

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

455 Hunter Avenue, West Islip, NY 11795

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

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Monday-Friday: 9:00am-Noon,

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Monday - Wednesday - Friday

from 9:30am-3:30pm ONLY

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Peace



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.

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)

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

Second Sunday of Advent • Sunday, December 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
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Mission Statement

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

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

Readings for the Week of December 8, 2024

Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/ Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/ Lk 3:1-6
Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/ Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/ Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/ Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/ Mt 11:28-30
Thursday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a;12:1-6a, 10ab/ Lk1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
Friday: Is 48:17-19/ Mt 11:16-19
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/ Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Next Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/ Phil 4:4-7/ Lk 3:10-18

Parish Staff

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Religious Education Office

Financial Summary

December 1, 2024

Weekly Collection	18,075.50
Weekly Budget	- \$ 17,800.00
+/- for the week	\$ 275.50

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

Advent- For God So Loved the World...

Advent is a time of waiting and expectation. It is a time to prepare and a time to be vigilant. A time when we look back and remember and a time to look forward in anticipation. As a child, I recall it was a time to count-down to Christmas day.

During the first two weeks of Advent, the Church looks forward to the final fulfillment of Christ's second coming, while in the last two weeks we look back and remember the birth of Jesus two thousand years ago. Although the four weeks of Advent may seem disjointed because of this, when we look forward in anticipation and look back in remembrance, the celebration of this season seems more integrated. When we view and experience the four weeks with the common theme that God has been and promises to always be with us, it is a joyful time to remember God's endless love for us. In John's gospel we hear, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life". We as a Church also wait for Christ to come at the end of time in glory, judgement, and justice for the fullness of the Kingdom of God to be complete.

To bring to light God's immense love and the promises made by our God, the Church incorporates the themes of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love into the four weeks of Advent. In our first week of Advent, it is ironic that the Gospel of Luke, in looking forward in time, speaks in a very frightening tone when it describes the end of time. Jesus said to his disciples, "there will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on earth nations will be in dismay, perplexed by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the world, the powers of the heavens will be shaken." This can seem both disturbing and disheartening. After all, how can these types of events be reconciled with who our God is and what our God has promised to us. Most of us can identify with mixed messages during certain times of our lives, a God of compassion, peace, and hope yet at the same time a God who does not seem to be near to us when we need him most. This may be through trials of any type of suffering or loss when the only thing we can seem to experience is despair. What we fail to realize at times like these is that God does not abandon us, instead he remains with us and redeems us. Luke's Gospel reminds us that the frightening events foretold are not the end of the story. Instead, they are signs of good things to come, that "the Son of Man" will come in a cloud with power and glory because our redemption is at hand. Although Advent starts with the end (of time), it finishes with redemption. Jesus further reminds the disciples to always be vigilant, to be prepared because we do not know when Jesus will return. The second Sunday of Advent incorporates the same message when John the Baptist reminds us of what the Prophet Isaiah said, "prepare the way of the Lord., make straight his paths. The winding roads shall be made straight, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God." We know that God will keep His promises because as we celebrate in the final two weeks of Advent, we remember our God who became flesh, the incarnation, in the birth of Jesus.

During this time of faithful waiting, hopeful anticipation, and grateful remembrance, let us be reminded that we have been created above all to love and to be loved. We are not simply observers in God's plan for humanity. God is present and works through each one of us. We are meant to be comforted by God but at the same time feel the pain of others, just as Jesus felt our pain in the flesh. Paul reminds us to pray to the Lord to make us increase and abound in love, to strengthen our hearts. The question today and throughout Advent is how do we prepare for the coming of Jesus? Jesus reminds his disciples, and us, to love as he loves us. We are challenged during Advent to live the gospel radically, with purpose and with urgency. This is why we hear in Luke's gospel "Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life, and that day catch you by surprise like a trap". Advent is a time, and an opportunity to prepare and to reevaluate our lives. Mother Teresa said, "Our mission is to convey God's love-not a dead God but a living God, a God of Love. What better time than today to start.

In Christ,

Deacon Tom

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.

