

Blessed
is he
who comes
in the name of the
Lord!

Hosanna
in the
Highest!



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

8:30 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 at 8 AM

Miraculous Medal Novena

Monday after 8:30 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 ad-
vance, please call the Parish Office.

Rite of Christian Initiation of

Adults (RCIA) A process to be em-
braced 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
Deborah Lamb
Rosalie Mangels
Deacon Jack Meehan
John Muldoon
Josephine O'Malley
Dottie Perdue
Vita Scorcia

Parish Staff

AnnMarie Buonaspina
Director of Youth Choirs
Michael Buonaspina
Parish Organist
Anne Gregg
School Office
Debbie Meyer
Bulletin Editor/Business Office
Rita Spera
Religious Education Office
Lori Walsh
Parish Office
Pat Young
Parish Office

Parish Office

455 Hunter Avenue
West Islip, NY 11795

661.3224, option 1

Monday-Thursday

9 AM - 7:30 PM

Friday: 9 AM - 5 PM

Saturday: 9 AM - 3 PM

Sunday: 9 AM - 2 PM

email: ParishOffice@ollchurch.org

fax: 661.7143

website: www.ollchurch.org

Our Lady of Lourdes School

44 Toomey Road

West Islip, NY 11795

587.7200, option 2

Monday-Friday

9 AM - 3 PM

email: lkrol@ollschool.org

Religious Education Office

661.5440, option 3

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)**

email: Sage@ollchurch.org

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Our Lenten Journey 2014

9:30 AM Mass

The children will be going on a journey with Jesus as we follow Him through the gospel readings of Lent. All the children will be making a scrapbook of the places they stop with Jesus during the six weeks of Lent. Please join us at 9:30 AM Mass on our trip with Jesus as we prepare for Holy Week and Easter.

Family Events

Children's Holy Thursday Service

Thursday, April 17

5:00PM - Church

Come join us experience the meaning of the Passover Meal that Jesus celebrated with his disciples on Holy Thursday and the wonderful example He gave us of love and service to others during this last meal they had together. All families of all ages are invited to attend.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 19

11:00 AM - All Purpose Room

All children are invited to our Annual Easter Egg Hunt. We have age appropriate games, searching for the eggs and, of course, candy. We will meet in the All Purpose Room and have the hunt on the Great Lawn.

LENT '14

Come and pray this Lent at "The Six"

Sunday, 6 PM Mass

All 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th graders and their families.

Please join "The Six" with your grade...

Palm Sunday

April 13

Grade 8

"Pray" as Holy Week begins

Men's Prayer Group-*evening*

An evening Men's Prayer Group! It will be held once a month, on the third Tuesday of each month, **from 7:30 PM until 8:30 PM in the Spiritual Life Center.**

The next meeting will be on **Tuesday night, April 15.** Come with your ideas.

We'll read and discuss the Liturgy for the following Sunday Mass.

For more information, call Charles Zeiss at 669.7189 or Cliff Proctor at 669.3198.

Men's Prayer Group-*morning*

We invite all men of the parish to meet for prayer and reflection after the 8:30 AM Morning Prayer on **Thursday, April 17, in the Spiritual Life Center.**

We meet once a month to read and discuss the Scriptures for the following Sunday.

Come with your ideas and suggestions. We'll gather for conversation and fellowship. Call Jack Fitzgerald at 587.5548 for more information.

Dear Friends:

Palm Sunday greetings from Our Lady of Lourdes! It is hard to believe that Holy Week is upon us. After a brutally cold and harsh winter, it is nice to see that spring is in the air – finally! I do not know how people live in Alaska!

Palm Sunday is also called Passion Sunday. It is a somber and sobering day. I am always touched by the fact that the Gospel reading begins with Christ triumphantly entering Jerusalem, with the people shouting “Hosanna, hosanna”. But three days later, that same crowd of people shouted out “Crucify him; crucify him!” I have often wondered what I would have done if I had been in Jerusalem at the time. Would I have had the courage to be present at the foot of the cross or would I have run away?

