Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

455 Hunter Avenue, West Islip, NY 11795

Msgr. Brian McNamara, Pastor
Rev. Robert Scheckenback, Associate Pastor
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Vita Scorcia, Ministry Spiritual Director

Parish Office

Phone: 661.3224, press 1
Monday-Thursday: 9:00am-7:30pm
Friday: 9:00am-5:00pm
Saturday: 9:00am-3:00pm
Sunday: 9:00am-2:00pm
E-mail: ParishOffice@ollchurch.org
Fax: 661.7143
Website: www.ollchurch.org

Our Lady of Lourdes School

Phone: 587.7200, press 2
Monday-Friday: 9:00am-3:00pm
E-mail: lkrol@ollschool.org

Religious Education Office

Phone: 661.5440, press 3
Monday-Friday: 9:00am-Noon,
1:00pm-5:00pm, 7:00pm-9:00pm
E-mail: ReligiousEd@ollchurch.org

Parish Outreach Office

Phone: 661.9262, press 4
Monday-Friday: 9:30am-3:30pm

SAGE *(Senior Advocates for Growth and Enrichment)*

Phone: 661.3224, Ext. 122
E-mail: Sage@ollchurch.org

Liturgical Schedule

Daily Mass
8:30am
Weekend Masses
Saturday: 5:00pm
Sunday: 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am, 12:30pm and 6:00pm

Reconciliation/Confession
Saturday: 4:00pm-4:45pm or by appointment
Rosary
Daily at 8:00am
Miraculous Medal Novena
Monday at 8:00am

Sacraments

Anointing of the Sick
Throughout the liturgical year. If needed sooner, please call the Parish Office.
Baptism
Please contact the Parish Office to schedule an appointment.
Marriage
Arranged at least six months in advance, please call the Parish Office.
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)
A process to be embraced by the Catholic Church. For non-Catholics and for Catholics who have never received formal religious education. If interested, please call the Parish Office.

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time • October 12, 2014

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!

- Mother Theresa

Pastoral Council

Msgr. Brian McNamara
Eileen Rega
Mary Borgs
Lisa Cantalino
Sonia DaSilva
Nilo DeLeon
Jerry Esposito
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John Muldoon
Dottie Perdue
Vita Scorcia

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

Readings for the Week of October 12

Sunday:	Is 25:6-10a/ Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/ Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10
Monday:	Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1/ Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday:	Gal 5:1-6/ Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday:	Gal 5:18-25/ Lk 11:42-46
Thursday:	Eph 1:1-10/ Lk 11:47-54
Friday:	Eph 1:11-14/ Lk 12:1-7
Saturday:	2 Tim 4:10-17b/ Lk 10:1-9
Next Sunday:	Is 45:1, 4-6/ 1 Thes 1:1-5b/ Mt 22:15-21

Financial Summary

October 5, 2014

Weekly Collection	$ 17,899.00
Weekly Budget	- $ 18,200.00
+/- for the week	$ (301.00)

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

Dear Parishioners:

As many of you know, the Diocese of Rockville Centre has been committed to the safety of our children from child sexual abuse. As part of that commitment, Bishop Murphy has mandated that **all** employees and **all** volunteers accomplish three (3) tasks: undergo a criminal background check, sign a Code of Conduct and attend a VIRTUS training session. VIRTUS training is an approximately 3-hour training session to alert one to the signs of child sexual abuse and what we can do to prevent it.

Over 10 years ago, the United States Bishops had mandated that these three tasks had to be accomplished by all employees and those volunteers greatly involved with children. Bishop Murphy raised the bar to include **all** volunteers. I think it is a sign of Bishop Murphy's strong support and commitment of the work of the Diocese in this area.

Every year (around June), the Diocesan Office for the Protection of Children and Young Persons asks each parish to submit a list of everyone who has accomplished those three tasks mentioned above. As your pastor, I take this responsibility – the safety of your children – very seriously. No person is allowed to work for the parish or to volunteer in any capacity unless they have had a criminal background check, signed a Code of Conduct and attended a VIRTUS training session.