Maria Caputo - <i>US Army</i>	Melissa Mockler - <i>US Navy</i>
Christopher Florca - <i>US Marine Corps</i>	Patric Mockler - <i>US Navy</i>
Dominick Gennaro - <i>US Army</i>	Thomas F. Parson - <i>US Marine Corps</i>
Patrick Harty - <i>US Coast Guard</i>	Brandon Ranzie - <i>US Army</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 Loftsgaarden - <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>
Timothy Milligan - <i>US Marine Corps</i>	Logan Coppola - <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 ...

Patricia Amabile, Connie Ambrosino, Marybeth A., Andrew Arena, Kathy Arena, Jeanette Battista, Doris Cameron, Thomas J. Calogero III, Filomena Cantone, Thomas Cavanagh, Jerry Collins, Susan Dedes, Amanda DiTingo, Joanne Egan, Albert Feliney, Thomas Geraghty-USMC, Bea Guzzo, Christine Harty, Patrick Anthony Heffron, Patricia Horne, Paul Johnson, Henry Kahn, Shena Kahn, Dave Kegel, Michael Kegel, Richard Kliegl, Vincent Marinelli, Jennifer Monroe, Dennis Morgan, Wesley Morrell, Tom O'Brien, Edward Pauciullo, Rose Pauciullo, Diane Peterson, Frank Peterson, Cameron Pillitteri, John Posanti, Louise Posanti, Sally Riddle, Patricia Rochford, Donna Rojas, Fabian Rojas, Joseph J. Schiavoni, Vita Scorcia, Kathy Shaddock, Baby Shaddock, Susan Shaddock, Daniel Segreto, Jerry Smotzer, Special Intention/Healing, Celestine Stewart, Louise Sturgeon, Keri Thomas, Chelcea Toth, Marge Valenti,

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



Rest In Peace

Barbara Dean
Amelia A. DiNicola
Joan P. Rooney

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: allchurch.org, where you will be redirected. You do not need a Facebook account.

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 9

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30am Frank Larkin
12:10pm Marilyn Tyner
7:30pm Massimo Ferro (Living)

Tuesday, December 10

Our Lady of Loreto

8:30am Joan Graham

Wednesday, December 11

St. Damasus I

8:30am Eugene Langan

Thursday, December 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:30am Salvatore Pinello

Friday, December 13

St. Lucy

8:30am Pedro de Roxas

Saturday, December 14

St. John of the Cross

8:30am Doris Jodhan, Paula Edwards

**5:00pm Joseph Giordano, Sebastiano Novello,
Victor C. Arnao, Joseph Liguori, Joe Carpenter,
Cecelia Chiarelli,
Fr. Charles Mangano**

Sunday, December 15

Third Sunday of Advent Gaudete Sunday

8:00am Grace Ciccarello
Fr. Charles Mangano

9:30am Joseph Anthony Vitale
Fr. Charles Mangano

11:00am Dorothy Brando & Thomas Brando
Fr. Dennis Suglia

12:30pm Carmelo J. Cotrone
Fr. Dennis Suglia

**6:00pm People of the Parish, Richard Jensen,
Victoria V. Gerena (Living), Anne Thompson,
Timothy P. Reid, Carolina Valdés Abla**
Fr. Dennis Suglia

Note: Celebrant information is subject to change without notice.

Healing Mass - Monday, December 16

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever (*Hebrews 13:8*) the scripture tells us. Therefore, Jesus who healed people as he walked the earth over 2000 years ago still heals his people today. Healing can take place on various levels: physical healing, spiritual healing, emotional healing and psychological healing.



Every Mass is a healing Mass because Christ is truly present, but join us this Advent as we celebrate the healing power of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit on Monday, December 16th. We will begin the Holy Rosary at 7:00pm and the Holy Mass will begin at 7:30pm. Following the Liturgy Fr. Charles will expose the Blessed Sacrament and then bless each person individually with the Holy Eucharist. The Blessed Sacrament is the real body, blood, soul and divinity of Christ in our midst. He is our Life, our Hope, our Healing. He is our everything.

Those present in wheelchairs, with walkers, canes, the sick, children and the elderly will be the first ones invited forward to receive the blessing. All are welcome.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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



Nocturnal Adoration

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

This is Jesus Christ's invitation every first Saturday of the month. The Blessed Sacrament is taken to the altar 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, December 14th** concluding with Benediction at 9:50pm. Please come and pray with us. All are invited and welcome. Bring a friend!

