

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

455 Hunter Avenue, West Islip, NY 11795

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

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Parish Office

Phone: 631.661.3224 (select option #2)

Monday-Thursday: 9:00am-7:30pm

Friday: 9:00am-5:00pm

Saturday: 9:00am-3:00pm

Sunday: 10:30am-2:30pm

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Religious Education Office

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Monday-Friday: 9:00am-Noon,

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Parish Outreach Office

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Monday-Friday: 9:30am-3:30pm

SAGE (*Senior Advocates for Growth and Enrichment*)

Phone: 631.661.3224, Ext. 122

E-mail: Sage@ollchurch.org

Liturgical Schedule

Daily Mass

8:30am

Weekend Masses

Saturday: 5:00pm

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

Reconciliation/Confession

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

Rosary

Daily at 8:00am

Miraculous Medal Novena

Monday at 8:00am

Sacraments

Anointing of the Sick

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

Baptism

Please contact the Parish Office to schedule an appointment.

Marriage

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

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

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

Fourth Sunday in Lent • Laetare Sunday, March 10, 2024



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

Fr. Dennis A. Suglia
Eileen Rega
Mary Borgs
Sonia DaSilva
Dcn. Nilo DeLeon
Jerry Esposito
Trish Frodell
Deborah Lamb
Rosalie Mangels
John Muldoon
Dottie Perdue
Vita Scorcia
Phil Ambrosino

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 10, 2024

Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/ Eph 2:4-10/ Jn 3:14-21
Monday: Is 65:17-21/ Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/ Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/ Jn 5:17-30
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/ Jn 5:31-47
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/ Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/ Jn 7:40-53
Next Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/ Heb 5:7-9/ Jn 12:20-33

Parish Staff

Patti Anderson
Parish Office/Bulletin Editor

Maryanne Buonaspina
Parish Organist

Rosemary Cannarella
Parish Office

Amy Danowski
Parish Office

Carol Grillo
Parish Office

Rita Spera
Religious Education Office

Financial Summary

March 3, 2024

Weekly Collection	\$
Weekly Budget	- \$ 17,800.00
+/- for the week	\$

Financial Summary was unavailable at the time of printing. It will be listed in a subsequent issue.

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

CREATIVE MINISTRIES PRESENTS

JOURNEY

CROSS & CRUCIFIXION



All are welcome to experience this dramatic presentation of the Stations of the Cross, presented by CM Performing Arts Center—a troupe of actors, musicians and dancers. Come and be a part of this special night as we re-live the Passion of Jesus in a way you may have never experienced, and will surely never forget! *Bring a friend!*

**Presented at *Our Lady of Lourdes* in West Islip
on Thursday, March 14 at 8:00PM**

for more information, visit www.CMPAC.com or call (631) 218 - 2810

***Good Will Offering**

Additional Lenten Mass and Stations of the Cross

During Lent, we will offer an additional Mass at 12:10pm on weekdays (Monday–Friday). We will also pray the Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 12:45pm and at 7:30pm.

Lent: Did you know?

You may have noticed 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.

Liturgy:

- + During Lent, we do not sing the *Gloria* except during solemnities such as St Joseph (March 19). Outside of this special Mass, 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 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 RCIA. On the First Sunday of Lent, our Elect will take part in the "*Rite of Sending*" as he goes forth to the Rite of Election at St. Anne's church in Brentwood. On the Second Sunday of Lent, our candidate will participate in the "*Call to Continuing Conversion.*" During the Third, Fourth & Fifth Sundays of Lent, we will witness our Elect's participation in the Three Scrutinies as he begins the final preparations for full initiation into the Church at the Easter Vigil.



Church Environment & Other Elements:

- + The décor during Lent is much simpler in order to represent the season. The use of purple and darker tones helps us focus on the subdued period of Lent.
- + No flowers 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 or any other purpose will be removed.*
- + 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.

Some other ritual aspects that are traditionally a part of "what we do" during Lent are:

- ... the Lenten practices of *prayer, fasting and almsgiving.*
- Lenten devotions such as *Stations of the Cross*...
- ...taking part in other spiritual offerings in the parish, such as attending *Journey Cross & Crucifixion*, etc. as they come up during the season...*see the bulletin, our parish website at www.ollchurch.org, or our Facebook page for more information.*

As we journey together through the forty days of Lent, let us enter into its spirit by anticipating the new life which comes to us through the resurrection of Jesus at Easter.



