

# Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

455 Hunter Avenue, West Islip, NY 11795

**Msgr. Brian McNamara**, 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

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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.

*Second Sunday of Advent • Sunday, December 4, 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

### 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 4, 2022

**Sunday:** Is 11:1-10/ Rom 15:4-9/ Mt 3:1-12  
**Monday:** Is 35:1-10/ Lk 5:17-26  
**Tuesday:** Is 40:1-11/ Mt 18:12-14  
**Wednesday:** Is 40:25-31/ Mt 11:28-30  
**Thursday:** Gn 3:9-15, 20/ Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/ Lk 1:26-38  
**Friday:** Is 48:17-19/ Mt 11:16-19  
**Saturday:** Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/ Mt 17:9a, 10-13  
**Next Sunday:** Is 35:1-6a, 10/ Jas 5:7-10/ Mt 11:2-11

### 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

### Financial Summary

#### November 27, 2022

Weekly Collection	\$ 14,171.00
Weekly Budget	- \$ 17,800.00
+/- for the week	\$ (3,629.00)

**Thanksgiving** \$ 4,047.00

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

Dear Parishioners:

As we know, we already beginning the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of Advent. In the midst of all the hustle and bustle of the season (cooking, cleaning, decorating, shopping, etc.), don't overlook the various spiritual opportunities that are being offered in December. You should have received a listing of these events in the mail, but they are also listed in the bulletin.

Opportunities are simply that: opportunities! We have to choose to take advantage of these opportunities. We have opportunities for adults and children. Make this season a holy season by taking advantage of these spiritual Advent offerings. I especially want you to circle this **Sunday, December 4** on your family calendar and come to the **Bethlehem Village** which will take place after all the masses on Sunday. In addition, do not miss out on our **Family Christmas Fair** on December 18. Bring your friends and neighbors.

There are other activities as well (movie night, Advent Stations, etc.). As the saying goes, "You can bring a horse to water, but you can't make him drink". These Advent opportunities are an attempt to bring you to the water; take advantage of them and take a deep, long, refreshing drink!

In November 2013, Pope Francis published a pastoral exhortation, *Evangelii Gaudium (The Joy of the Gospel)*. In the pastoral exhortation, Pope Francis wrote: "I invite all Christians, everywhere, at this very moment, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ, or at least an openness to letting Jesus encounter them; I ask all of you to do this unfailingly each day."

Let that be your Advent resolution: to have a personal encounter with Jesus Christ. As St. John tells us the Gospel: For God so loved the world that He sent His only Son that anyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life. God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world but that the world might be saved through Him (John 3:16 -17).

This is the person with whom Pope Francis wants us to have a personal encounter: the Christ who loved us so much that He became one of us and that same Christ died for us on the cross for our redemption.

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 15.

## Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Rita Spera*. 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>Melissa Mockler</b> - <i>US Navy</i>
<b>Michael Fantauzzi</b> - <i>US Air Force</i>	<b>Patric Mockler</b> - <i>US Navy</i>
<b>Christopher Florca</b> - <i>US Marine Corps</i>	<b>Andrew Perniciaro</b> - <i>US Army</i>
<b>Dominick Gennaro</b> - <i>US Army</i>	<b>Brandon Ranzie</b> - <i>US Army</i>
<b>Patrick Harty</b> - <i>US Coast Guard</i>	<b>Stephen Rolston</b> - <i>US Army</i>
<b>Ritchard Higham</b> - <i>US Army</i>	<b>Jack Shires</b> - <i>US Navy</i>
<b>Colby Matthew Kelly</b> - <i>US Army</i>	<b>Raymond Sgambati</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>
<b>Timothy Milligan</b> - <i>US Marine Corps</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 ...