Please note: Due to the Paint & Sip event on December 7th, the December Nocturnal Adoration has been moved to December 14th.



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



Jar of Tomato Sauce
Canned Beets
Jelly
Toilet Paper
Laundry Soap



Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Monday, December 9th - Holy Day of Obligation

Mass Schedule:

Monday, December 9th - Mass at 8:30am, 12:10pm and 7:30pm



Christmas Candles

We are once again offering a *Loving Candle*. This symbolic light is a beautiful way to remember our loved ones, both living and deceased. They will be lit on Christmas Eve, and will remain throughout the life of the candle (approximately a week). The candles will be available for a donation of \$10.00, and will be sold after all weekend Masses on December 14-15 and December 21-22, They will also available in the Parish Office after December 14.



Our Parish Advent Wreath

A family from the parish will be lighting a candle on our Parish Advent Wreath at the beginning of each Mass for each week of Advent. This is a meaningful way to be part of our preparation for Christmas during this Advent. If you wish to be one of the families to light a candle, please speak to Robin or one of the ushers at Mass.



Christmas Flower Offerings Christmas Flower offerings received by **Sunday, December 15th** will be published in the December 25th bulletin. Offerings received after that date will be published in subsequent bulletins. Please **PRINT CLEARLY** on your envelope.

Religious Education - ADVENT 2024

Please **JOIN** the 6:00pm Mass with your family and your grade

2nd Sunday of Advent: December 8...Grade 7 *The message of John the Baptist has a lot to offer many of us!*

3rd Sunday of Advent: December 15...Grade 6 *Prepare to be challenged to live your life in a different way!*

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

(Formerly... 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 OCIA@ollchurch.org or call the Parish Office at 631-661-3224, and we would be happy to help you.



Advent at OLL!

Happy New Liturgical Year! You may have noticed a few differences in the way we pray and decorate the church during the season of Advent. These elements in our Advent liturgies allow us to focus more as we prepare for the celebration of Jesus' birth.



Liturgy:

- + Our priests and deacons will wear the color purple or violet except for the Third Sunday of Advent (*Gaudete Sunday*) when rose vestments may be worn.
- + We will begin our practice of entering a time of **sacred silence**, fifteen minutes prior to the start of Mass, as a way to prepare ourselves for our encounter with God during the celebration.
- + We do not sing or recite the *Gloria* except during solemnities such as the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (*celebrated on Monday, Dec 9 this year*) and the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe (*Dec 12*).
- + Our liturgical music, in general, will take on a simpler tone to reflect the season.

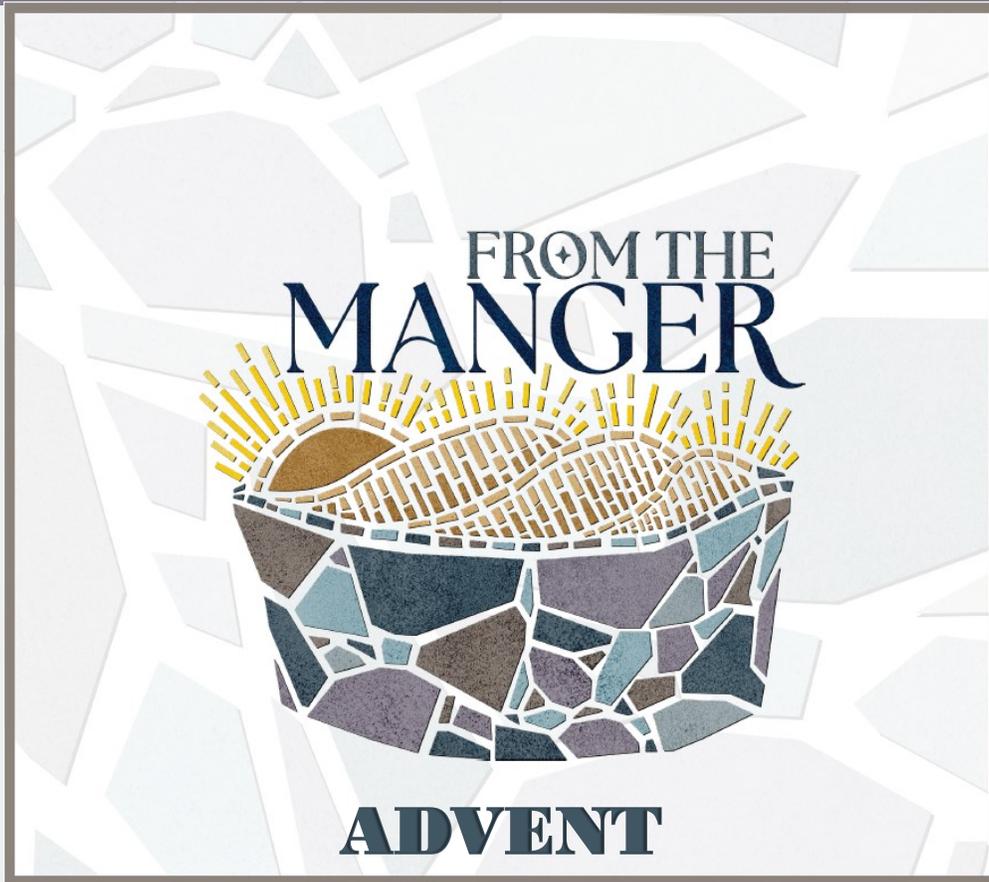
Church Environment & Other Elements:

- + Contrary to the secular world, the church décor during Advent is much more modest to represent this season of preparation.
- + Our parish Advent Wreath will be lit at all liturgies. The candles represent Christ who is the light of the world and the wreath's evergreen boughs remind us of new and eternal life in Christ, the eternal son of the Father. At the weekend Masses, families will participate in the lighting of the Advent Wreath.
- + *No flowers should be placed in church during Advent.* The only exceptions are on the solemnities mentioned above and on Gaudete Sunday, the Third Sunday of Advent, December 15. **Note:** *Flowers brought to church for funeral masses will be removed following the funeral.*

Additional Advent Traditions to help you prepare...

- Help fellow parishioners in need by taking a tag from our parish Giving Tree in the All Purpose Room.
- Attend the Diocesan-wide Day of Reconciliation on Monday, December 23. *Check elsewhere in the bulletin or our website for more information.*
- ...take part in other Advent activities in our parish, such as **Advent Lessons & Carols** on Thursday, December 5, the **Frassati Young Adult Group's Paint & Sip Night** on Saturday, December 7 and **Breakfast with St Nicholas** on Sunday, December 8. Please see the bulletin, our parish website at www.ollchurch.org or our Facebook page for additional information.

As we journey together through these four weeks of Advent, let us mindfully work to prepare our hearts and homes for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.



*2000 Years Ago
A Small Child Was Born*

In a small town called Bethlehem...

which means HOUSE OF BREAD

He was placed in a Manger...

which was a FEEDING TROUGH

And He grew up to be...

THE BREAD OF LIFE

Jesus Came to Feed Us All Spiritually and Physically.

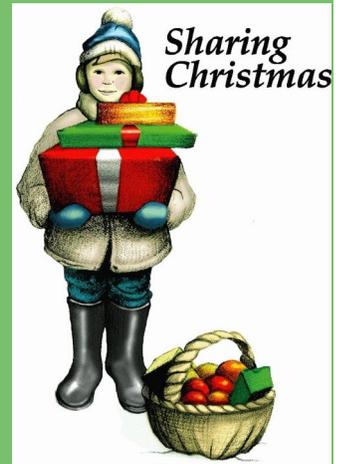
On this Second Week of Advent, **PEACE** comes from the Manger.
Jesus came to Spread Peace.

May We Seek and Spread Peace this Season.

Christmas at Outreach

Once again, we will be requesting gift cards for Christmas. We are asking that you take a tag from the **Giving Tree** with a specific gift card request for one of the families we will be assisting. The families will be able to use the gift cards for Christmas. In order for them to have time to use them before Christmas, they will need to get them earlier, so we are requesting that **any donation of gift cards be brought in by December 10th**. We are requesting gift cards from **Target, Walmart, Amazon, Kohl's Macy's, and Old Navy**.

