

# 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 Scorgia**, Ministry Spiritual Director



## Parish Office

**Phone: 661.3224, press 1**  
Monday-Thursday: 9:00am-7:30pm  
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## Our Lady of Lourdes School

**Phone: 587.7200, press 2**  
Monday-Friday: 9:00am-3:00pm  
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## Religious Education Office

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## 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.

**Second Sunday of Lent • March 1, 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  
Mary Borgs  
Lisa Cantalino  
Sonia DaSilva  
Nilo DeLeon  
Jerry Esposito  
Trish Frodell  
Pam Gagliano  
Deborah Lamb  
Rosalie Mangels  
Deacon Jack Meehan  
John Muldoon  
Dottie Perdue  
Vita Scorcio

### *Parish Staff*

**Patti Anderson**  
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 March 1*

**Sunday:** Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/ Rom 8:31b-34/ Mk 9:2-10  
**Monday:** Dn 9:4b-10/ Lk 6:36-38  
**Tuesday:** Is 1:10, 16-20/ Mt 23:1-12  
**Wednesday:** Jer 18:18-20/ Mt 20:17-28  
**Thursday:** Jer 17:5-10/ Lk 16:19-31  
**Friday:** Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/ Mt 21:33-43, 45-46  
**Saturday:** Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/ Lk 15:1-3, 11-32  
**Next Sunday:** Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/ 1 Cor 1:22-25/ Jn 2:13-25

## Financial Summary

### February 22, 2015

Weekly Collection	\$ 16,343.00
Weekly Budget	- \$ 17,800.00
+/- for the week	\$ ( 1,457.00)
<b><u>Ash Wednesday</u></b>	\$ 5,487.00
<b><u>Church in Need</u></b>	\$ 1,790.00

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

Dear Parishioners:

As you know, I was away for 10 days on a pilgrimage to the **Holy Land**. Many of you dropped off petitions. I celebrated Mass each day and each day I placed all our petitions on the altar and offered our petitions to the Lord. We celebrated Mass at: Church of the Annunciation (Nazareth), Church of the Transfiguration (on Mount Tabor), Church of the Nativity (in Bethlehem), Bethany (home of Martha, Mary & Lazarus), Church of "*Dominus Flevit* (*Jesus Wept*) (at the Mount of Olives, a stone's throw from the Garden of Gethsemane), Church of the Holy Sepulcher (site of Calvary/Golgotha and the tomb of Jesus). The pilgrimage was a powerful experience, and I am grateful for the opportunity to walk the same ground as Jesus.

I also wanted to highlight the terrible **persecution of Christians** throughout the world, but especially in the Holy Land and Middle East. Please read the letter from Bishop Murphy concerning this issue. While the recent martyrdom of 31 Coptic Christians has focused our attention on this, the persecution of Christians has been going on for years, especially in the Middle East. The Catholic Church has long supported the Christians in the Holy Land, both through our prayers and material support of Catholic Relief Services (CRS) and Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA). The CNEWA especially cares for refugees and assists priests and religious sisters/brothers who work "on the ground", working directly with persecuted Christians.

It is also important for us to insist that our political leaders go beyond simple statements about degrading groups like ISIS and truly work towards halting their barbaric actions. Please contact your Congressman and our two Senators, Gillibrand and Schumer. Persecution against Christians has been going on for years in Islamic countries. The recent martyrdom of the Coptic Christians has raised the consciousness of the issue but the killings are only another step in a continuous assault on Christians. Sadly, our current Administration has done little or nothing to even speak out against the Christian persecutions.

Finally, I would like to talk about the **Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA)**. The CMA is the annual pledge drive that helps fund the various great works of the Diocese beyond the parish: Catholic Charities, seminary formation, Catholic School and Faith Formation, etc. As you know from the video which was played this past weekend, the CMA does a lot of wonderful work. Simply, it helps people in need! I strongly urge you to participate in the CMA. No gift is too small. Almsgiving, or giving to the needy, is a traditional Lenten practice. I encourage you to make the CMA a part of your Lenten almsgiving. In addition, once the parish receives 80% of our goal (which is \$107,000), the parish receives a rebate. So, if we reach our goal of \$107,000, our parish will receive a rebate of about \$21,000. Last year, we came close to reaching our goal and so we received a rebate of about \$4,500. I hope we can reach our goal this year. Please participate and contribute to the CMA. Every year I make a pledge as well

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

In Christ,

Fr. Brian

## Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Dottie Collins*. 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 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, 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, Tara Moore, Peter Murray, Ruth Murray, Dorothy Proctor, Jimmy Reilly, John Rickey, Rose Rickey, Jo Ann Roccaro-Kellner, Peter Rooney, Linda Anne Savino, Roseann Savino, Joseph J. Schiavoni, Ann Marie Schiraldi, Joseph Sepe, Roy Sorrese, Marguerite Sullivan, 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.



