

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
Sunday: 9:00am-2:00pm
E-mail: ParishOffice@ollchurch.org
Fax: 661.7143
Website: www.ollchurch.org

Our Lady of Lourdes School

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

Religious Education Office

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

Parish Outreach Office

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

SAGE (*Senior Advocates for Growth and Enrichment*)

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

Liturgical Schedule

Daily Mass

8:30am

Weekend Masses

Saturday: 5:00pm

Sunday: 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am, 12:30pm
and 6:00pm

Reconciliation/Confession

Saturday: 4:00pm-4:45pm or by appointment

Rosary

Daily at 8:00am

Miraculous Medal Novena

Monday at 8:00am

Sacraments

Anointing of the Sick

Throughout the liturgical year. If needed sooner, please call the Parish Office.

Baptism

Please contact the Parish Office to schedule an appointment.

Marriage

Arranged at least six months in advance, please call the Parish Office.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

A process to be embraced by the Catholic Church. For non-Catholics and for Catholics who have never received formal religious education. If interested, please call the Parish Office.

Third Sunday of Easter • April 19, 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
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Jerry Esposito
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Parish Organist
Anne Gregg
School Office
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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 April 19

Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/ 1 Jn 2:1-5a/ Lk 24:35-48
Monday: Acts 6:8-15/ Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday: Acts 7:51-8:1a/ Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/ Jn 6:35-40
Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/ Jn 6:44-51
Friday: Acts 9:1-20/ Jn 6:52-59
Saturday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/ Mk 16:15-20
Next Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/ 1 Jn 3:1-2/ Jn 10:11-18

Financial Summary

April 12, 2015

Weekly Collection	\$ 21,629.00
Weekly Budget	- \$ 17,800.00
+/- for the week	\$ 3,829.00

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



Happy spring from Fr. Bob! YES, we can finally trust that the winter is actually over.

A couple of weeks ago, I planted a little evergreen I used as a Christmas tree. I kept it alive and well all winter in the garage. The day after I planted it, it snowed. Now I'm not sure if it's going to make it (it lost a lot of needles already and didn't have many to spare in the first place). Of course there's a lesson here. I planted it too soon and now it may die, but there's also a deeper lesson (again, of course). It's a reminder of the danger of wanting anything to happen too quickly or trying to do anything too soon or too much at once. The winter is over and NOW we have to do EVERYTHING, and I mean EVERYTHING, NOW!

Just like with my little tree, my need to move too fast or try to do too much at once may lead to many endeavors not coming to life the way they should. It will, at the very least, result in a lower level of quality than what could have easily been achieved. All I had to do was wait a little longer. All I had to do was take my time. Yes, the winter is over, but I have the WHOLE spring (and summer AND fall, etc.).

Whenever we come back into our lives from a break, whether it's the winter, vacation or even a recuperation; we think we immediately have to get everything done that we left behind. We tend to not learn the lessons that slowing down a little might have taught us. You might remember that in one of these letters in the winter, I urged us to use the "downtime" to create a little space and time to energize and revitalize ourselves (one of the points of a Sabbath). What happened to that? All of it goes away because the sun came out? All of a *sudden*: I'm too fat; my room is a mess, got to clean the closet (they don't call it "spring cleaning" for nothing), the lawn, the car, the gutters, the sand, and the salt? The winter's over, *I have to do it ALL?*

I've said this before, but it is not a coincidence that the early Church chose to celebrate the Resurrection in the spring. "New life" isn't just about what happens after we die. Resurrection and spring are about the new life we have now. Spring doesn't have to be about "making up for lost time." Spring can be a reminder that every "time and season" has its place, that our life needs the natural ups and downs it has. We're supposed to notice the sun, the flowers, the temperature, not as a reminder of everything we think we have to do, but as a reminder that EVERYTHING that dies comes back to life. We are supposed to enjoy the *LIFE* part. Spring (new life) can give us a new perspective. Spring is supposed to be a re-birth.

Sure, things have to get done, but there's a time and place for everything. If I wasn't so concerned about being finished with the winter and forcing spring to come, my little tree would be thriving instead of almost dying. Even with the increased activity, may the spring be a source of new life for you.

Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Elizabeth Netska*. 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 Scorcica 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, Patricia Beni, Dorothy Blandino, Mary Breest, Robert Burnett, Thomas J. Calogero III, Patricia Carlson, Grace Ciccarello, Anna Cinquemani, Luigi Cinquemani, Dennis Crowley, Robert Day, 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, Connie Latino, Frank Licciardi, Sean Lillis, Barbara Malmquist, Paul Martucci, Jean McCauley, Una McGrade, 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, Susan Vanduyne, Joseph Visconti, Camille Watts, Ronnie Welch, Charles Zeiss

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



Rest In Peace

Patricia Boyle

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



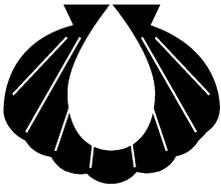
Upcoming Marriages

Kelly Dorwin,
Sts. Philip & James,
St. James, NY

and

Michael Buonaspina,
OLL

Shannon Monroe, OLL
and Cristian Marcu



Baptism

Derek Joseph Bardales
Daniel & Angela
Victoria Joy Evers
James & Jennifer

Mass Intentions

Monday, April 20

8:30am James O'Connor

Tuesday, April 21

St. Anselm

8:30am Sylvan J. Lodespoto

Wednesday, April 22

8:30am Erna Schmid

Thursday, April 23

St. George, St. Adalbert

8:30am Edward & Lucy Regina

Friday, April 24

St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen

8:30am Giuseppina Francavilla

Saturday, April 25

St. Mark

8:30am Barbara McRory, Dolores DellaVecchia,
John McConville

5:00pm Vincent McGuire

Msgr. Brian McNamara

Sunday, April 26

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

8:00am Lucretia Chicco

Fr. Bob Scheckenback

9:30am Grace & John Cunneen

Fr. Bob Scheckenback

11:00am Josephine Valentine

Msgr. Brian McNamara

12:30pm Elvera Vieni

Msgr. Brian McNamara

6:00pm People of the Parish, Michael Reilly,

Sue Ann Milligan, Pasquale Mastrantuono,
Frances Masciello

Fr. Bob Scheckenback

Respect Life Ministry



Talking Points on Assisted Suicide Legislation

- If we legalize assisted suicide, the pressure on people to end their lives will dramatically rise. People with terminal illnesses will feel as though they need to “get out of the way” and not drain financial resources. They will inevitably get pressure, subtle or not so subtle, from relatives, health care providers, insurers. They will be made to feel as though the very fact that they are drawing breath is an inconvenience to someone else.

- The legislation that has been introduced in New York State lacks safeguards for vulnerable people. There is no requirement for counseling, there is a lack of informed consent, there are loopholes which allow for coercion and undue influence by others, and there are insufficient conscience protections for hospitals and health providers.

A Unified Voice for All New York State Catholics

The New York State Catholic Conference represents the Bishops of the state in working with government to shape laws and policies that pursue social justice, respect for life and the common good. We provide a unified voice for the eight diocese of the state to speak on such issues as education, marriage, health care, poverty, abortion, euthanasia, social services, criminal justice and the environment. We apply the principles of Catholic social teaching to critical issues of the day and encourage citizen involvement in the legislative process.

Although the Catholic Conference represents the Bishops and the eight diocese in New York to the government in an effort to help shape our laws, they need your help!! In the past, it has always been difficult and time consuming to write to our elected officials when key issue items came up for votes. Now it has become extremely easy!

Please go to the Catholic Conference website at www.nyscatholic.org and click on the “take action tab.” This will bring you to a registration page. Once you complete this page, anytime a key issue comes up for a vote, you will get an e-mail from the Catholic conference. You simply open the e-mail and indicate with one keystroke that you want to send the preprinted message to your elected officials and it will automatically be done.

By signing up today, your voice will be heard. Help shape our future!

*“On You I depend from birth; from my mother’s womb You are my strength .”
~ Psalm 71:6*

Healing After Abortion

Have you suffered an abortion? Experience God’s love and mercy and begin the journey of healing. Please call the Sisters of Life: 866.575.0075 or email: hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org. For men, call Theresa Bonopartis at Lumina: 877.586.4621 or email: Lumina@postabortionhelp.org.



RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Throughout the past year, our parish family has journeyed with those seeking Baptism, reception and full initiation into the life of the Church. From the Rite of Reception in November, to the Rite of Election, Call to Continuing Conversion and the Scrutinies celebrated during Lent, we have celebrated their faith and, in turn, renewed our own.

At the Easter Vigil,

- we celebrated the Baptism of *Keith Boykin and Lance Perez*
- we celebrated the reception into the Church of *Melissa Beeker, Adara Eklund and Barry Siefken*
- we celebrated the Confirmation of *Melissa Beeker, Keith Boykin, Adara Eklund, Susan Denice Irizarry, Lance Perez, Barry Siefken and Danielle Weiss*

Their journey has become our journey. Their excitement and enthusiasm has inspired and excited us about our faith journey!