*Jon Ackerman, Connie Ambrosino, Baby Ellis, Thomas J. Calogero III, Michele Carrano-McGee, Marykate Cavanagh, Maria Clark, Susan Dedes, Dcn. John DeGuardi, Amanda DiTingo, Paula Edwards, Nicolette Gebhardt, William Hacker, Patrick Anthony Heffron, Henry Kahn, Shena Kahn, Anne Kerrigan, James Leung, Vincent Marinelli, Joseph Marrone, Jr., John McMahon, Zachary Melengic, Richard Meyer, Edward Pauciullo, Bob Petersen, Mary Polik-Gunther, John Posanti, Louise Posanti, Clifford Proctor, Dina Rajotte, Melissa Rogan, Ida Schiavoni, Joseph J. Schiavoni, Vita Scorcia*

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



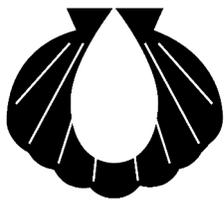
## Rest In Peace

Antonia Fantauzzi  
Paul Rimmel  
Rosalie Woodward

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

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## Baptism

Sofia Ariella Fiorante

*Masses may be viewed via livestream on our Facebook page.  
Please join us directly on Facebook or by visiting our  
website at: [ollchurch.org](http://ollchurch.org), where you will be redirected.  
You do not need a Facebook account.*

## Mass Intentions

**Monday, December 5**

**8:30am Clair (Deceased) & Bill Thomson (Living)**

**Tuesday, December 6**

*St. Nicholas*

**8:30am David Michael Calogero**

**Wednesday, December 7**

*St. Ambrose*

**8:30am Donald John Clark**

**5:00pm John & Josephine Guerin**

**Thursday, December 8**

*The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

**8:30am Salvatore Pinello**

**12:10pm Camille & Robert Watts**

**7:30pm Joyce Robinson**

**Friday, December 9**

*St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin*

**8:30am Frances DiPalma**

**Saturday, December 10**

**8:30am Maksymilin (Living), Martin Kerrigan,  
Sophie Unverzagt, Erica Petzold, Consuelo Hertz,  
Robert J. Rule, Catherine Serdock**

**5:00pm Carol Palma**

*Fr. Charles Mangano*

**Sunday, December 11**

*Third Sunday of Advent - Gaudete Sunday*

**8:00am Thomas Brando & Anne McNulty**

*Msgr. Brian McNamara*

**9:30am Salvatore Pinello**

*Msgr. Brian McNamara*

**11:00am Michael Scorcica**

*Msgr. Brian McNamara*

**12:30pm Antoinette Phalen**

*Msgr. Brian McNamara*

**6:00pm People of the Parish, Charles Mangano, Sr.,  
Noelle Kuchler, Dawn Carlin, Eileen Celano,  
Dolores Wood, Pierre Louis Family, Terence Bolin**

*Msgr. Brian McNamara*

## National Night of Prayer for Life December 8, 2020 - 8:30pm - 10:30pm

On the Feast of the Immaculate Conception (then celebrated on December 9<sup>th</sup>) Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas and of the Unborn, first appeared to St. Juan Diego. The National Night of Prayer for Life bridges these two feasts to honor Our Blessed Mother and to pray for the Lord's mercy and restore life, liberty, faith and peace.



## Rosary Christian Mothers

The Rosary Christian Mothers meet on the first Monday evening of each month. The next meeting will be on **Monday, December 5**. We will begin with Rosary at 7:00pm in the Parish Center, immediately followed by our business meeting.

## SAGE

Our next SAGE meeting will be **Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>** at 9:30am in the Parish Center.

## Prayer Shawl Ministry / Baby Blanket Bunch

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

Join us **Wednesday, December 7 at 9:30am in the Parish Center**. All you need to bring is scrap yarn, knitting needles or crochet hooks (patterns and instructions will be given to you) and your gifts of love and prayer.

## 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.

## Christmas at Outreach

Once again, we will be requesting gift cards for Christmas. We are asking that you take a tag from the **Giving Tree** with a specific gift card request for one of the families we will be assisting. The families will be able to use the gift cards for Christmas. In order for them to have time to use them before Christmas, they will need to get them earlier, so we are requesting that **any donation of gift cards be brought in by December 11<sup>th</sup>**. We are requesting gift cards to **Target, Walmart, Amazon, Kohl's Macy's, and Old Navy**. Thank you for all the support you have given throughout the year. Your generosity is such a blessing to the families who come to us. Hopefully, their celebration of Christmas will be a bright spot in their lives that are many times filled with difficulty.



