

**“Come down quickly,
for today I must stay
at your house.”**



• Luke 19:5

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
Our Lady of Lourdes • November 3, 2013



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.

Daily Mass

8 AM

Weekend Masses

Saturday: 5 PM

Sunday: 8 AM, 9:30 AM,
11 AM, 12:30 PM and 6 PM

Reconciliation/Confession

Saturday: 4 PM - 4:45 PM

Rosary

Daily after 8 AM Mass

Miraculous Medal Novena

Monday after 8 AM Mass

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.

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.

Vision...

so that all may know that they are a vital part of the Body of Christ, we further recommit and challenge ourselves to...

Live out our Baptismal call passionately by caring for all of God's people with justice.

Grow in an understanding of God's role in each of our lives.

Respond to the Gospel in a radical way, inviting and inspiring all to form the Kingdom of God in every moment of life.

Acknowledge we are not complete without the willingness to grow, discern and discover the Spirit who moves and guides us.

Pastoral Team

Msgr. Brian McNamara
Pastor

Rev. Robert Scheckenback
Associate Pastor

Deacon John DeGuardi
Deacon Tom Lucie
Deacon Jack Meehan
Coordinator of Stewardship
Deacon John Teufel

Sr. Nancy Campkin, CSJ
Director of Religious Education
Trish Frodell
Director of Parish Social Ministry
Louise Jane Krol
School Principal
Sr. Diane Liona, CSJ
Director of Religious Education
Mary McMahon
Business Manager
Robin Reynolds-Brennan
Coordinator of Worship
OLL Choir Director
Vita Scorcia
Ministry Spiritual Director

Pastoral Council

Msgr. Brian McNamara
Eileen Rega
Mary Borgs
Lisa Cantalino
Sonia DaSilva
Nilo DeLeon
Jerry Esposito
Trish Frodell
Pam Gagliano
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Rosalie Mangels
Deacon Jack Meehan
John Muldoon
Bob Natale
Josephine O'Malley
Dottie Perdue
Vita Scorcia

Parish Staff

AnnMarie Buonaspina
Director of Youth Choirs
Michael Buonaspina
Parish Organist
Anne Gregg
School Office
Mary Anne Lettieri
Parish Office
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Bulletin Editor/Business Office
Rita Spera
Religious Education Office
Lori Walsh
Parish Office



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to see Jesus

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Parish Office
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661.3224, option 1
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9 AM - 7:30 PM
Friday: 9 AM - 5 PM
Saturday: 9 AM - 3 PM
Sunday: 9 AM - 2 PM
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fax: 661.7143
website: www.ollchurch.org

Our Lady of Lourdes School
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West Islip, NY 11795
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Religious Education Office
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Monday-Friday
9 AM - Noon
1 PM - 5 PM
7 PM - 9 PM
email: ReligiousEd@ollchurch.org

Parish Outreach Office
661.9262, option 4
Monday- Friday
9:30 AM - 3:30 PM

S.A.G.E.
661.3224, ext. 122
**(Senior Advocates for Growth
and Enrichment)**

Adult Faith Formation

We Want to Study the Bible Too:

Luke's Salvation History

Presenter: Fr. Bob Scheckenback

Tuesdays - November 5, 12, 19, and 26

7:30 PM

Spiritual Life Center



Following up the class on the New Testament, we will have a 4 week class on The Gospel According to Luke. We are finishing up the "C" cycle of readings for our Sunday Liturgies, which always features Luke's Gospel ("A" is Matthew and "B" is Mark). Luke is also prominent in the Advent and Christmas seasons, so a wonderful time look a little more deeply into what is considered a literary masterpiece.

"I too have decided to write it down for you, most excellent Theophilus ("friend of God")..."

There is a \$5.00 fee for each session. No fee is required for those who have paid the Religious Education Family Fee or Our Lady of Lourdes School tuition. Registration is necessary and helpful. This will enable us to have enough reading material and refreshments for all those attending. To register, please call the Religious Education Office at 661.5440, option 3 or email to religioused@ollchurch.org.



