# Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

455 Hunter Avenue, West Islip, NY 11795

"I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future."

LUKE 13:8-9

March 23, 2025

Third Sunday of Lent



#### DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Lent 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

It is no coincidence that the global inauguration of our 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope occurred on the Solemnity of the Holy Family. The Jubilee Year of Hope in this 2025 Lenten season runs through the family and fidelity to the splendors of the liberating and objective truths of Christ and the Catholic Church on Marriage and the Family.

Lenten prayer, fasting and almsgiving lead individual family members to Christ's light of conversion and repentance. Conversion and repentance, in turn, open families to a family spirit and daily chemistry animated by the Holy Spirit. Family patterns ensnared in the ruts of sin become family patterns transformed by the grooves of grace, humility, charity and the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit. The Jubilee Year of Hope runs through every family experiencing Christ's Cross: grief, tragedy, crisis, tension, alienation and transition.

Pope Francis emphasized: "All of us have received the gift and task of bringing hope wherever hope has been lost, lives broken, promises unkept, dreams shattered and hearts overwhelmed by adversity. We are called to bring hope to the weary who have no strength to carry on, the lonely oppressed by the bitterness of failure, and all those who are broken-hearted. To bring hope to the interminable, dreary days of prisoners, to the cold and dismal lodging of the poor, and to all those places descerated by war and violence. To bring hope there, to sow hope there."

The Holy Family was a refugee family and they are deeply present today to every struggling refugee family in the world to rekindle their hope. The Lenten season of the Jubilee Year of Hope reminds us that while all families are imperfect and have their problems and challenges, all families are called to grow together in holiness and a missionary spirit.

And so we heed the powerful words of St. Paul as they apply to our daily family life: "Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another...Let the peace of Christ control your hearts...Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly." (Colossians 3:12-17)

Our Lady invites us to have a pondering heart as we contemplate God's providential design in the past, present and future of our families, especially as we begin this Lenten season in the Jubilee Year of Hope. In unity with the Holy Family, our own families are called to transform the world and history with Christ's love and the mission of mercy of the Church which He Himself founded.

In the 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope, the Church presents us with the canonizations of soon-to-be Saint Carlo Acutis (1991-2006) and Saint Piergiorgio Frassati (1900-1924). As children, teenagers and young adults, they helped Christ transform their own families with their faith and their holiness as they helped Christ transform the Church and the world to this day. Together, they are asking every young Catholic to do the same in their time, in their place and in their own family.

The 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope is a time for us and our extended families to cast the nets of Eucharistic charity throughout Long Island, understanding that the Eucharist is a "Fountain of Charity" -- a Fountain of the spiritual and corporal works of mercy, a Fountain of the Gospel of Life and a Fountain of every dimension of Catholic Social Justice teaching.

As the Successor of the Apostles on Long Island, I want to thank every Catholic family on Long Island and beyond for being Lights of Christ's Hope and Lights of Catholic evangelization to the world.

Sincerely yours in the Risen Lord,

h O. Banes Most Reverend John O. Barres Diocese of Rockville Centre

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Francis, "Opening of the Holy Door and Midnight Mass: Homily" (December 24, 2024). https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/homilies/2024/documents/20241224-omelia-natale.html.

March 23, 2025



#### WELCOME TO OUR PARISH FAMILY

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



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#### Pastoral Team

Rev. Dennis A. Suglia Pastor Rev. Charles Mangano Associate Pastor

Nilo DeLeon Deacon Tom Lucie Deacon Rich Maher Deacon Jack Meehan Deacon

#### 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.

#### Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)

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.

#### **Religious Education**

Phone: 631-661-5440 (option 3) Monday-Friday: 9:00am-12:00pm, 1:00-5:00pm, 7:00-9:00pm Email: ReligiousEd@ollchurch.org Sr. Nancy Campkin CSJ Director of Religious Ed Sr. Diane Liona CSJ Director of Religious Ed Rita Spera Religious Education Office

#### Parish Outreach Office

Phone: 631-661-3224 (option 4) Monday - Wednesday - Friday: 9:30am-3:30pm Call for an appointment Trish Frodell Director of Parish Social Ministry

#### Liturgy & Music

Robin Reynolds Brennan Coordinator of Worship, Choir Director Maryann Buonaspina Parish Organist

#### Pastoral Council

- Phil Ambrosino Mary Borgs Sonia DaSilva Nilo DeLeon Jerry Esposito Danielle Guilfoil
- Fr. Dennis A. Suglia ino Deborah Lamb Robert Lynaugh ra Rosalie Mangels John Muldoon to Dottie Perdue Ifoil Eileen Rega

#### Liturgical Schedule

Daily Mass Monday - Saturday: 8:30am Monday - Friday: 12:10pm

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

Monday: Saturday 8:00am

Miraculous Medal Novena Monday: 8:00am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Tuesday: 12:45-7:30pm

**Divine Mercy Prayer** Thursday: 1:30pm

Nocturnal Adoration 1st Saturday of the Month: 6:00-10pm

Stations of the Cross Friday: 12:45pm and 7:30pm

#### Parish Office

Phone: 631-661-3224 (option 2) Fax: 631-661-7143 Email: ParishOffice@ollchurch.org Website: www.ollchurch.org Monday-Thursday: 9:00am-7:30pm Saturday: 9:00am-3:00pm Marcelle Crudele Business Manager Bulletin Editor

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#### Our Mission

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



# Spiritual Adoption Program March 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>

Everyone loves the beauty and innocence of a baby. As an expression of that love, we will begin a Spiritual Adoption Program on March 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## WHAT IS A SPIRITUAL ADOPTION?