## ***Rest In Peace***

*Ann Gorman  
Mildred Romeo*

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

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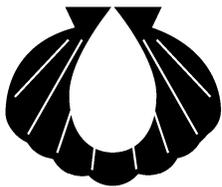
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## ***Upcoming Marriages***

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

*Jamie Gallozzi, OLL  
and Keith Fialkowski*



## ***Baptism***

*Paige Alexandra Richichi  
James & Kimberly*

## ***Mass Intentions***

### **Monday, March 2**

**8:30am** LaRocca & Sweeney Family  
**12:10pm** Rocco Carpinelli

### **Tuesday, March 3**

*St. Katherine Drexel*  
**8:30am** Frank Cafaro  
**12:10pm** Ernesto Murcia

### **Wednesday, March 4**

*St. Casimir*  
**8:30am** Carlos & Florencia Delfin  
**12:10pm** Joseph Molé

### **Thursday, March 5**

**8:30am** Loretta Gleckler  
**12:10pm** People of the Parish

### **Friday, March 6**

**8:30am** Ann Gorman  
**12:10pm** People of the Parish

### **Saturday, March 7**

*St. Perpetua, St. Felicity*  
**8:30am** Josephine Sabella, Raymond Pierre-Lys,  
James D'Amato, Thomas Bono, Ernest Paterno  
  
**5:00pm** Nancy Bencivinni

### **Sunday, March 8**

**8:00am** Denise Frame  
  
**9:30am** Edward Cameron III  
  
**11:00am** Charlotte Sweeney  
  
**12:30pm** Molly Sweeney  
  
**6:00pm** People of the Parish, Grace Cavalluzzo,  
Robert Zaher, Patricia Hein, John McAuliffe

## Respect Life Ministry



### Abortion's Aftermath

It's normal to grieve a pregnancy loss, including the loss of a child by abortion. It can form a hole in one's heart, a hole so deep that sometimes it seems nothing can fill the emptiness. Since 1973, there have been more than 50 million abortions in the United States. While some women report relatively little trauma following abortion, for many, the experience is devastating, causing severe and long-lasting emotional, psychological and spiritual trauma.

Evidence of post-abortion trauma is increasingly attested to by psychologists, counselors and those involved in post-abortion ministry. We now know, for example, that women hurt by abortion may have some or many of the following symptoms:

- Low self-esteem
- Grief (mild to profound)
- Depression (sometimes to the point of suicidal thoughts and attempts)
- A sense of alienation from family and friends
- A feeling of being 'numb,' not able to feel joy from activities that used to be pleasurable
- Isolating self from others to avoid discussing the abortion experience with them
- Guilt and shame
- Difficulty concentrating
- Anger toward self, or the child's father, or others involved in the abortion decision
- Sleep disorders
- Abortion-related nightmares, flashbacks or even sounds of a baby crying
- Alcohol and drug problems, to dull the sorrow
- Desire for a 'replacement' baby
- Anniversary reactions of grief or depression on the date of the abortion or the baby's expected due date
- Problems bonding with her other children (being over-protective but emotionally distant)
- Fear that God will punish her, or is punishing her

Some, especially young girls, experience symptoms soon after the abortion. Counselors tell us, however, that it is more common for the symptoms to occur over the course of five to twelve years after the abortion before a woman seeks help.

Abortion's aftermath is largely ignored by the general public. Groups organized to protect the availability of abortion claim that abortion is no different from any surgical procedure and that pro-life groups are fabricating the existence of post-abortion suffering. Consequently, many women think that their grief reactions are somehow abnormal and believe that there is nowhere to turn for help.

Many women who have walked a path of grief and hopelessness after abortion, usually alone, eventually begin to understand that they have a deep spiritual wound. But sadly, they also are likely to believe that they have committed 'the unforgivable sin' and fear God's anger.

Women who have had an abortion often have many questions, the answers to which are indispensable to beginning the healing journey. Can God ever forgive me? Can my child? Can I ever forgive myself? Will the Church let me stay when I confess this sin? Will this horrible pain ever go away? Is healing possible?

The answer to all these questions is, of course, YES!