Next weekend, October 18 -19, our Parish is celebrating "**Ministry Sunday**." All our many and varied ministries will be on display in the All Purpose Room. I strongly encourage you to stop by. I think it is important that we are aware of all the wonderful ministries that take place here at Our Lady of Lourdes and, more importantly, to see what ministries you can become a part of. As St. Pope John Paul II said, "No one of us is so rich that we have nothing to receive and no one of us is so poor that we have nothing to give." Everyone is capable of giving something. Stop by and see what you can give to God!

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

In Christ,

Fr. Brian

PS: **CALLING ALL VETERANS:** I wanted to make the veterans in our parish aware of a possible important benefit. This benefit is called "Aid and Assistance." This benefit may be available to wartime veterans (and their surviving spouses) who have in-home care or who live in assisted living facilities or nursing homes. Eligible veterans need not to have served overseas or in combat BUT they must have served during the period of a war: World War II (December 7, 1941 – December 31, 1946), Korea (June 27, 1950 – January 31, 1955), Vietnam (August 5, 1964 – May 7, 1975); Persian Gulf War (August 2, 1990 – date to be determined). You can learn more by calling Veterans Affairs (1-800-827-1000) or by visiting the website (vba.va.gov/bln/21/pension/vetpen.htm#7). Click on "What are Aid and Attendance and Homebound benefits How do I apply".

Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Joyce Petersen.* If you would like to help care for our altar needs, please call the Parish Office at 661.3224.

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.

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

… 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 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, Anthony Anitra, Patricia Beni, Frank Biondo, Matilda Bontempo, Catherine Boyd, Mary Breest, Robert Burnett, Thomas J. Calogero III, Patricia Carlson, Grace Ciccarello, Dolores DellaVecchia, Karen DellaVecchia, Andrew DiBlasi, Amanda DiTingo, Frank Edwards, Paula Edwards, Jake Feldman, Billy Fuchs, Kenneth Garretson, Donna Gerek, Richard Gladkowski, Tommy Haughney, Josephine Heffron, Patrick Anthony Heffron, Alexander Howe, Betty Infurno, Shena Kahn, Millie Kelly, Anne Kerrigan, Michael Kirshbaum, Kevin Kuchler, Sean Lillis, Paul Martucci, Trisha Masiar, Jean McCauley, Vinny Meade, Richard Meyer, Eileen Mula, Ruth Murray, Alfred Musella, Evelyn Nonnon, Michele Nonnon List, Eugene Olsen, Baby Joseph Onofrietti, Dorothy Proctor, Artie Petrino, Jimmy Reilly, Linda Anne Savino, Roseann Savino, Joseph J. Schiavoni, Ann Marie Schiraldi, Joseph Sepe, Carol Shinn, Roy Sorrese, Patricia Troiano, Joseph Visconti

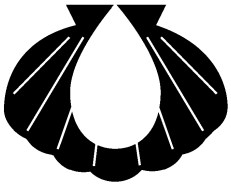
Rest In Peace

Clara S. Chironno
Beverly DeCanio
Theresa Ann Murphy
Stephen Scalza
Patricia A. White

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

Upcoming Marriages

Rebecca Dziadowicz,
Our Lady of Grace, WB
and Eric Hoover



Baptism

Brianna Rose Roman
Daniel & Michelle

Mass Intentions

Monday, October 13
8:30am Ida Calabretta

Tuesday, October 14
St. Callistus I
8:30am Marguerite Mooney

Wednesday, October 15
St. Teresa of Jesus
8:30am Fr. Vincent Druding & Fr. Enrique Salvo (living)

Thursday, October 16
St. Hedwig, St. Margaret Mary Alacoque
8:30am Deceased Members of the D'Antonio Family

Friday, October 17
St. Ignatius of Antioch
8:30am Joseph Capo II

Saturday, October 18
St. Luke
8:30am John Liona, Frank & Theresa Feliney, Richard Shierant, Riccardo Delia

5:00pm Charles Homann
Fr. Pat Amabile

Sunday, October 19
8:00am Julia LeBarr
Fr. Pat Amabile

9:30am Lillian Scuderi Calogero & Thomas J. Calogero
Fr. Pat Amabile

11:00am Edward Cameron III
Msgr. Brian McNamara

12:30pm Elizabeth Golden
Msgr. Brian McNamara

6:00pm People of the Parish, Christopher Maher, Richard Shierant, Thomas Apgar, Doris Knoblich, Michael Fariello, Frank & Marge Riggio
Msgr. Brian McNamara

ATTENTION: ALL USHERS – OLD AND NEW – ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND AN USHER MEETING, MONDAY OCTOBER 20TH AT 7:30PM IN THE PARISH CENTER.