Not all babies make it to birth. In fact, more than 4,000 babies lose their lives to abortion each day. These are the babies we are being asked to "adopt" by pledging to pray for him or her each day.

#### HOW DO WE SPIRITUALLY ADOPT BABIES?

We are asked to pledge to pray daily for a baby that is conceived this month that will not make it to birth. We name the child for whom we will be praying, thereby giving the baby the humanity he or she deserves. At the end of the term, on Dec 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> gifts will be accepted for the baby and donated to Life Centers of Long Island.

#### WHO CAN SPIRITALLY ADOPT?

Babies can be "adopted" individually or by a family simply by signing up during the Spiritual Adoption Weekend.

Throughout the nine months of pregnancy there will be updates on our baby's development and reminders to keep them in our prayers.

# The power of prayer is great – consider spiritually adopting an unborn baby and share the love for life that God has given us.

"During your earthly life this child which you have adopted, will be known only to God, but in the hereafter you will enjoy each others company for all eternity".



# LENT 2025

# Come and pray this Lent Religious Education Grades 5/6/7/8 and their Families Sunday, 6:00pm Mass



3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent March 23 Grade 5 "Repent" says the Lord

4th Sunday of Lent March 30 Grade 6 "See" be open to God's love

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent April 6 Grade 7 "Serve" our Parish Family

Palm Sunday Ap

April 13 Grade 8 "Pray" as Holy Week begins

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# **OCIA – Order of Christian Initiation of Adults**

On Sunday, March 9, 2025, *Christopher Monahan, Gabrielle Montalbano, Richard Nielsen, Alexandra Scoglio, Jorge Vallecillo Solis,* and *Lisa Joy Walters* participated in the Diocese of Rockville Centre Rite of Election at St. Anne's Brentwood with Bishop John Barres as Presider and all Parishes in Suffolk County were in attendance. They are no longer called Catechumen but now called "The Elect".

On Sunday, Mar 16, 2025 we celebrated the Rite of Calling the Candidates to Continuing Conversion for our baptized candidates *Henry Brunjes, James MacInness, Robert MacInness, Courtney Pulver Dal Fonso, Briana Rexon, and Charles Waelder* here at Our Lady of Lourdes at the 11am Mass.

On Sundays, March 23, March 30 and April 6, (the Third Sunday of Lent, and continuing on the Fourth and Fifth Sundays of Lent) at the 11AM Mass we will celebrate the "Scrutinies" – "The Elect" will continue to remain "united with Christ and make progress in their efforts to love God more deeply".

These are important steps in the journey of the OCIA. It is a clear sign to the community that they are coming closer to receiving the Sacraments of Initiation and Full Communion with the Church at our Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 19, 2025.

The Church gives us this public and life-giving process DURING LENT so that these good and holy people can be nourished and supported by our parish family. At the same time, we know that when we initiate others, we confront and renew our own identity as members of the Catholic Christian community.



Please continue to pray for our OCIA and our OCIA team.



# Stations of the Cross

When Do We Pray The Stations of the Cross? We pray the Stations of the Cross at Our Lady of Lourdes twice each Friday of Lent at 12:45pm and 7:30pm.

# Why Do We Pray The Stations of the Cross?

The Stations of the Cross, also known as the Way of the Cross, are a prayerful meditation on the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus. It consists of an Opening Prayer, 14 Stations, a Closing Prayer, and Blessing. The Stations are the story of how our Lord suffered, died, and rose from the dead. There are meditations and prayers for each of the Stations that all participate in.

#### How Do We Pray The Stations of the Cross?

Our priests and deacons are the Presiders at the Stations. They lead us through the prayer, providing any direction that is needed. There is nothing to memorize as there are booklets at the entrances of the Church that have the meditations and prayers that are used. It is very easy to follow along. The Presiders will lead us through and make it a beautiful prayerful experience. During the prayer, the Presider will travel around the Church to each of the Stations located on the walls. The Stations will be introduced and then prayed, and we will use the booklet as our guide.

Consider praying The Stations of the Cross this Lent. They provide us an opportunity to enter more deeply into the Lenten Season by praying and meditating on the great sacrifice that Our Lord gave for each of us.





# **"LENT AND LIFE AS A JOURNEY** TO THE PROMISED LAND"

Monday April 7th Tuesday April 8th

The Nature of the Journey Tools for the Journey Wednesday April 9th We Never Walk Alone

# 7:30pm in the Church





Msgr. Fink is a convert to the Catholic faith and an Army infantry veteran of the Vietnam War. Following his military service, he entered the seminary and was ordained a priest of the Diocese of Rockville Centre in 1976, serving in four parishes, two as a pastor, and as Director of Spiritual Formation and later as Rector of the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington, NY. He resides now in retirement from administrative duties at Notre Dame Parish actively helping out where he can.

