

# Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

455 Hunter Avenue, West Islip, NY 11795

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

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

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

## 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

E-mail: [ParishOffice@ollchurch.org](mailto:ParishOffice@ollchurch.org)

Fax: 631.661.7143

Website: [www.ollchurch.org](http://www.ollchurch.org)

## Religious Education Office

**Phone: 631.661.5440 (select option #3)**

Monday-Friday: 9:00am-Noon,

1:00pm-5:00pm, 7:00pm-9:00pm

E-mail: [ReligiousEd@ollchurch.org](mailto:ReligiousEd@ollchurch.org)

## Parish Outreach Office

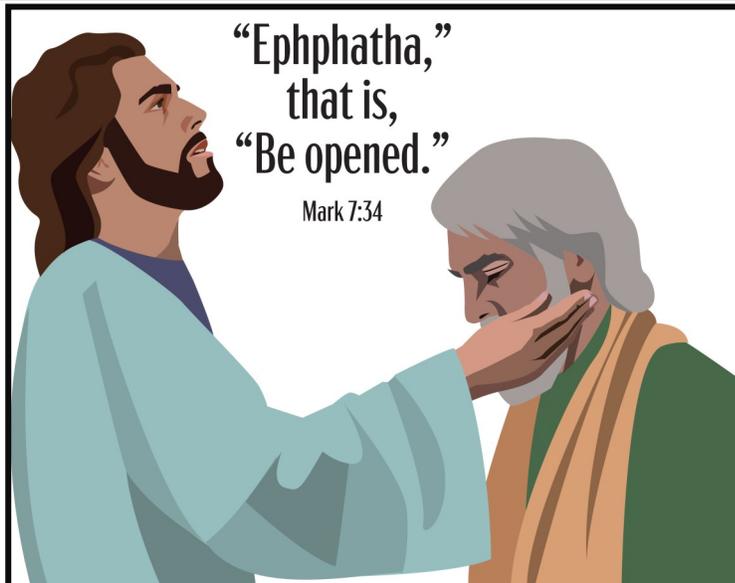
**Phone: 631.661.9262 (select option #4)**

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

**SAGE** (*Senior Advocates for Growth and Enrichment*)

**Phone: 631.661.3224, Ext. 122**

E-mail: [Sage@ollchurch.org](mailto:Sage@ollchurch.org)



## Liturgical Schedule

### Daily Mass

8:30am

### Weekend Masses

Saturday: 5:00pm

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

### Reconciliation/Confession

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

### Rosary

Daily at 8:00am

### Miraculous Medal Novena

Monday at 8:00am

## Sacraments

### Anointing of the Sick

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

### Baptism

Please contact the Parish Office to schedule an appointment.

### Marriage

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

### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

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

**Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time • Sunday, September 8, 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  
 Phil Ambrosino  
 Mary Borgs  
 Sonia DaSilva  
 Dcn. Nilo DeLeon  
 Jerry Esposito  
 Danielle Guilfoil  
 Deborah Lamb  
 Robert Lynaugh  
 Rosalie Mangels  
 John Muldoon  
 Dottie Perdue

### 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 September 8, 2024

**Sunday:** Is 35:4-7a/ Jas 2:1-5/ Mk 7:31-37  
**Monday:** 1 Cor 5:1-8/ Lk 6:6-11  
**Tuesday:** 1 Cor 6:1-11/ Lk 6:12-19  
**Wednesday:** 1 Cor 7:25-31/ Lk 6:20-26  
**Thursday:** 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/ Lk 6:27-38  
**Friday:** 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/ Lk 6:39-42  
**Saturday:** Nm 21:4b-9/ Phil 2:6-11/ Jn 3:13-17  
**Next Sunday** Is 50:4c-9a/ Jas 2:14-18/ Mk 8:27-35

