

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
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Our Lady of Lourdes School

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Religious Education Office

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Parish Outreach Office

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Phone: 661.3224, Ext. 122
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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.

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord • March 29, 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 Teresa

Pastoral Council

Msgr. Brian McNamara
 Eileen Rega
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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.

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

Financial Summary

March 22, 2015

Weekly Collection	\$ 18,891.00
Weekly Budget	- \$ 17,800.00
+/- for the week	\$ 1,091.00

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

Dear Friends:

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

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

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

I highly encourage families with children to come to the various **Children's Liturgies** that are being offered during Holy Week. We need to slowly expose our children to the Holy Week experience and our Children's Liturgies are a most excellent way to do that. Please bring the kids and help them to walk with Jesus to Easter Sunday.

I especially would like to point out what is taking place in every Catholic Church on Long Island: Suffolk, Nassau, Queens, and Brooklyn. On **MONDAY, MARCH 30 from 3:00pm – 9:00pm**, every parish on Long Island will offer the opportunity to go to **Confession, the Sacrament of Reconciliation**. Maybe you have not gone in 6 months; maybe you have not gone in 26 years. Take advantage of this opportunity or next year it will be 27 years! God loves us and one of the ways in which God shows His love for us is by forgiving us. Allow God to love you! Allow God to forgive you!

Please note that Confessions will be available at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish at other times during Holy Week as well. See the Bulletin for these confession times. If none of these times is convenient for you, simply call the rectory and we can arrange for a private confession. Also, please see an “Examination of Conscience” and “How to Celebrate the Sacrament of Penance” aid in other parts of the bulletin to help you.

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

In Christ,

Fr. Brian

Monday of Holy Week

March 30

Mass Justin M. McCauley **8:30 AM**
Daily Readings: Isaiah 42:1-7 / John 12:1-11

Mass Patricia Rocovich **12:10 PM**

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



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

Tuesday of Holy Week

March 31

Mass Tom DeRosa **8:30 AM**
Daily Readings: Isaiah 49:1-6 / John 13:21-33, 36-38

Mass Joseph S. Canale **12:10 PM**

Paths to Prayer **7:30 PM**

Join Deacon John in the Parish Center as he leads us in a Guided Meditation and a discussion of Chapters 9 & 10.

Wednesday of Holy Week

April 1

Mass Bruce Schmid **8:30 AM**
Daily Readings: Isaiah 50:4-9a / Matthew 26:14-25

Mass Ben Linger, Warren Linger (*living*),
Paul Linger (*living*) **12:10 PM**

Holy Thursday

April 2

Morning Prayer

8:30 AM

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

Children's Liturgy

5 PM

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

Mass of the Lord's Supper

7:30 PM

Mass People of the Parish

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

Good Friday

April 3

Morning Prayer

8:30 AM

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

Confessions

9 AM - 10 AM

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

Children's Good Friday Service

12 Noon

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

Celebration of the Lord's Passion

3 PM

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

Stations of the Cross

7:30 PM

Meditate upon the Passion and Death of Jesus.

Holy Saturday

April 4

Morning Prayer

8:30 AM

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

Confessions

9 AM - 10 AM

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

Easter Egg Hunt

11 AM

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

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

Blessing of the Family Easter Food

12 Noon

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

Confessions

4 PM - 5 PM

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

The Great Vigil

7:30 PM

Mass Novena



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

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

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

Easter Sunday



Alleluia!

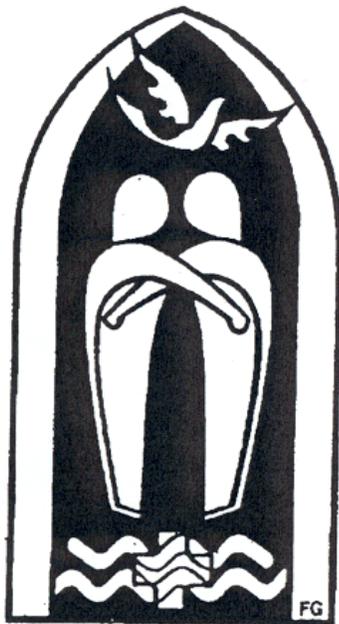
8:00 AM Church	Novena <i>Fr. Bob Scheckenback</i>
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No 6:00 PM Mass Easter Sunday.

Additional Parking

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

How to Celebrate the Sacrament of Penance



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

One form of the Act of Contrition is:

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

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

Or

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

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

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

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

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

An Examination of Conscience

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

Some thoughts on examination of conscience for adults...