# **Lenten Practices** March 5<sup>th</sup> - April 16<sup>th</sup>

You may notice a few differences in the way we pray and decorate the Church during the season of Lent. These elements in our Lenten liturgies allow us to focus more on the mystery of Jesus' death and resurrection.

#### **Differences in Liturgy**

- + During Lent, we do not sing the Gloria except during solemnities such as St. Joseph (March 19). Outside of these special Masses, the next time we will sing the Gloria again at Mass will be on Holy Thursday at the Mass of the Lord's Supper.
- + The Alleluia is removed from the Gospel Acclamation (prior to proclaiming the Gospel) and is replaced with a different sung verse. Together we will sing Alleluia during the Easter Vigil.
- + Our liturgical music, in general, will take on a simpler, more solemn tone to reflect the season.
- + At the Penitential Act, we will be singing "Kyrie Eleison" and "Agnus Dei" during the Fraction Rite.
- + At the 11am Mass each week, we have been witnessing the spiritual journey of our OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) candidates. On the First Sunday of Lent, our catechumens will take part in the "Rite of Sending" as they go forth to the Rite of Election at St. Anne's church in Brentwood. On the Second Sunday of Lent, our candidates will participate in the "Call to Continuing Conversion" right here in our parish. During the Third, Fourth & Fifth Sundays of Lent, we will witness our Elect's participation in the Three Scrutinies as they begin the final preparations for full initiation into the Church at the Easter Vigil.

#### Differences in the Church Environment

- + The décor during Lent is much simpler in order to represent the season. The use of purple and darker tones help us focus on the subdued period of Lent.
- No flowers should be placed in Church during Lent. The Roman Rite is specific about the use of flowers for this penitential season. The only exceptions are on the solemnity mentioned above and on Laetare Sunday, the Fourth Sunday of Lent. (Note: Flowers brought to church for funeral masses will be removed following the funeral.)
- + The statues in Church will be covered starting with the Fifth Sunday of Lent. Covering the statues is a custom and a stark reminder of the significance of Lent and allows us to experience a glimpse of heavenly joy and resurrected life once the images are unveiled in time for Easter.



#### Differences in our Practices

- + Each year, Lent is an opportunity to renew our Christian faith, and we are encouraged to use the Three Pillars of Lent, prayer, fasting, and almsgiving as the means to grow in our relationship with God.
  - + Prayer: If you don't have a daily prayer habit, Lent is the perfect time to begin. If you do, you can add a devotion or practice that will enhance your Lenten preparations
  - + Fasting: The Church only requires that we abstain from meat every Friday in Lent and on Ash Wednesday, and that we fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, eating only one full meal plus snacks that only add up to another meal. But fasting can be much broader than that. It may look like giving up things like gossip, your favorite coffee order, or forgoing music in the car and replacing it with prayer. The goal of "offering something up for Lent" is to turn our minds to God.
  - + Almsgiving: Almsgiving reminds us of Jesus's call to serve and connects us in solidarity with our brothers and sisters in need. It traditionally refers to helping the poor financially, but by extension, we can help anyone in need by our actions, as well.
- $\ + \$  We can participate in Lenten devotions and spiritual offerings in the parish such as:
  - + The Stations of the Cross, taking place on Fridays during Lent, which allow us to pray and reflect upon Jesus's final hours
  - + Our Parish Lenten Mission "Lent and Life as a Journey to the Promised Land" with Msgr. Charles Fink
  - + and other events as they come up during the season (see the bulletin, our parish website, or our Facebook page for more information).
- + Think about what will help you and your family focus on Lent and put something in your home that will remind you every day: a purple table cloth, a display with a crown of thorns, or holy water by your door.

There is no better time to reconnect with or deepen one's faith than Lent. During this time, we can draw closer to God as we prepare for the joyous celebration of Christ's resurrection at Easter.

During Lent, Daily Mass will be held Monday - Saturday at 8:30am & Monday - Friday at 12:10pm. Stations of the Cross will be every Friday at 12:45pm & 7:30pm.





2025 is the Jubilee Holy Year, the 2,025th anniversary of the Incarnation of our Lord, an "event of great spiritual, ecclesial, and social significance in the life of the Church." The concept of "Jubilee" has its origins in the Book of Leviticus (Chapter 25) as a special year of reconciliation, pilgrimage, and coming home.

Pope Francis has designated the 2025 Holy Year as a time to renew ourselves as "Pilgrims of Hope."

# What is Profession of Faith All About?

The profession of faith – also known as the 'Symbol' - is a sign of the identity of the baptized person. The profession of faith expresses the central content of the faith: it succinctly captures the main truths that a believer accepts and witnesses to on the day of his or her baptism and shares with the entire Christian community for the rest of his or her life.