### Parish Staff

**Patti Anderson**  
 Parish Office/Bulletin Editor

**Maryann Buonaspina**  
 Parish Organist

**Rosemary Cannarella**  
 Parish Office

**Amy Danowski**  
 Parish Office

**Rita Spera**  
 Religious Education Office

## Financial Summary

### September 1, 2024

Weekly Collection	\$ 16,416.00
Weekly Budget	- \$ 17,800.00
+/- for the week	\$ (1,384.00)

### August 25, 2024

Weekly Collection	\$ 15,120.00
Weekly Budget	- \$ 17,800.00
+/- for the week	\$ (2,680.00)

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

# ***Our Lady of Lourdes Parish***

## **Italian Family Feast**

### **September 11-15, 2024**



Wednesday and Thursday 7:00pm—10:00pm  
Friday 7:00pm –11:00pm  
Saturday 6:00pm—11:00pm  
Sunday 2:00pm—8:00pm  
Vegas Night Gambling on Friday and Saturday



### **Walk With Mary and Feast Mass**

On Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, we celebrate our Feast Mass and Walk With Mary with a procession at 4:00pm and Mass at 5:00pm. Please plan to join us in prayer and song as we process through the Feast grounds.

### **Super Raffle**

\$10,000 in prizes. Only 220 tickets will be sold. Each ticket is \$100. Don't wait - these tickets sell out very quickly! Purchase your ticket after Mass on weekends, or in the Parish Office during the week. Super Raffle drawing will be held on Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:00pm. Winner need not be present to win. Remember, "You have to be in it to win it!!"

### **Additional Raffles**

Purchase separate tickets to win a Big Screen 65" Television,  
a BBQ Smoker, or a Basket of Cheer (Wines)  
\$5 per raffle ticket - 6 raffle tickets for \$20

### **SPECIAL DISCOUNT ON WRISTBANDS FOR FEAST** **\$30 UNLIMITED RIDE WRISTBANDS (Regular price: \$43)**

1. Visit: [newtownshows.com](http://newtownshows.com)
2. Click on "upcoming events"
3. Scroll to: Annual Italian Family Feast @ Our Lady of Lourdes RC Church, West Islip
4. Click on: "Pre-Sale Rides Now"
5. Click on: "Get Tickets" and choose the number of bracelets to purchase
6. Use Promo Code "OLL" at checkout

***Special Promo Code (OLL) is valid now until 10:00pm on Tuesday, September 10***

Wristbands may be used on any day of the Feast (September 11 - 15)  
**Once activated (at the Feast) the wristband is valid for that day only.**

# Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

## Italian Family Feast

# September 11-15, 2024

### Thank You So Much

We would like to extend a huge **Thank You** to the wonderful “Mailing Team” that volunteer their time to prepare the Annual Feast Mailing. They spend countless hours, stamping, folding, stuffing, etc. to make our annual mailings happen.

They are: *Connie Cristaudo, Suzanne Fasano, Rosetta Fragola, Elsie Gades, Ed Giuffrè, Peggy Kapalko, Marie Lanfair, Carol Licardi, Steve MacQuade, Linda Pagano, Josephine Pastore, Bob Petersen, Tessie Reilly, Ralph Sciaruto, Bill Young, Pat Young, and Marie Zito.*

We must give a great big shout out to *Rita Spera*, Religious Education Office, who prints ALL the letters. It is a monumental task, and we thank all you for your time and talent. We could not get these mailings done without each one of you!

- Fr. Dennis and Debbie Meyer, Business Manager



## OUR LADY OF LOURDES FEAST ANGEL and ARCHANGEL Donations



Support for our annual Feast has always been overwhelming. Sometimes, people want to help with our feast, but cannot give time as a volunteer. Our Angels and Archangels Fund offers them an opportunity to help our parish raise funds. It gives one the opportunity not only to support our booths, but to make it a memorable one. All Angels and Archangels donations may be made by a business, individual, family or for a loved one (living or deceased.) Please return the form below with your donation to the rectory. Your name will appear in the bulletin following the completion of our feast. My thanks in advance; I know each family will do all they can to make our feast the best ever.

