

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
Fax: 631.661.7143
Website: 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
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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

Liturgical Schedule

Daily Mass

8:30am

Weekend Masses

Saturday: 5:00pm

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

Reconciliation/Confession

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

Rosary

Daily at 8:00am

Miraculous Medal Novena

Monday at 8:00am

Sacraments

Anointing of the Sick

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

Baptism

Please contact the Parish Office to schedule an appointment.

Marriage

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

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

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

Second Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy Sunday • Sunday, April 7, 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
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 April 7, 2024

Sunday: Acts 4:32-35/ 1 Jn 5:1-6/ Jn 20:19-31
Monday: Is 7:10-14, 8:10/ Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/ Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/ Jn 3:16-21
Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/ Jn 3:31-36
Friday: Acts 5:34-42/ Jn 6:1-15
Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/ Jn 6:16-21
Next Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/ 1 Jn 2:1-5a/ Lk 24:35-48

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 24, 2024 – Palm Sunday

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| Weekly Collection | \$ 25,214.00 |
| Weekly Budget | - \$ 17,800.00 |
| +/- for the week | 7,414.00 |

March 31, 2024 - Easter Sunday

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| Weekly Collection | \$ 40,158.00 |
| Weekly Budget | - \$ 17,800.00 |
| +/- for the week | 22,358.00 |

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| Holy Thursday | \$ 2,721.00 |
| Holy Land Sanctuaries | \$ 3,243.00 |
| Parish Ministry | \$ 7,507.00 |

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

Are You In Need of Mercy? Divine Mercy Prayer Service



Are you familiar with the Divine Mercy of Jesus? On February 22, 1931, Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ appeared to a nun by the name of Sister Maria Faustina Kowalska. She was from the Congregation of Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in Cracow, Poland. Jesus appeared to her bringing with Him a wonderful message of Mercy for all people. In the apparition she saw Jesus standing before her in a white robe. With His left hand He was pulling back His garment revealing His heart, out of which came white and red rays (*symbolic of the blood and water which flowed from His side when pierced with a lance on the cross. This image reminds us of the tender Mercy of God which was shed upon the world at Calvary*). This image of Jesus as He appeared to St. Faustina can be seen hanging on the back wall of the church behind the last pew. It is in the heart of Jesus that we find love, mercy, strength, hope and healing. Jesus said to St. Faustina, “the greater the sinner, the greater their right to My mercy.” No matter what sin one commits, if their heart is truly repentant, God will forgive them.

In the year 2000, Pope John Paul II (now a Saint) canonized Sister Faustina a saint, making this apparition worthy of belief. The Holy Father also declared the Second Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday throughout the whole Church. Jesus asked this of St. Faustina.

Therefore, as a parish, we will be celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday on **April 7, 2024**. We will praise God for His eternal love and abundant mercy. How? There will be a prayer service in the Church from 2:30pm until 4:30pm. The prayer service will consist of exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, readings from scripture, praying the chaplet of Divine Mercy (*which consists of various prayers which Jesus gave to Sister Faustina to give to the world. This chaplet is prayed on ordinary rosary beads*), the sorrowful mystery of the rosary, singing and the opportunity to venerate the image of the Divine Mercy and the first-class relic of Saint Faustina. All are welcome to join us.

In the apparition of Jesus to St. Faustina, He also gives us the Divine Mercy Novena to pray and, like all Novenas, it is 9 days. The Novena begins on Good Friday and ends the day before Divine Mercy Sunday. The Novena is very unique because Jesus gives us the intentions that He wants us to pray for over the 9 days. It is a most beautiful and selfless prayer. There will be red Novena pamphlets at all the doors of the church in case you need one.

