

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

455 Hunter Avenue, West Islip, NY 11795

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Parish Office

Phone: 661.3224, press 1
Monday-Thursday: 9:00am-7:30pm
Friday: 9:00am-5:00pm
Saturday: 9:00am-3:00pm
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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.

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time • February 15, 2015



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
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Parish Organist
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Religious Education Office
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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 February 15

Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/ 1 Cor 10:31-11:1/ Mk 1:40-45
Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25/ Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/ Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/ 2 Cor 5:20-6:2/ Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/ Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a/ Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/ Lk 5:27-32
Next Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/ 1 Pt 3:18-22/ Mk 1:12-15

Financial Summary

February 8, 2015

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| Weekly Collection | \$ 16,548.00 |
| Weekly Budget | - \$ 17,800.00 |
| +/- for the week | \$ (1,252.00) |

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



Hey from Fr. Bob, wishing you a happy winter. Yes, we are firmly planted in winter at this point, which always brings with it a unique set of dynamics and feelings. We go through a bit of “cabin fever” but, at the same time, take some comfort in not being able to go anywhere. It’s unfortunate that we only allow the most extreme conditions (weather or otherwise) to change our schedules or have an effect on our “business as usual.” For all intents and purposes, snowstorms become the only possibility of slowing down and have anything that even resembles a “Sabbath.”

Winter can also be a time of moodiness or downright depression. It’s difficult to not experience some level of winter “blues.” The other side of the same coin, however, can be an opportunity for more reflection or contemplation. The solitude of winter can create a place of creativity, meditation and prayer. Something as simple as having time to read can add a new element to our day (I’m finding a new fascination with reading thanks to a Christmas Kindle). We simply need to take advantage of the little bit of newfound extra time and space.

It’s also important to remember, that when it is actually safe to go out and about, don’t stay isolated or give in to being self-absorbed. There’s a time and place for everything. Even in the winter, there are a multitude of activities to get involved in. Even here in the Parish (within reason in regards to traveling safely), we continue to have wonderful opportunities to nourish our faith and build up our community.

That being said, I would like to thank everyone responsible and involved in the beautiful celebration of our Feast Day on February 11. We also have the beginning of the Lenten season coming up fast. **Ash Wednesday is February 18: Masses are at 8:30am, 12:10pm and 7:30pm and Prayer Services (Liturgy of the Word) at 2:00pm, 3:00pm, 4:00pm, 5:00pm and 6:00pm.** We also have the **Prayer of Stations of the Cross on Fridays in lent at 1:00pm and 7:00pm.** This year, there will be an **Adult Faith Formation** six-week program on prayer. Our Deacons and Priests will use the Book Paths to Prayer to teach about different topics regarding prayer and different forms of prayer as well. Each night will begin with a prayer service (using a particular prayer form) and then a lesson using 2 chapters of the book. They will take place **Tuesdays in the Parish Center on February 24, March 3, 10, 17, 31 and April 7.** We also have our **Lenten Mission the week of Monday March 23 (which is why the Adult Faith Formation skips that Tuesday).**

So, there are ample opportunities to break up the winter blues. Plus, don’t forget that Fr. Brian went to the Holy Land, so check your e-mails for when the big party is going to be. I hope you remembered to give him a list of the souvenirs he said he’d buy you when he was over there.

All kidding aside, enjoy all the gifts that the winter can bring.

~ Fr. Bob



The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, February 16 in observance of Presidents’ Day. The Parish Office will re-open at 9:00am on Tuesday, February 17.

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.

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*
Nicholas Gennaro-*US Army*
Christopher Jensen-*US Air Force*
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.



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 Scoria at 669.4717 or Charlie Zeiss at 669.7189.

Pray for Our Sick

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

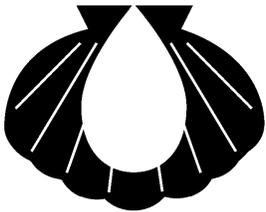
Salvatore Albanese, David Aslin, Dorothy Blandino, Mary Breest, Robert Burnett, Thomas J. Calogero III, Patricia Carlson, Grace Ciccarello, Dennis Crowley, Robert Day, Dolores DellaVecchia, Karen DellaVecchia, Andrew DiBlasi, Nancy DiGruccio, Amanda DiTingo, Mark Dixon, Frank Edwards, Paula Edwards, Jake Feldman, William Fuchs, Kenneth Garretson, Robert Garretson, Jeanette Giordano, Ralph Giordano, Tommy Haughney, Josephine Heffron, Patrick Anthony Heffron, Mimi Heim, Thomas Hicks, Jr., Betty Infurno, Shena Kahn, Anne Kerrigan, George Koehler, Kevin Kuchler, William Kudrick, Frank Licciardi, Sean Lillis, Barbara Malmquist, Paul Martucci, Vinny Meade, Regina Mirabella, Rosalie Montanino, Tara Moore, Peter Murray, Ruth Murray, Dorothy Proctor, Jimmy Reilly, John Rickey, Rose Rickey, Jo Ann Roccaro-Kellner, Linda Anne Savino, Roseann Savino, Joseph J. Schiavoni, Ann Marie Schiraldi, Joseph Sepe, Roy Sorrese, Susan Vanduyne, Joseph Visconti, Camille Watts, Charles Zeiss