*"I call heaven and earth today to witness against you; I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. Choose life, then, that you and your descendants may live."*

*~ Deuteronomy 30:19-20*

## *LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES*

- Tuesday, March 3:**  
7:30pm in the PARISH CENTER
- PATHS TO PRAYER: CHAPTERS 3 & 4**  
*Fr. Bob will lead us in a Centering Prayer experience and a discussion of Chapters 3 & 4.*
- Friday, March 6:**  
1:00pm & 7:00pm in the CHURCH
- STATIONS OF THE CROSS**  
*Meditate upon the Passion and Death of Jesus.*
- Tuesday, March 10:**  
7:30pm in the PARISH CENTER
- PATHS TO PRAYER: CHAPTERS 5 & 6**  
*Deacon Tom will lead us in the Stations of the Cross and a discussion of Chapters 5 & 6.*
- Friday, March 13:**  
1:00pm & 7:00pm in the CHURCH
- STATIONS OF THE CROSS**  
*Meditate upon the Passion and Death of Jesus.*
- Tuesday, March 17:**  
7:30pm in the PARISH CENTER
- PATHS TO PRAYER: CHAPTERS 7 & 8**  
*Deacon John will lead us in a Guided Meditation and a discussion of Chapters 7 & 8.*
- Friday, March 20:**  
1:00pm & 7:00pm in the CHURCH
- STATIONS OF THE CROSS**  
*Meditate upon the Passion and Death of Jesus.*
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- Monday, March 23 - Thursday, March 26:** **PARISH MISSION**
- 9:00am in the PARISH CENTER** **Join with us as Fr. Jude Siciliano, O.P. &**  
**7:30pm in the CHURCH** **Sr. Patricia Bruno, O.P. help us to draw**  
**closer to Christ.**
- Friday, March 27:**  
1:00pm & 7:00pm in the CHURCH
- STATIONS OF THE CROSS**  
*Meditate upon the Passion and Death of Jesus.*
- Tuesday, March 31:**  
7:30pm in the PARISH CENTER
- PATHS TO PRAYER: CHAPTERS 9 & 10**  
*Deacon Jack will lead us in the Rosary and a discussion of Chapters 9 & 10.*
- Tuesday, April 7:**  
7:30pm in the PARISH CENTER
- PATHS TO PRAYER: CHAPTERS 11 & 12**  
*Fr. Brian will lead us in a discussion of the final chapters.*



DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE  
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

February 20, 2015

My dear brother priests:

The atrocities being inflicted on the populations of several countries in the Middle East and North Africa continue to mount. The growth of terrorism seems on the rise and Islamic terrorist groups, principally ISIS and Al Qaeda, continue to justify their brutal and barbaric actions by appeal to the Q'ran and to Islamic law. With no prejudice toward the peaceful Muslim communities on Long Island and around the world, we all, Christian, Muslim and all men and women of good will, must be one in condemning these atrocities and standing as one in defense of religious minorities throughout the world and especially in the countries of Middle East and North Africa.

In light of this, as Pastor of this local Church, I am sending you the following intention that is to be used in the Prayer of the Faithful at all of the Masses on the First Sunday of Lent.

**Commending to you, O Lord, the 21 Coptic Christian Martyrs of Libya, we pray for an end to the hostilities and the violence against innocent people and religious and ethnic minorities in the Middle East and North Africa, beseeching your gift of peace for all who are suffering, and a swift restoration of justice, harmony and freedom for all who have been the victims of fanatical violence. Protect them and all their families whose homes have been destroyed and lives placed in peril, we pray to the Lord.**

Thursday evening I joined the Coptic Bishop David and the Coptic Church of New York at a Prayer Service at the Coptic Orthodox Church on Staten Island. I assured them of our prayers and our solidarity with them and with all the victims of what the terrorists call *Jihad*. As a local Church we continue to help the refugees of all faiths in Iraq, Syria and Jordan. Catholic Near East Welfare Association, where I am one of the five Bishop Board Members, continues to serve refugees in welcome centers, schools and hospitals. Our Diocese cooperates with the Holy See in sending money directly to Papal Representatives in those countries, sending whatever funds I can find to support the care they receive through their churches as well as through CRS. Thanks to the Holy See, we were able a few years ago to work with the Nuncio in Syria who gained the release of the body of a local woman journalist, Marie Colvin, who was killed by snipers while on assignment.

