

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

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Liturgical Schedule

Daily Mass

8:30am

Weekend Masses

Saturday: 5:00pm

Sunday: 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am, 12:30pm
and 6:00pm.

Reconciliation/Confession

Saturday: 4:00pm-4:45pm or by appointment

Rosary

Daily at 8:00am

Miraculous Medal Novena

Monday at 8:00am

Sacraments

Anointing of the Sick

Throughout the liturgical year. If needed sooner, please call the Parish Office.

Baptism

Please contact the Parish Office to schedule an appointment.

Marriage

Arranged at least six months in advance, please call the Parish Office.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

A process to be embraced by the Catholic Church. For non-Catholics and for Catholics who have never received formal religious education. If interested, please call the Parish Office.

Palm Sunday • Sunday, March 28, 2021



Welcome to our Parish Family

New Parishioners are cordially invited to register as members of our Parish Family. Please call or visit our Parish Office.

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

- Saint Teresa of Calcutta

Pastoral Council

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Mission Statement

As stewards of all that God has given us, the Parish Family of Our Lady of Lourdes serves and ministers to all who come to this place.

Regardless of a person's history, ethnicity, gender, orientation, age or race, we commit ourselves to open wide the doors of our Parish to provide a place of welcome and hospitality.

Readings for the Week of March 28

Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/ Is 50:4-7/ Phil 2:6-11/
Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39

Monday: Is 42:1-7/ Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/ Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/ Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/ 1 Cor 11:23-26/ Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13—53:12/ Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/ Jn 18:1—19:42

Saturday: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a, Gn 22:1-18 or 22: 1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18, Ex 14:15—15:1, Is 54:5-14, Is 55:1-11, Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4, Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/ Rom 6:3-11/ Mk 16:1-7

Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/ Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/ Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7

Parish Staff

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Financial Summary

March 21, 2021

Weekly Collection	\$ 13,712.00
Weekly Budget	- \$ 17,800.00
+/- for the week	\$ (4,088.00)

Easter Flowers	\$ 3,905.00
Parish Mission	\$ 3,655.00

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

Dear Friends:

Palm Sunday greetings from Our Lady of Lourdes! It is hard to believe that Holy Week is upon us. Palm Sunday is also called Passion Sunday. It is a somber and sobering day. I am always touched by the fact that the Gospel reading begins with Christ triumphantly entering Jerusalem, with the people shouting, "Hosanna, hosanna." But three days later, that same crowd of people shouted out, "Crucify Him; crucify Him!" I have often wondered what I would have done if I had been in Jerusalem at the time. Would I have had the courage to be present at the foot of the cross or would I have run away?

Please see the other areas of the bulletin for the **Holy Week and Easter schedule**. I urge you to come to some of the Holy Week services. If you have never been to a Holy Thursday or Good Friday Service, you should! They are very moving, powerful services. Take this opportunity to walk with Christ from Holy Thursday through Good Friday to Easter Sunday. Open your heart up to the Lord and allow Him to touch your life.

As you know, we live in times that can be described as unprecedented/unparalleled/exceptional - and any other synonym you can come up with! And, as you know, this is still a time filled with much anxiety and even fear.

Many people feel powerless in the face of this pandemic. We see, in a devastating way, how widely a virus spreads from person to person. However, I also hope that we have confidence that God allows the good that we do, our prayer and our actions, to make a positive impact on our brothers and sisters. As Pope Francis encourages us, "Let us call upon Him today, firmly rooted in prayer, for without prayer all our activity risks being fruitless and our message empty." (*Evangelii Gaudium*, no. 259) Normally, our Parish would have a whole host of Spiritual Opportunities for both adults and children. Our Children's Liturgy Committee has always provided wonderful events for our children. This year, we will not be able to have any of these opportunities. I pray that all these will return next Holy Week.

On **MONDAY, March 29th, from 3:00pm – 9:00pm**, every parish on Long Island will offer the opportunity to go to Confession, the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Maybe you have not gone in 6 months; maybe you have not gone in 30 years. Take advantage of this opportunity or next year it will be 31 years! God loves us and one of the ways in which God shows His love for us is by forgiving us. Allow God to love you! Allow God to forgive you! Please note that Confessions will be available at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish at other times during Holy Week as well. See the Bulletin for these confession times. If none of these times is convenient for you, simply call the rectory and we can arrange for a private confession.