There are various professions of faith which show the richness of the experience of encountering Jesus Christ. Traditionally, however, there are two that have gained special recognition in the Church: the baptismal creed of the church of Rome, known as the Apostles' Creed, and the Nicene Creed.

"If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved," (Romans 10:9-10). This passage from St. Paul emphasizes how proclaiming the mystery of faith requires a deep conversion not only in one's words, but above all in one's understanding of God, of oneself and of the world. "To say the Creed with faith is to enter into communion with God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and also with the whole Church which transmits the faith to us and in whose midst, we believe" (CCC 197).

# Characteristics of the Jubilee

Throughout the year we will examine and learn more about the Characteristics of the Jubilee:

- Pilgrimage
- Reconciliation
- Liturgy
- Indulgences

- Holy Door
- Prayer

- **Profession of Faith**

# Celebrating the Jubilee at OLL



We at Our Lady of Lourdes are incorporating the Jubilee Hymn and Jubilee Prayer in our Masses this Jubilee year. You will find cards in the back of the Music Issue with the prayer on one side and the hymn on the other.

# Parish Outreach

631-661-3224 (option 4) Hours for Outreach: Monday - Wednesday - Friday from 9:30am - 3:30pm ONLY Appointments are preferred.

# **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.



Outreach is also in need of these items for our Food Pantry. Donations can be left in the vestibules before/after Mass on Saturday/Sunday or during Outreach hours.



Oatmeal Tomato Sauce-Jar **Toilet Paper** Bar Soap Laundry Detergent

# **Order 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 feel you would like to become a baptized Catholic or become more fully initiated into your Catholic faith...

# ...we would be happy to help you!



Our email address is: OCIA@ollchurch.org or call the Parish Office at 631-661-3224



# **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 to: parishoffice@ollchurch.org.

# Weekly Readings

#### Readings for the Week of March 23, 2025

- Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9
- Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Lk 4:24-30
- Tuesday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
- Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19
- Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23
- Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34
- Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14

Next Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32



# WEEKLY CALENDAR

#### Sunday, March 23

- Children's Liturgy of the Word 9:30am Mass
- OCIA 11am-1pm
- Grade 5 Family Celebration 6pm Mass

#### Monday, March 24

- Rosary 8am/Mass 8:30am
- Mass 12:10pm
- PEP 3 Rel. Ed. 4:15-5:15pm
- PEP 3 & 4 Rel. Ed. Good Friday Practice 5:15pm
- Altar Server Training 5:30 6:30pm
- PEP 2 Presentation of Letters 7pm
- Grade 6 Rel. Ed. 7:30-8:30pm
- Knights of Columbus 8pm

#### Tuesday, March 25

- Rosary 8am/Mass 8:30am
- Mass 12:10pm
- Adoration 12:45-7:30pm
- Anxiety Disorder Recovery Group 2-4pm
- Grade 5 Rel. Ed. 4:15-5:15pm
- Grade 7 Rel. Ed. Parent/Student Evening 7:30pm
- BSA Honor Society Meeting 7:30pm

#### Wednesday, March 26

- Rosary 8am/Mass 8:30am
- Women's Prayer Group 9:30am & 7:30pm
- Mass 12:10pm
- Pep 1 Rel. Ed. 4:15-5:15pm
- Altar Server Training 5:30 6:30pm
- Grade 8 Rel. Ed. Parent/Student Evening 7:30pm

#### Thursday, March 27

- Rosary 8am/Mass 8:30am
- Mass 12:10pm
- Divine Mercy Prayer Group 1:30pm
- PEP 2 Rel. Ed. 4:15-5:15pm
- Adult Choir Rehearsal 7pm
- Respect Life Ministry 7pm
- BSA Troop 179 & Troop 777 7:30-9pm

#### Friday, March 28

- Rosary 8am/Mass 8:30am
- Mass 12:10pm
- Stations of the Cross 12:45pm
- Stations of the Cross 7:30pm

#### Saturday, March 29

- Rosary 8am/Mass 8:30am
- Rel. Ed. Saturday Program 10-11am
- Confession 4-4:45pm

#### Sunday, March 30

- Children's Liturgy of the Word 9:30am Mass
- OCIA 11am-1pm
- Grade 6 Rel. Ed. Family Celebration at 6pm Mass





Elvira Fazio Catherine Gallagher John. J. Meglino Carl Meinardus



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



# Weekly Collection

#### March 16, 2025

Weekly Collection Weekly Budget +/- for the week \$ 17,085.00 - <u>\$ 17,800.00</u> (\$ 715.00)

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

# **Mass Intentions**



CAltar Bread & Wine in Memory of Jamie Munkwitz

Monday, March 24 Monday of the Third Week of Lent 8:30am Jay Adriaenssens (Living) 12:10pm Sal Bencivinni

Tuesday, March 25 Tuesday of the Third Week of Lent 8:30am Salvatore Pinello 12:10pm Cheryl Nappo

Wednesday, March 26 The Annunciation of the Lord 8:30am John P. & Beverley Caparella 12:10pm Walter F. Austin

Thursday, March 27 Thursday of the Third Week of Lent 8:30am Jamie Munkwitz 12:10pm Richard Conti