World Mission Sunday

Next Sunday, World Mission Sunday, our Holy Father, Pope Francis, calls every Catholic to celebrate at the Eucharist, our vocation to be missionaries and to help the Missions. As Catholics around the world, here at home and in the Missions, gather at the Eucharistic table, let us pray for the Church's worldwide mission and offer financial help through the Propagation of the Faith for more than 1,150 Dioceses in Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Pacific Islands. Thank you for your generosity.

Respect Life Ministry

Movie Night: "October Baby"

The Respect Life Ministry will be hosting a Movie Night on **Friday, October 24 at 7:30pm in the Church**. Refreshments will follow in the Parish Center. All are welcome!

It would be helpful if those who plan to attend RSVP to JoAnn D'Angelo at: joma8@optonline.net or by calling her at 631.983.8606.

"Witness the year's most inspiring and romantic coming-of-age story about self-discovery and the healing power of forgiveness. Newcomer Rachel Hendrix stars as Hannah, a college student whose world is shattered when she discovers her parents have kept a life-changing secret from her that will force her to question who she truly is.

Angry and bewildered, Hannah embarks on a road trip with her childhood friend, Jason, to find answers to the questions plaguing her. But when Hannah finally pieces together the puzzle of her past, she uncovers stunning family secrets that will alter the course of her life yet show her the incredible strength and power she possesses to find hope for the future."

Blood Drive

Thank you for participating in our Blood Drive on October 1, 2014: Total Units Donated - 50. Your donation helped save up to three lives. Our community hospitals need your help. Thank you for sharing this lifesaving gift!

If you were unable to come that day, please consider giving this vital gift of life by donating at the LONG ISLAND BLOOD SERVICES, 3125 Veterans Hwy, Bohemia, 1-800-933-2566. Please give them group number 8030 so that your donation becomes part of Our Lady of Lourdes Blood Drive account.

Thanks for being the source of life for others.

The Parish Office will be **closed on Monday, October 13** in observance of *Columbus Day* and will reopen at 9:00am on Tuesday, October 14.

Remember:

Together, we can do something beautiful for God!

Mother Theresa

Have you ever wondered…
about our Ministries here at Our Lady of Lourdes?

- **What Ministries do we have?**
- **What do they do?**

Have you ever thought…
about being a part of one of our Ministries?

- **How do I find out about each of the Ministries?**
- **When do they meet?**

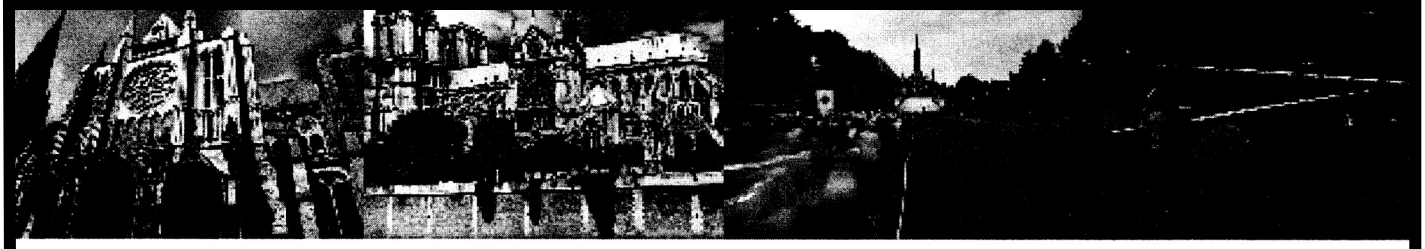
Join us for Ministry Weekend
Saturday / Sunday October 18 / 19
in the All Purpose Room
after all the Masses

Hospitality will be in the Parish Center.