*Please return the form below with your donation to the rectory.*

Thank you and God bless,  
Fr. Dennis

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Deceased \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Living \_\_\_\_\_  
Angel: \$25 \_\_\_\_\_ Archangel: \$50 or more \_\_\_\_\_

Please check the booth you wish your Angel to Sponsor:

#### Food

- Corn
- Hot Dog
- Pretzel
- Coffee/Dessert

#### Beer/Wine/Soda

- Inside – Casino)
- Outside

#### Games

- Hammer
- Fast Pitch

*Please return this form along with your donation to the rectory.*



Supporting the needs of our senior priests in the Diocese of Rockville Centre.

**St. Pius X Enriched Living Facility Collection  
Special Collection on September 14-15  
Thank you for your generosity.**

<https://www.stpiusresidence.org/>

*“There can be no Eucharist without the priesthood, just as there can be no priesthood without the Eucharist.”*  
- Pope St. John Paul II

Dear Friends:

Please accept my deepest thanks for your prayers and continued financial support for our senior priests residing at St. Pius X Residence.

It is through the Eucharist and the priesthood that Jesus shares His love for us. Through the hands of the priest, the very presence of Jesus Christ is mediated to all people. As we offer thanks to God for the gift of the priesthood in our Diocese, and as we pray together for a rich harvest of vocations to the priesthood on Long Island, we have a critical role to play in the life of our priests, including our senior priests.

Many of our senior priests live independently in parishes or their own homes, but there is a group of priests that require assistance with their daily living or a safe place to recover from an injury or illness. For these priests, and with your support, the Diocese of Rockville Centre founded the St. Pius X Residence.

St. Pius X Residence cares for our senior priests in a setting that allows them to keep the Eucharist as the center of their lives, while accessing a wide array of medical and social opportunities.

This month you will have the opportunity to express your gratitude to our priests and celebrate their presence among us through your gift to the annual St. Pius X Residence Fund. Your gifts and prayers will ensure that our retired priests are properly cared for today and long into the future.

With my prayers and gratitude.

Sincerely in Christ,

Bishop John O. Barres

## Altar Society

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

## Members in the Military

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

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

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



## Pastoral Care of Our Sick

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

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

## Pray for Our Sick

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

*Connie Ambrosino, Andrew Arena, Kathy Arena, Jeanette Battista, Benjamin J. Calogero, Thomas J. Calogero III, Thomas Cavanagh, Frank Cognetta, Amanda DiTingo, Joanne Egan, Anna Ferrante, Mike Ferrante, Thomas Geraghty-USMC, Bea Guzzo, Christine Harty, Patrick Anthony Heffron, Patricia Horne, Sara Iannaccone, Paul Johnson, Henry Kahn, Shena Kahn, Dave Kegel, Michael Kegel, Vincent Marinelli, Seamus Martin, Gaye Mazzo, Baby Kieran John McKay, Jennifer Monroe, Dennis Morgan, Tom O'Brien, Peter O'Connor, Edward Pauciullo, Rose Pauciullo, Diane Peterson, Frank Peterson, Cameron Pillitteri, John Posanti, Louise Posanti, Wyatt Rajotte, Jamie Raynor, Sally Riddle, Donna Rojas, Robert Saraceno, Joseph J. Schiavoni, Vita Scorcia, Kathy Shaddock, Gary Shaddock, Baby Shaddock, Susan Shaddock, Daniel Segreto, Margie Siefken, Jerry Smotzer, Special Intention/Healing, Celestine Stewart, Larry Sturgeon, Louise Sturgeon, Keri Thomas, Chelcea Toth, Marge Valenti, Phyllis Van Dyken*

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



## Rest In Peace

Michael Reisinger  
Gary Rohan  
Edward Valenti

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



## Upcoming Marriages

Christina Confessore,  
St. John the Baptist, Wading River  
and  
James Luppens  
St. John the Baptist, Wading River