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

THINK OF YOURSELF AS A PERSON

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

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

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

Do you exploit others for your own pleasure?

THINK OF YOURSELF AS A HUSBAND OR WIFE

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

THINK OF YOURSELF AS A FATHER OR MOTHER

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

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

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

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

THINK OF YOURSELF AS AN ADULT CHILD

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

THINK OF YOURSELF AS A NEIGHBOR

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

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

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

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

Do you harbor prejudice in your heart?

THINK OF YOURSELF AS AN EMPLOYEE, AS AN EMPLOYER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

THINK OF YOURSELF IN YOUR DIRECT RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

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

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

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

Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Angela MacDermott*. 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*
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, Daniel Capo, Patricia Carlson, Grace Ciccarello, Anna Cinquemani, Luigi Cinquemani, Dennis Crowley, Robert Day, Dolores DellaVecchia, Karen DellaVecchia, Margaret DeLuca, Jane Desthers, Andrew DiBlasi, Nancy DiGruccio, Fran DiMino, Patricia DiMino, 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, Thomas Hicks, Jr., Betty Infurno, Shena Kahn, Anne Kerrigan, George Koehler, Rose Kordulak, Kevin Kuchler, Frank Licciardi, Sean Lillis, Barbara Malmquist, Paul Martucci, Jean McCauley, Vinny Meade, Tara Moore, Peter Murray, Ruth Murray, Dorothy Proctor, Jimmy Reilly, Jo Ann Roccaro-Kellner, Peter Rooney, Linda Anne Savino, Roseann Savino, Joseph J. Schiavoni, Ann Marie Schiraldi, Joseph Sepe, Marguerite Sullivan, Susan Vanduyne, Joseph Visconti, Camille Watts, Charles Zeiss

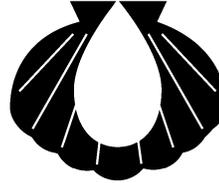
Names of the sick are listed for **five weeks** for short-term requests and **five months** for long-term.



Rest In Peace

*Julia Garguilo
Barbara Vale*

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



Baptism

*Gianna Leigh Hoke
Clifton & Melissa*

*Alexa Christina Kamme
Michael & Christina*

*Matteo Frank Morales
Douglas & Assunta*

*Declan Joseph Stein
Frederick & Vincenza*

OLL Bereavement Support Group

You are invited to join our next Bereavement Support Group. This is a wonderful opportunity to be supported in a small discussion group with people who have also suffered a loss. The group will meet on Wednesdays for eight weeks starting April 1, from 7:30pm to 9:30pm. We will be meeting in the Spiritual Life Center in the convent. Please call the Parish Office at 661.3224, Ext. 121 or email Diane Ackerly at dkkkk710@hotmail.com.

Holy Land Collection - April 3

On Good Friday, our parish will take up the annual Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land. Each day, the news reminds us of the violence and instability plaguing the Middle East, but we rarely hear of the shrinking Christian community there, a community that struggles to remain in the land of Christ's birth, death and resurrection. Please help support our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land by giving to the Good Friday Collection. This Pontifical Collection allows the Franciscans and others to continue caring for Christianity's holiest sites and for God's people in the Holy Land. Please be generous.

Respect Life Ministry



Now and at the Hour of Our Death

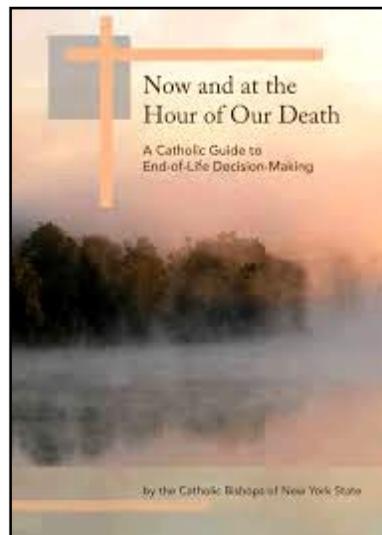
Catholic Guidance for End of Life Decision Making

Talking about death and dying can be difficult and uncomfortable, yet perhaps no conversations are more profound or necessary for all of us. End-of-life decisions are among the most challenging we will ever face as individuals and families and as members of society. Residents of New York State must be particularly vigilant as we seek to oppose any legislation that promotes assisted suicide.

What does the church teach about ...