Please see the other areas of the bulletin for the **Holy Week and Easter schedule**. I urge you to come to some of the Holy Week services. We have something for everyone (young and old, morning, noon, and night!). If you have never been to a Holy Thursday or Good Friday Service, you should! They are very moving, powerful services. Take this opportunity to walk with Christ from Holy Thursday through Good Friday to Easter Sunday. Open your heart up to the Lord and allow Him to touch your life.

I especially would like to point out what is taking place in every Catholic Church on Long Island: Suffolk, Nassau, Queens, and Brooklyn. On **MONDAY, APRIL 14 from 3:00pm – 9:00pm**, every parish on Long Island will offer the opportunity to go to **Confession, the Sacrament of Reconciliation**. Maybe you have not gone in 6 months; maybe you have not gone in 26 years. Take advantage of this opportunity or next year it will be 27 years! God loves us and one of the ways in which God shows His love for us is by forgiving us. Allow God to love you! Allow God to forgive you! Please note that Confessions will be available at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish at other times during Holy Week as well. See the Bulletin for these confession times. If none of these times is convenient for you, simply call the rectory and we can arrange for a private confession. Also, please see an “Examination of Conscience” and “How to Celebrate the Sacrament of Penance” aid in other parts of the bulletin to help you.

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

In Christ,

Fr. Brian

PS: Don't forget our “Movie Night” on TUESDAY, APRIL 15 at 7:00pm in the Parish Center. We will be showing the movie, “**AMISH GRACE**”. It is based on the true story of how an Amish community in Pennsylvania forgave a murderer. It is a great movie for Holy Week, very suitable for children as well. Come as a family! The movie lasts about 90 minutes.

Monday of Holy Week

April 14

Mass Patrick & Donald Manning & Grandparents **8:30 AM**

Daily Readings: Isaiah 42:1-7 / John 12:1-11

Mass Frank Cafaro **12:10 PM**

Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession **3 PM - 9 PM**



The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a powerful way to experience God's grace and healing. Every parish on Long Island, including Our Lady of Lourdes, will be open between the hours of 3 PM and 9 PM for individual confessions. By making the sacrament so widely and easily available, we hope that everyone will take advantage of this opportunity. As a reminder, here at Our Lady of Lourdes, we also celebrate this Sacrament every Saturday from 4 - 4:45 PM in the Church and always by appointment with a priest.

Tuesday of Holy Week

April 15

Mass Aldo Ravella **8:30 AM**

Daily Readings: Isaiah 49:1-6 / John 13:21-33, 36-38

Mass People of the Parish **12:10 PM**

Film "Amish Grace" **7 PM**

A great film about forgiveness; based on the true story of how an Amish community forgave a murderer.

Wednesday of Holy Week

April 16

Mass Anna Bertolotti **8:30 AM**

Daily Readings: Isaiah 50:4-9 / Psalm 69 / Matthew 26:14-25

Mass People of the Parish **12:10 PM**

Holy Thursday

April 17

Morning Prayer

8:30 AM

The Church comes together on this morning to seek God's blessing and to give praise to the Lord! Come and pray as we prepare to enter the Triduum together.

Children's Liturgy

5 PM

We invite our Parish's youngest members and their families to remember Jesus' loving service to his disciples. As part of this beautiful service, parents and members of our parish family will wash the feet of the children – a reminder of Jesus' love for his disciples and a parent's love for their child! Please come and pray with us.

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:30 PM

Mass People of the Parish

This Mass recalls for us the institution of the Sacraments of Eucharist and Holy Orders. During the Mass, Fr. Brian McNamara will wash the feet of some of the members of our parish community. The Washing of the Feet, *the Mandatum*, is a reminder that each of us - clergy, religious and lay people – is called to be a servant to one another. At the end of Mass, we will process around the parish – led by some of the third graders who received the Eucharist for the first time last year. All are invited to come and pray before the Blessed Sacrament until Midnight when we celebrate Night Prayer. Adoration to follow. Concluding prayer to end Adoration at midnight in the Parish Center.