Their journey still continues as they enter The Period of Mystagogy which lasts from Easter Sunday until the completion of the Easter season, fifty days later on Pentecost Sunday and completes the initiation process. Let's continue to pray for them as they continue to more fully realize what the life of the Church has in store for them.

If you're interested in becoming a Catholic or completing your own initiation, please email RCIA@ollchurch.org or contact Fr. Bob Scheckenback or Sister Nancy Campkin at 661.3224, option 1. We would love to welcome you!

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:

May 15

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



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, April 21**. Come with your ideas. We'll read and discuss the Liturgy for the following Sunday Mass. For more information, call Charles Zeiss at 669.7189 or Cliff Proctor at 669.3198.

Always Our Children

We are gay and lesbian Catholics, their family members and friends who meet once a month to pray, support each other, and discuss how God is present in our lives. We look forward to meeting this month on **Thursday, April 23 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 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, May 2**, concluding with Benediction at 9:50pm. Please come and pray with us. All are invited and welcome. Bring a friend!

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.



Laundry detergent
Personal care products
Soap
Toilet paper
Toothpaste

PROMISE TO
PROTECT

PLEDGE TO
HEAL



Creating a Culture of Protection

Child Abuse Prevention Month - April 2015

The best way to protect our children and our church is for adults to learn red flag behaviors and to report concerns to supervisors. This creates a culture of protection. Sign up for a safe environment training even if you are not required. To find out more about the Virtus Program and schedule of classes: www.drvc.org and click on the Virtus box in the middle of the right column.

OLL School 50th Anniversary Meeting

Wednesday, April 22 from 7:30pm to 9:30pm in the Parish Center

For further information, call Rich Maher at 631.661.5478 or Frank Antonawich at 631.587.7988.

Graduates of the 1960s and 1970s - mark your calendars for Saturday, May 16

... more info to follow!

OLL Annual Spring and Mother's Day Plant Sale!

Order Flats, Pots, Hanging Baskets

Beautiful Annual Flowers, Plants, Organic Veggies and Herbs

Order forms are available on the school (www.ollschool.org) and parish (www.ollchurch.org) websites, in the Narthex, School and Rectory or call Bronwen Sessa at 631.806.6228 to request assistance.



And Mother's Day Weekend Sale!!!

Find us Saturday and Sunday, May 9 and 10 after all Masses

Gorgeous Hanging Baskets and Plants for Mom!

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

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.

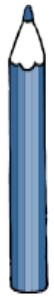


Send your child to camp at Our Lady of Lourdes this summer!

During the summer, children get a well deserved vacation from school, but parents still have to work. **Camps 'R' Us** takes the worry out of planning your child's summer vacation. **Camps 'R' Us** provides families with the most safe, fun and affordable summer day camp experience available. Its award-winning camp programs offer children, ages 3 - 15, a diverse summer experience, including Sports, Arts & Crafts, Games, Swimming, Bowling, Trips, Special Events and much more. Their premier facilities, top-notch staff, and unique affordability have earned them the reputation as one of the best summer camps on Long Island. Visit: www.campsrus.org for more information and details!

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT through May 1, 2015

Questions? Call 516-935-2267 or email: info@campsrus.org



O.L.L. SCHOOL

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

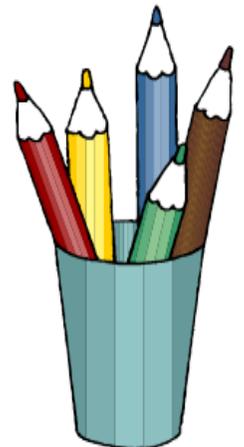
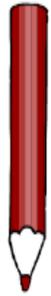
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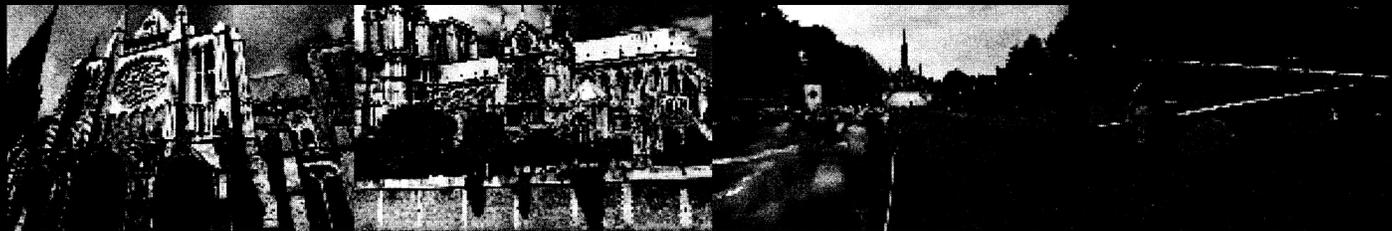
"Someone Special & Me,"
Nursery, Pre-Kindergarten
Full day Kindergarten
Grades 1-7