**GIVING TREE**

## 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.



Oil  
Shampoo  
Conditioner  
Feminine Products  
Laundry Detergent



## Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup> - Holy Day of Obligation

Mass Schedule:

Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> - Vigil Mass at 5:00pm

Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup> - Mass at 8:30am, 12:10pm and 7:30pm

## Second Collection December 10-11 – Give in Gratitude

A donor to the Retirement Fund for Religious writes, “I still remember the lessons the sisters gave us and how they instilled in us the love of our faith.” Show your thanks for the prayerful service of elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. Your gift to next week’s second collection helps provide care, medicine, and more.

*As always, thank you for your ongoing generosity!*



**Retirement Fund for Religious**

**Please give to those who have given a lifetime.**

**Elderly religious need your help.** Like those pictured, nearly 25,000 senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have devoted their lives to prayer and ministry—educating the young, tending the sick, aiding the needy, and more. Yet years of serving for little or no pay have left a profound shortage in retirement savings. Your support of the Retirement Fund for Religious helps furnish care, medicine, and other necessities. Please give generously.

**Please give at your local parish.**

**To donate by mail:**  
National Religious Retirement Office  
3211 Fourth Street NE  
Washington DC 20017-1194  
*Make check payable to Retirement Fund For Religious*

[retiredreligious.org](http://retiredreligious.org)

Visit [retiredreligious.org/2022photos](http://retiredreligious.org/2022photos) to meet the religious pictured.  
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## Christmas Candles

This year, we are once again offering a *Loving Candle*. This symbolic light is a beautiful way to remember our loved ones - both living and deceased - and will remain lit throughout the life of the candle (approximately a week). The candles will be available for a donation of \$10.00. They will be sold after all weekend Masses on December 10-11 and December 17-18, and will also be available in the Parish Office. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at 631-661-3224, ext.121.



## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

We will be having extended hours of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on this **Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> from 12:30pm to 7:30pm**. Come, spend some intimate time with Jesus during our 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 ([ollchurch.org](http://ollchurch.org)) to check if adoration has been canceled.

## 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.



Visit a Street Called:

# Bethlehem Boulevard

Walk among the common folk on the day JESUS was born. Meet Roman Soldiers, the Census Taker, and Shop Keepers. Eavesdrop on the Shepherds and Angels. Talk with the Inn Keeper and Mary and Joseph.

December 4, 2022 in the All Purpose Room  
After the 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 and 12:30 Masses

A Christmas Experience for the Whole Family

See the Live Animals!!! Don't Miss It!!



## Needed: Eucharistic Ministers and Ushers for Christmas Masses

Additional Eucharistic Ministers will be needed to serve at the Christmas Masses. If you are an EM and would like to help, please add your name, contact information and the Mass you can assist with to the Christmas Eucharistic Minister sheet posted in the Sign-in Room.

Anyone who would like to assist as an Usher at Christmas Masses is requested to add their name, contact information and the Mass they will help with to the Volunteer Usher list, also in the Sign-in Room.

## 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 15 after the 12:30pm Mass.**

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



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# *O Come, O Come Emmanuel!*

## ADVENT OFFERINGS

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4:

8:30am – 2:00pm (APR)

### BETHLEHEM VILLAGE

Stop by and visit a busy Bethlehem village, just as it was on the night Jesus was born (with live animals). Invite your friends and neighbors as well!

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6:

7:30pm (CHURCH)

### ADVENT STATIONS

Pray with us as we reflect upon God's plan for us which includes God becoming one of us in Jesus Christ.