Names of the sick are listed for **five weeks** for short-term requests and **five months** for long-term.



Upcoming Marriages

*Lisa Palminteri, OLL
and Anthony Pavone, Jr.,
Ss. Cyril & Methodius,
Deer Park*



Baptism

*Keanu Josiah Westbrook
Dennis & Adile*

Mass Intentions

Monday, February 16

8:30am Mass of Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Tuesday, February 17

The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

8:30am James Gilbride

Wednesday, February 18

Ash Wednesday

8:30am Donald McClatchey

12:10pm Ed Chrzan

7:30pm John Patrick Mulrooney

Thursday, February 19

8:30am Marie de Angelis

12:10pm George Thorman

Friday, February 20

8:30am Mary Quigley

12:10pm Edward Carter

Saturday, February 21

St. Damian

8:30am Barbara McRory, Gene Langan, Janet Brick

5:00pm Jean Dobson

Msgr. Brian McNamara

Sunday, February 22

8:00am John Lovari

Fr. Bob Scheckenback

9:30am Brian Hampel

Fr. Bob Scheckenback

11:00am Gerard Ambrosino

Msgr. Brian McNamara

12:30pm Anthony Pace

Msgr. Brian McNamara

6:00pm People of the Parish, John Kiernan,
John McAuliffe, Shannon Ryan

Msgr. Brian McNamara

Respect Life Ministry - Pro-Life Perspective



Begin Again by Kimberly Baker

Lent is a time of cleansing, of purifying—not in a painful sense, but in a refreshing way. Participation in the Sacrament of Reconciliation washes away the “dirt” of our sin and opens our hearts to encounter God’s mercy so we can start with a “clean slate.” When we consider our pro-life witness, it is helpful to reflect on the renewing power of God’s mercy in our lives and how that can affect others.

God’s mercy is extended to each person and has no limits, as long as we have true contrition. Whatever the circumstances, no matter how serious the sin—even something as serious as abortion—God wants to heal our hearts and make them whole again; he wants to fill us with his love.

Pope Francis provides such a simple witness of God’s mercy through his words and actions. He says, “God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking his mercy . . . With a tenderness which never disappoints, but is always capable of restoring our joy, he makes it possible for us to lift up our heads and to start anew” (*Evangelii Gaudium*, no. 3).

Simply put, God’s mercy is life-giving. To experience forgiveness is healing. It is freeing. It is renewing. The extent to which we have personally experienced God’s mercy will greatly affect how we are able to radiate his mercy to others—and how we communicate the pro-life message.

In the Gospels, a great example of God’s mercy is found in the story of the woman who washes Jesus’ feet with her tears (Lk 7:36-50). Especially significant: the woman comes to Jesus already in tears. At his feet, she expresses regret for her past life and pours out her heart. She has interrupted Jesus’ dinner with the Pharisees, but he responds with gentleness. The Pharisees regard her scornfully, but Jesus says, “I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven; hence, she has shown great love” (Lk 7:47). Then he tells the woman directly, “Your sins are forgiven” (Lk 7:48). In conclusion, as if to set her at ease and calm her tears, Jesus tells her, “Your faith has saved you; go in peace” (Lk 7:50).

Once you are touched by God’s mercy, you understand how he is gentle and loving and is always calling you closer to himself. Its impact reaches the depths of your heart and transforms your life. You see yourself, and the world, with new eyes. You realize that you are precious, that you are loved, that your life is sacred in God’s eyes, and that he cares about you deeply. Having experienced this gentleness and mercy, you then want others to experience the same peace and joy you have found. It is impossible to keep it to yourself.

Each one of us can be messengers of God’s mercy to the world, wherever we find ourselves, with the people we encounter every day. To be pro-life is not only to defend life. It also means to help heal and restore the life around us. For we live in a broken world, where people are crying for mercy and do not understand what it truly means to be loved.