Sunday, March 17, 2024
12:00pm Mass

Parish of St. Patrick
280 East Main Street
Smithtown, NY 11787

You are invited to join us in celebrating

Monsignor Brian J. McNamara



as he is installed as Pastor of Saint Patrick's

Reception immediately following Mass

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.

Maria Caputo - <i>US Army</i>	Timothy Milligan - <i>US Marine Corps</i>
Christopher Florca - <i>US Marine Corps</i>	Melissa Mockler - <i>US Navy</i>
Dominick Gennaro - <i>US Army</i>	Patric Mockler - <i>US Navy</i>
Patrick Harty - <i>US Coast Guard</i>	Thomas F. Parson - <i>US Marine Corps</i>
Ritchard Higham - <i>US Army</i>	Jack Shires - <i>US Navy</i>
Keith Horyczun - <i>US Army</i>	Raymond Sgambati - <i>US Navy</i>
Luke Loftsgarden - <i>US Army</i>	James Stultz - <i>US Army</i>
Msgr. Brian McNamara - <i>US Air Force</i>	Alvaro Suarez - <i>US Army</i>
Anthony Memoli - <i>US Marine Corps</i>	Jack Taffner - <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.

Our whole parish family rejoices with the **Suarez** family in gratitude for the safe return of their son, **Alvaro Suarez - US Air Force**, from active duty in Syria. We thank you, Alvaro, for your generous service to our country and will continue to keep you in our prayers throughout your next assignment..



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 ...

Joe Amadeo, Sandra Amberg, Connie Ambrosino, Baby Owen John Barrett, Jeanette Battista, Thomas J. Calogero III, Lisa Crowe, Susan Dedes, Joseph Dilegame, Amanda DiTingo, Joanne Egan, Paula Edwards, Anna Ferrante, Helen Ferrante, Mike Ferrante, Christopher Gargiulo, Thomas Geraghty-USMC, Bea Guzzo, Patrick Anthony Heffron, Herbert Higgins, Paul Johnson, Henry Kahn, Shena Kahn, Margaret Kavoures, Dave Kegel, Michael Kegel, Toni Kreamer, Vincent Lichioveri, Peter Lies, Linda Macholz, Vincent Marinelli, Seamus Martin, Jodianne Carrino Mentus, Glenn Meyer, Richard Meyer, Wesley Morrell, Anthony Musso, Peter O'Connor, Amanda O'Malley, Edward Pauciullo, Rose Pauciullo, Cameron Pillitteri, John Posanti, Louise Posanti, William Rivers, Fabian Rojas, Colleen S., Diane Scharen, Robert Scharen, Joseph J. Schiavoni, George Shaddock, Vita Scorcia, David Smiloff, Diana Smiloff, Special Intention/Healing, Celestine Stewart, Louise Sturgeon, Dolores Thaxter

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



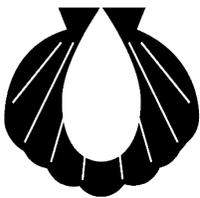
Rest In Peace

Grace A. Balke
Rosario "Sal" Bencivinni
Barbara A. Engelhardt
Rev. Msgr. Francis X Gaeta
Richard Mongelli

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



Upcoming Marriages



Baptism

Emily Grace Barrett
Finn Thomas McCaffrey
Dustin John Rodrigues
Nicolina Marie Vogel

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

Mass Intentions

Monday, March 11

8:30am Rev. Msgr. Francis X. Gaeta
12:10pm LaRocca & Sweeney Families

Tuesday, March 12

8:30am Sylvester J. Caramico
12:10pm Joseph & Joan Henn

Wednesday, March 13

8:30am People of the Parish
12:10pm Angel Kasparian

Thursday, March 14

8:30am People of the Parish
12:10pm Ras Hamid Mateen

Friday, March 15

8:30am Vincenzo Maggi (Living)
12:10pm People of the Parish

Saturday, March 16

8:30am Joan Ferraioli, Grace Ciccarello, Michael Reilly

5:00pm Barbara & Louie Argento, Matt & Anna Lattanzio,
Edward Young, Mary Kolkmeyer, , Pat Hein and
Art Wenzel, Anthony Garro, Gaetana Novello
Fr. Charles Mangano

Sunday, March 17

Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:00am Robert Olenik
Fr. Charles Mangano

9:30am Jimmy Reilly
Fr. Charles Mangano

11:00am Fr. Tony Stanganelli (Living)
Fr. Dennis Suglia

12:30pm Snoch Family and Musial Family
Fr. Dennis Suglia

6:00pm People of the Parish, Robert Ferruggiari and
Raffaele DiMarco, Lauren Krempecki
Fr. Dennis Suglia

Note: Celebrant information is subject to change without notice.