## Baptism

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

## Mass Intentions

**Monday, September 9**

*St. Peter Claver*

**8:30am Margaret B. Flynn**

**Tuesday, September 10**

**8:30am Donna Marie Neuman**

**Wednesday, September 11**

**8:30am For those who died and those who suffer from the aftermath.**

**Thursday, September 12**

*The Most Holy Name of Mary*

**8:30am Maher Family**

**Friday, September 13**

*St. John Chrysostom*

**8:30am John Sweeney**

**Saturday, September 14**

*The Exaltation of the Holy Cross*

**8:30am Salvatore Pinello, Matthew S. Rogan**

**5:00pm Richard DiStefano, Barbara & Louie Argento, Matt & Anna Lattanzio, LaRocca & Sweeney Families, Breittfeller Family-Living & Deceased, Raymond W. Everett, Jr., Russel Salerno**  
*Fr. Dennis Suglia*

**Sunday, September 15**

*Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**8:00am Grace Ciccarello**

*Fr. Dennis Suglia*

**9:30am Margherita D'Alessandro**

*Fr. Dennis Suglia*

**11:00am Joseph P. Tessitore**

*Fr. Felix Odibe*

**12:30pm Jerzy & Danuta Musial, Emilia Regucki, Ludwik Kulaga**

*Fr. Charles Mangano*

**6:00pm People of the Parish, Ellen Shay, Russell Salerno, Mary Ann Swenson, Edward Swenson, JoAnn Brudi**

*Fr. Charles Mangano*

*Note: Celebrant information is subject to change without notice.*

Perinatal  
Bereavement Program

**Emily's Gift**

*Every  
Moment  
I  
Love  
You  
Still*



at   
for miscarriage support

DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE  
**Office of Human Life,  
Family and Bioethics**  
www.drvcilife.org/emilys-gift  
631-314-4562

## Calling All Singers!

Do you enjoy singing in the privacy of your home and car or maybe while sitting in the pew at Mass? Have you ever thought about praising the Lord by singing! We are always looking for people to sing in the 11:00am Mass Choir, and we would love to have YOU! Why don't you come to a rehearsal and try it out? We rehearse on Thursday evenings in the church at 7:00pm and then sing at the 11:00am Mass on Sundays. If you are interested, please contact Robin Reynolds Brennan at [robin@ollchurch.org](mailto:robin@ollchurch.org) or call the rectory office.



## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

We will be having Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on this **Tuesday, September 10th from 12:30pm 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](http://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**



Spaghetti Sauce  
Pancake Mix  
Kidney beans  
Canned Potatoes  
Canned Beets

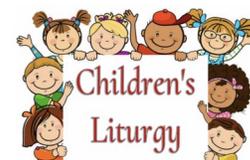
## Blessing of the Backpacks - September 22 - 9:30am Mass

ALL STUDENTS are invited to bring their BACKPACKS AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES for a special blessing at the 9:30 Mass on September 22. We will join together to bless these children and the tools they will use to learn and grow during this school year. We will also pray for their teachers and parents who will guide them on their learning journey. Hospitality will follow in the Parish Center.



## Children's Liturgy of the Word - September 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am Mass

After a summer of rest, prayer and planning, WE ARE BACK AND READY TO GO!! Children's Liturgy will start again next Sunday at the 9:30am Mass. The children are invited to the PARISH CENTER to hear and learn about the scripture readings of the day at their level. Children from 4 years old through 4<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome. Parents may join us, if they wish.



## PEP 1 Religious Education Program Registration Information

*“Discover the Treasures of God’s Love”*

If you have a child entering first grade in public school, your child should be registered for our “PEP 1” Religious Education Program. This first year program is required for participation in First Eucharist. It introduces the children to a basic understanding of the loving presence of God, the person of Jesus, conscience formation and the importance of community worship.

*Classes will begin on Wednesday, October 23 4:15-5:15 pm*

### Information Meeting and Registration

Choose one:

Monday, September 30, 2024	10:00am or 7:30pm	Parish Center
Tuesday, October 1, 2024	10:00am or 7:30pm	Parish Center

The meeting will take approximately 45 minutes and will be held in the Parish Center (meeting room opposite the playground)

- Please bring your child’s Baptismal certificate (a copy is acceptable).
- *Baptismal Certificate or copy is needed even if child was baptized at OLL.*
- No child will be assigned a room number unless we have a copy of the Baptismal Certificate.
- Returning families who have an incoming first grader MUST attend the registration meeting.