Also, please see an "Examination of Conscience" and "How to Celebrate the Sacrament of Penance" aid in other parts of the bulletin to help you.

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

In Christ,

Fr. Brian

PS: *POPE FRANCIS* has said: "Holy Week is a privileged time when we are called to draw near to Jesus: friendship with him is shown in times of difficulty ... For a good Easter, Christians must do more than simply recall the passion of Jesus during Holy Week; they must enter into the mystery of the Easter Triduum and make Jesus' feelings and attitudes their own."

Holy Thursday

We begin the day by praying Morning Prayer. We will be present in person and we will livestream Morning Prayer on our Parish Website. This prayer is the prayer priests and deacons pray every day for the “sanctification” of the world. Priests and deacons make a commitment to pray every day to make the world a holier place.

On Tuesday morning, Bishop Barres will celebrate the Chrism Mass at St. Agnes Cathedral in Rockville Centre. At the Chrism Mass, the Oil of the Catechumens and the Oil of the Sick will be blessed and the Sacred Chrism Oil will be consecrated. These oils will be used in the coming year in the various parishes for the Sacraments of Baptism, Anointing of the Sick and Confirmation.

On Holy Thursday evening, we enter into the Sacred Triduum together with the Evening Mass of the institution of the priesthood, the institution of the Eucharist and Christ’s commandment to love one another. We will celebrate in person and we will livestream Evening Mass on our Parish Website.

For the first time since Ash Wednesday, we sing the Gloria together while bells are rung to signify that Lent is over. After the Gloria, the bells are silenced until Saturday night and the Liturgy takes a more solemn tone.

This Mass of the Lord’s Supper also recounts the institution of the priesthood by Jesus at the Last Supper as well as the institution of the Eucharist. This evening, we are met by Christ who feeds us by His Word (in the Scripture readings) and by His Body and Blood (in the Eucharist). Thus, we are strengthened to live out Jesus’ command to serve. Indeed, our reception of Holy Communion is only validated in our loving service to others!

We will conclude with a simple procession consisting of the priest and deacons with the Blessed Sacrament. As we process with the Eucharist, it reminds us of how many of us have had to “fast” from receiving Holy Communion. We long for the day when we can return to “feast” on the Eucharist. As the early martyrs said, “Without the Eucharist, we are nothing!”



Good Friday

Once again, we begin the day by praying Morning Prayer. We will be present in person and we will livestream Morning Prayer on our Parish Website.

On Good Friday, we commemorate the suffering and death which Christ endured to bring salvation to the world. Our attention is focused on Jesus.

According to the Church's ancient tradition, today is the only day of the year in which Mass is not celebrated. However, Morning Prayer and the Liturgy of the Lord's Passion allow us to gather and remain vigilant in prayer. The liturgies of Good Friday are sober, solemn, and simple, as characterized by the stripped altar, the silent procession, and the prostration of the liturgical ministers before the Liturgy of the Lord's Passion. I am sure that many of you recall that in our "younger" days, from noon (12:00pm) until three o'clock, no one was allowed to play, everyone had to be quiet. Everyone knew that Good Friday was a special day!

While the Passion accounts on Palm Sunday differ from year to year, the Gospel on Good Friday always comes from the Gospel of St. John. St. John's Passion emphasizes the power and majesty of Christ. He is in control of everything that takes place. While the other Gospels focus on the horror of the Cross, St. John depicts Jesus as being glorified while still on the cross. The cross is our glory and the cross is the instrument of our salvation. Christ is victorious over the forces of evil while still on the cross. After the Homily, we pray at length for the needs of the world with special solemn prayers of intercession.