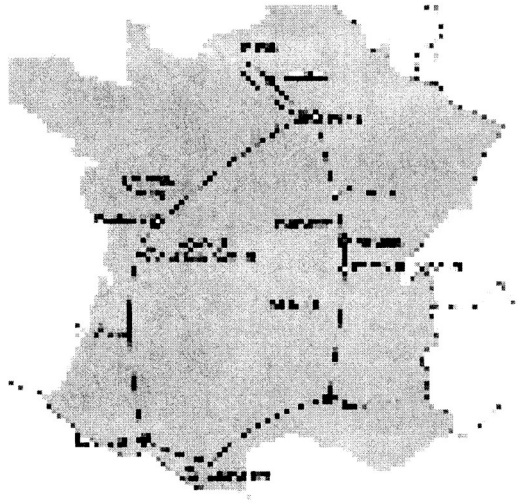
Come and visit with representatives from all our Ministries and experience what our Ministries are all about.

Sponsored by Evangelization Ministry

Pilgrimage to France - August 26-September 7, 2015



Join Father Brian McNamara on a Spiritual Pilgrimage to THE SHRINES OF FRANCE & LOURDES



Air & Land $3582
Land Only $2149

August 26 - September 7, 2015
Paris to Paris (12 days)

Headsets throughout the tour
Sightseeing: Visits to Lisieux, Poitiers, Carcassonne, Avignon, Paray-le-Monial, Nevers, Chartres
Scenic Highlights: Château Country, Dordogne, Burgundy
Mass/Religious Service: Lisieux, Lourdes, Avignon
Guides: Local Guides for city sightseeing in Paris and Lourdes; services of a professional Tour Director while touring

PARIS Kyriad Bercy (ST)
POITIERS Ibis Centre (F)
LOURDES Quality Alliance (ST)
AVIGNON Mercure Cité des Papes (F) or Ibis Styles Avignon Sud (ST)
NEVERS Kyriad Centre (ST)

- **Buffet breakfasts; 5 dinners**

Vacation overview

Meet your Tour Director and fellow travelers in Paris, where guided sightseeing features all major sights and visits the Basilica of Sacre Coeur and Notre Dame Cathedral, where the relics of the Passion of the Christ can be seen on the first Fridays of the month (departures April 3 & July 31 only). During an excursion to Lisieux, visit Les Buissonnets, family home of St. Therese, and the basilica. Also visit St. Peter's Cathedral and the Carmelite Convent, where she lived as a nun. Back in Paris, special visits have been included to the Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Shrine, where the Virgin Mary appeared to St. Catherine Laboure in 1830, and the St. Vincent de Paul Shrine. Travel south to Poitiers and visit the baptistry of St. John, then arrive in Lourdes, one of the world's most famous places of pilgrimage, where you will stay for three nights. Visit the grotto where the Virgin Mary appeared to St. Bernadette in 1858, the Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine, and St. Bernadette's birthplace and family home. You may wish to bathe in the healing waters, attend the "Blessing of the Sick," or join the evening's rosary and candlelight procession. A full day at leisure allows the chance to join an optional excursion to the nearby Pyrenees. Via medieval Carcassonne, travel to Avignon to see the Palace of the Popes and to attend Mass in the Cathedral of Avignon. Stop in Paray-le-Monial, home to the Chapel of the Apparitions, and visit the Basilica of the Sacred Heart before arriving in Nevers. Here, visit St. Gildard, then on to Chartres, where you visit the magnificent cathedral. Return to Paris for a final overnight.

Tour Price: $2149 p/person (based on double occupancy; singles and triples available upon request)

Air from JFK: $1433

Insurance, $199, highly recommended to protect your vacation investment, **must be paid at time of deposit to cover pre-existing conditions.**

CruiseOne
Contact: Monica Colonna
631.539.9756 or mcolonna@cruiseone.com

COSMOS. JOURNEYS YOU CAN BELIEVE IN

Adult Faith Formation

Retirement — Blessing or Curse
A new beginning or a boring end

Presenter: Fr. Pat Amabile
Tuesday, October 14
7:30pm
Parish Center

Come join Fr. Pat and experience the new chapter in his life. Help answer questions in your life about retirement. Are you prepared emotionally and spiritually? Is retirement a joy for you or a sadness?