A huge and merciful gift given us on Divine Mercy Sunday is that we can receive a plenary indulgence. Jesus promised this to us through St. Faustina when He reminded us of His great mercy. What is a plenary indulgence? It is the total remission (*washing away*) of temporal punishment due to sin. When I confess my sin with a sincere and contrite heart, I am totally forgiven, but the temporal (*the here and now*) damage that was done to others (*and myself*) as a result of my sin remains. That’s why we do penance to try to repair the damage we have done. That is what purgatory is about. That’s why a plenary indulgence is a merciful gift from the Lord. How can one receive it? Here are the requirements: One must go to Mass and receive Holy Communion on the feast of Divine Mercy, April 6th / 7th. One must go to confession within 10 days of the feast (*either before or after*), pray the Apostles Creed (*which is your profession of faith*), take a few moments to reflect on the mercy you have received in your life, pray one Our Father and Hail Mary for the Pope’s intention and lastly, have a desire to be freed from the attachment to sin. **Priests will be hearing confession during the prayer service on Sunday, April 7th for your convenience.**

Several years ago, Fr. Charles and his sister recorded a Divine Mercy Album which consists of the Divine Mercy Chaplet presented in three different ways: scriptural, traditional and sung. It also has the Litany of the Divine Mercy and several reflection songs. The purpose of the CD is to help you pray and reflect more deeply on the love of our Lord expressed in His passion. The CD’s are sold through their music ministry website: www.frcharleslaurie.com.

The Great Fifty Days of Easter ... *Fifty Days of Rejoicing!*

The Easter Season

Alleluia! He is risen! The fifty days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost are celebrated joyfully as one "great Sunday." With Easter Sunday we begin **Fifty Days** of rejoicing!

Part of the challenge of Easter is learning how to celebrate a fifty-day feast! For some reason, we find it easier to observe the days of Lent than the fifty days of Easter. It seems that so much emphasis is put on Lent as "the" holy season. Sadly, for many people, getting to Easter Sunday seems to have become the "goal" of Lent. Come the day after Easter, it's back to *everyday life* as usual. However, as Catholics, we are called to maintain the excitement and celebration throughout the *entire* fifty-day period - as one joyful feast day; there's an entire season following Easter Sunday that should be anything but everyday life as usual.

HE IS RISEN
alleluia

Some things to look/listen for during the Easter Season...

The first eight days following Easter Sunday, (*the octave of Easter*) are celebrated as one enthusiastic festival, with each day celebrated as a Solemnity. "Alleluia, alleluia" is sung joyfully at each Mass during these eight days... and again we sing the "Gloria" at our Sunday liturgies...

The Gospels proclaimed during the first three Sundays of Easter focus on Jesus' appearances, *post-resurrection* and the Fourth Sunday usually focuses on the powerful image of the *Good Shepherd*.

Liturgy & Church Environment During the Easter Season

Many rich symbols and images are evident during the Fifty Days, linked in various ways to *initiation*.

- The **Paschal Candle**, lit for the first time at the Easter Vigil, is displayed and decorated near the ambo during the Fifty Days and will be lit for all liturgical celebrations until Pentecost.
- The new holy oils used in the celebration of the sacraments have been enthroned in our ambry.
- On Sunday, April 7, the Church celebrates *Divine Mercy Sunday* praising God for His eternal love and abundant mercy.
- In contrast to the starkness the church décor takes on during Lent, during the Easter Season, the church will be filled with bright colors and beautiful flowers reminiscent of the beauty of God's kingdom.
- New life flourishes at OLL as we continue to celebrate the Sacraments throughout Easter Time...our young people will celebrate their First Holy Communion on several Saturdays during April & May and adults who are already baptized Catholic, and enrolled in our Adult Confirmation Program, will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday!