So let us begin again, moving forward with hope and trust in God’s mercy. May this lenten season be a time of cleansing so each one of us experiences the love of God more profoundly, strengthening our hearts so that we, in turn, may share this love with others. Let us live the pro-life message, first and foremost, by being messengers of God’s mercy.

Kimberly Baker is a staff assistant for the Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. This article was originally published on March 28, 2014. For more information on the bishops’ pro-life activities, please visit www.usccb.org/prolife. If you or someone you know has been involved in an abortion, find hope and help at www.hopeafterabortion.com or call 888-456-HOPE (4673).

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“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you were born I dedicated you.”
~ Jeremiah 1:5



ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

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| 8:30am | Mass (with the distribution of ashes during Mass) |
| 12:10pm | Mass (with the distribution of ashes during Mass) |
| 2:00pm | Prayer Service (with the distribution of ashes during the Prayer Service) |
| 3:00pm | Prayer Service (with the distribution of ashes during the Prayer Service) |
| 4:00pm | Prayer Service (with the distribution of ashes during the Prayer Service) |
| 5:00pm | Prayer Service (with the distribution of ashes during the Prayer Service) |
| 6:00pm | Prayer Service (with the distribution of ashes during the Prayer Service) |
| 7:30pm | Mass (with the distribution of ashes during Mass) |

Stations of the Cross

Meditate upon the Passion and Death of Jesus

Fridays in Lent

Beginning Friday, February 20

1:00pm and 7:00pm in the Church

LENT '15

Come and pray this Lent at “The Six”

Sunday, 6:00pm Mass

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

Please join “The Six” with your grade...

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| 3rd Sunday of Lent | March 8 | Grade 5 | “ <i>Sent</i> ” to make a difference |
| 4th Sunday of Lent | March 15 | Grade 6 | “ <i>See</i> ” be open to God’s love |
| 5th Sunday of Lent | March 22 | Grade 7 | “ <i>Serve</i> ” Service Project Sunday |
| Palm Sunday | March 29 | Grade 8 | “ <i>Pray</i> ” as Holy Week begins |

The Church in Need

The weekend of February 21/22, a collection will be taken for “The Church in Need.” The monies collected at this time will be shared among three areas of the world where there is particular need for help:

Church in Central and Eastern Europe - the Collection provides support for basic pastoral programs and makes scholarships available for students studying to serve their local church. These students become vital participants in the renewal of the Church in the region.

The Church in Latin America faces many difficult challenges. Natural disasters in many areas caused lasting damage to the Church, while a significant loss of parishioners to migration and to other faiths, the inability to support itself financially, and a lack of priests and religious to help effectively minister to the large number of Catholics continue to trouble the region.

The Church in Africa – the funds will go to assisting African countries where poverty, sickness and political strife prevent people from living in dignity.

Thank you for your generosity.



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, February 17**. 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, February 19 in the Parish 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.



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, February 19 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.

Nocturnal Adoration

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

This is Jesus Christ's invitation every first Saturday of the month. The Blessed Sacrament is taken to the main altar after the 5:00pm Mass and will be exposed up to 9:50pm. Everyone is invited to spend some time in front of the Blessed Sacrament to offer prayers, petitions and thanksgiving to Jesus. Nocturnal Adoration will follow the 5:00pm Mass on **Saturday, March 7**, concluding with Benediction at 9:50pm. Please come and pray with us. All are invited and welcome. Bring a friend!



Ushers Needed!

Ushers are needed for Ash Wednesday, February 18, for all services and Masses. Sign up sheets will be in the sign-in room prior to Ash Wednesdays.

Volunteers are welcome and encouraged to participate!



Donations

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

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:

March 13, April 17, May 15

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



OLL has a **Senior Singles Group** that gets together every month. We're a social group that comes together for adult conversation and good times. We meet in the Parish Center on the last Saturday of the month after the 5:00pm Mass. We have dinner and sometimes we have a game night. We've gone on trips to Niagara Falls, Lancaster, PA, Branson, MO and New Orleans, LA.

If you are interested in joining us (remember, we're "Senior" singles!), call Pat McKeefery at the Outreach Office at 661.9262, Option 4, for information on our next meeting.



Catholic Schools Week

Mother Nature was no match for Our Lady of Lourdes School's students and faculty when it came to celebrating Catholic Schools Week. The students and faculty enjoyed a week of activities and participated in a variety of community service projects.



Throughout the week, students brought in various items such as toiletries, pajamas, and non-perishable food items to benefit Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Outreach.



The students were thrilled to be able to participate and help those who are less fortunate in their communities.

Come and Enjoy

International Buffet

at

Our Lady of Lourdes School

Delicious Dishes from different cultures.