Altar Serving Training

If you are in 4th grade or older, YOU can be an Altar Server here at Our Lady of Lourdes.

- You'll be scheduled for Sunday Mass
- You can serve the Altar at Weddings and Funerals
- You'll receive ALL of the special training you'll need

THE MAIN THING IS: WE REALLY NEED YOU!

This is a wonderful opportunity for you to be a bigger part of Our Parish.

THE TRAINING SESSIONS ARE: Saturday, October 26, November 2, November 9, and November 16. All training sessions will be held in the church at 3 PM.

Contacts: Mrs. Kuchler nkuchler@ollschool.org Fr. Bob frbob@ollchurch.org or the Parish Office at 661.3224.

Attention all children and teens:

Youth Music Ministry

You are invited to be part of the Youth Music Ministry at Our Lady of Lourdes Church. The youth choirs meet every Sunday at the 9:30 AM Mass. Rehearsal after Mass each week for fifteen minutes in the Parish Center. The 6 PM Choir rehearses in the church weekly at 5 PM prior to the 6 PM Mass.

Come join our music ministry as you Praise God with Music!

Ms. AnnMarie Buonaspina, Youth Music Ministry Director.

Email at AnnMarie@grq.net



Dear Parishioners:

Well, it appears that fall has arrived: the weather is getting colder, the leaves are changing colors and falling off the trees and Daylight Savings time has arrived. While I like the Fall in general, I am not looking forward to earlier darkness. I don't know how people live in places like Alaska in the winter time.

As you may have noticed, the back parking lot is still not completed. That is due to Mother Nature! We need a few days of a soaking rain to make sure the ground is settled. We have not had a real soaking rain in almost 2 months! For old time baseball aficionados, the old Milwaukee Braves baseball team had two great pitchers; the rest of the staff was mediocre. The phrase at the time was: Spahn and Sain and pray for rain! We need the "pray for rain" part.

However, on a positive point, take a look at the Church overhang near the Fr. Joe Garden. We did complete the repairs there. There are new lights, ceiling, gutters and lights near the doorway as well. I think it came out nicely. Now we need explore improved signage on the property. We will do the improved signage before the spring.

Next weekend, I will be working on the **RETROUVAILLE retreat**. Retrouvaille is a weekend retreat (with follow-ups) for couples who are experiencing serious marriage difficulties. I highly recommend this retreat program. For more information, please call me or see their website:

www.retrouvaille.org. I consider it one of the best things that I do as a priest.

As you also know, I am leading a parish pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi from November 11 – 19. I would like to take any prayer petitions you might have; we will place them on the altar of every place where we celebrate mass (including St. Peter's Basilica and the catacombs). Please get them to the rectory by Sunday night, November 10.

Don't forget our special parish event on **Saturday, November 16 at 7:30pm: Mystery Dinner Theatre: Mark of the White Tiger**. Dinner and a show for \$35! It is a good deal and I think a good time will be had by all. Stop by the Parish Office for tickets; they are selling quickly. We pray together as a family; we work together as a family around the parish; it is nice to play together as a family as well. Make an effort to participate in this fun event. Parishioners who have gone to similar dinner shows in other parishes have told me that they are great; don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity.

Remember: Together, we can do something beautiful for God.

In Christ,

Fr. Brian



Mystery Dinner Theater at OLL!

Mystery Dinner Theater comes to Our Lady of Lourdes on **Saturday, November 16 at 7:30 PM in the All Purpose Room.**

The "Mark of the White Tiger" will be presented as our first mystery dinner theater show! Tickets are \$35 per person which includes show, dinner, dessert and beverages. There will be a 50/50! All this and fun trying to guess "*Who Dunit!*" Tickets are on sale at the Parish Office. Seating is limited.

The Ministry of Family Healing presents...The Blame Game

Our contestants will be Guilt, Shame, and Loneliness, with a special appearance by Feeling Unloved. Our Holy Host of the evening will be, none other than, JESUS! He will be there to companion us on this board game of life.