REMEMBER THE PARISH IN YOUR WILL.



Most adults do not have a legal will. Write your will today by visiting MyCatholicWill.com.

This Lent, protect those you love most in under 15-minutes through the online, easy-to-use form.

Leave a legacy of faith by including the parish in your will.

www.MyCatholicWill.com
Use code: **PARISH20** to save 20%



Pregnant? Need Help?

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

Islip: 631-277-3888 - Hampton Bays: 631-728-8900 - Rocky Point: 631-821-9727

Southold: 631-876-5138 - Wantagh 516-785-4070

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

We will be having Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on this **Tuesday, March 12th 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 log onto the parish website (ollchurch.org) to check if Adoration has been canceled.

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.

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.

Hours for Outreach: Monday - Wednesday - Friday from 9:30am - 3:30pm ONLY



Oatmeal
Beets
Pasta Sauce
Spaghetti
Toilet Paper



Memorial Mass for SAGE member Theresa McCarthy

There will be a Memorial Mass for SAGE member Theresa McCarthy on Saturday, March 23, 2024 at 9:30am. Pastries and refreshments will be served after Mass in the Parish Center.



Easter Candles

Once again, we are offering the *Loving Candles* which will be lit on Holy Saturday. 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 *Loving Candles* will be available after all weekend Masses on the weekends of March 16-17 and March 23-24, and will also be available at the Parish Office (Rectory) effective March 16th for a donation of \$10. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at 631-661-3224, ext. 121.

Church Census Information

Has your contact information changed, or are you moving?

The process of updating our Parish Data System information is an ongoing process. We ask that you please submit any recent changes -- address, family members, phone numbers, etc. With your help, our parish data information will be more accurate, and receipt of Parish Offering Envelopes and other church information can be processed more efficiently.

Please mail the information to the Parish Office, or email to: parishoffice@ollchurch.org.

LENT / 2024 - Religious Education Grades 6/7/8 and their Families

Come and pray this Lent - Sunday, 6:00pm Mass

4 th Sunday of Lent	Mar 10	Grade 6	<i>"See" be open to God's love</i>
5 th Sunday of Lent	Mar 17	Grade 7	<i>"Serve" our Parish Family</i>
Palm Sunday	Mar 24	Grade 8	<i>"Pray" as Holy Week begins</i>

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Sunday, Feb 18, 2024 *Dennis Martinez* participated in the **Diocese of Rockville Centre Rite of Election at St. Anne's in Brentwood with Bishop Luis Miguel Romero Fernandez** as Presider, and all parishes in Suffolk County attending. Dennis is now called "The Elect" and no longer called Catechumen.



On Sunday, Feb 25, 2024 we celebrated the **Call to Continuing Conversion** for our baptized candidate, *Jared Carrino*, here at Our Lady of Lourdes at the 11:00am Mass.

These are important steps in the journey of the RCIA. It's 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, Saturday, March 30. On Sundays, March 3, March 10, and March 17, the Third Sunday of Lent, and continuing on the Fourth and Fifth Sundays of Lent, at the 11:00am Mass we will celebrate the "**Scrutinies.**" "**The Elect**" will continue to remain "united with Christ and make progress in his efforts to love God more deeply".

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 RCIA and our RCIA team.



An Invitation from the Knights of Columbus

Men of the Parish (18 years and older), are you interested in serving your Faith, your Church, and your Community? If so, then you are invited to join the Knights of Columbus, Our Lady of Lourdes Council 17379. Joining the Knights will make you part of a 129 year old Catholic Fraternal Order that exemplifies the high ideals of our faith and has contributed to our communities through charitable works and community outreach. We meet on the second and fourth Monday of each month in the Parish Center. The fourth Monday is an Officers' meeting, but members are welcome to attend. Meetings begin at 8:00pm. So begin your journey of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism by becoming a Knight! Online membership is also available at: www.KofC.org.

Our next meeting will be Monday, March 11, 2024 in the Parish Center.



**K of C Council #17379
Pancake Breakfast
March 3, 2024**



A Huge Thank You!