The registration fee (if this is your oldest child) is \$220

## Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

*What’s it all about?*

*IF* you are an adult *AND*

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

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

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



# Thank you!

A huge “thank you” to all who helped us tidy up and get our grounds properly prepared to host our Parish Feast. We appreciate your hard work and generosity in volunteering your time! And a great BIG thank you to the Nam Family, owners of i-Delizia Deli on the corner of Udall Road and Hunter Avenue, for providing us with a delicious breakfast!



**Parish Cleanup Day  
Monday,  
September 2, 2024  
Labor Day**





## An Invitation for Adult Men (18 years or older) to Join our Parish Knights of Columbus Council 17379

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 with many of the OLL events. **Our Lady of Lourdes Council meets every second and fourth Monday in the Parish Center at 8:00pm.** Council meetings are less than an hour, the homemade dessert is delicious (no calories in free food!!), gain Brothers in Christ and grow our Parish Family. To learn more about our Council or to join, please scan the QR code listed here or visit: [OLL17379.org](http://OLL17379.org).



**Our next meeting will be Monday, September 9, 2024 in the Parish Center**



## LOCAL WEST ISLIP NATIVE PRAYING FOR A DONOR



### About Dan Segreto

In July 2023 Dan suffered a stroke and went into Kidney Failure. His Kidneys have not recovered and he is required to do dialysis 3 times a week, which is physically and mentally challenging. To save his life, dan requires a kidney transplant. Dan's Blood Type is O positive and requires a Kidney donated from any O type blood to be a perfect match.

NYU Langone has a Swap Program, any Blood type Donor can donate a kidney in Dan's Name, NYU Langone will swap the kidney for a kidney that is Dan's Match.

Please Donate Blood and consider getting tested to donate a Kidney.

Please Call: NYU Langone  
**212-263-3621**



**Save the Date - Volunteers Needed**

Fellowship Ministry will be hosting a

# Fall Festival

**Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**11:00am-3:00pm**  
**on the Great Lawn**

**FUN for the  
 WHOLE FAMILY!**

If you are interested in volunteering  
 please contact: [mmac1575@yahoo.com](mailto:mmac1575@yahoo.com)



## 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/bsatrop179> or contact us at: [troop179cc@yahoo.com](mailto:troop179cc@yahoo.com).

## Our Next Bible Study



To register for Bible Study (only if you have **NOT** already registered via telephone) please scan the QR code listed here or call the Parish Office.  
 Classes begin on Tuesday, September 17, 2024.

## Women's Prayer Group - Coming Soon

We will be meeting the Fourth Wednesday of each month in the Parish Center at both 9:30am and 7:30pm. Consider starting or ending your day with this special opportunity to share our faith. Looking forward to seeing you September 25, and October 23, 2024. All are welcome.





## **Butterfly Memory Café - September 13, 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, September 13<sup>th</sup>** from 1:30pm-2:30pm. *There is no charge to participate, but space is limited and reservations are required. For more information or to register, please call Hannah at A Gentle Touch Senior Care at: 631-647-7622 or e-mail: [hannah@agentletoauchseniorcare.com](mailto:hannah@agentletoauchseniorcare.com).*



## **Dementia Caregiver Support Group Thursday, September 19, 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month from 5:30pm-7:00pm in the Parish Center**  
*There is no charge to participate, but please contact Maegan at 631-647-7622 or via e-mail at: [maegan@agentletouchseniorcare.com](mailto:maegan@agentletouchseniorcare.com) to reserve your place.*

## **Important Information for ALL Parish Volunteers**

The Diocese of Rockville Centre requires all clergy, employees, and volunteers (18 yrs. or older) to participate in the Safe Environment Guidelines as established by the Charter for the Protection of Children/Young People (2002) and outlined in the Diocesan Child Protection Policy.