Friday, March 28 Friday of the Third Week of Lent 8:30am Paul Sr. & Mary Ellen Johnson 12:10pm Margaret Resnick

Saturday, March 29 Saturday of the Third Week of Lent 8:30am Frank Arcoleo, Thomas D. Fischer Louis Galindez, Catherine Hennessey

5:00pm Thomas Brando, Helen Lehmann, Joseph Lehmann, Suzette Rivera, Tony Squeo, Eileen & Walter Vollmuth Fr. Charles Mangano

Sunday, March 30 Fourth Sunday of Lent 8:00am Joseph R. Rivelli Fr. Charles Mangano

9:30am Vincent Lichioveri Fr. Charles Mangano

11:00am Florence Westbrook Fr. Dennis Suglia

12:30pm Mary Jane Richardson Fr. Dennis Suglia

6:00pm People of the Parish, Thomas Fischer Carmela Luongo, Maria & Willard Moss Ellen Shay, Dolores Thaxter Fr. Dennis Suglia

Celebrant information is subject to change without notice.

# Pray for Our Sick

Marybeth A. Louie Amato Connie Ambrosino Kathy Arena Jeanette Battista Thomas J. Calogero, III Doris Cameron Tom Cavanagh Jerry Collins Grayson Danielski Billy Davis Susan Dedes Al DiMasi Anna Ferrante Christine Harty Paul Johnson Richard Kliegl Robert Kostanoski Geraldine Lacovo Vincent Marinelli Rose Mattiello Baby Kieran John McKay Richard Meyer Wesley Morrell Tom O'Brien Edward Pauciullo Rose Pauciullo Cameron Pillitteri John Posanti Louise Posanti Steve Pylp Tessie Reilly Donna Rojas Fabian Rojas Diane Scharen Robert Scharen Vita Scorcia Special Intention/Healing Louise Sturgeon Keri Thomas William Valentine Sadie Williams

Names of the sick will be listed for six weeks for short-term requests and six months for long-term requests. Please call or email the Parish Office if you wish to add a name to the Prayer List.

# Pastoral Care of Our Sick

Please call the Parish Office at 631-661-3224 or email <u>ParishOffice@ollchurch.org</u> 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.



# Members in the Military

We ask you to pray especially for those in our Parish that are on active duty.



Maria Caputo-US Army Logan Coppola-US Marine Corps Christopher Florca-US Marine Corps Dominick Gennaro-US Army Patrick Harty-US Coast Guard Ritchard Higham-US Army Luke Loftsgaarden–US Army Msgr. Brian McNamara-US Air Force Anthony Memoli-US Marine Corps Timothy Milligan-US Marine Corps Melissa Mockler-US Navy Patric Mockler-US Navy Thomas F. Parson-US Marine Corps Brandon Ranzie-US Army Jack Shires-US Navy Raymond Sgambati-US Navy James Stultz -US Army Alvaro Suarez-US Army Jack Taffner-US Marine Corps

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

# **Altar Society**

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



The next Knights of Columbus Council 17379 Meeting is Monday, March 24<sup>th</sup> 8:00pm in the Parish Center

# New members always welcome!



Please contact the Parish Office if you would like more information on legacy giving.

# May 29th & May 30th



Next week our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection and reveal Christ's love to those most in need. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

# Baby Blanket Bunch Needs Help

Our Baptism Ministry gives a *blessed*, white baby blanket to each child baptized in the parish. The blankets are handmade by our Baby Blanket Bunch, a division of our Prayer Shawl Ministry.

The Ministry is in need of donations of Lion Brand **"Pound of Love worsted weight #4"** (the weight can be found on the packaging) **soft** <u>white</u> **yarn** for the blankets. The yarn can be dropped off at the Parish Office. We thank you for your generosity!



# 2025 Spring Bible Study/Retreat 33 Days to Morning Glory

Our next series will lead us in a closer relationship with the one who is closest to Jesus, His Mother, Mary.



Dates: May 13, 20, 27, June 3, 10, 17, 24

Time: 1:00pm or 7:30pm (2 sessions available)

Place: All Purpose Room A \$30.00 per person donation will cover the cost of materials. However, a free will offering is greatly appreciated if the cost creates a hardship. All are welcome.

Facilitator training will be Tuesday, May 6. at 1:00pm and 7:00pm in the Parish Center.

The DVD presentation is by Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC, followed by small group discussion. We will be using his textbook and workbook, entitled 33 Days to Morning Glory, along with a bible and Catechism of the Catholic Church.



To register, scan the QR code or call the Parish Office at 631-661-3224 ext. 2.

Jesus desires us to know Mary, to love her and be in close relationship with her. Therefore, during this study, we will consecrate ourselves to Mary which will allow her to lead us in deeper intimacy with her Son. This seven week series will feel more like a retreat in the presentation of the material and the reflection questions. We will also learn what four saints knew about the quickest, surest and easiest way to holiness.