On behalf of the Knights of Columbus Council #17379, we would like to thank the following people for their help, guidance and support in making our recent Pancake Breakfast such a successful event: Fr. Dennis - our K of C Chaplain, Fr. Charles and the Frassati Young Adult Group, our Deputy Chaplain - Deacon Rich Maher, Sister Nancy and members of a 7th grade R.E. class, Patti Anderson, i-Delizia Deli, Brother Knight John Nam and his Family, Scoutmaster Jim Flori and BSA Troop 179, Tim Jaccard and the AMT Children of Hope, Thomas Aziz who is one of our young Ushers, our Culinary Facilitators - Dottie Perdue and Rita Vandenburg and, most especially, the wonderful support from YOU, our amazing Parish Family. The Knights of Council #17379 are truly grateful for the ongoing support we always experience from Our Lady of Lourdes Parish.

Knights of Columbus Council #17379



EASTER FLOWER SALE

March 16th and March 17th after all Masses



OUR LADY OF LOURDES KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #17379

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje 2024 Dates

Your Trip Includes:

- Round-trip Airfare from New York
- All Airport Taxes & Fuel Surcharges
- 7 Nights: Dragicevic Family Home with Private Baths & Air Conditioning in Double Occupancy Only (No Single Rooms)
- Breakfast and Dinner Daily
- Wine with Dinners
- Transfers by Private Motor Coach
- Escorted by Professional Local Christian Guides
- Sightseeing and Spiritual Activities
- Mass Daily & Spiritual Activities (English at 10:00 am & Croatian at 6:00 pm)
- Special Times of Prayer and Group Meetings
- Unlimited Use of the Private Home Chapel Books and Tapes
- Luggage Handling (1 Piece per Person)

**\$3,398 per person
from New York (JFK)**

**Pick the dates that work
best for you!**

August 12-20, 2024
or
August 19-27, 2024




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PILGRIMAGE WITH SPIRITUAL DIRECTORS

**Fr. Charles Mangano &
Fr. Tony Stanganelli**

For Details or to Book Now Visit:
www.pilgrimages.com/frmangano
Booking Code: CM100158

2024 Parish Summer Pilgrimage with Spiritual Directors Fr. Charles Mangano and Fr. Tony Stanganelli sponsored by 206 Tours

Where to? Medjugorje (former Yugoslavia, now Bosnia Hercegovina). \$3,398.00 includes airfare, lodging, meals (breakfast and dinner), tour guide, etc. August 12-20 or 19-27, 2024. Choose which week is best for you. Medjugorje means between the mountains because mountains surround the village. This is the place where the alleged apparitions of Our Lady have been occurring since 1981. We will be staying in the home of Ivan, the alleged visionary, and we will be present while he has the alleged apparition of Our Lady each day. When the children asked Our Lady the reason for her coming, her response was **“My Son has sent me because we are concerned about your salvation.”** (The salvation of everyone). When they asked her, “Why did you chose Medjugorje?”, her response was, **“Because I have found faith here.”** Pilgrims come from all over the world, and seeing their strong faith empowers our soul with deeper faith, hope and love. We will experience adoration of the Blessed Sacrament outdoors under the stars along with thousands of other pilgrims. It is an experience of a lifetime. We will also have the opportunity to climb Apparition Hill while praying the rosary (*the site of the first alleged apparition*) and Cross Mountain as we pray the stations of the cross. For those who choose not to climb the mountains, they are free to gather in Ivan’s chapel and pray the rosary and stations of the cross as a group. The love for Jesus and Mary is so evident in Medjugorje that it’s palpable in the village. Medjugorje is a place where Heaven touches the earth. You will not only see and be in awe of the long lines of people waiting to go to confession, but you will also have the opportunity to go to the sacrament if you choose to do so. A pilgrimage is a microcosm of life. As a group we will pray together, learn more about Our Lord’s and Our Lady’s love for us, sing, laugh, relax and experience much more together. The alleged visionaries in Medjugorje tell us that no one goes to Medjugorje by accident. They are called individually by Our Lady. What an awesome thought! All are welcome. If you feel called to go to Medjugorje, I invite you to respond to Our Lady’s invitation. See the 206 Tours ad in the bulletin.

Reconciliation Monday 2024

Monday, March 25th

Experience the liberating grace of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance). Confessions will be available in every Catholic Church in the Diocese of Rockville Centre from 2-4 p.m. & 6-9 p.m.

To find a parish near you, visit: www.drvc.org/maps

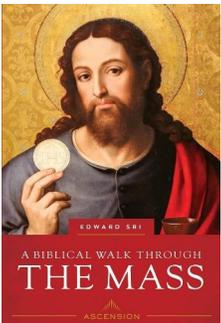


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Please note: Confessions will be available here at Our Lady of Lourdes from 3:00pm straight through until 9:00pm.