Then, we have a once-a-year event. The priest holds up the Holy Cross in our midst. Normally, then we are invited to venerate the Cross individually with a simple touch, kiss or bow. Interestingly enough, a cross, and not a crucifix, is used for the veneration. The liturgical text emphasizes that we are adoring "the wood of the cross on which hung the salvation of the world" and not reverencing the dead body of Christ. The final words of Jesus on the cross are: "It is accomplished!" Jesus is not overcome; rather, Jesus has overcome! While we cannot venerate the cross individually this year, we can still unite our hearts and souls with Christ on the cross.

After this simple veneration of the Cross, the Blessed Sacrament is brought to the altar and then distributed to the assembly. Since the Good Friday Service is not a Mass, Holy Communion that was consecrated on Holy Thursday is used. Everyone departs in silence while continuing to fast and keep vigil.



Holy Saturday

Once again, we begin the day by praying Morning Prayer. We will be present in person and we will livestream Morning Prayer on our Parish Website.

On Holy Saturday, the Church waits at the Lord's tomb, meditating on His suffering and death. The altar is left bare, the Tabernacle remains empty, and the Eucharist is not celebrated until the Easter Vigil. At 12:00 Noon, we will have the opportunity for the blessing of our family Easter foods which we will eat on Easter Sunday.

The Easter Vigil is the culmination of the Sacred Triduum, a time of prayer and reflection on our salvation history. Hungry and excited, we gather in darkness and light a great fire and a new candle to make the night bright. We honor Christ, the Light of the World, by placing the candle in a prominent place in the sanctuary. After the placement of the Easter candle, the Easter Proclamation, the Exsultet, is sung. Then we listen to the readings and psalms from the Old Testament. The various readings, psalms, and prayers, trace us through salvation history, from God's creation of the world, to God making a covenant with His people, to God freeing the people of Israel from their slavery to Pharaoh in Egypt, to Christ triumphing over sin and death with His resurrection. To announce Christ's resurrection, bells are rung, the lights are turned on and the "Gloria" is sung.

After this great transition from darkness to light, we hear St. Paul telling the Romans about the resurrection of Christ. The Gospel gives us an account of the resurrection. Following the homily, we renew our Baptismal promises. The vast majority of us were baptized as infants. As an infant, we do not have much of a choice to believe and follow Jesus; we were simply too young. Thus, every year, the Church gives us an opportunity to renew our Baptismal promises; each year we are given an opportunity to truly say "YES" to Christ and live a life of holiness.

Together, we then go to the altar and celebrate the Eucharist. Easter Sunday begins and we are ready for Fifty Days of rejoicing. The Easter Vigil reminds us who we are (made in the image and likeness of God) and whose we are (adopted sons and daughters of Almighty God)! Knowing this truth in our heads and in our hearts allows us to proclaim: "Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is truly risen! Let us rejoice and be glad!"



Easter Sunday

**8:00 AM
Church**

Novena
Fr. Charles Mangano

**9:30 AM
Church
Cafeteria**

Novena
Msgr. Brian McNamara
Fr. Sylvester Chukwumalume

**11:00 AM
Church
Cafeteria**

Novena
Msgr. Brian McNamara
Fr. Sylvester Chukwumalume

**12:30 PM
Church**

Novena
Fr. Charles Mangano

No 6:00 PM Mass on Easter Sunday

*We will be live-streaming our Masses on our parish website.
Please visit: ollchurch.org*

Hallelujah!



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Confession Forgiveness
Forgiveness Penance
Conversion Reconciliation

Experience the power of forgiveness this Easter

RECONCILIATION MONDAY

ALL CHURCHES OPEN FOR CONFESSION

Monday, March 29th 3:00pm-9:00pm

Monday, March 29:

3:00pm – 9:00pm in the CHURCH

RECONCILIATION MONDAY

Confessors will be available throughout this time.

Come and be reconciled to God through Confession.

Please see page 13 of the bulletin for the schedule of additional opportunities for Confession at OLL.

Archdiocese of New York
archny.org

Diocese of Rockville Centre
drvc.org

Diocese of Brooklyn
dioceseofbrooklyn.org

Good Friday Collection - A Pontifical Collection

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land

Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines.

The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees.

When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land.

As always, we appreciate your generosity!

For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday.