As we celebrate the Fifty Days of the Easter Season together, may we all come to a deeper appreciation of the Risen Lord's presence in our lives, as we are called to share in the fullness of risen life with Jesus through the sacraments and through our lives together! **Alleluia, alleluia!**



A Plenary Indulgence Granted by Papal Decree

Lourdes Virtual Pilgrimage Experience™

In Honor of St. Bernadette's Feast Day



Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

455 Hunter Avenue West Islip, NY

Saturday, April 13th 7:00 PM

Followed by refreshments
in the All-Purpose room

- ★ ***Receive Lourdes Water***
- ★ ***Touch the Grotto Rock***
- ★ ***Adoration & Benediction***
- ★ ***Rosary Decade & Procession***

For information contact:
Parish Office 631-661-3224 or
parishoffice@ollchurch.org



Our Lady of Lourdes Hospitality
North American Volunteers
www.LourdesVolunteers.org

Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Pat Wissing*. 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.

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| 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.



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, Connie Ambrosino, Baby Owen John Barrett, Jeanette Battista, Thomas J. Calogero III, Thomas Cavanagh, Frank Cognetta, Susan Dedes, Joseph Dilegame, Amanda DiTingo, Joanne Egan, Anna Ferrante, Helen Ferrante, Mike Ferrante, Thomas Geraghty-USMC, Bea Guzzo, Christine Harty, Patrick Anthony Heffron, Paul Johnson, Henry Kahn, Shena Kahn, Margaret Kavoures, Dave Kegel, Michael Kegel, Toni Kreamer, Peter Lies, Vincent Marinelli, Seamus Martin, Jodiann Carrino Mentus, Glenn Meyer, Richard Meyer, Dennis Morgan, Wesley Morrell, Peter O'Connor, Edward Pauciullo, Rose Pauciullo, Cameron Pillitteri, John Posanti, Louise Posanti, Wyatt Rajotte, Jamie Raynor, Marissa Raynor, William Rivers, Donna Rojas, Fabian Rojas, Colleen S., Robert Saraceno, Diane Scharen, Robert Scharen, Joseph J. Schiavoni, Vita Scordia, Gary Shaddock, George Shaddock, Margie Siefken, Diana Smiloff, Special Intention/Healing, Celestine Stewart, Larry Sturgeon, Louise Sturgeon, Dolores Thaxter

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



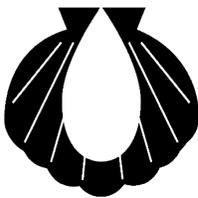
Rest In Peace

Gerzan Argueta
Paula F. Edwards
Robert John Hunter

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



Upcoming Marriages



Baptism

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, April 8

The Annunciation of the Lord

8:30am Salvatore Pinello

Tuesday, April 9

8:30am Valerie Moscarelli

Wednesday, April 10

8:30am Scott Moxin

Thursday, April 11

St. Stanislaus

8:30am Massimo Ferro (Living)

Friday, April 12

8:30am Grace Ciocia

Saturday, April 13

St. Martin

8:30am Joyce LaRose

5:00pm Neil J. McNeil, Sr., Jean Swailes, Joseph Pepe, Louis DeSimone, Theresa Drexler

Fr. Charles Mangano

Sunday, April 14

Third Sunday of Easter

8:00am Robin Reynolds Brennan & Family (Living)

Fr. Charles Mangano

9:30am Charles & Louise Mangano

Fr. Charles Mangano

11:00am Deceased Members of Aprigliano Family

Fr. Dennis Suglia

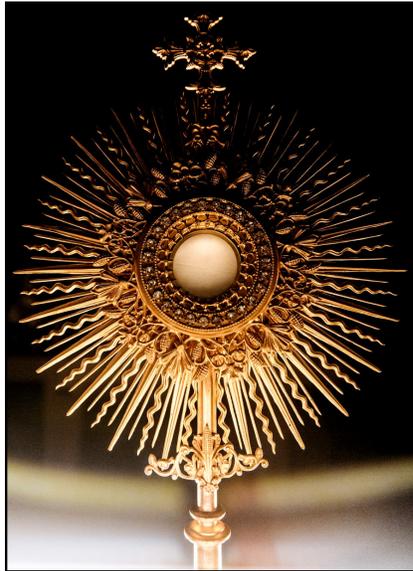
12:30pm LaRocca & Sweeney Families

Fr. Dennis Suglia

6:00pm People of the Parish, Brian Bolen, Theresa Drexler, Maureen Cloherty, Rosario A. Chechile, Frank Barnes

Fr. Dennis Suglia

Note: Celebrant information is subject to change without notice.