Good Friday

April 18

Morning Prayer

8:30 AM

On this holy and solemn morning, we come together to hear God's Word, pray the psalms and unite as we prepare to recall the death of Jesus this day.

Confessions

9 AM—10 AM

Our priests will be available during this time for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Children's Good Friday Service

12 Noon

Once again, the children of our parish lead us in prayer as we recall Jesus' death and are reminded of his great love for us! During this service, we'll listen to the story of the Passion as led by our parish's third graders. There will be an opportunity to come forward and touch (or venerate) the cross.

Celebration of the Lord's Passion

3 PM

This solemn service focuses on the Passion of Jesus. We will listen to some of the most profound readings of the Church year. There will be an opportunity to venerate the Cross individually. Finally, we will receive the Eucharist, the Bread of Life. Following this service, all are invited to remain in the Church for a time of prayer and reflection.

Stations of the Cross

7:30 PM

Meditate upon the Passion and Death of Jesus.

Holy Saturday

April 19

Morning Prayer

8:30 AM

On this holy and solemn morning, we come together to hear God's Word, pray the psalms and unite as we wait in joyful hope for the celebration of Resurrection.

Confessions

9 AM - 10 AM

Our priests will be available during this time for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Easter Egg Hunt

11 AM

Easter Egg Hunt will take place on the "Great Lawn."

(If it is raining, the Easter Egg Hunt will be in the Parish Center)

Blessing of the Family Easter Food

12 Noon

We invite all to bring their Easter food for this special prayer service and blessing in the Church.

Confessions

4 PM—5 PM

Our priests will be available during this time for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

The Great Vigil

7:30 PM

Mass Novena



We will gather together at 7:30 PM outside of the Narthex and bless the new fire and Paschal Candle. We will be led by the light of the Paschal candle (*the symbol of the Risen Christ*) into the darkened Church spreading among us the Light of Christ. The Easter Vigil is one of the most beautiful ceremonies of the entire liturgical year.

During the Vigil, we celebrate the Paschal Mystery – Jesus Christ has gone through death to new life – in a most prayerful and spirit-filled way! The Easter Vigil is much more than just “Easter Mass” – it is the heart of who we are as the people of God. We are renewed because we hear God's Word, renew our Baptismal vows, celebrate the Easter sacraments with women and men of the R.C.I.A., and share in the gift of the Eucharist. Come and pray with our parish family.

Following the Great Vigil – we'll have light refreshments in the Parish Center as we celebrate with those who have been baptized and confirmed.

Easter Sunday



Alleluia!

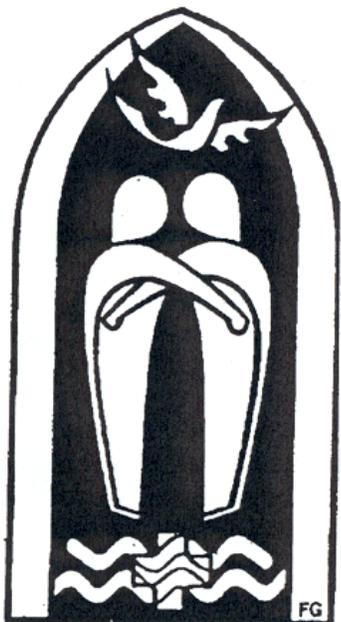
8:00 AM Church	Novena <i>Fr. Bob Scheckenback</i>
9:30 AM Church	Novena <i>Msgr. Brian McNamara</i>
9:30 AM Cafeteria	Novena <i>Fr. Bob Scheckenback</i>
11:00 AM Church	Novena <i>Msgr. Brian McNamara</i>
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12:30 PM Church	Novena <i>Msgr. Brian McNamara</i>

No 6:00 PM Mass Easter Sunday.

Additional Parking

Remember we are fortunate to be able to use the parking lot of Manetuck Elementary School during busy feast days like Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. You can enter the driveway off of Hunter Avenue - the driveway entrance is on the west side of the Rectory. This will save you some time and stress during the holy days.