# Church Ministry Meetings

# Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

We will be having Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament **every Tuesday from 12:45pm to 7:30pm**. Come, spend some intimate time with Jesus. 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 visit the parish website (ollchurch.org) to check if Adoration has been canceled.

# Nocturnal Adoration

"Come to me all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest."

This is Jesus Christ's invitation every **first Saturday of the month**. The Blessed Sacrament is taken to the altar and exposed after the 5:00pm Mass concluding with Benediction at 9:50pm. Everyone is invited to spend some time in front of the Blessed Sacrament to offer prayers, petitions and thanksgiving to Jesus. Please come and pray with us. All are invited and welcome.

# Adult Choir

Do you like to sing? New choir members are always welcome! Choir Mass: Sundays at 11:00am Rehearsals: Thursdays at 7:00pm to 8:00pm in the Church. Season: September to June. Interested singers are invited to come to a rehearsal and try it out!

# Children's Liturgy of the Word

We invite young people from age 4 to 4th Grade to hear God's Word in a special way at the 9:30am Mass every Sunday from September through June.

# 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.

# Frassati Young Adult Group

Young adults between the ages of 21 and 39 are invited to join the Frassati Young Adult Group. Our group is named after Pier Giorgio Frassati, a young adult from Turin, Italy, who lived from 1901 to 1925. Pier Giorgio, soon to be canonized as a saint this summer, is the patron of young Catholics of all kinds due to his immense devotion to the Eucharist and his great works of charity despite his short life. Come gather with your peers to discover more about prayer and all that God has planned for you while making good memories with great people! Our meetings are held the first and third Tuesday of every month at 7:30pm in the Parish Center. Verso l'alto!

# Men's Prayer Group

We invite all men of the parish to meet for prayer and reflection the **third Wednesday of the month** in the Parish Center. We meet once a month to read and discuss the Scriptures for the following Sunday. Come with your ideas and suggestions. We'll gather for conversation and fellowship.

# Our Lady's Rosary Makers

Our Lady's Rosary Makers welcomes all men and women who are interested in learning the art of making corded / beaded rosaries. All materials will be supplied. You may also take home pre-packaged kits to complete additional rosaries. Completed rosaries will be blessed and given free-of-charge to the homeless, the sick, hospitals, developing nations, the military, police, etc. We meet on the **third Wednesday of each month** in the Parish Center from **1:00pm-2:30pm and from 7:30pm-9:00pm**. You may choose which group to attend. Free-will offerings will be graciously accepted and will be used in purchasing additional supplies.

# Prayer Shawl Ministry

The prayer shawl ministry meets the **first Wednesday of every month at 9:30am** in the Parish Center. New members are always welcome! Bring your knitting needles or crochet hooks if you have them - if not we have some you can use. The ministry makes blankets for our newly Baptized babies in the Parish.





# **Respect Life Ministry**

The Respect Life Ministry promotes the principles that human life, from to conception to natural death, is a gift from God and deserves respect and protection. The group will meet for prayer, pro-life activities, education, and planned fundraising. Meetings are the last Thursday of each month at 7pm in the Parish Center.

# **Rosary Christian Mothers**

The Rosary Christian Mothers meet on the **first Monday of each month**. We will begin with Rosary at **7:00pm** immediately followed by our business meeting in the Spiritual Life Center.

# SAGE (Senior Advocates for Growth and Enrichment)

Come join other mature parishioners as we walk through this chapter of our life journey. We share our experiences, our hopes, our laughter, and our spirituality at our meetings the first and third Tuesdays of the month.

# St. Agnes of Assisi - The Secular Franciscan Order

Would you like to give more time to God but wonder how to do that when your life is so busy? Do you long for holiness and feel a need for support in growing spiritually? Perhaps your heart has been moved by stories of St. Francis of Assisi, or the Peace Prayer attributed to him, and you are seeking that same holy simplicity, true peace and perfect joy? If so, Christ may be calling you to explore the Secular Franciscan life. We invite you to join our monthly meetings, 2nd Sunday of the month, 1:30pm-4:30pm in the Parish Center. For more information, contact Jackie Totino, SFO at 516-320-1326.

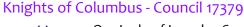
# Women's Prayer Group

The Women's Prayer Group meets the **fourth Wednesday of the month at 9:30am and at 7:30pm** in the Parish Center. All are welcome to attend.

# Young Men's Ministry

All boys from 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to meet in the All Purpose Room on the **first and third Fridays of the month from 6:45-9:00pm**. Each meeting includes time for the boys to discuss religious and spiritual topics of their choosing followed by games, which include basketball, hockey, kickball, wiffle ball and relay races. There are also board games and art activities for those who are interested. These days, our young people hear messages which are incompatible with our values. Our goals are to encourage the boys to keep God in their lives, live faithful lives, be of service, be respectful of others, and be gentlemen at all times. We welcome men 18 years and older to serve as volunteers in this ministry. For further information please call the Parish Office.