"For as the bread, which is produced from the earth, when it receives the invocation of God, is no longer common bread, but the Eucharist, consisting of two realities, earthly and heavenly. so also our bodies, when they receive the Eucharist, are no longer corruptible, having the hope of the resurrection to eternity."

- St. Irenaeus

April, Month of the Holy Eucharist

 DIOCESE of ROCKVILLE CENTRE
**Office of Human Life,
Family and Bioethics**

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

Prayer Shawl Ministry / Baby Blanket Bunch

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

Join us on **Wednesday, April 10 at 9:30am in the Parish Center**. All you need to bring is scrap yarn, knitting needles or crochet hooks (patterns and instructions will be given to you) and your gifts of love and prayer.

Divine Mercy Prayer Group

We come together in the Church **every Thursday from 1:30pm-2:30pm** to pray and reflect on the Divine Mercy. We welcome anyone wishing to join us in this mission.

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
Canned Fruit
Jelly
Black Beans
Toothpaste

Free health screenings

Mobile Outreach Bus



The Community Outreach team is pleased to offer free health screenings in your community by a Catholic Health registered nurse.



Services for adults (18 and older):

- Brief cardiac history
- Blood pressure screening
- BMI screening
- Simple blood test for cholesterol and glucose
- Health education
- Referrals as needed
- Resources for those without insurance

Our Lady of Lourdes R.C. Church
455 Hunter Ave
West Islip, NY
Monday April 15, 2024
10am- 2pm

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Easter Flowers

*Pete & Pat McCann
Geraldine Warfield
James Furlani
Carol Jankowski
Mr. & Mrs. William Mazzoli, Jr.
Mr. & Mrs. John Seylar
Alfred Ryan, Thomas O'Leary
John Costa and Gene Anelli
Mr. & Mrs. John McGuire
Mr. & Mrs. Theodore Smith
Ms. Elizabeth Mogan
William Mace
Florence and Peter Roache*

*Deceased Members of Loscalzo
& Schmitt Families
DeLeon & Espina Family
Christine Pascale
Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Sciaruto
Marie Valentino
Joseph Valentino
Ann Greenhalgh. John Greenhalgh,
A.M.B. and Angel
In Memory of Rick Munkwitz
and Jamie Munkwitz*

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 after the 5:00pm Mass and will be exposed up to 9:50pm. Everyone is invited to spend some time in front of the Blessed Sacrament to offer prayers, petitions and thanksgiving to Jesus. Nocturnal Adoration will follow the 5:00pm Mass on **Saturday April 6th** concluding with Benediction at 9:50pm. Please come and pray with us. All are invited and welcome. Bring a friend!



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

We will be having Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on this **Tuesday, April 9th 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) to check if Adoration has been canceled.



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.



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

RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Throughout the past year, our parish family has journeyed with those seeking Baptism, reception and full initiation into the life of the Church. From the Rite of Acceptance in December, to the Rite of Election, Call to Continuing Conversion and the Scrutinies celebrated during Lent, we have celebrated their faith and, in turn, renewed our own.

At the Easter Vigil on Saturday, March 30, 2024:

- we celebrated the Baptism of *Dennis Martinez*
- we celebrated the reception into the Church of *Jared Carrino*
- we celebrated the Confirmation of *Dennis Martinez and Jared Carrino*

Their journey has become our journey. Their excitement and enthusiasm has inspired and excited us about our faith journey!

Their journey still continues as they enter The Period of Mystagogy which lasts from Easter Sunday until the completion of the Easter season, fifty days later on Pentecost Sunday, and completes the initiation process. Let's continue to pray for them as they continue to more fully realize what the life of the Church has in store for them.