Are you interested? Are you curious? Great, come and listen and experience God's healing love on **Wednesday, November 13 at 7:30 Pm in the Parish Center.**

Please call the Religious Education Office at 661.5440, #3 to register. Food and fellowship. Please mark your calendar and bring a friend!



Book of the Names of the Deceased

Beginning November 2, and continuing throughout the month of November, a special book will be placed in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, inscribed with the names of all who have died in our Parish Family over the past year.

In prayer, let us remember all of these men and women who have gone before us, "marked with the sign of faith." May our united prayers help us to better understand and appreciate our faith in Christ, our risen Lord, who conquers sin and death and brings new life to all!



Calling All Moms...

The **Rosary Christian Mothers** are looking for women to join our society. We are the oldest women's group in the parish, we pray for our children and parish.

You can find us by the Blessed Mother's tent at our annual parish feast, we run fund raisers for our parish the latest is Our Annual Holiday Basket Raffle. We've held dances, Chinese auctions, Fashion Shows all to help our parish. On the spiritual side we have an annual retreat at the Montfort Seminary, Visit Our Lady of the Island Shrine, Communion Breakfast and May Crowning.

Usually we meet the first Monday of each month and we begin with the Rosary in the Church at 7:45 followed by our business meeting at 8:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. Please consider joining this FUN loving group of women, new moms to great-grandmoms are among our members.

Rosary Christian Mothers

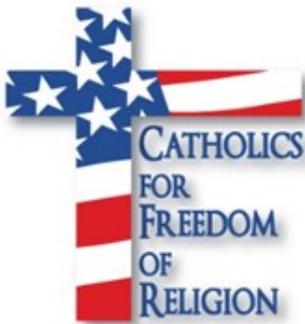
The Rosary Christian Mothers meet on the first Monday evening of each month. The next meeting will be on **Monday, November 4**. We will begin with Rosary at 7:45 PM in the church, followed by meeting at 8 PM in the Parish Center.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

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

Join us...

Wednesday, November 13 at 9:30 AM 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.

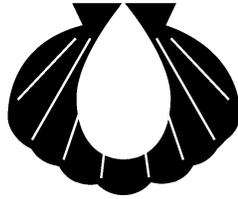


Catholics for Freedom of Religion

Our Catholic hospitals are precious lifesaving havens for Long Islanders of all faiths. The Catholic teachings of the sanctity of life from conception to natural death assure us that our loved ones will have, not only the best in healthcare, but will benefit from compassionate and respectful treatment at any age and stage of life. These Catholic hospitals are under grave threat from the fines imposed by the Health and Human Services mandate. Employers with over 50 full time employees face fines of \$100 per day per employee if they do not provide, through their health insurance, access to contraception, sterilization and abortion inducing drugs. Richard Sullivan, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Catholic Health Services, recently said that the fines could bankrupt our Catholic hospitals. The Catholics for Freedom of Religion group forming in our parish will monitor and share information on these issues and others that deny Americans the freedom of religion guaranteed under our constitution. *Please watch the bulletin for upcoming meetings and events.*

“Human life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception. From the first moment of his existence, a human being must be recognized as having the rights of a person — among which is the inviolable right of every innocent being to life.”

-Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2270



Baptism

Liam Patrick Doherty

Brian and Jennifer

Sebastian Joseph Gebel

Eric and Lara

Francesca Lynn Orlando

James and Melissa

Rebecca Eisley Pechin

Kevin and Kristen



Upcoming Marriages

Meagan Walsh, OLL and

Jeff Modell



Rest In Peace

Joyce Grimes died on October 20 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was October 24. We extend our prayerful sympathy to her children, grandchildren, great-grandchild, and entire family.

Patricia A. Koegel died on October 24 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was October 28. We extend our prayerful sympathy to her husband, Walter, children, grandchildren, and entire family.

Joseph Edward Licciardi died on October 24 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was October 28. We extend our prayerful sympathy to his wife, Mary, children, grandchildren, and entire family.