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7:

5:00pm

### HOLY DAY: FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

CHURCH: Mass for the Holy Day

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8:

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

### HOLY DAY: FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

CHURCH: Masses for the Holy Day

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13:

7:30pm (PARISH CENTER)

### MOVIE: THE CHOSEN: A Story of the First Christmas

This movie is produced by the same people who have produced The Chosen series.

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18:

10:30am – 2:00pm (Parish Center)

### FAMILY CHRISTMAS FAIR

Come join us for a fun Christmas festival with St. Nicholas!

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18:

At all the MASSES

### BLESSING OF THE CHRIST-INFANT

Bring the infant from your family Nativity scene for a special blessing.

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 19:

3:00pm – 8:00pm (PARISH CENTER)

### RECONCILIATION/CONFESSIONS

Confessors will be available throughout this time.

**\*\*\* NOVEMBER 27 – DECEMBER 18: GIVING TREE GIFT PROGRAM FOR THE NEEDY\*\*\***

**\*\* DECEMBER 11 – JANUARY 15: STOP BY & VISIT A COLLECTION OF NATIVITY SETS IN THE PARISH CENTER**

**\*\* JANUARY 15: Christmas Raffle Drawing (following the 12:30pm Mass in the All-Purpose Room)**

**\* PLEASE SEE THE BULLETIN/WEBSITE ([ollchurch.org](http://ollchurch.org)) FOR DETAILED DESCRIPTIONS \***

## Christmas Gifts

Christmas is a busy, magical time of year. We begin to have hustle and bustle around us. One of the first things we think of at Christmas is GIFTS or PRESENTS. What shall we get for everyone on our list or what shall we get as a present? At Christmas we receive the greatest gift of all, Jesus Christ our Lord, born as a baby in Bethlehem. While He is the greatest gift, He comes bearing other gifts for each of us. He brings gifts that we can treasure and nurture all year long. This Advent we will look at one of these special gifts each week to help us prepare for Jesus' coming into our hearts at Christmas.



**Our Gift this First Week of Advent is HOPE.** For the children of Israel, it seemed as if all HOPE for the coming of the Savior that had been promised had passed. When the Christ Child was born, the gift of HOPE came with Him. All HOPE was restored in the promises of God. We receive the gift of HOPE that Christ will come into our hearts and His teachings will spread throughout the world this Christmas.



**Our Gift this Second Week of Advent is JOY.** The angel told the shepherds that the Good News was of GREAT JOY. The gift of JOY helps us recognize that we are blessed in every way by having Jesus in our lives. Jesus is among us to comfort and guide us at all times, even when times are hard. We continue to have Good News in our lives every day. Take JOY in knowing that God is with you.

**Our Lady of Lourdes Knights of Columbus**  
*Annual Christmas Poinsettia Sale*

**AFTER ALL MASSES**  
on  
**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10**  
and  
**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11**

*Select a beautiful plant to decorate your home  
or as gifts for family members and friends,  
while also supporting our Parish!*



### ***Our Parish Advent Wreath***

A family from the parish will be lighting a candle on our Parish Advent Wreath at the beginning of each Mass for each week of Advent. This is a meaningful way to be part of our preparation for Christmas during this Advent. If you wish to be one of the families to light a candle, please speak to Robin or one of the ushers at Mass.



**Christmas Flower Offerings** Christmas Flower offerings received by **Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>** will be published in the December 25<sup>th</sup> bulletin. Offerings received after that date will be published in subsequent bulletins.

# FATHER CHARLES & LAURIE MANGANO



*Celebrate*  
**30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**  
*of Mater Dei*  
*Music Ministry*

*Please join with us as we celebrate the awesome love of God which we have experienced together over these past 30 years! In thanksgiving to Him, we offer a program to include:*

- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Divine Mercy Chaplet, talk and reflection
- Celebration of Holy Mass (*fulfilling our Sunday obligation*)
- Refreshments and finger foods
- Concert

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup> ✦ 2:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.**

*(Doors open at 1:00 p.m. Open seating, capacity 350)*

*At the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception*

*440 West Neck Road, Lloyd Harbor*



*\$40*  
*Per*  
*Person*

✦ A ticket charge is necessary to cover the cost of the Seminary rental fee and refreshments. ✦

*Tickets are now on sale and may be purchased by calling Alice at 203-970-7862.*

## PLEASE NOTE

The **deadline for purchasing tickets** to Fr. Charles and Laurie's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception is **Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am.**



## ***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](http://www.KofC.org).

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

## **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. This weekend (12/3 and 12/4) 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.