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. To register, please call the Religious Education Office at 661.5440, option 3 or email to religioused@ollchurch.org.

Special K

If you have a child in Kindergarten,
please consider coming to a wonderful program!
Designed to gently lead your child
into formal religious education,
this format will introduce your children
to many Church traditions,
children's prayer experiences
and some practical ways in which to
participate in Mass on their age level.
We meet monthly in Church
from 4:30pm to approximately 5:10pm:

October 24
November 21
December 5
January 16
February 13
March 13
April 17
May 15

Please register at: sdiane@ollchurch.org
There is no fee for this program.

All Souls Mass of Remembrance

We Remember We Celebrate We Believe

During the past year at Our Lady of Lourdes, more than 100 Funeral Masses were celebrated for members of our Parish family who have died. Their families will be invited to participate in a special Mass of Remembrance, followed by hospitality, on **Saturday, November 1 at 1:30pm**.

If you wish to honor someone whose Funeral Mass was not celebrated at Our Lady of Lourdes, please contact the Parish Office at 661.3224, ext. 121 no later than October 15 to let us know if you will be attending the Mass.

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, October 16 at 7:30pm in the Spiritual Life Center**. Each month, a relevant different topic is discussed and reflected upon. Come join us; all are welcome.

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 7:30pm until 8:30pm in the Spiritual Life Center**. The next meeting will be on **Tuesday night, October 21**. 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 8:30am Mass on **Thursday, October 16 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.

***Note: change of location**

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 661.3224, press 4.

Canned pasta
Macaroni and cheese
Pasta sauce
Rice
Instant potatoes

2014 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

SERVING GOD BY SERVING OTHERS

Stephen had been employed for more than 10 years when he had a stroke. His medical issues made it impossible for him to keep working and he was forced to go out on disability. He would sometimes go two weeks out of the month without eating a full meal. At first he really couldn't believe it—he was hungry—really hungry.

It was difficult for him to call for help, but with nowhere else to turn, he did. Catholic Charities assessed his needs and directed him to appropriate resources in his own community.

He went to his local Parish outreach center where he was given food supplies that allowed him to make it through the month. Stephen was given the assistance that he so desperately needed.

"I am so thankful that I know there is somewhere I can turn, where there are people that care, people I can talk to, and who can direct me to help in my community," shared Stephen.

Your gift to the Catholic Ministries Appeal helps provide support for Catholic Charities and our Parish Social Ministry programs.

All gifts make a difference!

Please consider making a gift today to help people like Stephen, or visit www.CatholicMinistriesAppeal.org to make an online donation.

Make checks payable to: Catholic Ministries Appeal

Parish _____ Pledge: $_____

Name _____ Down payment: $_____

Address_____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Signature: _____Date:_____

THANK YOU

KIDSTUFF COUPON BOOKS! ARE HERE -- The valuable, family-friendly KidStuff Coupon Books are available through our school! KidStuff Coupon Books are only sold through schools and our school earns 50% profit on each book we sell!

Use just a few coupons and save more than the $25 cost of the book ... remember to keep the book in your car! To see examples of the fabulous savings, go to:
http://mykscb.com/kidstuff-coupon-book-editions/liny-edition/

To order, contact the School Office at 631.587.7200 or email Mrs. Gregg at agregg@ollschool.org. Please make checks payable to Our Lady of Lourdes School.

Innisbrook

Innisbrook Gift Wrap Sale Now Taking Place -- Parishioners are invited to support our parish school's Innisbrook gift wrap sale. Simply go to www.innisbrook.com and click on "Friends and Supporters." Our School # is 113348.

Thank you for your support!