Remembering...

Monday, November 4

Saint Charles Borromeo, bishop

8:00 AM Marie & Sam Piazza

Tuesday, November 5

8:00 AM Sweeney & LaRocca Family

Wednesday, November 6

8:00 AM Frank Monroe

Thursday, November 7

8:00 AM Elizabeth Meditz

Friday, November 8

8:00 AM John T. Brien

Saturday, November 9

8:00 AM Cornelius J. Peterson, Joseph Grogan,
Mary Zori, Annette Minichello,
Nelson Gunther, Joseph Messina

5:00 PM Salvatore Carrano

Sunday, November 10

8:00 AM John Lovari

9:30 AM Dolores O'Dea

11:00 AM Tony Squeo

12:30 PM Margaret Contos

6:00 PM People of the Parish, Dominic Copugna,
Marc Martinez, Thomas Rush,
Agnes Dondero, Daniel Dondero,
Denise Frame (*living*)



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Special K....

an exciting program for children in Kindergarten!

For the past two years, we've been piloting a small program for youngsters in Kindergarten.

Many of these children have siblings in the Religious Education Program already and are dying to be part of the program as well. Come and see the many ways in which young children can learn about many aspects of their faith.

The Program dates are Fridays: **October 25, November 22, December 6, January 17, February 7, March 7, April 11, and May 16.**

We begin in the Church at 4:30 PM and the program runs for about 40 minutes. There is no fee for this program. To register, e mail Sister Diane at sdiane@ollchurch.org.

St. Francis Tells the Christmas Story

Baa!



Friday, December 20, 2013
5:00pm and 8:00pm (two shows)



Presented by your fellow parishioners, **St. Francis Tells the Christmas Story** is an entertaining and enjoyable musical portrayal of the birth of Christ as seen through the eyes of the animals at the nativity. Please join us in this heartwarming reminder of the simplicity of the Christmas story and re-discover the real **“reason for the season.”**

To make this event even more meaningful for the children in the audience, we are inviting them to participate in a procession during the musical to bring non-perishable food items (for our Outreach Pantry) and present them to the Baby Jesus, as their gift to feed the hungry. **Please be sure to wrap your food item as a Christmas gift!**

From the adults, we will take up a free-will offering to help defray the cost of presenting this musical (i.e., costumes, scenery, etc.)

OLL SCHOOL NEWS

Yankee Candle Sale

to benefit
Our Lady of Lourdes School

Catalogs/order forms available in the Narthex, Rectory and School Office...

Orders can be dropped off at the Rectory or School Office.

Due date: Sunday, November 10

Items will be available for pick-up in the Our Lady of Lourdes School Office in time for Christmas!

(no tax, no shipping fees)



Our Lady of Lourdes Shopping Night

Come join us !

Willy Nilly Trading Store in Bay Shore is hosting a special event for Our Lady of Lourdes School—10% of the sales go right to our school!

You are invited to join us on **Friday, November 15 at 7 PM** for a fun night of shopping and a chance to win a free hand bag. This is a great place to start your holiday shopping. EVERYONE is welcome ..bring your friends and family.

Willy Nilly Trading is located at 153 West Main Street, Bay Shore, NY. For more information you can call them at 666.4488.

OLL Christmas Season Sale

WREATHS: Fresh Evergreen Boughs in a 22" Ring. Hand-crafted Bows from Silk Wired Ribbon. Generous Beautiful Embellishments & Festive Accents. Each Unique & Custom-Made To Your Order!

GRAVE BLANKETS & PILLOWS: Honor your Loved Ones with a Fresh Custom Piece made similarly to our Wreaths. Each Beautiful & Unique!

POINSETTIAS: Gorgeous Christmas Favorites (Red or White) in (3) Sizes.

Color Brochures & Order Forms available in the Narthex, Rectory and School Office or access them at www.ollchurch.org through the link. Drop orders off at Rectory or School.