How to Celebrate the Sacrament of Penance



When you go to celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation, this is what to do:

Prepare. Examine your conscience; Prayerfully recall your sins. Some will be specific actions. Some represent a more general pattern of behavior.

Go to the priest. You may either kneel anonymously behind a screen or sit in a chair where you may speak face to face.

Be welcome. You and the priest may greet each other. Make the Sign of the Cross. He may urge you to have confidence in God. You may indicate the interval since your last confession or anything else that will help. Just use common sense. Either you or the priest may read from Scripture.

Confess your sins. Some penitents begin with a formula like, "Bless me, Father, for I have sinned." But you don't have to. Let the priest know your sins. You may discuss the sins you confess so the priest can give you the best counsel.

Receive a penance. The priest will recommend some action after you leave to indicate to God the sincerity in your heart. Usually he suggests prayer or self-denial.

Pray for forgiveness. The priest invites you to say a prayer of sorrow aloud. If you remember the Act of Contrition, you may use it. But you may also speak simply from your heart.

One form of the Act of Contrition is:

My God,
I am sorry for my sins with all my heart.
In choosing to do wrong
And failing to do good
I have sinned against you
Whom I should love above all things.
I firmly intend, with your help,
To do penance,
To sin no more,

And to avoid whatever leads me to sin.
Our Savior Jesus Christ
Suffered and died for us.
In his name, my God have mercy.

Or

Lord Jesus, Son of God,
Have mercy on me, a sinner.

Receive absolution. The priest proclaims absolution, and God forgives your sins.
The prayer of absolution:

God the Father of mercies,
Through the death and resurrection of his Son
Has reconciled the world to himself
And sent the Holy Spirit among us for the forgiveness of sins;
Through the ministry of the church
May God give you pardon and peace,
And I absolve you from your sins
In the name of the Father, and of the Son (+)
And of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Conclude. The priest may say, "Give thanks to the Lord for he is good." If so, answer, "His mercy endures forever." Or he may conclude informally.

With God's help, begin to live a new life of freedom from the slavery of sin!

An Examination of Conscience

The Rite of Penance contains a form of the Examination of Conscience (Appendix III). Another form follows below:

Some thoughts on examination of conscience for adults...

For too long we have looked at examination of conscience as a mere exertion of effort necessary to come up with a grocery list of sins. Rather, it should be part of the rhythm of our daily lives on our way toward maturity. It is not so much a looking at the things we do, but rather, at the person who does them. For each of us is a relational and responsible person, and it is within this context that we grow further toward or away from our goal – Christ.

THINK OF YOURSELF AS A PERSON

Do you accept yourself with your good and bad points? Do you share yourself with others?

Do you realize you have been called by, loved by God in a unique way?

Do you treat others with dignity and respect? Do you use your sexuality irresponsibly or selfishly?

Do you exploit others for your own pleasure?

THINK OF YOURSELF AS A HUSBAND OR WIFE

Do you strive for understanding and communication with your spouse in order to be one spirit as planned by God?

THINK OF YOURSELF AS A FATHER OR MOTHER

Do you give your children yourself, your time, your abilities?

Do you correct them when they're wrong, praise them when you should, instruct them with gentleness and patience?

Are you aware of your responsibility to guide them in the Faith by your words and actions?

Do you apologize and admit when you're wrong and they've been right?

THINK OF YOURSELF AS AN ADULT CHILD

Do you realize that this command to "honor your father and mother" applies to you, if you are blessed to still have your parents as it does to your children?

THINK OF YOURSELF AS A NEIGHBOR

Do you realize that your neighbor is your brother and sister?

Do you try to be helpful when you know there is a need?

Do you respect their rights and allow them to be persons?

Do you make judgments about people based upon their appearance or color?

Do you harbor prejudice in your heart?