Save the Date!

March 7^h 2015 after the 5:30pm mass

Venue: Our Lady of Lourdes Cafeteria

Admission: \$10 per person

Family of 3 or 4 = \$30

Family of 5 = \$40

Family of 6 = \$50

Please RSVP by February 27th 2015

Contact: Mary Waters
(limaryrn@gmail.com) or

Claudia Barker (barkdon@gmail.com)

Various delicious dishes which includes:

*Jerk chicken, pastas,
Rice and peas,
Empanadas,
Fish cakes,
Potato Omelet,
Fried Rice,
Sausages and Peppers,
Vegetable Lo-mein
Desserts, etc....*

International Buffet Reservation Form

Name of family _____ Telephone _____

Number of persons _____ Email _____

Amount enclosed _____

Please return to the rectory or the OLL School office marked: International Buffet

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.

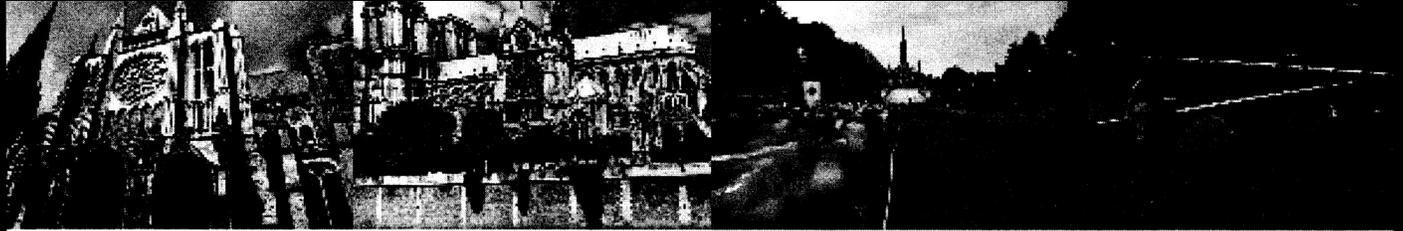
ALANON: Wednesday at 10am. Beginner's meeting at 9:30am. Free babysitting available.

AA Day-by-Day/Girls Night Out: Thursday at 7:30pm.

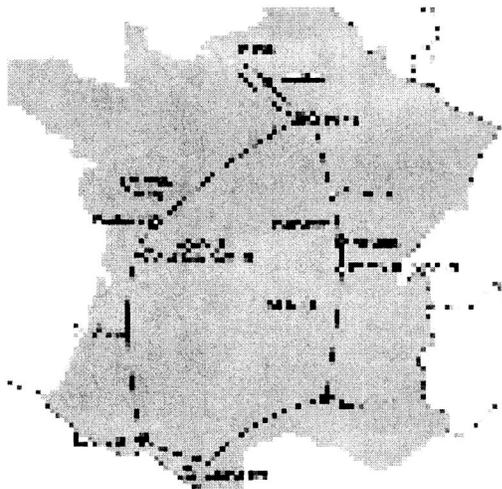


In addition to our parish website, please visit us on *Facebook* at ***The Parish Family of Our Lady of Lourdes***. Click "Like" and you will receive the latest news on upcoming parish events and information.

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**

Cub Scout Pack 279

For 43 years, Cub Scout Pack 279 of West Islip has been serving boys, grades one through five, through scouting. See what adventures await you! For more information, contact Kelly Wood at 631-983-8026.

Hope House Ministries

Please join us at the Hope House Ministries 13th Annual Endowment Fund Event honoring, **Fr. Francis Pizzarelli, SMM**. Our dinner gathering will be held on **Thursday, March 12 from 6:30pm – 9:30pm** at the beautiful Villa Lombardi's in Holbrook, New York. For ticket, journal and sponsor information, please call Theresa Zeis at (631) 473-8796.

Spiritual Care Companion

Would you like to learn to become a Spiritual Care Companion sharing your time and presence for those hospitalized, living in nursing homes, homebound or adults with special needs?

Catholic Health Services of Long Island sponsors this free three-weekend training, for volunteers of all faiths, with basic pastoral care skills and information to become a caring, attentive, listening presence. Our training includes communication skills, concerns of the sick and homebound, spiritual companioning, grief, death & dying, and how to care for the caregiver.

Information Session:

Saturday, February 28 from 1:30pm to 3:30pm

Location:

Catholic Health Services of Long Island, 245 Old Country Road, Melville, NY 11747

Trainings:

Saturdays, March 14, March 28 and April 11 from 9:15am to 3:30pm (bring bag lunch)

To Register, please contact Carol Cella at 631.465.6307 or Christine Torns at 631.465.6306 or Jo-Andrew D'Alessandro Accary at 631.465.6308.