2024 Spring Bible Study “A Biblical Walk Through the Mass”



This next study is entitled *A Biblical Walk Through the Mass*. This will help us to see where the elements of the Mass are rooted in the bible. A Biblical Walk Through the Mass is a scriptural tour through the prayers, hymns, and rituals of the Liturgy. Practically every part of the Mass finds its inspiration in Scripture, as Pope Benedict XVI has noted. Therefore, the more we understand the biblical background to the *Kyrie*, the *Gloria*, and other prayers of the Liturgy, the more we will be able to enter into all that we say and do in the Mass.

After providing a general overview of the Liturgy, this study devotes a session to each of the major sections of the Mass: **the Introductory Rites, the Liturgy of the Word, the Liturgy of the Eucharist, and the Concluding Rites**. Between each class, readings from the Bible, and the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) will be given to participants for their review. This is to deepen their understanding of the prayers and other elements of the Mass. During this study each person will receive a workbook and text book by Dr. Edward Sri which is based on the 2011 translation of the Mass.

The Study will be six consecutive Tuesdays: April 30, May 7, 14, 21, 28, June 4. There will be a DVD presentation by Dr. Edward Sri each week and group facilitators will be assisting our weekly discussion. The last session will be a Mass and hospitality. There will be two sessions each Tuesday, 1:00pm (*limited to 116 people*) and 7:30pm (*limited to 184 people*). You can sign up for whichever session is most convenient. The cost of the bible study is \$30.00 per person to cover the cost of the books and supplies. If you cannot afford that amount, feel free to give whatever you can afford. Please don't let the cost keep you away.

To register please call the Parish Office at 631-661-3224 ext. 121. All are welcome.



Dementia Caregiver Support Group Thursday, March 21, 2024

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 3rd Thursday of each month from 5:30pm–7:00pm in the Parish Center
There is no charge to participate, but please contact Cassandra at 631-647-7622 or via email at: cassandra@gentletouchseniorcare.com to reserve your place.



Butterfly Memory Café - March 22, 2024 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 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, March 22nd** 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 Hannah at A Gentle Touch Senior Care at: 631-647-7622 or e-mail: hannah@gentletoauchseniorcare.com.*

Please note: There has been a date change in March.

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 at Our Lady of Lourdes in West Islip. For more information, contact Jackie Totino, SFO at 516-320-1326.



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: <https://witroop179.wixsite.com/bsatroup179> or contact us at: troop179cc@yahoo.com.

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.





Calling Veterans to Join the AMERICAN LEGION
 Organized by WW I Veterans in 1919 to promote AMERICANISM.

Any Veteran that has served in the US Military and has an Honorable Discharge indicated on his DD214 is eligible for membership. The Legion is an active member of the community that helps Veterans and youth organizations.

There is one active Legion Post that serves Our Lady of Lourdes Church community.

West Islip Post 1738
 Contact Kevin Crumlish
 631.983.9854



2024
CATHOLIC
MINISTRIES
APPEAL
 DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

*Revitalizing our Faith -
 Renewed by the Eucharist*

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 about the Catholic Ministries Appeal, please visit CatholicMinistriesAppeal.org or call 516-678-5800 ext. 296.

Babylon Chorale Auditions

The Babylon Chorale will hold auditions on Monday evening, March 25 and April 1, 2024 starting with rehearsal at 7:30pm at Sisters of St. Joseph Brentwood Campus. All voice parts are welcomed.

For further information, visit www.babylonchorale.org or email info@babylonchorale.org

P/T Employment Opportunity

Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Lindenhurst is seeking one Part-Time employee to be a Sacristan and a Religious Education Maintenance Monitor. The Sacristan work will take place on Saturdays from 3:00-7:00pm, and there will be some additional hours on special Liturgical celebrations. The Religious Education work is twice a week, on Wednesdays from 4:00-8:00pm and then on Saturday mornings from 7:30-11:30am when Religious Education classes are in session. The hourly pay rate is \$16.00 an hour. The employee will report to both the Religious Education Coordinator and the Pastor. Please email resume to Gchille@oloph.org



COFFEE with JESUS

Lenten Series via Zoom

Join Bishop Andrzej

10:00 am on Friday mornings during Lent:

February 23, March 8 and March 22

Online Lenten Reflections
on Scripture Readings,
with the special emphasis
on the Last Words of Jesus.

Join this great opportunity to prepare and nourish your mind,
spirit and heart in preparation for Easter.