THINK OF YOURSELF AS AN EMPLOYEE, AS AN EMPLOYER

Do you give your employer all of your time during the hours he is paying you, realizing that "stealing time" is the same as stealing?

Do you give your employer your full efforts and concentration during working hours?

Do I pay a just wage? Do I provide adequate working conditions?

THINK OF YOURSELF AS A MEMBER OF THE WORLD COMMUNITY OF THE FAMILY OF GOD

Do you sufficiently reflect on the responsibility you have to be concerned about the other members of this family who are suffering from poverty, prejudice, unfair labor practices, unjust housing laws, and other various causes?

Do you take it as a responsibility to consider the morality involved in issues like abortion, euthanasia, denial of rights to migrant workers, corruption in political or economic structures?

Do you take it as your responsibility to be informed about current events and to listen with open minds and hearts to those holding different positions?

THINK OF YOURSELF IN YOUR DIRECT RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

Do you make the effort to spend some time with him each day even if it's just to say "good morning" or "thanks?"

Do you seek to know Him better in whatever way fits you best?

Do you allow Him to give Himself often to you in the gifts of His sacraments of Eucharist and Penance?

Financial Summary

April 6, 2014

Weekly Collection	\$ 20,951.51
Weekly Budget	<u>-\$ 18,200.00</u>
+/- for the week	\$ 2,751.51

The estimated weekly collection needed to maintain and operate our parish buildings, ministries, programs, and salaries is \$18,200.

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.

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.)

Altar Society

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

Parish Spiritual Care Companions

Do you know a parishioner who is homebound and would welcome a visit from one of our trained Parish Spiritual Care Companions? Please call Rick Danowski at 586.2192, Vita Scorcia at 669.4717 or Charlie Zeiss at 669.7189.

Pray for Our Sick

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

Salvatore Albanese, Cathrine Battiata, Frank Castalano, Rose Conway, Allen Crowley, Beverly DeCanio, Jeanne DellaRogiane, Mark DellaRogiane, Karen DellaVecchia, Harry Denyse, Frank Edwards, Paula Edwards, Jake Feldman, Billy Fuchs, Kenneth Garretson, Donna Gerek, Richard Gladkowski, Dan Golden, Vivian Gordon, Tommy Haughney, Patrick Anthony Heffron, Shena Kahn, Baby Lana Charlotte Keenan, Robyn Kerrigan, Michael Kirshbaum, Kelly (Kuntz) Lee, Lisa Letterel, John Liona, Christopher Maher, Jean McCauley, Richard Meyer, Ruth Murray, Josephine Ninivaggi, Michele Nonnon List, Mary O'Connor, Patrick O'Connor, Eugene Olsen, Baby Joseph Onofrietti, Ayn Paolella, Connie and Fred N. Polik, Joanne Popper, Gasper Salerno, Louis Saracione, Joseph J. Schiavoni, Ann Marie Schiraldi, Mary Sherman, Carol Shinn, Helen Toland

What is the Catholic Ministries Appeal and what does it support?

The Catholic Ministries Appeal is an opportunity for every Catholic in our Church community to come together and Serve God by Serving Others.

The Appeal supports essential programs and services across Long Island, touching each of our 133 parishes and more than 600,000 people. The Catholic Church on Long Island reaches many more people than one parish could ever do on its own.

Some of the areas include:

- Religious education to more than 110,000 students
- Affordable and safe housing for seniors and mentally disabled adults
- Food programs for seniors and low-income families
- Youth and campus ministry for 75,000 young people
- Priests' and Deacons' education and formation at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception
- Faith Formation, including parish baptismal, pre-Cana, and RCIA programs
- Hospital ministry to more than 325,000 people each year
- Prison ministry
- Chemical dependence services and day treatment programs
- Dominican Republic Mission
- Catholic Diversity Initiatives

There is no other organization, person, or group on Long Island – other than the Catholic Church – that provides the breadth and depth of spiritual and social services to so many individuals and families.

What are some of the ways gifts are used?