## **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 visit our website: <https://witroop179.wixsite.com/bsatroup179> or contact us at: [troop179cc@yahoo.com](mailto:troop179cc@yahoo.com).

## **Dementia Caregiver Support Group Thursday, December 15, 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: [michele@agentletouchseniorcare.com](mailto:michele@agentletouchseniorcare.com) to reserve your place.***

## **Butterfly Memory Café - December 16<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, December 16<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: [michele@agentletouchseniorcare.com](mailto:michele@agentletouchseniorcare.com).

**Family Christmas Fair**

**Sunday, December 18 – Parish Center**  
after the 9:30, 11:00 and 12:30 Masses

We're having a party and everyone is invited!  
**Christmas Games, Crafts for the Kids, Treats**  
and  
**SANTA WILL BE THERE!**

*Bring your cameras for pictures with Santa!*

**HOPE HOUSE MINISTRIES PRESENTS**

*Andy Cooney's*  
**Christmas Celebration**

Starring **DECEMBER 5, 2022 • 7:30 PM**

*Andy Cooney*  
and  
*The New York Tenors*

accompanied by  
**The Big Apple Ensemble**  
with Musical Director PJ Cardinal

DANIEL  
RODRIGUEZ

ANDY  
COONEY

CHRISTOPHER  
MACCHIO

**With Special Guests: Arianna Paz, Hibernian Festival Singers & The HIMS & Her**

Come enjoy an uplifting Christmas concert to benefit Hope House Ministries featuring Andy Cooney and the New York Tenors December 5, 2022 at Patchogue Theatre. Celebrate the spirit of Christmas as the New York Tenors team up with The Big Apple Ensemble, Adrianna Paz, The Hibernian Festival Singers and the HIMS & Her. All proceeds will benefit Hope House Ministries. Purchase tickets online at <https://www.patchoguetheatre.org/events/2022-12-05-andy-cooney-s-christmas-celebration> or by calling the box office at 631-207-1313.

## Are You Being Called to Serve as a Deacon?

Come to any one of these meetings prepared  
to LISTEN - to PRAY- to REFLECT- to DISCERN where God is calling you!

EVENINGS are being offered conveniently at THREE LOCATIONS:

**7:00pm, Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>**

St. Joseph Ronkonkoma, 45 Church Street

**7:00pm, Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup>**

Maria Regina Seaford, 3945 Jerusalem Avenue

**7:00pm, Thursday, June 19<sup>th</sup>**

St. Aidan Williston Park, 505 Willis Avenue

EARLY WEEKEND option to be held at

**1:00pm, Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup>**

St. John the Evangelist Center Moriches, 25 Ocean Avenue

RSVP by Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup> to 631-423-0483 ext.179 or by e-mail to [diaconateformation@drvc.org](mailto:diaconateformation@drvc.org)

We thank you and look forward to being with you



## 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: <https://dm.epiq11.com/drvc>.

## Christmas at the Seminary

**Friday  
December  
16<sup>th</sup>**



**Main  
Chapel  
7pm**

Join us for an evening of Christmas Cheer!

A selection of sacred and contemporary Christmas Music featuring special performances by  
Fr. Joe Catafago • Fr. Ed Sheridan • St. Anthony H.S. Pipe Band • Trinity Regional School Senior Chorus  
The Schubart Family • Nina Baumann • Phoon Yu • and Others!