Thank you for all the support you have given throughout the year. Your generosity is such a blessing to the families who come to us. Hopefully, their celebration of Christmas will be a bright spot in their lives that are many times filled with difficulty.



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.



St. Nicholas is coming to OLL!! Pancake Breakfast with St. Nicholas

Enjoy a delicious breakfast prepared by our Knights of Columbus!
Special visit by St. Nicholas
Holiday Crafts and Games!



Sunday, December 8, 2024

9:00am to 12:30pm in the School Cafeteria
\$10.00 per person / Children under 5 yrs. are FREE

sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council #17379 and Children's Liturgy Committee

**Bring your camera for pictures with St. Nicholas
and Family Holiday Pictures.**



**TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE PARISH OFFICE
AND ALSO ON OUR KNIGHT'S WEBSITE: OLL17379.org**



TICKETS MAY ALSO BE PURCHASED AT THE DOOR — CASH OR CHECK ONLY



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.



Christmas Party is Monday, December 9th at the Hibernian Hall in Babylon.

No meeting on Monday, December 23rd, 2024.

Our next meeting will be Monday, January 13th in the Spiritual Life Center (Convent)



Our Lady of Lourdes Knights of Columbus *Annual Christmas Poinsettia Sale*

**AFTER ALL MASSES
on
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14
and
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15**

*Select a beautiful plant to decorate your home
or as gifts for family members and friends,
while also supporting our Parish!*



Early Bird Special: **\$200 Discount!** Register with deposit by Jan 1, 2025. Promo Code: **EBD**



Pilgrimage to Medjugorje | August 11 - 19, 2025

\$3,765 per person
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Your Trip Includes:

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- All Airport Taxes & Fuel Surcharges
- 7 Nights: Dragicevic Family Home with Private Baths & Air Conditioning in Double Occupancy Only (No Single Rooms)
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- Wine with Dinners
- Transfers by Private Motor Coach
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- Mass Daily & Spiritual Activities
- Special Times of Prayer and Group Meetings
- And more!



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

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(Assisi - Optional Post Tour)

July 26 - August 06, 2025

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from New York, All Inclusive

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- Breakfast and dinner daily
- Assistance of a local guide
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Optional Post-Tour to Assisi:
August 6 - 8, 2025 | \$849 per person
Pay a visit to the body of the newly canonized Saint Carlo Acutis

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Fr. Charles Mangano, & Fr. Tony Stanganelli

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Contact: piernha@206tours.com (800) 206-8687
olivia@206tours.com



O Come, O Come Emmanuel!

ADVENT OFFERINGS

**All Advent
9:30 Mass**

Childrens Liturgy of the Word

Children will be celebrating Advent Scriptures with a special program called **PREPARING FOR JESUS' BIRTH WITH ACTS OF KINDNESS & LOVE.**

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9:

8:30am, 12:10pm, 7:30pm

HOLY DAY: FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

CHURCH: Masses for the Holy Day

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16:

HEALING MASS

Holy Rosary at 7:00pm; Mass will begin at 7:30pm. After Mass, Fr. Charles will expose the Blessed Sacrament and bless each person individually with the Holy Eucharist.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22:

At all Masses

BLESSING OF THE CHRIST-INFANT

Bring the infant from your family Nativity scene for a special blessing.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23:

3:00pm – 8:00pm in the Church

RECONCILIATION/CONFESSIONS

Confessors will be available throughout this time.

*****NOVEMBER 30 – DECEMBER 10: GIVING TREE GIFT PROGRAM FOR THE NEEDY*****

PLEASE SEE THE BULLETIN/WEBSITE (ollchurch.org) FOR DETAILED DESCRIPTIONS

Did You Know

Our Lady's Unspoken Prayer – There was a prayer St. Bernadette was given for herself.

Did you know that On February 20th 1858, during the fifth apparition, Our Lady taught Bernadette a prayer that she prayed every day of her life? Bernadette never told anyone about this prayer, but Our Lady had told her to always bring a blessed candle with her while she prayed it. This is why the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes has candles.