I want to thank all of you who have supported these and other efforts to aid the suffering. However we need also to let the President and the elected officials of our government in Washington know that greater effort and more committed action must be exercised by our leaders in concert with the international community to bring an end to this violence and hatred and to restore hope and tranquility to peoples and nations in the Middle East. True peace is ultimately a gift from God for which we will pray every day. But God expects us, our nation's leaders, along with all peace-loving peoples and nations, to be instruments of peace by rectifying injustice, strengthening bonds of friendship and guaranteeing that all peoples can live in peace and harmony. May Mary Help of Christians watch over and protect all her children in the Middle East and North Africa.

+William Murphy

Bishop of Rockville Centre

## 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...

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

## RCIA – The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Last Sunday, February 22, Keith Boykin and Lance Perez participated in the Rite of Election at St. Joseph’s, Ronkonkoma.

Today, Sunday, March 1, we will celebrate the Call to Continuing Conversion for our baptized candidates – Melissa Becker, Adara Eklund, Susan Denice Irizarry, Barry Seifken and Danielle Weiss – at St. Joseph’s, Ronkonkoma, at 2:30pm. All are welcome!

These are important steps in the journey of the RCIA. It’s a clear sign to the community that they are coming closer to receiving the Sacraments of Initiation and Full Communion with the Church at our Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 4.

On Sundays, March 8, March 15 and March 22, the Third Sunday of Lent and continuing on the Fourth and Fifth Sundays of Lent, at the 11:00am Mass, we will celebrate the “Scrutinies” – times for the Candidates and the Elect to continue to remain “united with Christ and make progress in their efforts to love God more deeply.”

The Church gives us this public and life-giving process DURING LENT so that these good and holy people can be nourished and supported by our parish family. At the same time, we know that when we initiate others, we confront and renew our own identity as members of the Catholic Christian community.

*Please continue to pray for these women and men of our RCIA and our RCIA team .*

### **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](mailto:sdiane@ollchurch.org). There is no fee for this program.*

# All Parents and Students are Invited to Attend The Courage to Speak® Foundation Presentation

[www.couragetospeak.org](http://www.couragetospeak.org)

## By Ginger Katz,

CEO/Founder of the Courage to Speak® Foundation and Author of *Sunny's Story* will be speaking along with her husband Larry Katz, BA in Psychology, MS in Nutrition, and Co-Founder of the Courage to Speak® Foundation on:

**March 5, 2015**

**6:30PM – Adults Only/\$10pp  
WI Community & OLL Parents**

**March 6, 2015**

**Time TBA - Our Lady of Lourdes  
Students Only**

Lady of Lourdes School  
44 Toomey Road  
West Islip, NY



The Courage to Speak Foundation, Inc. was founded by Ginger Katz in an effort to foster open communication about the prevention of alcohol and other drug abuse among young people. Ginger has been inspired to speak out by the untimely death of her son Ian from a drug overdose. Since 1996, she has given over 1,000 presentations nationally to hundreds of thousands of parents. The Courage to Speak Foundation provides drug prevention presentations, school-based curricula developed by experts for elementary, middle and high school and *Courageous Parenting 101* for parents, evaluated by Yale University.

Issues to be addressed:

- Signs to look for
- Alcohol and drug prevention
- The code of silence and its dangers
- Addiction and its impact on families
- What to do if your child is using or experimenting with drugs including alcohol
- How to recognize risky behaviors and relationships

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For more information, contact Stephanie Vacca at [stephanellabella@aol.com](mailto:stephanellabella@aol.com).  
[www.couragetospeak.org](http://www.couragetospeak.org) \* 1-877-431-3295

Join us for a fun night out!



# Adult Bowling Night

OLL School Faculty Fundraiser for Additional Instructional Materials

**Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Babylon Lanes**

8:00pm check-in

Bowling 9:00-11:00pm

Registration due to: Krista Harris, OLL School, 44 Toomey Road, West Islip

\$35.00 per person

Door Prizes and Raffles!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of players: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

List the names of those you are requesting to share a lane with:

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\* Limit of 6 players per lane.

\*Parties of 12 can reserve side by side lanes.

\*No outside food allowed.

Questions? Contact Krista Harris at [kharris@ollschool.org](mailto:kharris@ollschool.org)

## 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](mailto: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.

# Almsgiving in Lent

During the Lenten Season we are asked to pray, fast and give alms. Please pray for those in need -- whether it is for their material, emotional or spiritual need.

And when you practice fasting and abstinence during these forty days, please remember those who are hungry on Long Island every day and consider sharing your gifts with them.

One way to do this is by making a gift to the **Catholic Ministries Appeal**, which supports programs that help to feed people in our community each year through Catholic Charities and our Parishes.