Early Childhood Open House

Someone Special & Me, Nursery & Pre-Kindergarten
Monday, October 20 through Friday, October 24, 9:00—10:30am and 12:30—2:00pm

Pre-Registration for 2015-2016 school year
Limited Openings for current school year
Tours of Classrooms

Come see what makes OLL such a special place for young minds:
Full **Academic Curriculum**
Technology in the classroom (iPads, SmartBoards)
"Specials" include: Spanish, Music, Gym, Theatrical Arts, Computers
Religion lessons including daily prayer

Our Lady of Lourdes School, 44 Toomey Road, West Islip ~ Phone: 631.587.7200, Ext. 100
Website: www.ollschool.org

Blessed Brokenness

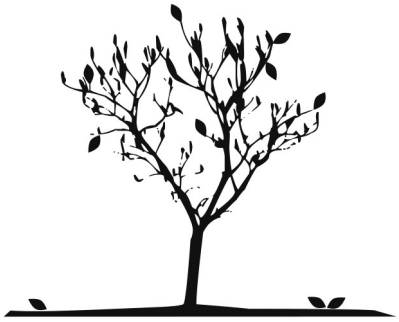
All of us have known brokenness in our lives. What do we do with it? How do we keep our faith alive in the midst of turmoil?

Come join us as we realize the blessings God holds for us. Our God can take a mess and turn it into a message.

The Ministry of Family Healing invites you to a night of prayer and reflection on **Wednesday, October 29 at 7:30pm in the Parish Center**. Please call the Religious Ed office at 661.5440 x 3 to register. Food and fellowship to follow. All are welcome — please bring a friend!

Holiday Help Program for the Bereaved

Sponsored by Bereavement/Consolation Ministry
Church of St. Mary, East Islip, New York



Thursday, November 6 from 7:30pm to 9:00pm

Guest Speaker — Sister Diane Liona, CSJ

All are welcome and please bring a friend. Refreshments will be served. Please RSVP by November 1 at 631.581.4266, ext. 0.

~ Free will offering is appreciated ~

Church of St. Mary — Sacred Heart Hall, 20 Harrison Avenue, East Islip, NY 11730

Catholic High Schools Open Houses

You are invited to explore the benefits of a Catholic High School Education

Please feel free to visit our schools during the times and dates listed below.

DATE:	TIME:	SCHOOL:
OCTOBER 2014		
Saturday 18	9:00am - 12:00pm	McGann-Mercy Diocesan HS
Sunday 19	10:30am - 2:00pm	St. John the Baptist Diocesan HS

Our Lady of Lourdes School Jubilee

Help Our Lady of Lourdes School celebrate its Jubilee Year! Big plans are underway for all students of Our Lady of Lourdes. If you attended Our Lady of Lourdes School from 1965 to the present and would like to help out, contact Rich Maher at Tipperar@aol.com.

Ministry of Praise

Members pray at home for the intentions of the Church and Parish; designed for the homebound, senior citizens, etc. Monthly calendar is available in the Narthex. Prayer requests can be left in the Ministry of Praise box along with the name and address of any homebound person who might want a copy of the calendar mailed to them (please print).

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 8:00pm until 10:00pm. All are welcome to experience singing, praying and fellowship.

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 1:30pm** before the Blessed Sacrament for about one half hour. For more information, call Charles Argento at 586.8528.

Boy Scout Troop 179

For more than 41 years, Our Lady of Lourdes has been sponsoring Boy Scout Troop 179 of West Islip. We meet every **Thursday** in the School Cafeteria from **7:30pm to 9:00pm**. If you are interested in joining Boy Scouts, check out our website and stop by a meeting!
Website: http://witroop179.wix.com/bsatroop179#
Email: WIBSATroop179@outlook.com

Support Groups *(all meetings are in **Lourdes Hall -** lower level of Convent)*

Alcoholics Anonymous: Monday and Tuesday at 8pm and Saturday at 11am and 7pm.
ALANON: Wednesday at 10am. Beginner's meeting at 9:30am. Free babysitting available.
AA Day-by-Day/Girls Night Out: Thursday at 7:30pm.

In addition to our parish website, 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.

WorldWide Marriage Encounter

Married Couples!

Would you attend a seminar to enhance your job or to increase your salary? Why not give your marriage the same attention? Enhance your good marriage by attending a WorldWide Marriage Encounter Weekend!

Weekends are scheduled throughout the Metro New York area. The next weekend on Long Island is scheduled for **November 7-9** at the Montfort Spiritual Center, 26 South Saxon Avenue, Bay Shore, NY. For more information about the weekends or to apply, call 1.877.697.9963 or visit our website at http://www.wwme.org.