FRASSATI CHRISTMAS PARTY

Tuesday, December 17
7:30pm

Our Lady of Lourdes
Parish Center

Celebrate our last
meeting of the year!

FRASSATI
young adult
group

Ages 21-39

- Angelus Prayer
- Minute-to-win-it games
- Christmas Karaoke
- and more!
- Please bring Christmas snacks to share!

Lung Cancer Awareness Month



Lung Cancer screening saves lives!
Should you get screened?
Take the quiz at:
SavedbytheScan.org

goodsamaritanuniversity.org





Dementia Caregiver Support Group Thursday, December 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 3rd 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 to reserve your place.*



Butterfly Memory Café - December 20, 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, December 20th** 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.*

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.



The Babylon Chorale presents: *Peace* *featuring Taylor Scott Davis' "Magnificat"*

A performance of holiday songs performed with orchestra.

Sunday, December 8, 2024 at 4:00pm

St. Peter's By The Sea Episcopal Church

500 South Country Rd. (Montauk Hwy), Bay Shore

Advance Sale: \$20 / Adults; \$14 / Students & Seniors 60+

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December 6 and 20, 2024 at 10 am
Coffee with Jesus Webinar

December 10 and 12 at 7:30 pm
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all based on
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Great opportunity to prepare and nourish your mind and heart,
in preparation for Christmas.

To register,
please call Suzanne 516-744-6850
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Once you are registered, you will be emailed the
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Thought of leaving or divorce? • Is your marriage heading in the wrong direction?

No Marriage is Beyond Hope.



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 **February 15-16, 2025**. 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 Encounter experiences will be on: January 7-February 18, 2025, Virtual 3RE, NY, and then on September 19-21, 2025** 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, 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.

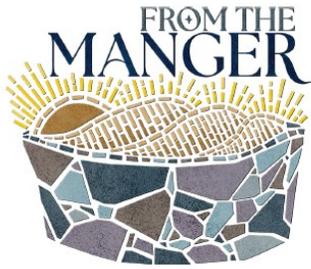
ALANON: Wednesday at 10:00am. Beginner’s meeting at 9:30am. Free babysitting available. 2nd and 4th Wednesday meetings are via Zoom. For more meeting info visit: al-anon.org.