To register,
please call Suzanne 516-744-6850
or email westernvicariate@drvc.org.

Once you are registered, you will be emailed the
ZOOM information prior to each session
of this Lenten series.

Good Samaritan University Lecture Series:

Let's Make Healthy Choices

Wednesday, March 20
6:00 pm

West Islip Fire Department
309 Union Blvd, West Islip

Good Samaritan University Hospital's nutrition team will provide a cooking demonstration and latest tips on healthy eating habits.

Food and refreshments will be available.
To attend, please RSVP to (631) 376-4444.



goodsamaritanuniversity.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 on

April 26-28, 2024, please visit our website at:

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

The Babylon Chorale presents:

Handel's `Messiah`

Parts II and III

with professional soloists and orchestra

Saturday, March 23, 2024 at 7:30 pm

St. Peter's By-The-Sea Episcopal Church

500 South Country Rd., Bay Shore, NY

Advance Sale: \$20 / Adults;

\$14 / Students & Seniors 60+

Door Sale: \$25 / Adults,

\$19 / Students & Seniors 60+

\$10 / Children 10 and under at all times

To purchase tickets online or for further information, visit our website at: www.babylonchorale.org

or email: info@babylonchorale.org

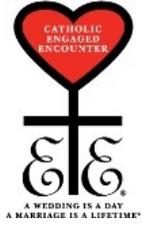


In addition to our parish website (ollchurch.org), please visit us on Facebook at *The Parish Family of Our Lady of Lourdes*. Click “Like” and you will receive the latest news on upcoming parish events and information.

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 2-day weekend will be held at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington on **June 8-9, 2024**. For information please call Lenny & Pat Walker at: 631-563-1032 or visit: longisland.engagedencounter.com.



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 weekend experience will be on June 21-23, 2024** at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington. Register at WWME.org or contact: Kevin & Regina Hickson at 516-554-3835.



Anxiety Disorder Sufferers

The group, led by a trained and certified Anxiety Disorder Group Leader, meets 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 Bob at 631-235-2229.

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, and Sunday at 9:30am.

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.

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 or call Diane at: 631-587-0966 or Donna at: 631-589-3790. Website: 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 “Traditions”. To listen online or for more information, visit: www.ReligionandRock.com.

Sharing the Gospel

When the Hebrews sinned in the desert, snakes came to bite them. Moses lifted up a metal snake in the desert. If God's people looked at the metal snake, their painful snake bites would be healed. Instead of dying from their snake bites, they would live. Our sins are a lot like those snake bites. Sins turn us away from God, hurt us, and hurt other people. When Jesus was lifted up on the cross, He washed our sins away. Jesus gave us healing and forgiveness.



Mission for the Week

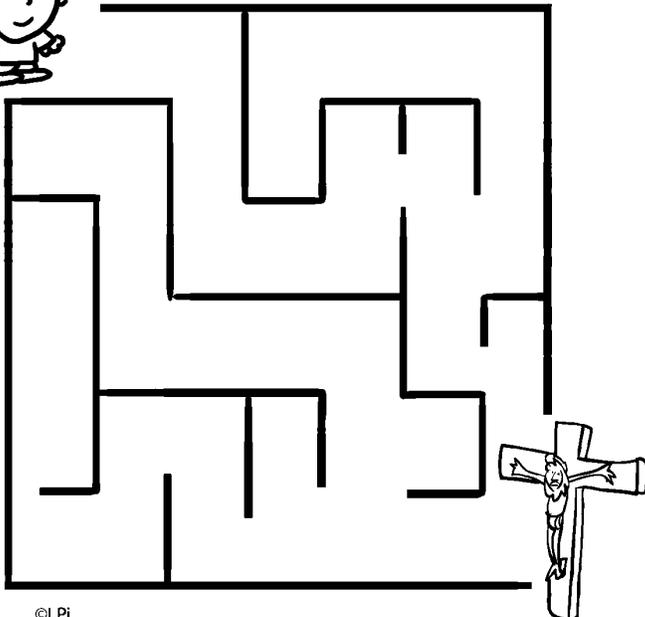


Help your parents wash the dishes. As you take dirty dishes and wash them clean, talk about how Jesus washed our sins away on the cross.



Puzzle

Let's find Jesus!



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Prayer

Dear God,
Thank you for
sending Jesus
to wash away
my sins.



Something to Draw

Draw a picture of Jesus on the cross. Around the cross, write down your sins in pencil, then erase them. Jesus washes your sins away.