Note: If you already have a Virtus account ([www.Virtus.org](http://www.Virtus.org)), have signed the Code of Conduct and attended the Class, all you need to do is initiate the updated background screening through Sterling Volunteers.

### **Requirements are as follows:**

1. Attend a Virtus: Protecting God's Children class.
2. Undergo background screening.
3. Sign the Diocesan Code of Conduct.

### **Instructions to Complete the Safe Environment Requirements:**

- Log into the Virtus website: [www.Virtus.org](http://www.Virtus.org).
- Begin the registration process by creating a Virtus account. The first screen requests the location: Please select Rockville Centre from the drop down list.
- Follow directions on each page.
- During the registration process you will receive a copy of the Code of Conduct and Pastoral Code of Conduct. Please sign each Code electronically.
- Select the class you wish to attend.
- Complete the background screening application provided. Background screening is conducted by Sterling Volunteers.

When you complete the registration process, you will have a Virtus account and an account with Sterling Volunteers. Your Virtus account will contain the date you signed the Codes of Conduct; date you submitted the background screening application and date you will attend Virtus. Please keep your username and the password for both your Virtus account and Sterling account as these are required to access each account.

Please contact the Office for the Protection of Children/Young People if you have questions or require assistance: [cprotection@drvc.org](mailto:cprotection@drvc.org)



*Catholic Charities Talbot House  
30-C Carlough Road  
Bohemia, NY 11716*



Residential Stabilization (detox)  
Looking for per diem/on call: LPN, RN, and NP (family health)  
Days, Evenings, Overnights, Weekends available  
Contact: Toni DeFelice [defelice.toni@catholiccharities.cc](mailto:defelice.toni@catholiccharities.cc) 631-589-4144

## 2024 TACHS Prep Course & Test Taking Strategies Class For Admission into a Catholic HS

HOSTED BY

### St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School

Our TACHS Prep Classes and Test Taking Strategies Class are taught by experienced St. John the Baptist **English and Math** Teachers. Through their insight and knowledge, Prep Course students receive a review of reading, writing, vocabulary, grammar, and mathematical skills, increasing your child's test-taking abilities. Five Prep Classes are offered on Saturdays before the Exam and the night before the exam we offer a Test Taking Strategies Class.

**Prep Course- \$400.00**

- Five Saturday Classes-
  - Sept 28, Oct 5, Oct 19, Oct 26, Nov 2
- 8:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
- All materials included in fee

**Test Taking Strategies- \$150.00**

- Friday, Nov 8
- 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- All materials included in fee

**Prep Course & Test Taking Strategies- \$500.00**

Please visit our website [<https://stjohnthebaptistdhs.net/tachs-exam-prep-course>] or call 631-587-8000 ext. 117 for more information.

### ***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, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

## 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

## Babylon Chorale Auditions

The Babylon Chorale will hold auditions on Monday evening, September 9, 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](http://www.babylonchorale.org) or e-mail [info@babylonchorale.org](mailto:info@babylonchorale.org)



## Seminary Communion Breakfast Sunday, September 29, 2024

The Friends of the Seminary invite you to their Annual Communion Breakfast on Sunday, September 29, 2024. Mass at 10:00am followed by brunch and presentation by Msgr. Steven Camp, Seminary Rector and Pastor of St. Patrick, Huntington. Reservations required (\$60 per guest; \$50 member of Friends). Information/reservations, SeminaryDevelopment Office, [bmalone@icseminary.edu](mailto:bmalone@icseminary.edu), 631-423-0483 x 102, [www.icseminary.edu/events](http://www.icseminary.edu/events).



# Open House Sat. Sept 28

## 9:00am-12:00pm

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**GriefShare**

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## Grief Support Group

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*Help and encouragement  
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A GriefShare support group is a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief. At this 13-week group, you'll receive valuable guidance and tips, leading you to relief, comfort, and peace of mind.