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

As a parish, we will be celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday on **April 11, 2021**.

We will praise God for His eternal love and abundant mercy.

How? Fr. Charles will lead us in a prayer service in the Church from 2:30pm-4:00pm.

The prayer service will consist of exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, readings from scripture, praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy (*which consists of various prayers which Jesus gave to Sister Faustina to give to the world. This chaplet is prayed on ordinary rosary beads*), the sorrowful mystery of the rosary, singing and the opportunity to venerate the image of the Divine Mercy and the relic of Saint Faustina. All are welcome to join us.



In the apparition of Jesus to St. Faustina, Jesus also gives us the Divine Mercy Novena to pray and, like all Novenas, it is 9 days. The Novena begins on Good Friday and it is very unique because with this Novena you are praying for God's intentions, not your own. Jesus gave St. Faustina the intentions that He would like us to pray for each day. It is a most beautiful and selfless prayer. There are red Novena pamphlets at the doors of the church in case you need one.

Easter Raffle

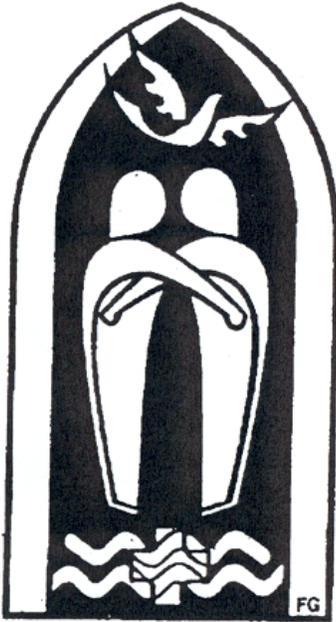
Below, please find a set of 6 chances. It is a 50-50 drawing. Chances are \$25 each or 6 chances for \$100. 1st place winner will win 35% of the money, 2nd place will win 10% of the money and 3rd place will win 5% of the money. You have to be in it to win it!

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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How to Celebrate the Sacrament of Penance



When you go to celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation, this is what to do:

Prepare. Examine your conscience; Prayerfully recall your sins. Some will be specific actions. Some represent a more general pattern of behavior.

Go to the priest. You may either kneel anonymously behind a screen or sit in a chair where you may speak face to face.

Be welcome. You and the priest may greet each other. Make the Sign of the Cross. He may urge you to have confidence in God. You may indicate the interval since your last confession or anything else that will help. Just use common sense. Either you or the priest may read from Scripture.

Confess your sins. Some penitents begin with a formula like, "Bless me, Father, for I have sinned." But you don't have to. Let the priest know your sins. You may discuss the sins you confess so the priest can give you the best counsel.

Receive a penance. The priest will recommend some action after you leave to indicate to God the sincerity in your heart. Usually he suggests prayer or self-denial.

Pray for forgiveness. The priest invites you to say a prayer of sorrow aloud. If you remember the Act of Contrition, you may use it. But you may also speak simply from your heart.

One form of the Act of Contrition is:

My God,
I am sorry for my sins with all my heart.
In choosing to do wrong
And failing to do good
I have sinned against you
Whom I should love above all things.
I firmly intend, with your help,
To do penance,
To sin no more,

And to avoid whatever leads me to sin.
Our Savior Jesus Christ
Suffered and died for us.
In his name, my God have mercy.

Or

Lord Jesus, Son of God,
Have mercy on me, a sinner.

Receive absolution. The priest proclaims absolution, and God forgives your sins.
The prayer of absolution:

God the Father of mercies,
Through the death and resurrection of his Son
Has reconciled the world to himself
And sent the Holy Spirit among us for the forgiveness of sins;
Through the ministry of the church
May God give you pardon and peace,
And I absolve you from your sins
In the name of the Father, and of the Son (+)
And of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Conclude. The priest may say, "Give thanks to the Lord for he is good." If so, answer, "His mercy endures forever." Or he may conclude informally.

With God's help, begin to live a new life of freedom from the slavery of sin!

An Examination of Conscience

The Rite of Penance contains a form of the Examination of Conscience (Appendix III). Another form follows below:

Some thoughts on examination of conscience for adults...