- *End of life decisions*
- *Nutrition and Hydration*
- *Palliative Care and Hospice*
- *Health Care Proxies and Living Will*
- *Assisted Suicide and Euthanasia*

Find out by reading the New York State's Catholic Bishops' document, *Now and at the Hour of our Death* by visiting catholicendoflife.org and www.nyscatholic.org.



“Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine in the recesses of your home; your children like olive plants around your table. Behold, thus is the man blessed who fears the Lord.”

~ Psalm 128:3-4

Golden Wedding Jubilee

This spring, couples that have been married fifty years or more will be honored at liturgies on **Sunday, April 19 at the Church of St. Lawrence the Martyr in Sayville and on Sunday, April 26 at the Church of Maria Regina in Seaford.** Both liturgies will begin at 2:30pm. *Couples may register for ONE liturgy.* Registration forms and complete instructions can be obtained at the Parish Office. Registration must be received by the Office of Worship by April 6 for the April 19 liturgy and by April 13 for the April 26 liturgy.

There will be additional celebrations in the Fall for those who may find that more convenient. If you have any questions, you may call 516.678.5800, ext. 207.



Tuesday, March 31:
7:30pm in the PARISH CENTER

PATHS TO PRAYER: CHAPTERS 9 & 10
Join Deacon John as he leads us in a guided Meditation 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.

Attention Ushers

Holiday ushers are needed for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday at all Masses. The Vigil rehearsal for all ushers is on **Tuesday, March 31 at 7:30pm.**

Thank you for your service to our Parish family. Please note your availability in the “Sign In Room.”

Children’s Liturgy

Holy Thursday, April 2

Church

5:00pm

A child-centered service remembering Jesus’ loving act of washing the disciple’s feet and the celebration of the Last Supper.

Good Friday, April 3

Church

12:00 noon

Children’s Good Friday Liturgy

Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, April 4

All Purpose Room/Great Lawn

11:00am

Bring your Easter Basket along!





Easter Candles

Once again, we are offering a **Loving Candle** which will be placed in the Tabernacle area and lit on Holy Saturday. This symbolic light will remain in the Tabernacle area for the life of the candle (approximately a week).

This is a beautiful way to remember our living and deceased loved ones. The **Loving Candles** will be available after all Masses this weekend and at the Parish Office (Rectory) during the week for a donation of \$10. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at 661.3224, Ext. 121.

Men of God!

“It is not for putting in a shelf, but rather for having it at hand. It is reading it often, every day, either individually or in groups, husband and wife, parents and children; maybe at night, especially on Sundays. That way, the family can move forward with the light and the power of the Word of God!”

- His Holiness Pope Francis

Men, ever wonder how the bible has real application in your life or maybe you yearn for a closer more intimate relationship with our Father? Phil Campisi is hosting, along with Men’s Discipleship Network, Inc., a men’s bible fellowship starting on **Monday, April 6 from 7:00pm to 9:00pm in the Spiritual Life Center in the convent**. Call Phil to reserve your spot at 631.742.9673.

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...

Palm Sunday	March 29	Grade 8	“Pray” as Holy Week begins
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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:

April 17, May 15

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

Our Lady of Lourdes School 50th Anniversary

Did you go to Our Lady of Lourdes School during the sixties and seventies?

Be part of our year-long 50th Anniversary Celebration.

For further information, call Rich Maher at 631.661.5478 or

Frank Antonawich at 631.587.7988.

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O.L.L. SCHOOL

Looking for a school for September?
Look no further than our Parish School!

Now Accepting Registrations for
2015-2016



"Someone Special & Me,"
Nursery, Pre-Kindergarten
Full day Kindergarten
Grades 1-7

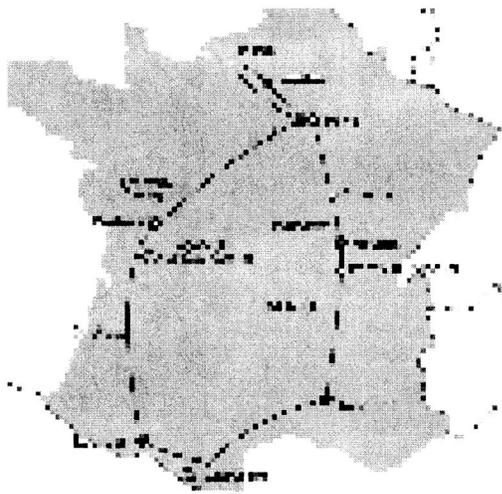
Call the School Office at 631-587-7200 ext. 100, or email
(agregg@ollschool.org) and visit our web site at ollschool.org

*Schedule a tour of our wonderful school
and learn first-hand about our programs!*

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.**

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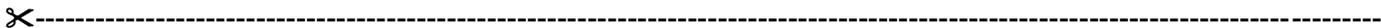
Let this Lent be an opportunity to deepen your witness of charity by *Serving God by Serving Others* through the 2015 Catholic Ministries Appeal. Acting together as members of one family united in Christ's love, we have the opportunity to share His love with the entire Long Island community.