# Groups



Our Lady of Lourdes Council 17379 is looking for Parish men to help enrich our Parish and community. The Knights of Columbus will help you live your Faith and become closer to Jesus. Our Council has been very active in contributing to Parish Ministries and the community

through charitable works. Our Plant Sales and recent Pancake Breakfast have helped to raise money for many scholarships and donations. We also assist around the Parish during the Family Feast, Parish Clean Up, and many other parish events. Our Lady of cil meets every second and fourth Monday in the Parish Center at 8:000m. Council



Lourdes Council meets every second and fourth Monday in the Parish Center at 8:00pm. Council meetings are less than an hour and the homemade dessert is delicious! (no calories in free food!!) Gain Brothers in Christ and grow our Parish Family. To learn more or to join, please scan the QR code above or visit www.OLL17379.org

# Boy Scout Troop 179



For 50 years, Our Lady of Lourdes has been sponsoring Boy Scout Troop 179 of West Islip. Troop meetings are held **every Thursday at 7:30pm**. If you are interested in learning more about Boy Scouts and our Troop, please check out our website <u>https://witroop179.wixsite.com/bsatroop179</u> or contact us at <u>troop179cc@yahoo.com</u>.



# Support Groups

## **Alcoholics Anonymous**

Monday and Tuesday at 8:00pm, Saturday at 11:00am & 7:00pm and Sunday at 9:30am All meeting are in Lourdes Hall (lower level of Convent)

## ALANON

Wednesday at 10:00am. Beginner's meeting at 9:30am. Free babysitting available. 2nd and 4th Wednesday meetings are via Zoom. For more meeting info visit: al-anon.org. All meeting are in Lourdes Hall (lower level of Convent)

## **Anxiety Sufferers**

The group, led by a trained and certified Anxiety Disorder Group Leader, normally meets every Tuesday from 2:00pm-4:00pm in the Parish Center (located next to Outreach). For more information and to register, please call Bob at 631-235-2229.

# Butterfly Memory Café - Friday, March 21<sup>st</sup> from 1:30pm-2:30pm



What is a Memory Café? It is a program designed for persons with mild to moderate cognitive impairment and their caregivers to promote social engagement with others navigating through dementia's journey. Activities include crafts, music, reminiscing, art or movement. Light refreshments will be served. The group meets **every other Friday, from 1:30-2:30pm**. There is no charge to participate, but space is limited and reservations are required. For more information or to register, please call Grace at A Gentle Touch Senior Care at: 631-647-7622 or e-mail grace@agentletoauchseniorcare.com.

# Dementia Caregiver Support Group

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 third Thursday of each month from 5:30pm-7:00pm in the Parish Center There is no charge to participate, but please contact Jennafer at 631-647-7622 or via e-mail at Jennafer@agentletouchseniorcare.com to reserve your place.

#### Families Anonymous Meetings

12-Step support group giving Hope & Strength to parents, family and friends concerned with a loved one's destructive behavior caused by Alcohol, Drugs or Related Behavioral Problems will meet virtually and in person. For additional information e-mail <u>Donna526@aol.com</u> or call Diane at: 631-587-0966 or Donna at: 631-835-8788. Website: <u>www.FamiliesAnonymous.org</u>



# **Almsgiving in Lent**

...let us stand beside our brothers and sisters in need, sharing our spiritual and material goods with them." - Pope Francis

#### During the Lenten Season we are asked to pray, fast and give alms.

Lent is a perfect time for us to pray for those in need - whether it is for their material, emotional or spiritual needs. And when you practice fasting and abstinence during these forty days, please remember those of our neighbors who reach out to us for help.

One way to do this is by making a gift to the **Catholic Ministries Appeal**, which supports programs that help people in our community each year through Catholic Charities and our Parish Outreach programs.

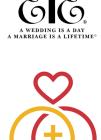
For more information please visit <u>CatholicMinistriesAppeal.org</u> or call 516-678-5800 ext. 296.

# 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. Our next two-day weekend will be held at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington on June 21<sup>st</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>. For information please call Lenny & Pat Walker at 631-563-1032 or visit <u>www.longisland.engagedencounter.com</u>

# Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Attention married couples & priests—want to make this an EXPERIENCE to remember? Fall in love again. Here's a chance to get away for the weekend and focus on your spouse to renew and refresh your relationship. To help your good marriage be great! Are you ready for more growth and happiness in your marriage or priesthood? Uncover the secrets to a supportive, transformational marriage on a World Wide Marriage Encounter Weekend. Every relationship is a journey. The grind of everyday life can cause you to lose touch with your spouse. This experience will help you listen, share and connect more deeply. Our next Encounter experience will take place June 27-29<sup>th</sup> at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Lloyd Harbor.



Register at <u>www.WWME.org</u> or contact: Kevin & Regina Hickson at 516-554-3835.



# Growing with the Gospel

# **Sharing the Gospel**

I sin. You sin. Everybody sins. God knows that we cannot be perfect like God. But God wants you to love Him and talk to Him. God wants you to be sorry for your sins, learn from your mistakes, and grow closer to Him every day.

# **Mission for the Week**



When you get into trouble, ask God to help you change so that you do not do it again.