For too long, we have looked at examination of conscience as a mere exertion of effort necessary to come up with a grocery list of sins. Rather, it should be part of the rhythm of our daily lives on our way toward maturity. It is not so much a looking at the things we do, but rather, at the person who does them. For each of us is a relational and responsible person, and it is within this context that we grow further toward or away from our goal – Christ.

THINK OF YOURSELF AS A PERSON

Do you accept yourself with your good and bad points? Do you share yourself with others?

Do you realize you have been called by, loved by God in a unique way?

Do you treat others with dignity and respect? Do you use your sexuality irresponsibly or selfishly?

Do you exploit others for your own pleasure?

THINK OF YOURSELF AS A HUSBAND OR WIFE

Do you strive for understanding and communication with your spouse in order to be one spirit as planned by God?

THINK OF YOURSELF AS A FATHER OR MOTHER

Do you give your children yourself, your time, your abilities?

Do you correct them when they're wrong, praise them when you should, instruct them with gentleness and patience?

Are you aware of your responsibility to guide them in the Faith by your words and actions?

Do you apologize and admit when you're wrong and they've been right?

THINK OF YOURSELF AS AN ADULT CHILD

Do you realize that this command to "honor your father and mother" applies to you, if you are blessed to still have your parents as it does to your children?

THINK OF YOURSELF AS A NEIGHBOR

Do you realize that your neighbor is your brother and sister?

Do you try to be helpful when you know there is a need?

Do you respect their rights and allow them to be persons?

Do you make judgments about people based upon their appearance or color?

Do you harbor prejudice in your heart?

THINK OF YOURSELF AS AN EMPLOYEE, AS AN EMPLOYER

Do you give your employer all of your time during the hours he is paying you, realizing that "stealing time" is the same as stealing?

Do you give your employer your full efforts and concentration during working hours?

Do I pay a just wage? Do I provide adequate working conditions?

THINK OF YOURSELF AS A MEMBER OF THE WORLD COMMUNITY OF THE FAMILY OF GOD

Do you sufficiently reflect on the responsibility you have to be concerned about the other members of this family who are suffering from poverty, prejudice, unfair labor practices, unjust housing laws, and other various causes?

Do you take it as a responsibility to consider the morality involved in issues like abortion, euthanasia, denial of rights to migrant workers, corruption in political or economic structures?

Do you take it as your responsibility to be informed about current events and to listen with open minds and hearts to those holding different positions?

THINK OF YOURSELF IN YOUR DIRECT RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

Do you make the effort to spend some time with Him each day even if it's just to say "good morning" or "thanks?"

Do you seek to know Him better in whatever way fits you best?

Do you allow Him to give Himself often to you in the gifts of His sacraments of Eucharist and Penance?

Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Gaye Mazzo*. 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 - <i>US Marines</i>	Anthony Memoli - <i>US Marines</i>
Michael Fantauzzi - <i>US Air Force</i>	Timothy Milligan - <i>US Marines</i>
Christopher Florca - <i>US Marines</i>	Melissa Mockler - <i>US Navy</i>
Dominick Gennaro - <i>US Army</i>	Andrew Perniciaro - <i>US Army</i>
Patrick Harty - <i>US Coast Guard</i>	Brandon Ranzie - <i>US Army</i>
Ritchard Higham - <i>US Army</i>	Stephen Rolston - <i>US Army</i>
Colby Matthew Kelly - <i>US Army</i>	Jack Shires - <i>US Navy</i>
Luke Loftsgaarden - <i>US Army</i>	Jack Taffner - <i>US Marines</i>
Anthony Mannino - <i>US Marines</i>	Michael Wilkinson - <i>US Army</i>
Msgr. Brian McNamara - <i>US Air Force</i>	Peter Zaccaria - <i>US Navy</i>

... and remember those of our parish family that are in the armed services, listed in our Parish Book of Intentions.