PICK UP OF ORDERS - weekend of November 30th. (Times TBD. Delivery Option for Small Fee.)

***ALSO FIND US SELLING AFTER MASSES ON SATURDAY NOV. 30TH & SUNDAY DEC. 1ST** *NOTE: New Supplier this year with Beautiful, Quality products! Questions – Contact Bronwen @ 631-806-6228.



Financial Summary

October 27, 2013

Weekly Collection	\$ 16,768.00
Weekly Budget	-\$ 19,000.00
+/- for the week	\$ (2,232.00)

The estimated weekly collection needed to maintain and operate our parish buildings, ministries, programs, and salaries is \$19,000.



Serving Those Who Serve

Nov. 9 & 10, 2013
Support the Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services

Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services

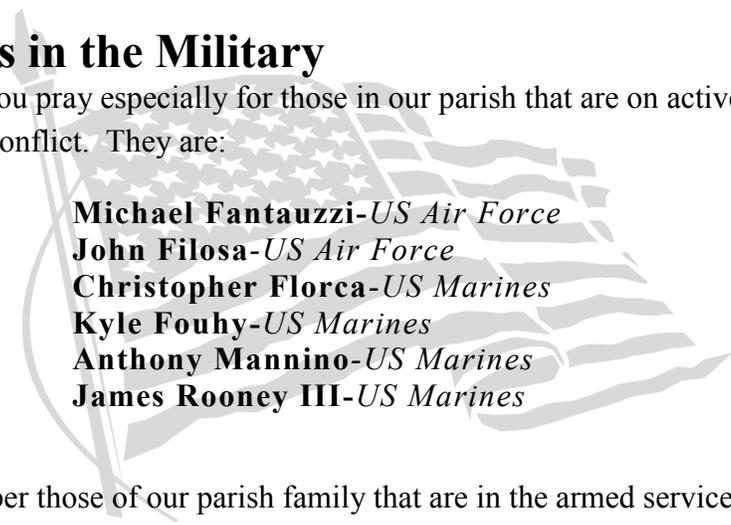
Next week our parish will take up the Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services (AMS) The guiding mission of the AMS is to provide the sacraments-and the re-affirming Word of Christ- to the men and women serving in our armed forces, patients in VA medical Centers, civilians working for the federal government beyond U.S. borders, and the families of these populations. To provide this service they need your help-the AMS receives no federal funding.

'Scarves for Our Troops'

Attention all knitters and crocheters! The Prayer Shawl Ministry of OLL has been busy making 'SCARVES FOR OUR TROOPS'. We will be sending them to Operation Gratitude in early December. All of these (HANDMADE ONLY) items are created with love, and prayers are said over them for the safety and well-being of all who will wear them. If you would like to add to our collection, please make these scarves ONLY ACCORDING TO INSTRUCTIONS from Operation Gratitude. You may use your own patterns and yarn, but only certain sizes (45-48" long by 4-6" wide) & colors (pref. subtle or neutral colors, NO RED, WHITE, BLUE COMBO) are permitted. Also, NO FRINGE. Visit: www.operationgratitude.com/2010/08/05/scarf-hat-cool-tie-project-details-materials-size-patterns/ for exact details. There will be a collection box in the narthex/church lobby for the scarves. Also, if you would like to donate a dollar or two for shipping costs, please leave it at the rectory, c/o Vita Scorcia. Any amount over what we need will be donated to Operation Gratitude for their own shipping costs. Thank you! (PLEASE NOTE THAT A CHANGE HAS BEEN MADE IN THE REQUIRED SIZE OF THE SCARVES. ONLY 45-48" by 4-6", PLEASE!)

Members in the Military

We ask that you pray especially for those in our parish that are on active duty in the Middle East conflict. They are:



Michael Fantauzzi-*US Air Force*
John Filosa-*US Air Force*
Christopher Florca-*US Marines*
Kyle Fouhy-*US Marines*
Anthony Mannino-*US Marines*
James Rooney III-*US Marines*

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

Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Janet Loehr*.