**Contact Us Today**

Westminster United Presbyterian Church  
109 Udall Road, West Islip, NY 11795  
Wednesdays, Sept. 18 - December 12  
4:45- 6:15 pm  
Contact Pastor Kerry: 631-482-2033  
Register at [Griefshare.org](http://Griefshare.org); zip code 11795

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# HOLY HOURS

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<p><b>09.13</b> St. Patrick <small>BAY SHORE</small></p> <p><b>10.18</b> Notre Dame <small>NEW HYDE PARK</small></p> <p><b>11.15</b> Infant Jesus <small>PORT JEFFERSON</small></p> <p><b>12.13</b> St. Joseph <small>GARDEN CITY</small></p>	<p><b>01.16</b> St. Elizabeth <small>MELVILLE</small> <i>*Thursday</i></p> <p><b>02.07</b> St. Dominic <small>OYSTER BAY</small></p> <p><b>03.07</b> St. John the Evangelist <small>CENTER MORICHES</small></p> <p><b>04.11</b> Christ the King <small>COMMACK</small></p> <p><b>05.30</b> Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal <small>POINT LOOKOUT</small></p>
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[drve vocations.com](http://drve vocations.com) DOORS AT 7:00PM | BEGINS AT 7:30PM



HelpOurMarriage.org

# RETROUVAILLE

A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

Because no marriage is beyond hope...

Is your marriage tearing you apart?  
Do you feel hurt and angry?  
Does talking make it worse?  
Thought of leaving or divorce?

Is your marriage heading in the wrong direction.  
**Retrouvaille can help.**

**Our Next Weekend is**  
**September 13-15, 2024**  
Immaculate Conception Seminary, Huntington

To register or for more information:  
**1-800-470-2230**  
[HelpOurMarriage.org](http://HelpOurMarriage.org)

**Retrouvaille** is a practical program for married couples facing difficult challenges. It is not counseling and you will not be asked to share the personal details of your story.

**Retrouvaille** is different; it's a way to improve your communication, help you reconnect, and build a healthy, happier, stronger marriage.

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In addition to our parish website ([ollchurch.org](http://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 **Sept. 14-15, 2024**. For information please call Lenny & Pat Walker at: 631-563-1032 or visit: [longisland.engagedencounter.com](http://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 November 8-10, 2024** at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington. Register at: [WWME.org](http://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, normally 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. 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday meetings are via Zoom. For more meeting info visit: [al-anon.org](http://al-anon.org).

## Families Anonymous Meetings

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

## Religion and Rock

Tune into “Religion and Rock” with Msgr. Jim Vlaun on Sunday from 7:00am to 8:00am on WBAB 102.3 FM or 95.3 on the East End of Long Island. Listen on Saturdays at 11:00pm on Sirius Radio, Channel 159, the Catholic Channel and at 11:00pm on XM Satellite, Channel 117. Next Sunday’s theme is “**Autumn Changes**”. To listen online or for more information, visit: [www.ReligionandRock.com](http://www.ReligionandRock.com).

## Sharing the Gospel

Imagine what it would be like to be deaf - unable to hear music, voices or anything. In today's Gospel reading, Jesus did something amazing. Jesus healed a deaf man, so that for the first time he could hear and talk clearly. What would you listen to? What would you say?



## Mission for the Week

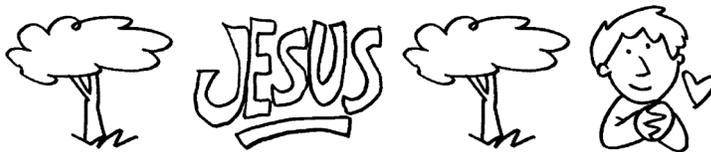


Go to the library and find out how to say "Jesus loves you" in sign language. On the way home, pretend you cannot hear or speak.



### Puzzle

Circle the picture that is the **same** as the **first** one. Then color in all the pictures.



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## Prayer

Dear God,  
You are so amazing.  
Thank you for healing the deaf man.  
Help me to use my ears and my voice to praise You.  
Amen.



## Something to Draw

Draw a picture of all the things you like to listen to.