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

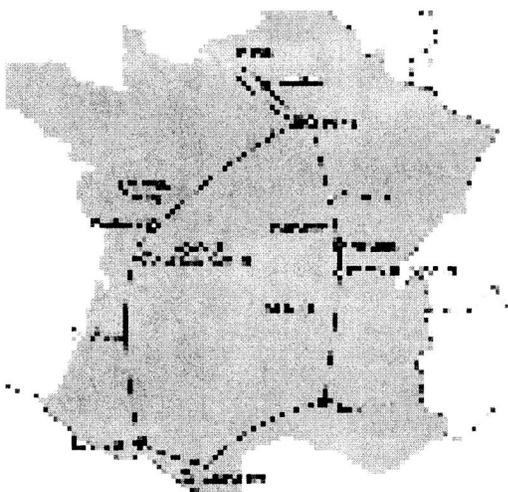
*Schedule a tour of our wonderful school
and learn first-hand about our programs!*



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.**

CruiseOne

Contact: Monica Colonna

631.539.9756 or mcolonna@cruiseone.com

COSMOS  **JOURNEYS YOU CAN BELIEVE IN**

March/April Donations to Outreach

- Donations were received from the following: *Fern & William Sasso, Christina Cafarelli and Frank Curry.*
- *Ken & Marcy Chapuisat* made donations In Memory of Peg Bernhardi Cowan and Mildred Romeo.
- A donation was received from *Marge Cassiano* In Memory of Major Frank D. Kelly, USMC, Clifford and Dorothy Proctor (living), Betty and Paul Doonan (living) and Barbara Gallagher.
- *Rose Contelmo* made donations In Memory of Arthur Wenzel and James John D'Amato.
- *The Sage Ministry* made a donation In Memory of Maryann Porcino, Sister of Sage Member Antoinette Intoci.
- Outreach received a donation from *Michael & Eleanor Carrano and Dottie Perdue* In Memory of Rose Mannarino.
- *Joseph Vieni* made a donation In Memory of his beloved wife, Elvera Vieni.
- A donation was received from *Mrs. Adele Revello and Family* In Memory of Arthur Revello.
- *Richard & Doris Shaddock* made a donation in Loving Memory of Their Children.
- Outreach received a donation from *Mr. & Mrs. Michael Carrano* In Memory of Carmine Telesca and Roy Sorrese.
- *Doris & Richard Shaddock* made a donation In Loving Memory of Doris' Mother, Rose Monroe and Aunt Louise Riedemann.
- Donations were received from *Muriel & Vincent Meade and The Sage Ministry* In Memory of Roy Sorrese.
- Outreach received a donation In Honor of Arlo's First Birthday.
- *Regina Mirabella* made a donation to Outreach In Thanksgiving to the Prayer Shawl Ministry for the beautiful prayer shawl that was given to her when she was ill.
- *Tina & Frank Aparo* made a donation In Memory of Ann & Dominic Bertino and Vivian & Al Aparo.
- Outreach received a donation from *Connie Lynch* In Memory of Annette Switzer.
- *Rosemarie & Bruce Ferland* made a donation In Memory of the Capelli and Ferland Families.
- *The Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, Inc., Division Two, Babylon, NY*, made a donation to Outreach.
- Outreach received a donation from *Pat & Bill Young* In Memory of Harold Modell.

We're Looking for a Cook!

Do you like to keep others healthy and happy through a talent for cooking? Would you like a part-time job as a cook for the priests at Our Lady of Grace in West Babylon? We have an opening! The job is three evening meals a week (Mon-Tue-Fri) at 6pm for up to three priests (with very occasional guests). Simple, healthy meals are what we look for – nothing elaborate. The job also involves some shopping for fresh goods (major items come in through a delivery service) and packing of leftovers, cleanup, etc., for a total of twelve hours a week. Safe-environment training and background check are required, as for all parish / diocesan employment. If you're interested, please e-mail Fr. Vin Rush with relevant experience at frvin@ourladyofgrace.net. The position is open immediately and will be held until a suitable candidate is found.