If you would like to help care for our altar needs, please call the Parish Office at 661.3224.



Pastoral Care of Our Sick

Please call the Parish Office at 661.3224 to leave the names of parishioners who:

- Are homebound and would like to receive the Eucharist.
- Are in Good Samaritan Hospital 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 ...

Salvatore Albanese, Kathy Arena, Cathrine Battiata, James Bianco, Artie Clemens, Patti Clemens, Regina Cranor, Neil Coogan, Beverly DeCanio, Jeanne DellaRogiane, Mark DellaRogiane, Harry Denyse, Frank Edwards, Jake Feldman, Billy Fuchs, Kenneth Garretson, Dan Golden, Vivian Gordon, Arthur Gross, Patrick Anthony Heffron, Shena Kahn, Robyn Kerrigan, Kelly (Kuntz) Lee, John Liona, Christopher Maher, Jean McCauley, Allen Minkler, Michele Nonnon List, Patrick O'Connor, Eugene Olsen, Ayn Paoella, Joanne Popper, Shirley Roefs, Gaspar Salerno, Josephine Sanfilippo, Joseph J. Schiavoni, Joseph S. Schiavoni, Ann Marie Schiraldi, Joseph Sepe, Kathleen Squillanti-Diamond, Nancy Turano

Women's Prayer Group

We are women, mothers, daughters, sisters and wives, married and single, of all ages and stages in our lives. We come together to pray, share and discuss how our faith fills us and gets us through our lives. We welcome all women to come and share how God made us special and how we bring that into our world.

We meet the first Thursday of each month in the Spiritual Life Center. There are two opportunities to gather-**Mornings 9:30 AM and Evenings 7:30 PM**. Come join us. Your story is what we need to hear. **Our next meetings are on November 7**. For more information call Vita Scorgia at 669.4717 or Stacie Baltrusitis at 661.4254.

Elizabeth Ann Seton Award Luncheon

Tickets are now on sale for the Elizabeth Ann Seton Award Luncheon to be held on **Sunday, November 10 at the Milleridge Inn in Jericho from 1– 4 PM**. Please join the sisters of Charity-Halifax in honoring this year's award recipients: Patricia Oettinger, Father Danny Murphy, and Sister Mary Beth Moore, SC. Tickets are \$65. Sponsorship and advertising opportunities are available. For further information or to make reservations, please contact Sister Marie Sorenson at 718.424.1813 or email msorenson@schalifax.ca.

Prayer for Divine Mercy

An invitation to all men and women to be part of God's plan. We invite you to meet in prayer for the world and our nation to put their trust in God.

Our hope is that the nations will have a new spirit of morality. Please come with your love and hope for humanity as well as your prayer requests.

We gather together every **Thursday at 1:30 PM** before the Blessed Sacrament for about one half hour. For more information, call Charles Argento at 586.8528.

Good Samaritan Prayer Group of L.I.

The Good Samaritan Prayer Group of Long Island holds their meetings every Friday (except the first Friday of the month) at OLL School in Room 16 from 8 PM until 10 PM. All are welcome to experience singing, praying and fellowship each evening.

Support Groups

Alcoholics Anonymous: Monday and Tuesday at 8 PM and Saturday at 2 PM and 7 PM in Lourdes Hall (convent lower level.)

ALANON: Wednesday at 10 AM in Lourdes Hall (convent lower level.) *Free babysitting available*
Beginner's meeting at 9:30 AM.

AA Day-by-Day/Girls Night Out: Thursday at 7:30 PM in Lourdes Hall (convent lower level.)

Men's Bible Based Recovery Group: 1st three Wednesdays of the month at 8 PM in Lourdes Hall (convent lower level.) Open to men with any addiction, a 12 step program using the "Life Recovery Bible."

Bereavement Seminar

Good Samaritan Hospital, in conjunction with Good Shepherd Hospice will host a Bereavement Seminar: Coping with the Holiday for Adults - Strategies to cope with the loss of a loved one at Thanksgiving, Christmas and other holidays. Wednesday, November 20, 6:30 pm-8:00 pm
The seminar will take place at Good Samaritan Hospital. R.S.V.P. to 631-465-6262 or 516-465-6262 to reserve your seat and for more information.