If you're interested in becoming a Catholic or completing your own initiation, please email:

RCIA@ollchurch.org or contact Sister Nancy Campkin at: 631-661-5440, option 3.

We would love to welcome you!



Easter Raffle

Below, please find a set of 6 chances. It is a 50-50 drawing. Chances are \$25 each or 6 chances for \$100.

1st place winner will win 35% of the money, 2nd place will win 10% of the money and

3rd place will win 5% of the money. You have to be in it to win it!

The drawing will take place on **Pentecost Sunday, May 19th after the 12:30pm Mass.**

Please note: Raffle Tickets will NOT be mailed to your home.

They will only be available via the weekly bulletin.

Completed raffle tickets, with your check or cash, should be returned to the Parish Office.

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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.

In June, our Council will be having our Annual Scholarship and Award Night. Because of the *Amazing and Wonderful* support of our Parish Family, OLL Council 17379 will be presenting five (5) \$1,000 scholarships and awards.

Our next meeting will be Monday, April 8, 2024 in the Parish Center.



 **HOLY HOURS**
FOR VOCATIONS | 2023-2024 DATES

9.15 // 10.20 // 12.15 // 1.19 // 2.23 // 3.15 // 4.19

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DOORS OPEN 7 PM, BEGINS 7:30 PM | AT THE SEMINARY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Knights of Columbus Council 17379



Scholarship and Award Night – June 10, 2024

- A \$1000 scholarship is available to students whose parent, grandparent, or guardian is a member of the Knights of Columbus Council 17379, and in good standing. An applicant must be between 14 years old and 21 years of age, and the scholarship must be used for high school, college, or vocational school.
- A \$1000 scholarship is available for a student whose family are Parish members of Our Lady of Lourdes in West Islip. An applicant must be between 14 years old and 21 years old and the scholarship must be used for high school, college, or vocational school.
- A \$1000 award is available to an Our Lady of Lourdes Parish member for the Monsignor Brian McNamara Military Service Award. An applicant must be currently serving in the US Military, or going to begin their military service before January 01, 2025.
- A \$1000 scholarship is available for a student whose has a family member that is a First Responder and member of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish. An applicant must be between 14 years old and 21 years old and the scholarship must be used for high school, college, or vocational school.
- A \$1000 Community Service Award is available for a student performing exceptional Community Service. An applicant must be between 14 years old and 21 years old.

Requirements for the Knights of Columbus Scholarship

Scholarships and Awards are awarded based on the character of the individual and their involvement in the Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Catholic Church and participation in community activities. The decision of the Scholarship and Award Committee is final and only winners will be notified.

A signature of the Parent, Guardian, or Sponsoring member is required for an applicant under 18 years of age to certify the accuracy of all the information appearing on the application.

A 200-word composition, written by the applicant, should demonstrate their knowledge of THE IMPORTANCE OF THE TEACHINGS OF JESUS CHRIST AND THE CATHOLIC CHURCH in his/her life, as well as volunteerism and community service.

This scholarship and award application period is open from April 15, 2024, to May 15, 2024.

To apply, please visit: OLL17379.org



Pilgrimage to Medjugorje



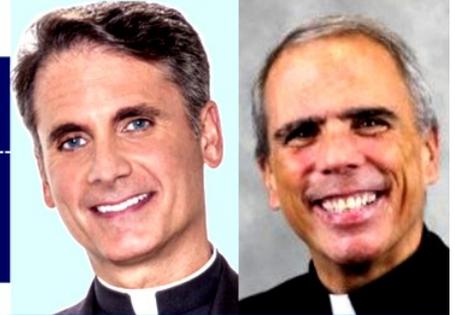
Your Trip Includes:

- 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)



August 19 - 27, 2024

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



PILGRIMAGE WITH SPIRITUAL DIRECTORS

Fr. Charles Mangano & Fr. Tony Stanganelli



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For Details and 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. 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.