Families Anonymous Meetings

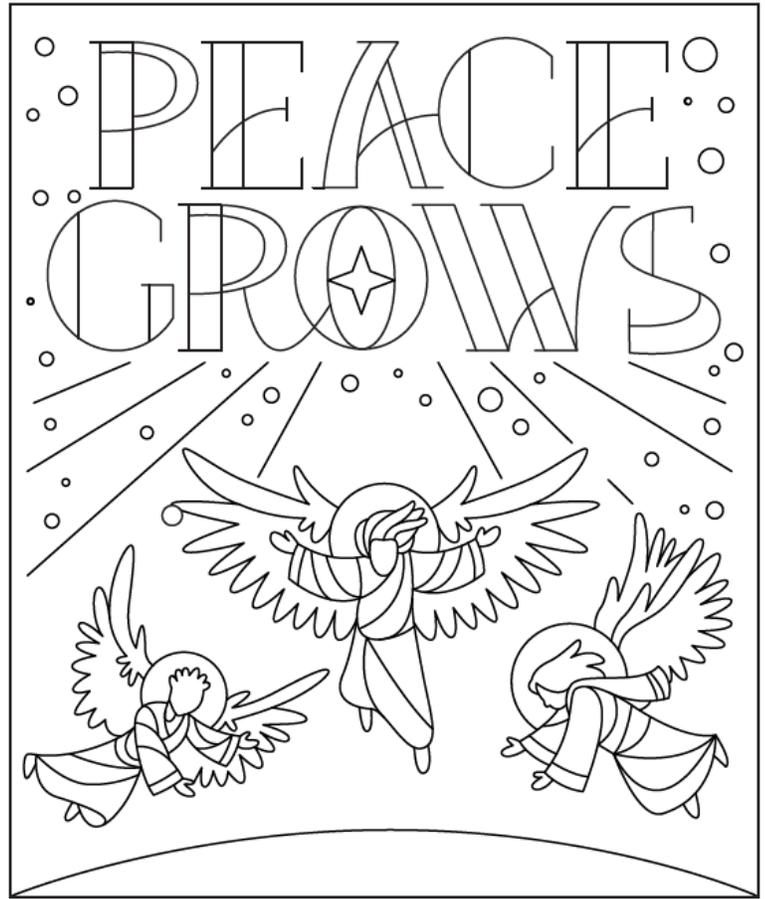
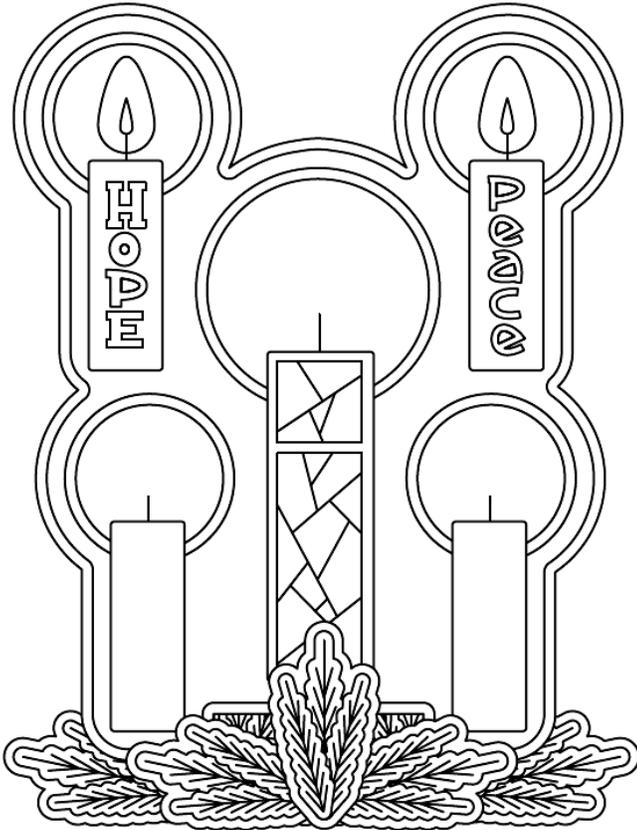
12-Step support group giving Hope & Strength to parents, family and friends concerned with a loved one’s destructive behavior caused by Alcohol, Drugs or Related Behavioral Problems will meet virtually and in person. For additional information e-mail: Donna526@aol.com or call Diane at: 631-587-0966 or Donna at: 631-835-8788. 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 “**Control in Life**”. To listen online or for more information, visit: www.ReligionandRock.com.

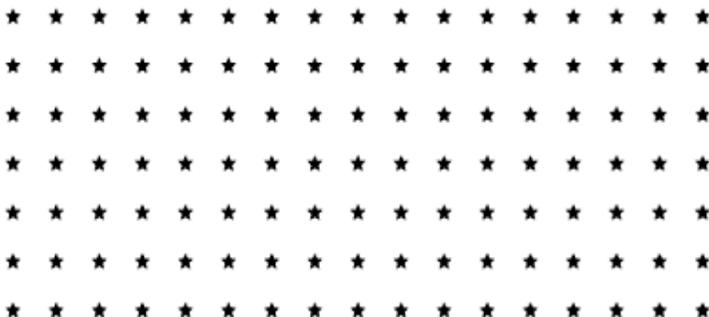


We mark each week of Advent by lighting a candle. Color the number of Advent candles that were lit today.



STAR BY STAR

Join the chorus of angels singing among the stars by connecting some stars yourself! This activity requires two players. Player One will connect two of the stars by drawing a line. *Note: The stars you connect must be right next to each other, vertically or horizontally.* Player Two then has an opportunity to draw a line connecting two stars. Continue alternating this play until a box is made by connecting four stars. Whoever finishes a box gets to write their initials inside the box. The game ends when all boxes have been made and the game is complete.



WORD CHAIN

We remember how our theme today of “peace” affects so many areas of our lives, from our bodies to our relationships to how we eat. Help peace *grow* with a word chain. Starting with the word “PEACE,” take turns with a partner by writing a word that **starts** with the **last** letter of the word your partner just wrote. Have fun seeing what can grow from peace!

PEACE