*Reception to follow in the Refectory*

Reservations required

Adults \$50

Students \$25

Seminary Development Office

(631)423-0483 x 102

[bmalone@icseminary.edu](mailto:bmalone@icseminary.edu)

## ***Advent Events with the Sisters of St. Dominic in Amityville***

The Sisters of St. Dominic welcome you to Study, Pray, Celebrate and Serve as we prepare to live into the full meaning of Christmas.

**PRAY: Wednesdays at 8:30 pm (Nov. 30, Dec. 7, 14, 21):** Via zoom, pray the Liturgy of the Hours known as Compline.

**CELEBRATE: Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm:** Come to Lessons and Carols at our Motherhouse, Queen of the Rosary Chapel, 555 Albany Ave., Amityville. **Bring a bell.**

**SERVE:** Bring a supermarket gift card to Lessons and Carols to be distributed to those in need or mail cards to the Associates' Office at 555 Albany Ave., Amityville.

To Register, email: [belsole1@fordham.edu](mailto:belsole1@fordham.edu)

## **The Babylon Chorale presents *Out of the Darkness – Into the Light***

*A choral concert to remind us of the light all around at this special time of year.*

**Sunday, December 4, 2022 at 4:00 pm  
at St. Peter's By-the-Sea Episcopal Church**

500 South Country Rd., Bay Shore, NY

Advance Sale: \$20 / Adults; \$12 / Students & Seniors 60+

Door Sale: \$25 / Adults, \$15 / Students & Seniors 60+

\$10 / Children 10 and under at all times.

For more information and to purchase tickets online visit our website at: [www.babylonchorale.org](http://www.babylonchorale.org)

or email: [info@babylonchorale.org](mailto:info@babylonchorale.org)

## **Breakfast with Santa**

On Saturday, December 10, Westminster United Presbyterian Church (109 Udall Road), will be hosting Breakfast with Santa. There will be two (2) seatings: 9:00am – 10:30am & 11:00am – 12:30pm. There will be a Craft Fair and Chinese Auction as well.

For more information call: 631-661-6740 or visit: [www.westminsterupc.org](http://www.westminsterupc.org).



## ***Retrouvaille Weekend - 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*?**

The Retrouvaille Program helps couples through difficult times in their marriages.

*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.*

For confidential information about the Retrouvaille program, or to register for the next weekend

**January 27-29, 2023**, 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

Pronunciation: "retro vi" - French for rediscover ***Because No Marriage is Beyond Hope***



## 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 18-19, 2023**. For information please call Lenny & Pat Walker at: 631-563-1032 or visit:

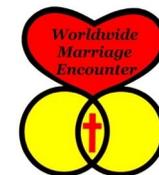
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## Worldwide Marriage Encounter

### Attention Married Couples & Priests

Are you ready for more growth and happiness in your marriage or priesthood? Uncover the secrets to a lasting, supportive, transformational marriage on a **World Wide Marriage Encounter Weekend**. If you're thinking forward towards the New Year, think about thanking the special person in your life, your spouse. Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience together: **February 3-5, 2023** at Immaculate Conception Seminary in Huntington. Register at: [WWME.org](http://WWME.org) or contact: Chuck & Maria Reiss at: 631-486-8607



## 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.

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday meetings are via Zoom. For more meeting info visit: [al-anon.org](http://al-anon.org).

## 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: [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).

## 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 Prepared". To listen online or for more information, visit: [www.ReligionandRock.com](http://www.ReligionandRock.com).

## Sharing the Gospel

John the Baptist taught people to get ready for Jesus. He told them to change their lives. John helped many people wash away all their mistakes and bad choices. He washed away all their cheating, lying, fighting, and stealing. Once they were clean, John wanted them to see that living God's way is so much better. John told the people not only to clean their bodies, but to show that they love God by the way that they live.



## Mission for the Week



Write a prayer to God, asking Him to help you stop doing those things, and start being honest, giving and kind.

### Puzzle

Match John the Baptist to his right shadow.



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### Prayer

Dear God,  
Help my  
words and my  
choices to show  
that I love You.



### Something to Draw

Draw a picture of John washing you in the Jordan River.