ATTENTION ALL YOUNG ADULTS

A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH THE MASS

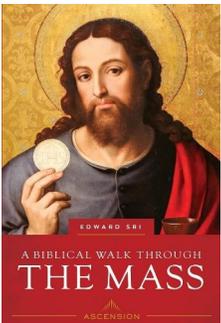
The Frassati Young Adult Group
will be participating in the 6-week
Parish Bible Study

TUESDAYS
7:30PM
OUR LADY OF LOURDES
ALL PURPOSE ROOM

APRIL 30 **MAY 21**
MAY 7 **MAY 28**
MAY 14 **JUNE 4**



In lieu of **NO TUESDAY MEETINGS in MAY**
Frassati Young Adult Group is excited to host:
PAINT-N-SIP EVENT
Saturday, May 18 6:30pm
Frassati Meetings will resume **Tuesday, June 18**



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.

The “Moving On” Group

An ‘After-Bereavement’ Group for Widows and Widowers
presents:

“Legal Issues/ Elder Law”

Presented by Shannon Macleod, Esq.

Friday, April 12, 2024 at 7:00pm

St. Joseph Parish Center

39 North Carll Avenue, Babylon, NY 11702

For further information please call:

Linda Sparaco at 631-225-9530 or Joyce Gangone at 631-813-9356



Spring Open House

Molloy University

Sunday, April 14, 2024 at 1:00pm



**MOLLOY
UNIVERSITY**

Register at: <https://www.molloy.edu/openhouse24>

Volunteers Needed to help Sisters of St. Joseph

Sprint into Spring 5K Fun Run/Walk

Sisters of St. Joseph - Brentwood Campus

Saturday, May 11, 2024

Volunteers needed between 7:00am-2:00pm to assist with the following:

- Parking lot supervision
- Breakfast Boost Station
- Distribution of t-shirts
- Hydration station
- Guidance along the walk/run route
- Clean up after the event

Link to volunteer registration form: <https://forms.gle/yerrqa3WvoJsvvNCA>

P/T Employment Opportunity

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Lindenhurst is seeking a part-time Administrative Assistant for the Faith Formation Department. This position is Monday and Tuesday from 9:00am – 1:00pm, Wednesday 2:00pm – 8:00pm, Thursday from 11:00am – 5:00pm, and Saturday 7:30am – 1:30pm.

Responsibilities:

- Manage daily operations including but not limited to phone, clerical, correspondence, mail, and record keeping.
- On-site coordination and overseeing of classes.
- Prepare folders for classes, run off sheets for teachers, send out invoices, answer emails, scheduling, prepare weekly bulletin page, etc.
- Collaborate with the director in planning curriculum for the year to prepare Levels 1-8 to receive Sacraments.
- Assist the Director as needed with all programs overseen by the Faith Formation Department.

To apply, contact: April Kleinlaut, Director of Faith Formation. E-mail resume to: akleinlaut@oloph.org



Dementia Caregiver Support Group Thursday, April 18, 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 e-mail at: cassandra@agentletouchseniorcare.com to reserve your place.*



Butterfly Memory Café - April 19, 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, April 19th** 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.*

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.



Employment Opportunity - St. Kilian Church, Farmingdale Part-time Administrative Assistant for Parish Social Ministry/Outreach

Monday through Thursday 8:30am to 2:30pm (25 hours- some Fridays required during busy season)
\$21.00 hour. Benefits: Paid time off.

St. Kilian's is seeking an efficient, organized, and friendly professional to assist the Outreach Director in the day-to-day operations of our busy Outreach Program. Must be comfortable in a fast-paced environment, able to prioritize tasks and work independently. Can demonstrate sensitivity to diverse cultures and backgrounds in a confidential setting. Familiarity with social service concepts and bilingual in Spanish/English a plus. Proficiency in Outlook, Word, Excel, Publisher, Access. One year of computer/customer service experience. Please email resume/cover letter to Mrs. Jeana Lewis at: JeanaL@stkilian.com.