Dominican Order

This year's preparation for the 800th Anniversary of the Dominican Order has the theme: "Lay Dominicans and Preaching." The Sisters of St. Dominic, Amityville, invite you to pray with us at our Sunday Vesper's service on October 19 at 4:00pm in our Motherhouse chapel at 555 Albany Avenue, Amityville.

That we remember in October an anniversary of Hurricane Sandy, we will include a **Blessing for those affected by Sandy** and those who have assisted in the relief efforts by their good works, prayer and donations. All are welcome. Please RSVP to sistersop@amityop.org if you are able to join us.

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 14 at the Montfort Spiritual Center 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.

St. Joseph Renewal Center

Tuesday: October 14—10:00am to 12:00 noon
Women's Spiritual Gathering
Presenters: Tina Cafaro and Joan Vessio
Offering: $15.00

Wednesday: October 15—10:00am to 12:00 noon
Morning of Reflection for Men & Women — "Taking Off Your Shoes"
Presenters: Suzanne LPre' & Margaret Valenti
Offering $15.00

All programs are held at St. Joseph Renewal Center, 1725 Brentwood Road, Brentwood, NY. Call for reservations at 631.273.1187, ext. 123.

First Annual Bay Shore Knights of Columbus Flea Market

Event Date: **November 23, 2014 from 10:00am to 4:00pm.**

Knights of Columbus
Bay Shore

1341 Fifth Avenue
Bay Shore, NY 11706

Vendors needed. Please call Marisa at 631.665.0340 no later than 11/9/14 if interested. Space is limited.

Irish History Writing Contest

The Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians is sponsoring an Irish History Essay Contest which is open to young students in our area Grades 6, 7, 8 (Level 1) and Grades 9, 10, 11, 12 (Level 2). You do not have to be Irish or Catholic to participate. The Theme for this contest is: "The Role of the Irish People in the American Civil War." There are cash prizes ranging from $50 up to $1,000 and the deadline for entries is **November 15**. Anyone interested, please contact Rita Madden at 631.226.1999 for contest rules and guidelines.

Immaculate Heart of Mary Magnificat-Rockville Centre Chapter

Magnificat, a ministry to Catholic Women, invites you to attend our next event-a breakfast-on **Saturday, October 25** at The Hofstra Club on the Campus of Hofstra University.

Our speaker will be Char Vance who is internationally known for her miraculous healing in Medjugorje and her gift of humor and joy. The cost of the breakfast is $32.00 per person. Reservations must be paid by check and received by **October 18**. Please make checks payable to: Magnificat-RVC and mail to: Jim Schuerger, 43 Gateway, Rockville Centre, NY 11570.

Any questions, please contact Angela at 516.763.1739 or twohrts3@aol.com

World Youth Day—Krakow Poland

July 24-August 2, 2016

Join the Diocese of Rockville Centre on this amazing pilgrimage. Please join us on **Wednesday, October 22 at 7:30pm in St. Agnes Parish Center** to hear more about this pilgrimage! 206 Tours will be on hand to address any questions or concerns you may have. Please RSVP to Marianne Sheridan, Director for Youth Ministry at msheridan@drvc.org no later than October 21.

Calling All Jaspers!

Manhattan College invites you to attend a reception for alumni and friends on Wednesday, November 19 at the Rockville Links Club from 6:30pm to 8:30pm at $30 per person. Visit manhattan.edu/alumni for more information and to register.

Religion and Rock

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

Sharing the Gospel

Imagine how it would feel to be invited by a king to come to his palace for a party! Well, you have been invited! God wants you to come. People who ignore God will not go to heaven. Don't ignore God. Say "yes" to his invitation. Go to God's party in heaven!

Mission for the Week

As a family, plan a special party. Let each person make their favorite foods and play their favorite music. Heaven will be even better!

Puzzle

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

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servants	field	ready
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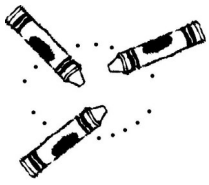
Prayer

Thank you for inviting me to heaven, God. I want to go!

Something to Draw



Draw a picture of yourself at a party in heaven with God.