Pastoral Care of Our Sick

Please call the Parish Office at 631-661-3224 to leave the names of parishioners who:

- Are homebound and would like to receive the Eucharist.
- Are in Good Samaritan Hospital and/or a local nursing home and would like to be visited by a member of our Pastoral Care Ministry.
- Would like to receive the Sacrament of the Sick.

Pray for Our Sick

Please remember to keep in your thoughts and prayers ...

Loretta Anzalone, Rebecca Budriss, Thomas J. Calogero III, Kayla Cappetta, Grace Ciccarello, Robert Cigliano, Joanne Citarella, Dcn. John DeGuardi, Patricia Dennehy, Amanda DiTingo, Pat Eastwood, Paula Edwards, Anna Ferrante, Mike Ferrante, Elizabeth (Betty) Goode, Josephine Heffron, Patrick Anthony Heffron, Carol Randazzo Hopkins, Audrey Hoskins, Diane Mahlstadt, Margaret Mooney, Rosemarie Olivieri, Vivian Patterson, Edward Pauciullo, Patricia Planteny, "Baby" Nicholas Polini, Teresa Regina, Matthew Roopchandsingh, Christopher Sanchez, Joseph J. Schiavoni, Natalie Stone, Col. Bernard Talley, 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.

All Holy Week Masses and Prayer Services will also be live-streamed on our parish website. Please join us by visiting our website at: ollchurch.org.

Holy Week Confession Schedule

Monday, March 29:
3:00-9:00pm in Church

Friday April 2:
8:45-9:30am in Church

Saturday, April 3:
8:45-9:30am in Church
4:00-5:00pm in Church

Confession may also be arranged by appointment.



Upcoming Marriages

Ryan Goodrich, OLL
and
Daniel LaVinesse,
St. William the Abbot, Seaford

Mass Intentions

Monday, March 29

8:30am McCarthy & Muccio Family

12:10pm Adrian & Janet Cabral

Tuesday, March 30

8:30am Carmela Yolanda Luongo

12:10pm Jack Pagano

Wednesday, March 31

8:30am Dorothy Joyce

12:10pm Bruce Schmid

Thursday, April 1

Holy Thursday

8:30am Morning Prayer

Mass of the Lord's Supper

7:30pm People of the Parish

Fr. Charles Mangano

Friday, April 2

Good Friday

8:30am Morning Prayer

3:00pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

Msgr. Brian McNamara

Saturday, April 3

Holy Saturday

8:30am Morning Prayer

7:30pm Easter Vigil

Fr. Charles Mangano

Sunday, April 4

Easter Sunday

8:00am Novena

Fr. Charles Mangano

9:30am Novena

Church *Msgr. Brian McNamara*

Cafeteria *Fr. Sylvester Chukwumalume*

11:00am Novena

Church *Msgr. Brian McNamara*

Cafeteria *Fr. Sylvester Chukwumalume*

12:30pm Novena

Fr. Charles Mangano

Good Friday Silent Vigil

The Long Island Coalition for Life is holding a Good Friday Silent Vigil on behalf of Preborn Children on April 2, 2021, from 10:30am to Noon on the public sidewalk in front of Nassau University Medical Center, 2201 Hempstead Tpke. in East Meadow. Pro-life women, men and children are needed to take part in this peaceful vigil for the protection of life in the womb and against abortions committed throughout Long Island. We stand as a reminder that abortion is not healthcare. Signs provided (east end of hospital). Information: 631-243-1435; info@prolifeLI.org.



Long Island
Coalition for Life

COVID-19 MEMORIAL GARDEN

We are very grateful for the overwhelming response from our parish and community, and are looking forward to placing the crosses in the Memorial Garden to honor those we've loved and lost. Please save the date for our special blessing on March 28th, Palm Sunday, at 1:30pm. A list of where your cross is located in the Garden will be displayed to make it easy to find when you pick up your cross on Sunday, April 11th after your Mass. Please call Eileen Rega at 631-236-3648 with any further questions. Thank you.

March 28th 1:30pm

March 28th through April 11th
April 11th

Special Blessing

Crosses will be displayed in the Memorial Garden

Take your cross home for your garden or gravesite

All proceeds will be donated to Our Lady of Lourdes



Casa Project Update

Because the first weekend of April is also Easter weekend, we will move this April's "loose change for Casa House" project to the following weekend, April 10-11. As always, thank you for your support. We truly appreciate your generosity.