LECTIO DIVINA

- Lectio
- Meditatio
- Oratio
- Contemplatio

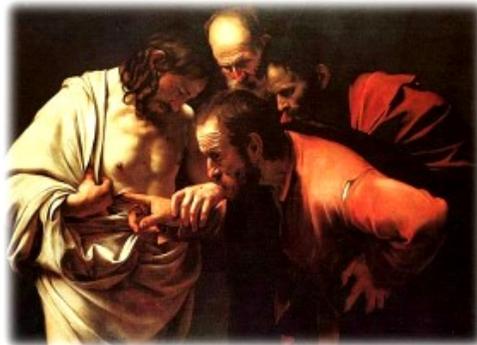


Join Bishop Andrzej

For Scripture Reflection Series
on **St. THOMAS the APOSTLE - Part I**

Wednesday, April 10, 2024

at 7:30 pm - ZOOM webinar.



Bible Study Verse

APOSTLE THOMAS
Touching the Wounded Lord

Gospel of John 20. 19-31

Encountering the Risen One

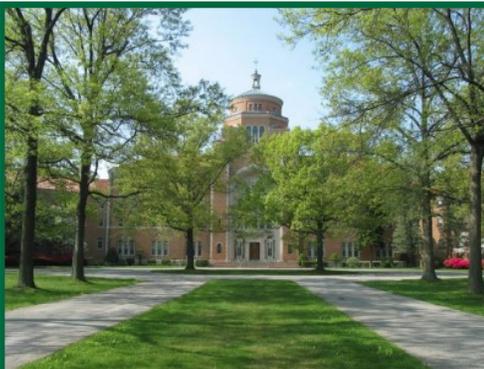
Registration is required in order to receive the ZOOM
link to each session.

Please contact the Western Vicariate office with your
name, parish, email address and phone number.

Send your email to:

westernvicariate@drvc.org

or call Suzanne at 516-744-6850.



Cantabile: Melody in Voice & Instrument

**Celebrate Spring with light entertainment! Sunday, April 28, 2024
from 5:00 to 7:00pm - Cantabile: Melody in Voice & Instrument.**

A program of operatic arias and piano selections presented by
Timothy Carl, pianist, and Jennifer Russo, soprano, including some
works from "The American Songbook." Reception will follow.
Reservations required - \$75 per guest, \$70 Member of the Friends of
the Seminary. For information: Development Office, 631-423-0483 x
102; bmalone@icseminary.edu.

Alzheimer's Disease Resource Center 2024 Memory Walk and Spring Festival



Saturday, The Fourth of May

Raindate 5.5.24

**Marjorie R. Post Community Park
451 Unqua Road, Massapequa, NY**

Program of the Day

8:30 am Registration & Grab & Go Breakfast

9:30 am Opening Ceremony

10:00 am WALK Begins

10:30 am-1:00 pm Festival Fun & BBQ Lunch

This outdoor event will bring a Galaxy of community resources and organizations together to support all Long Island families impacted by cognitive decline. There will be fun activities for all ages including:

Live Band 🪐 Selfie Spots 🪐 Giveaways 🪐 Star Wars Characters
Touch a Fire Truck 🪐 Lawn Games 🪐 Living Memory Tree 🪐 Food

Join the Force!

**Register your
Stormtroopers
TODAY!**

www.adrcinc.org/adrc-walk



www.ADRcinc.org



**Alzheimer's Disease
Resource Center**

Keeping Help and Hope In Mind

631.580.5100

Pedestrian Safety Open House

Tuesday, April 9, 2024
6:00 pm

West Islip Fire Department
309 Union Boulevard
West Islip, NY

Stay after the panel discussion for a dinner and information tables, featuring the panelists and other great resources.