Respect Life Ministry

I am proud and excited to let you know about our newest ministry at Our Lady of Lourdes. At the request of Msgr. Brian and with the approval of our Diocese, Our Lady of Lourdes is starting a Respect Life Ministry. We will hold our first meeting for all in our parish who are interested to learn more about this ministry. It will be held on **Thursday, November 7 in Room 16 of the School.**

PILGRIMAGE PETITIONS

As you know, we are having a Parish Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi. We will be celebrating Mass at the various holy sites, including Assisi and St. Peter's Basilica.

As part of the pilgrimage, we want to pray for all the parishioners here at Our Lady of Lourdes. Please fill out the form below and drop it off at the rectory/parish office.

Each time we celebrate mass, I will place these petitions either on the altar or at the foot of the altar. We will remember all these petitions during our pilgrimage. We leave November 11 so please hand in the petitions by Sunday evening, November 10.

On the PARISH PILGRIMAGE please pray for:

Good Sam University

Good Samaritan Hospital offers a free lecture series, "Good Sam University." The format features a monthly lecture in three categories: "Food For Thought," showing the impact of nutrition on a person's health at every stage of life; "Women's Wellness," addressing women's health issues; and "Aging Gracefully," providing expert advice on topics related to health and wellness in the senior years. The next lecture in the "Aging Gracefully" series, "Hip Hop: What's New in Hip & Knee Replacement?" is **Wednesday, November 6** at noon at Bay Shore/Brightwaters Library, 1 South Country Road, Brightwaters.

All You Can Eat Brunch

All You Can Eat Brunch to benefit The Life Center of Long Island hosted by The Knights of Columbus/Bay Shore Council #564, Fifth Avenue, Bay Shore on Sunday, November 10 from 11 AM to 3 PM. \$15 per person, under the age of 5 is free. Send check to K of C to 1341 Fifth Ave, Bay Shore, NY 11706 to reserve your ticket. Reservations will be held at the door. There will be Chinese auction baskets and RED theme auction. If you have any questions, call Margie at 631.839.2854.

Long Island/Metro Retrouvaille

You Can Help Heal Your Marriage

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse?

Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped thousands of couples worldwide experiencing ALL TYPES of marital difficulties. For confidential information about the Retrouvaille program, or to register for the upcoming weekend that begins on **Friday, November 8 at the Montfort Retreat House in Bay Shore**, please call 1.800.470.2230 and you will be connected directly and confidentially to a couple from Long Island/Metro Retrouvaille who can help.

Holiday Gift and Craft Fair

St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School will have its annual **Holiday Gift and Craft Fair on Sunday November 3, from 10 AM until 4 PM**. There will be over 100 vendors, great food, great drinks, great raffles and prizes!

Gingerbread Competition

Saturday, November 30 at the West Islip Library, 3 Higbie Lane from 11 AM-4 PM

Kick off the holiday season and have fun creating the most exciting gingerbread creation. Entries will be displayed at the West Islip Library on November 30. Come on down and view this year's designs. It's free! All entries will be judged by a people's choice format. All decorations must be edible. Prizes will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place finishers and they will also be displayed during our Christmas at Sagtikos. Registration is free. Send in registration form by November 26. Download a form from the website: <http://sagtikosmanor.com/events.html>. For more information e-mail: phyllis@sagtikosmanor.com or call 631.321.6809.

Religion & Rock

Tune into "Religion & Rock" with Msgr. Jim Vlaun on Sunday from 7 AM to 8 AM on WBAB 102.3 FM or 95.3 on the East End of Long Island. Listen on Saturdays at 11 PM on Sirius Radio, Channel 159, the Catholic Channel and at 11 PM on XM Satellite, Channel 117. Next Sunday's theme is **"The Saints in Our Lives."**