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



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.

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.



Cannellini beans
Hamburger Helper
Crackers/Cookies
Feminine Products
Rice

Easter Flower Offering

The deadline for Easter Flower Offerings was Sunday, March 21. Easter Flower Offerings received by this date will appear in the Easter Sunday bulletin. Flower Offerings received after this date will appear in a subsequent bulletin. Please **CLEARLY PRINT** the name of your loved one in the space provided on your envelope.



Easter Candles

Once again, we are offering a *Loving Candle* which will be lit on Holy Saturday. This symbolic light will remain lit for the life of the candle (approximately a week). This is a beautiful way to remember our living and deceased loved ones. The *Loving Candles* will be available after all Masses this weekend, Palm Sunday weekend, and at the Parish Office (Rectory) during the week for a donation of \$10.00.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at 631-661-3224, ext. 121.

Attention Ushers

Holiday Ushers are needed for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday at all Masses.

Please note your availability in the "Sign In Room."

Thank you for your service to our Parish family.



Good Friday

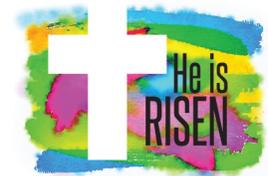
The Parish Office will close at 3:00pm on Friday, April 2 in observance of Good Friday. There will be **no evening hours on Good Friday.**

The Parish Office will re-open at 9:00am on Saturday, April 3.

Easter Sunday

The Parish Office will be closed on Sunday, April 4 in observance of Easter.

The Parish Office will re-open at 9:00am on Monday, April 5.



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.



West Islip Sampawams Creek Clean Up

**Saturday, April 10 Meet up at 1:00pm – 4:00pm
Rte 231 at Hawley's Pond**

Save
the Great
South Bay
Start Where You Stand



All are welcome - scouts, students, families, local organizations, company teams, etc! Pick a buddy and then pick up one of our Grab 'n Go gear packs with bags, picker, disposable gloves, safety vests & a map of your designated clean up area. Please wear weather-appropriate clothing and waterproof shoes/boots. Masks required when social distancing not possible. Community service available.

For more information, call 646-827-0733 or e-mail: info@savethegreatsouthbay.org

Volunteer at: savethegreatsouthbay.org/volunteer

Retrouvaille Weekend - You Can Help Heal Your Marriage

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse?

Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped thousands of couples worldwide experiencing ALL TYPES of marital difficulties.

For confidential information about the Retrouvaille program, or to register for the upcoming weekend that begins on Friday, May 14, 2021, please call 1-800-470-2230 and you will be connected directly and confidentially to a couple from Long Island/Metro Retrouvaille who can help.

Location: Marriott Melville Long Island - 1350 Walt Whitman Road, Melville, NY 11747



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

Nov. 13-14 2021 Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington, NY

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



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 some span multiple weeks on a given week-day. 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/>.

As we celebrate Palm Sunday, let us be open to the love from our spouse and God by participating in a virtual Worldwide Marriage experience on the following dates:

Thursdays/Mondays April 8-29 or Friday/Saturday/Sunday April 23-25.

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 "Triumph".

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

Sharing the Gospel

Your mom tells you, "Grandma should be here any minute." You watch out your window for her little red car to come down your street. After she parks her car, you run out to meet her. You are so happy she came to visit! The people in today's Gospel were waiting for a king to come. This king would ride into Jerusalem, not in a little red car, but on a donkey. When the people saw Jesus riding on the donkey, they knew He was the king that they were waiting for. They ran out to meet Him and waved palm branches in the air. They were so happy He came.



Mission for the Week



Invite your Grandma over to visit.
Ask her to read John 12:12-16 to you.



Puzzle

Find 4 things that are different.



Prayer

God, I am so happy you sent Jesus to be my king.



Something to Draw

Draw a picture of Jesus riding on a donkey. Draw yourself next to Jesus, waving a palm branch.