Gifts are used to live and share our faith, care for God's people, and build God's Kingdom. For example, a gift of \$25 may help pay the gas for a Meals-On-Wheels van to deliver food for a day. A gift of \$50 may help pay for teaching materials for a volunteer catechist. A gift of \$100 may help care for a newborn in the Catholic Charities Regina Residence. A gift of \$250 may help subsidize housing for a developmentally disabled adult. A gift of \$1,000 may help support a Seminarian's education at our Seminary.

Do Parishes benefit in any way from the Appeal?

Resources contributed to the CMA are distributed in a way that allows our Catholic faith to be lived and shared throughout our 133 communities. Parishes that reach goal receive a 20 percent rebate and any paid gifts raised over that goal generate an 80 percent rebate to parishes on those gifts. Our parishes use their rebates to support Parish Outreach programs, develop special programs for the community, or to help maintain their physical structures.

For more information about the Catholic Ministries Appeal, to view the video, or to donate, please visit www.CatholicMinistriesAppeal.org or call 516-379-5210 ext. 2.



Rest In Peace

Joanne DellaVecchia died on March 29 and Mass of Christian burial was April 2. We extend our prayerful sympathy to her entire family.

SAGE

The SAGE Group (*Senior Advocates for Growth and Enrichment*) will meet on **Tuesday, April 15 in the Parish Center at 9 AM.**

Always Our Children

We are gay and lesbian Catholics, their family members and friends who meet once a month to pray, support each other, and discuss how God is present in our lives. We look forward to meeting this month on **Thursday, April 24 at 7:30 PM in the Spiritual Life Center.** Each month a relevant different topic is discussed and reflected upon. Come join us; all are welcome.

Directed Prayer Retreat Week

Sunday, May 4 thru Saturday, May 10

Looking for something to do for yourself during this Easter Season? RIGHT HERE in our own parish surroundings, Vita Scorcio and Inisfada Spiritual Ministry Team offer the opportunity to experience a Directed Prayer Retreat to the people of Our Lady of Lourdes, right now....as we live out our daily lives.



*What's God like for you? What's praying like for you?
Perhaps taking a week to focus more intently on noticing
God's loving presence in and around you might be just the way for you...*

What's involved?

- a commitment to spend a half hour a day in prayer – at home, on the train, wherever...
- a commitment to meet at the parish for approximately a half hour; with a spiritual director...
your companion on the journey - an openness to God's love. After an initial small group gathering on **Sunday, May 4**, each retreatant will meet with his/her director at the Parish for approximately a half hour each day, Monday through Friday, at a mutually convenient time.

Are there any special requirements?

No, this experience is helpful for all – experienced pray-ers, beginners, and all who might be somewhere in-between

Brochures/applications available at the ReEd Office and the Parish Office. For more information call Vita Scorcio/ ReEd Office at 661.5440 or religioused@ollchurch.org.

The number of participants is limited! Deadline to register is Thursday, April 24 .

Sometimes it's nice to be able to "get away" and focus on God. Sometimes it's not possible to get away, but it is still very possible to focus on God, for God is with us everywhere, all the time. A directed prayer retreat week can help us to notice God's presence right in the midst of our everyday lives and noticing leads to response. Prepare! Our God is a God of faithfulness and of surprise!

Fr. Joe Lukaszewski “Walk of Life”

Preserve your name, or that of a loved one, well into the next millennium, with a personalized brick paver!

The paver size is 4” x 8”. Maximum of 13 characters per line. (spaces are considered a character) The cost is \$200 per brick. Make check payable to Our Lady or Lourdes-Dedication. You can pick up an order form at the Parish Office. If you have any questions, please call the Parish Office at 661.3224, extension 121.

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, May 30th, 2014 at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington, 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.

WIDOWS/WIDOWERS/DIVORCED & SINGLE CATHOLICS GROUP

The group will be hosting a “*NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION*” on TUESDAY, APRIL 22 at 8:00pm at St. Francis de Chantal School in Wantagh (1309 Wantagh Avenue). For more information, please call: Carol (516.794.4933) OR Eileen (516. 661.4353). All are welcome; it is a non-denominational group which meets the 4th Tuesday of the month.