# **Prayer**



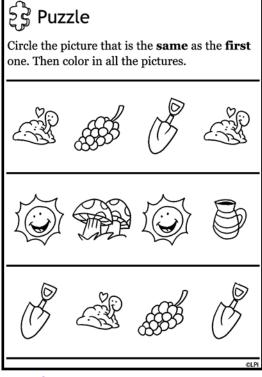
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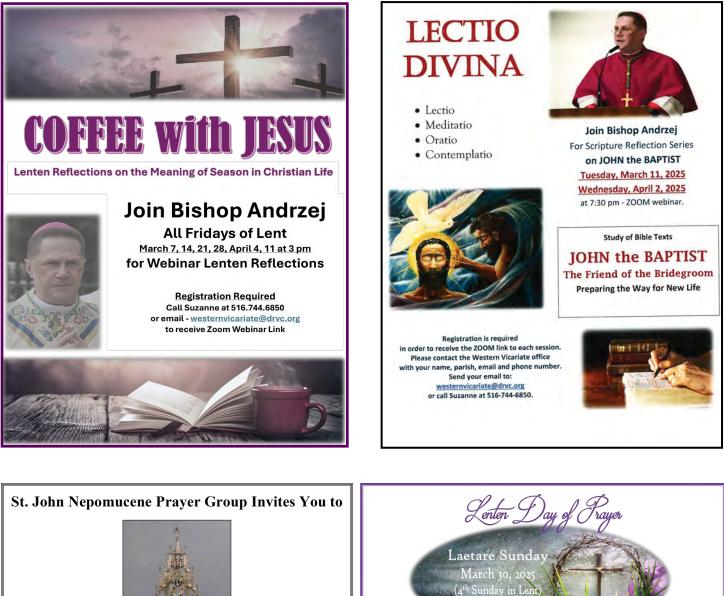
help me to grow closer to You with every day You give me.

Amen.

# Something

Draw a picture of yourself walking next to Jesus in your school.







# A Visit with the Saints

Sarah Ryan of the Advent Shop in Massapequa was gifted with a collection of saintly relics, and she loves to share them with family and friends. Sarah will bring some of her collection to the St. John Nepomucene prayer meeting and speak to us about these precious articles of our faith. Come meet the family heroes! Deacon Roger will also be available to share his knowledge of the saints.

All are welcome!

Date: Thursday, March 27, 2025 7:30 p.m. Place: St. John Nepomucene Church, 1140 Locust Avenue, Bohemia, NY

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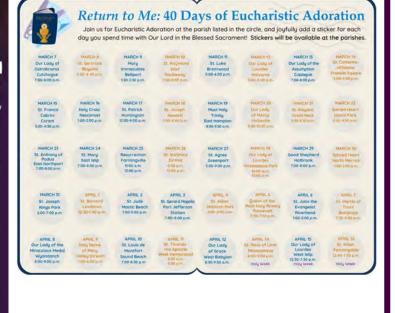
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#### APRIL

April 1: St. Bernard April 2: St. Jude April 3: St. Gerard Maie April 4: St. Aidan April 5: Queen of the Most Holy Rosary April 6: St. John the Evangelist April 7: St. Martin of Tours April 8: Our Lady of the Mirac. Meda April 9: Holy Name of Mary April 10: St. Louis de Montfort April 11: St. Thomas the Apostle April 12: Our Lady of Grace April 14: St. Rose of Lima April 15: Our Lady of Lourdes April 16: St. Kilian









St. Kilian's Parish in Farmingdale is seeking a part-time Bookkeeper/ Safe Environment Coordinator. The position requires 28 weekly hours and is benefits eligible. Salary range is \$20-\$23 per hour.

#### JOB SUMMARY

#### Bookkeeper

Records and maintains Parish's financial records such as accounts payable, accounts receivable, and cash management activities payments. Records financial data into general ledgers and submits these to the Diocese. Helps Parish make financial decisions by providing reports, including balance sheets and income statements, and analyzing data.

#### Safe Environment Coordinator

In cooperation with the Diocesan Office for the Protection of Children & Young People, the Parish Coordinator ensures that all employees and volunteers have completed the training and background check required by the Safe Environment Guidelines as outlined in the Diocesan Child Protection Policy.

For full details and to apply, email johnr@stkilian.com



The Babylon Chorale will hold auditions on Monday evening, March 31, 2025 starting with rehearsal at 7:30pm at Sisters of St. Joseph Brentwood Campus, Building 5 All voice parts are welcomed. For further information,

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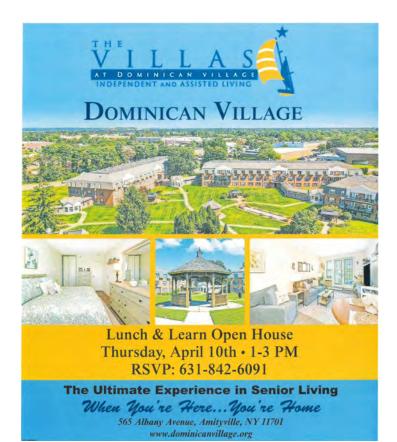
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Curious to learn more? Reach out to <u>csjassociates@csjbrentwood.org</u> and start your journey of connection.



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