parish and surrounding parishes, with the support of Msgr. Brian, came together to organize a Knights of Columbus council. We decided to name this new Council in honor of our parish patroness, Our Lady of Lourdes.

Unfortunately, the Coronavirus pandemic has affected our ability to serve the Church, our Parish, and the Community because we could not increase our membership due to Covid-19 restrictions. As a result, many men in our parish are not even aware that we have a Knights of Columbus Council!

A little bit about the Knights of Columbus:

The Knights were founded in 1892 by Blessed Father Michael McGivney, the 29 year old assistant pastor of St. Mary's Church in New Haven, Connecticut. In the 129 years since its founding, the Knights of Columbus has grown into a worldwide Catholic men's organization with nearly 16,000 councils and two million members.

Most councils are parish based, like our Council, but some gather at their own halls for meetings and events. In addition to community based councils, the Knights sponsor councils on college campuses and at military bases.

Over the past decade, our members have enabled the Knights of Columbus to make charitable contributions of more than \$1.5 billion, and have donated 690 million volunteer hours to charity! But our good works do not end there. We were also founded to provide financial security to our members and their families through our highly rated life insurance and annuity programs.

As a member of our Council you will strengthen your faith and become a better Catholic man. Through your support of our parish and community you will form friendships with fellow Knights that can last a lifetime.

We meet on the second Monday of the month at 8:00pm in the All Purpose Room while observing all Covid-19 guidelines. We invite all men 18 years and older as a brother in the spirit of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism, the four guiding principles of our order.

God Bless You and your Families,

Ray Mazzilli, Grand Knight and Tom Perri The Knights of Our Lady of Lourdes, Council 17379

Please Save the Date!



Blood Drive on Monday, June 21, 2021



Chaminade High School - Honor Roll

Congratulations to the following young parishioners who have achieved Honor Roll status during the Second Trimester at Chaminade High School. We are very proud of your accomplishments.

Andrew T. Rao

Matthew S. Stueber

Thomas Stueber

Do you know a Senior who is about to graduate from High School?



Life, as our high school seniors have known it, has been very different since the Pandemic. With classes, sports, proms, senior trips, awards and recognition ceremonies canceled or re-imagined to virtual experiences, many young people are feeling down and disappointed. As uncertainty continues, remember one thing:

Their future is not canceled.

It is still important to connect our students 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</u>, <u>e-mail address</u>, and <u>phone number</u> as well as the <u>Name of College</u>, <u>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.

Sisters of St. Joseph Employment Opportunities

LPN's (Licensed Practical Nurse) and RN's (Registered Nurse)

2 full time Nurses for day shift 6:00am-2:00pm and 4 full time Nurses for afternoon shift 2:00pm-10:00pm Successful candidates will have a sincere passion for working with the elderly population. We're looking for a highly professional LPN or RN who is comfortable communicating with all levels as well as tending to the needs of our sisters. We offer a positive work environment where all team members work together for the good of the patient, and we hope you'll want to join our Nursing team!

Necessary Skills: Valid nursing license; willingness to work a flexible schedule and to fill in when needed; 1 year nursing experience, preferably with the elderly population; excellent bedside manner and communication skills.

We offer a competitive benefits package including tuition reimbursement, medical, dental, vision, life insurance, pension plan, generous paid time off along with a positive, inspiring work environment. Becoming a member of the Sisters of St. Joseph team offers a rewarding future. To learn more about this full time opportunity, please send resume to resume@csjbrentwood.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 given the opportunity to explore many aspects of their relationship through a series of presentations, writings and dialog. There are no group discussions. Our next 2 day weekend (with safe social distancing) will be held as follows:

July 10-11, 2021 Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington, NY Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington, NY

For information please call Lenny & Pat Walker at: 631-563-1032 or visit: www.engagedencounterli.org.



A Virtual Enrichment Day for Married Couples

presented by Worldwide Marriage Encounter Via Zoom

Spend a day free from pressures, commitments and worries. Take "time out" to focus on your marriage, build stronger communication and deepen your love.

This day is geared for couples of all ages and years married.

Saturday, June 26, 2021 Time: 9:00am-4:00pm

Program Fee: \$25.00 - Price includes materials and postage.

Late Registration (after June 13, 2021) - \$35.00

For more Information email: <u>Chuck.maria.reiss@wwme.org</u> or to register go to: https://wwmenyli.org/applyEnrichmentForm.php?weekendID=1302596

Great News - Worldwide Marriage Encounter has gone "Virtual"!

To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences. Some are on weekends and 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 John & Toni Torio at 718-344-3700 or visit them at https://wwmenyli.org/. Allow Jesus to be Lord of your marriage relationship. The next English Worldwide Marriage Encounter experiences are: Thursdays/Mondays Jun 3-24.

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

Sharing the Gospel

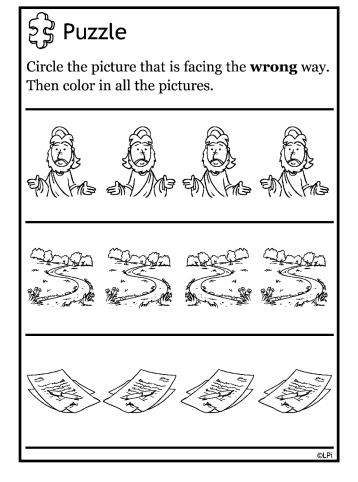
One day one of your best friends may move away, and you won't see him every day. You can still stay close to your friend by talking on the phone, writing letters, or sending e-mail messages. Jesus knew He would be leaving. He would not see His friends every day. Jesus promised to send His Spirit to them. When they were confused, the Spirit would show them the truth. When they missed Him, Jesus would send them messages by the Holy Spirit. Through the Spirit, Jesus could always stay close to His friends.



Mission for the Week



Before you sit down to read a Bible story, ask God to send His Spirit to help you. When you listen carefully to God's word, the Spirit can send you a special message from Jesus!



Prayer

God, thank you for sending your Spirit so I can stay close to Jesus, too.



Something to Draw

Draw a picture of God's Spirit whispering in your ear.