St. Joseph Renewal Center

The following program will take place in the St. Joseph Renewal Center, 1725 Brentwood Road, Building #4, Brentwood, NY 11717:

11th Step Prayer - February 22 - 2:00pm to 4:00pm - Free will offering

Presenters: Josephine Daspro, CSJ & Linda Oristano

If interested in this program, please call 631.273.1187, Ext. 123.

Part-Time Office Positions Available at St. Joseph Parish, Babylon

Receptionist/Office Assistant

Seeking experienced, personable and reliable individual. Excellent phone skills a must. Computer proficient, with knowledge of Microsoft Word. General office duties include greeting visitors, mail distribution, some data entry. Hours Mon-Thurs 1pm-4:30pm.

Part Time Office Assistant/Bulletin Editor

Seeking experienced, efficient individual with knowledge of Microsoft Publisher to edit weekly bulletin and assist at reception. Hours Mon-Thurs. 10am to 2pm.

Please call (631) 669-0068 x110 and leave contact information for a return call.

Widows and Widowers, Divorced and Single Catholics of Long Island

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P.O. Box 2031

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New Member Orientation - Non-Denominational - All are Welcome

Tuesday, February 24, 2015 at 8:00pm

The meeting is held every fourth Tuesday at St. Francis de Chantal School, 1309 Wantagh Avenue, Wantagh, NY. Please bring proof of single status to join - refreshments after meeting. For further information, call Barbara McCaffrey at 516.798.2858.

Heart and Hands Women's Group

will be hosting a charismatic Women's Breakfast Retreat on **Saturday, March 14, 2015 from 9:00am-12:30pm** at the Birchwood in Riverhead. Our guest speaker will be Dr. Carol Razza, an international speaker, author, and therapist. She will give a moving testimony on "**Supernatural Joy.**" Please join us for a morning filled with charismatic praise & worship, testimony, healing prayer, and fellowship. Tickets are \$25 pp. To purchase a ticket, please contact Bernadette Gorycki at bgorycki@optonline.net or 631-399-1949.

Camp Veritas 2015

Camp Veritas is a one-week play-and-pray sleep away summer camp for teens going into 7th to 12th grades. It will be held at three USA locations in 2015: July 19-25 at Mount Saint Mary College in Newburgh, NY, July 26-August 1 at Summit Lake Camp in Emmitsburg, MD and August 16-22 at Camp Lakota in Wurtsboro, NY. Enrollment opened 1/1/15 and the enrollment price for each week is \$400 per camper. Early bird rates (if paid in full by 4/1/15) are \$370 for all sites. More details can be found at www.campveritas.com.



Preparing for Marriage?

Engaged Encounter is an effective PreCana program designed to provide you with the tools for a successful marriage. Couples are given the opportunity to explore many aspects of their relationship through a series of presentations, writings and dialog. There are no group discussions. Our next weekend will be held at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception February 27 to March 1. For information / registration, please call 631-563-1032 or www.engagedencounterli.org

Connections - Child and Family Bereavement Support Program

Good Shepherd Hospice Bereavement Department is offering *Connections*, an 8 week bereavement group program. This program is for children, teens and their caregivers who have experienced the death of a loved.

This program is run by both Bereavement Specialist and a Child Life Specialist at no charge.

The program begins March 3, 2015, from 6:30pm-7:45pm and will be held at Good Shepherd Hospice Administrative Office, 110 Bi-County Blvd., Suite 114, Farmingdale. **Registration required** – Please call (631) 828-7631.

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 “**Forgiveness.**”

Sharing the Gospel

A man came up to Jesus with sores all over his body. He wore a hood over his head and a robe with long sleeves to hide his sores. He said, "If you want to, you can heal me." Jesus touched him and said, "I do want to. Now your sores are gone." Jesus said, "Do not tell anyone about your healing." The man was too excited to keep a secret. He told everyone he met.



Mission for the Week



I will tell everyone about the good things God has done for me.



Puzzle

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

LEPROSY
JESUS
POWER

WELL
WARNED
SHOW

GIFT
HEALED
WALKED

M O S Y T E D A G U R
A L E P R O S Y E W A
N I U O A L I U D O M
S H O W F O E G I F T
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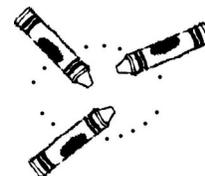
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Prayer



Lord,
please heal
me when I am sick.

Something to Draw



Draw a picture of
yourself sick in bed.