Experts will discuss the volume and circumstances surrounding recent crashes in the area and how we can best protect drivers on the road. Attendees will be able to ask questions about traffic safety and how to make your commute to work and school safer.



For more information and to RSVP, scan the QR code or call (631) 963-4167.



Presented by Good Samaritan University Hospital, the Nassau-Suffolk Hospital Council, Walk Safe Long Island and the New York Coalition for Transportation Safety.



goodsamaritanuniversity.org

Open House Breast Cancer Screening Events



Join Catholic Health for a Breast Screening directly with a Breast Surgeon.

Good Samaritan Women's Imaging Center
735 Montauk Highway, West Islip, NY 11795

Sunday, May 5

9:30 – 11:30 am

Wednesday, June 26

5:30 – 7:30 pm

Thursday, August 22

5:30 – 7:30 pm

Sunday, October 6

9:30 – 11:30 am

Walk-ins welcome for those with insurance.

For those that are under- or uninsured, please call (631) 376-3051 to schedule an appointment for a free breast screening.

Free screening mammograms only
To be eligible, women must:

- Be 40 years of age or older.
- Have not had a mammogram within the past 12 months.

No insurance necessary.

Food and refreshments will be available.



goodsamaritanuniversity.org

RETRouvaille

HelpOurMarriage.org

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

April 26-28, 2024

Immaculate Conception Seminary, Huntington

To register or for more information:

1-800-470-2230

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.

Catholic in origin, couples of all faiths, or no faith background, are welcome to attend. We are a Christian Peer Ministry offering tens of thousands of marriages hope in over 160 communities world-wide.

The Diocese of Rockville Centre GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Honoring Couples Married Fifty Years

The Diocese of Rockville Centre would like to honor those couples who celebrated Fifty Years of Marriage in 2024 by inviting them to attend one of the Masses below for a special blessing.

Sunday, April 21, 2024, at 3:00 p.m.

The Cathedral of St. Agnes, Rockville Centre
Celebrant: Most Reverend Andrzej Zglejszewski
Registration must be received by Tuesday, April 16, 2024

Sunday, May 5, 2024, at 3:00 p.m.

Church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Patchogue
Celebrant: Most Reverend Robert J. Coyle
Registration must be received by Tuesday, April 30, 2024

Register online at drcv-faith.org

For questions, please contact Lisette Robustelli, Associate Director at (516)678-5800 ext. 200 or via email at lrobustelli@drcv.org



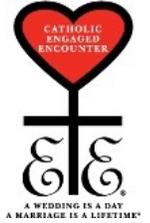


In addition to our parish website (ollchurch.org), please visit us on Facebook at *The Parish Family of Our Lady of Lourdes*. Click “Like” and you will receive the latest news on upcoming parish events and information.

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

Sharing the Gospel

In today's Gospel, Thomas had a hard time believing his friends. Jesus was alive! They saw Jesus! Well, Thomas could not believe it. He needed proof. Thomas wanted to see Jesus for himself. Thomas wanted to touch Jesus' scars on His hands and His side. Once Thomas did that, then he would believe. You may have doubting friends like Thomas. Be patient with them. Do not get angry with them. Love them instead, and gently tell them the truth about Jesus. Ask Jesus to open their hearts so they can believe in Him too.



Mission for the Week

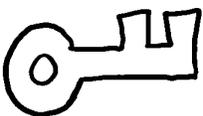


Talk to God about a friend who does not believe in Jesus. Ask God to give you the right words to say about Jesus. Then ask God to help you be patient.



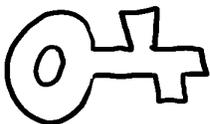
Puzzle

Find the matching shadow.



A

1



B

2



C

3



D

4



Prayer

Dear God,
Help me to be
patient with
my doubting
friends.

Show them that Jesus is
their Savior, too.



Something to Draw

Draw a picture of
yourself playing
with a friend who
does not believe
in Jesus.