Golden Wedding Jubilee

This spring, couples that have been married fifty years or more will be honored at liturgies on **Sunday, May 4 at the Church of Maria Regina in Seaford and on Sunday, May 18 at the Church of St. Lawrence the Martyr in Sayville.** Both liturgies will begin at 2:30 PM.

Couples may register for ONE liturgy. Registration forms and complete instructions can be obtained at the Parish Office. Registration must be received by the Office of Worship by April 16 for the May 4 liturgy and by April 30 for the May 18 liturgy. There will be additional celebrations in the Fall for those who may find that more convenient.

If you have any questions, you may call 516.678.5800, ext.207.

Movie Opportunity

On TUESDAY, APRIL 15 from 7:00pm – 9:00pm, St. John the Baptist High School (1170 Montauk Highway, West Islip) is hosting a showing of the film “*Child31: A Story of Mary’s Meals*”. For more information, visit the St. John the Baptist website: stjohnthebaptistdhs.net. Mary’s Meals is an international movement that is focusing on feeding school-aged children.

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 “**New Life.**”

Camps "R" Us presents...

Spring Break Camp

April 21-25

Open to all children, grades K-8.

The camp is hosted by Our Lady of Lourdes School. The camp will include athletics, arts and crafts, gaming, sports, special events and more!

Information and registration can be found at campsrus.org/recess or by calling 516.935.2267. The cost is \$400 per week. There is a \$50 discount for: *parishioners, students of Our Lady of Lourdes, or children who are enrolled in the Camps "R" Us 2014 Summer Program.*



OLL School

SPRING & MOTHER'S DAY PLANT SALE!

Pre-Order Flats, Pots, Hanging Baskets * Beautiful Annual Flowers, Plants, Organic Veggies and Herbs * *Order forms will be available at www.ollschool.org or around the Parish/School OR call Bronwen Sessa @ 631-806-6228 to request assistance*

MOTHER'S DAY Weekend Sale !

Find us **Saturday, May 10 and Sunday, May 11** after all Masses. **Gorgeous Blooming Hanging Baskets & Plants for Mom!**

Our Lady of Lourdes School thanks you for your continued support!

Respect Life Ministry

With the support of Msgr. Brian and the Respect Life Ministry, we want to THANK ALL OF YOU who participated in the Spiritual Adoption Program this past weekend Our Lady of Lourdes is truly a family parish and you showed your caring support for all unborn babies. Because of your love we have over 608 members in the program. That is so wonderful to see, this parish has always been very active. Again THANK YOU!

The adoption cards you filled out are by Our Blessed Mother statue in back of church and will be there for nine months, and as previously mentioned in late December, we will have a shower of gifts for these babies and their moms. You will see monthly baby developments in the bulletin. You should know we have nine new members interested in joining this loving ministry. If anyone still wishes to participate in this adoption program, there are blank cards by Our Blessed Mother's statue along with pencils and little prayer cards. Please fill out card and leave it in either the pink or blue card baskets and they will be counted.

Once again, WE THANK YOU, OUR PARISH FAMILY, FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION.

9th Annual St. Patrick's Spring Car Show

St. Patrick School, Smithtown, N.Y. will host its 9th Annual Spring Car Show on the grounds of St. Patrick Church on Sunday, April 27th (raindate May 4th) from 9 AM to 4 PM. All are invited to enjoy a day of fun for the whole family. Admission is \$5 for adults, no charge for children. Car enthusiasts are invited to bring their cars, motorcycles and trucks. Show will include a large section of movie replica cars, monster trucks, etc. Admission for cars is \$15 and \$5 for motorcycles. All car clubs and private owners are welcome. The first 200 cars receive a goodie bag. Craft vendor space is also available. If you would like to display your car, truck or motorcycle, or if you are interested in vendor space, call John Forlenza at 631-588-2696.