Men lose all the material things they leave behind them in this world, but they carry with them the reward of their charity and the alms they give.

For these they will receive from the Lord the reward and recompense they deserve.

-St. Francis of Assisi



Make checks payable to: **Catholic Ministries Appeal**

Parish Our Lady of Lourdes, West Islip, NY 11795 Pledge: \$ _____

Name _____ Down payment: \$ _____

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Please consider making a difference in someone's life by making a gift to the 2015 Catholic Ministries Appeal.

Thank You!



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.

Grandmothers ~ Mothers ~ Daughters ~ Friends

Victorian Tea

Sunday, April 19, 2015

2:00pm to 5:00pm

Our Lady of Lourdes

All Purpose Room



*Chinese auction-great local restaurant gift cards,
Kindle Fire HDX, designer sunglasses*

*Prizes for the Best Hat and Best Decorated Table
Please bring your Favorite Teacup!*

Tickets \$20 per person

Now on sale in the Outreach Office

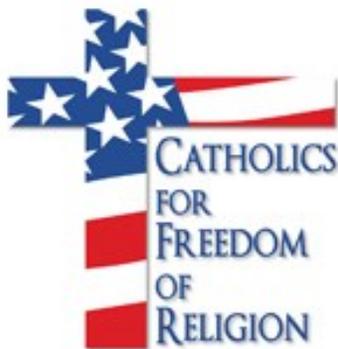
First 75 tickets sold will receive five free raffle tickets!

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 chili
Canned fruit
Canned vegetables
Pork & beans
Soups
Tuna



Catholics for Freedom of Religion

Saturday, May 9 at 3:00pm in the Church (*5pm Mass follows*)
 Ss. Cyril and Methodius R.C. Church
 125 Half Hollow Road, Deer Park, NY 11729

Please join us for a special presentation by the Most Reverend Bishop Andrzej Zglejszewski to hear his message of hope and gratitude in spite of living under the oppression and denial of religious freedom in communist Poland during the 1970s and 1980s. Under these bleak circumstances, he found courage and strength through God's grace to follow his calling.

Lighthouse Catholic Media

Lighthouse Catholic Media is seeking people to join us in the New Evangelization by making available inspiring CD talks and other media to people everywhere. We need both volunteers as well as paid, part-time account managers. All that is needed is a desire to help others come closer to Christ and His Church; free training is provided. Hearts Afire - also seeking anyone interested in "33 Days to Morning Glory" Marian Consecration and Hearts Afire Parish Program. Please call Theresa Piekut at 631.848.7612 or email : tpiekut@me.com.



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.

The 17th Annual Elizabeth T. McNamee Memorial 5K Run

Sunday, May 10

9:00am: 1 Mile Fun Run/Walk

9:30am: 5K Run

West Islip High School

Visit our website: www.elizabethtmcnamee.org. For applications and information, call 631.321.0806 or register on-line at ACTIVE.COM. 3.1 miles professionally timed by *Start to Finish Corp.*

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 "**Remaining Excited.**"

Sharing the Gospel

Your mom tells you, "Grandma should be here any minute." You watch out your window for her little red car to come down your street. After she parks her car, you run out to meet her. You are so happy she came to visit! The people in today's Gospel were waiting for a king to come. This king would ride into Jerusalem, not in a little red car, but on a donkey. When the people saw Jesus riding on the donkey, they knew he was the king that they were waiting for. They ran out to meet him and waved palm branches in the air. They were so happy he came.



Mission for the Week



Invite your Grandma over to visit. Ask her to read John 12:12-16 to you.

Puzzle

Find 10 things that are different.



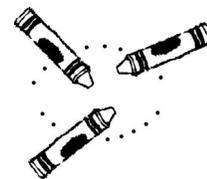
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Prayer



God, I am so happy you sent Jesus to be my king.

Something to Draw



Draw a picture of Jesus riding on a donkey. Draw yourself next to Jesus, waving a palm branch.