For more information about the Catholic Ministries Appeal, please visit [www.CatholicMinistriesAppeal.org](http://www.CatholicMinistriesAppeal.org) or call 516-379-5210 ext. 2.

***There are also materials available at the back of the Parish for you to review.***

*“What you do to the least of my brethren, you do unto me.” Mt. 25.35,40*

## Annual Victorian Tea

Please save the date for our Annual Victorian Tea...



**Sunday, April 19, 2015**



If you would be able to donate new, unused items, including baskets, tissue paper and wired ribbon, please drop them off at the Parish Outreach Office.  
*Please watch bulletin for further details...*

## Synod on the Family

This past fall there was a great deal of media coverage regarding the preparations for the Bishops' Synod on the Family. At this time, parishioners are being invited to offer input to a series of questions in the "Lineamenta" or final preparatory document. Visit [www.drvc.org](http://www.drvc.org) and click on the "Synod of Bishops" icon to access the questions and directions. The deadline for all responses to be received by the Diocese is March 13, 2015.

## 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.



**Pantry  
Needs**

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Canned chili  
Canned fruit  
Canned vegetables  
Pork & beans  
Soups  
Tuna

## Rosary Christian Mothers

The Rosary Christian Mothers meet on the first Monday evening of each month. The next meeting will be on **Monday, March 2**. We will begin with Rosary at 7:45pm in the Church, followed by our business meeting at 8:00pm in the Parish Center.

## Women's Prayer Group

Come join us and share a cup of coffee! We are women; mothers, daughters, sisters and wives, married and single, of all ages and stages in our lives. We come together to pray, share and discuss how our faith fills us and gets us through our lives. We welcome all women to come and share how God made us special and how we bring that into our world. We meet on the first Thursday of each month in the **Spiritual Life Center at 9:30am**. Your story is what we need to hear. **Our next meeting is on March 5**. For more information, call Vita Scorcio at 669.4717.

## 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!

## Holy Name Society

The Holy Name Society invites the men of our parish, young and old, to join us. We can use the wisdom of the older men and the energy and fresh ideas of our younger men. The Holy Name Society meets on the second Sunday of each month. Our next meeting will be on **Sunday, March 8**. We come together to pray the **Rosary at 7:40am in the Church** and the **meeting will follow the 8:00am Mass at 9:00am in Room 16**. Stop by - all are welcome!

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

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

Join us...

**Wednesday, March 11 at 9:30am in the Parish Center**. All you need to bring is scrap yarn, knitting needles or crochet hooks (patterns and instructions will be given to you) and your gifts of love and prayer.



## 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.

## Position Available

The Church of Saint Anne, 88 Second Avenue, Brentwood, New York 11717

**Cook needed** – Saturday nights. Responsible for weekly food shopping, preparation and service of family style meals in a rectory setting. Knowledge of cooking for diabetics helpful. Love of cooking and fearlessness in the kitchen necessary. For more information please call (631) 273-8113.

## 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](mailto:bgorycki@optonline.net) or 631-399-1949.

## 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 "**Leadership.**"

## Sharing the Gospel

Start with a pile of blocks. Add your imagination and you can build a castle or a city. You can change that pile of blocks to look completely different and wonderful. In today's Gospel, Jesus was completely changed. He started out looking like an ordinary man. Then, right in front of Peter, James and John, something happened. Jesus glowed brightly like the sun. Even his clothes became bright white. Talk about changing into something different and wonderful! God let Peter, James and John see Jesus as he looks now in heaven.



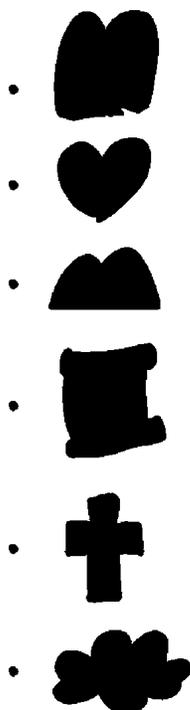
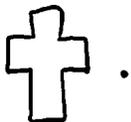
## Mission for the Week



Make some lemonade with your family. Then add food coloring to completely change the way it looks. As you mix the ingredients together, talk about how Jesus was completely changed.

### Puzzle

Find the matching shadow.



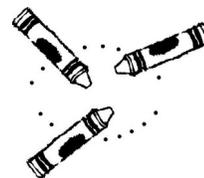
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## Prayer



God, I can hardly wait to see Jesus glowing in heaven.

## Something to Draw



Draw a picture of yourself with Jesus, glowing in heaven.