Good Samaritan University

Good Samaritan Hospital offers a free lecture series, "Good Sam University." The format features a monthly lecture in three categories: "Food For Thought," showing the impact of nutrition on a person's health at every stage of life; "Women's Wellness," addressing women's health issues; and "Aging Gracefully," providing expert advice on topics related to health and wellness in the senior years.

The next lecture in the Food For Thought series is "**Peeling Back Food Labels**" on **Wednesday, April 22 at 6:00pm** at West Islip Fire Department, 309 Union Blvd.

All Young Adults are Invited to Our Next Faith on Tap!

Faith on Tap is a forum engaging young adults in straight talk and honest answers to questions of faith. It is a genuine and sincere effort to reach out and meet the young adults of this diocese and to listen and to respond to what matters to them as young adults in the Church. Faith on Tap also offers young adults a place where they can meet others who are also living out their faith.

Join us for our next Faith on Tap on **Monday, April 20** at the Wantagh Inn, 3264 Railroad Avenue, Wantagh where our guest speaker will be Anthony Gentile whose topic is: "The Road Goes Ever On ... Christian Symbolism in the Lord of the Rings"...

Join us at Lily Flanagan's at 345 Deer Park Avenue, Babylon on **Monday, May 4**, where our guest speaker will be Fr. Ted Brown, MS, a member of the Missionaries of Our Lady of LaSalette whose topic is: "Saints You Should Know ... and Saints To Be ..."

The talks begin at 7:30pm, but come early - have something to eat – meet new friends – catch up with old friends! There will be an opportunity for those in attendance to offer feedback and ideas for future gatherings. For more information, please contact Marianne Sheridan, Director for Young Adults at msheridan@drvc.org.

Magnificat, a Ministry to Catholic Women

cordially invites you to attend a dinner on Wednesday, May 20th at The Pompeii Restaurant in West Hempstead, from 6:30pm to 10:30pm. Our speaker for the evening is Sister Marie Therese, a CFR Sister of the Renewal, who will be sharing her amazing story of conversion and God's call to a religious vocation.

The cost is \$40 per person. Reservations must be received by May 13th and mailed to: Judy Murphy, 42 Pinehurst Street, Lido Beach, NY 11561. Please direct all inquiries to either Judy Murphy at (917) 453-5750 or Angela Rizzo at (516) 763-1739. Thank you!

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Saturday, April 25

Thursday, May 7

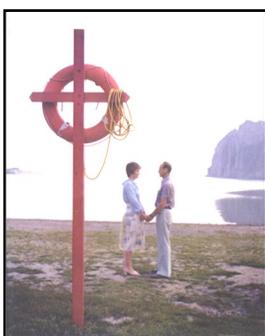
Saturday, May 16

Thursday, May 21

Saturday, May 30



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Another marriage saving weekend is coming soon!

Marriage Help - Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi) has helped tens of thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage.

This program can help you too. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on May 29-31, call 800.470.2230 or visit the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.com

Good Samaritan Hospital

The Good Samaritan Pastoral Care Department is seeking additional Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to serve the patients. If you have already received the A & B training by the Diocese for distribution of Holy Communion in a hospital and would like to volunteer as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, please contact the Parish Office and request a letter of recommendation from your Pastor to be forwarded to the Pastoral Care Office at Good Samaritan Hospital Medical Center.

Volunteering at Islip Birthright

Birthright (www.islip@birthright.org) provides positive alternatives to abortion and other help to girls/women distressed by a pregnancy. We are a non-profit, non-sectarian, volunteer service offering free of charge: pregnancy test kits, layettes, maternity clothes and referrals for medical care and other community resources.

Please consider being a birthright volunteer. You can help young women cope with their pregnancies and experience the feeling of good will that accompanies the task. The ultimate birthright goal is to offer help, to listen, to educate, to refer, guiding our mothers-to-be to celebrate the new life within.

Our volunteers come in from 10:30am to 2:00pm one day a week. We need you at the Birthright Office, 533 Main Street, Islip. The next training session will begin the end of April. Please call 631.277.3888 and sign up for training.

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.



Molloy College Spring Open House

For prospective students and their guests

Sunday, April 26, 2015
 1:00pm
 Molloy College
 Rockville Centre, NY
 516.323.4000

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.elizabethmcmamee.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.*



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.

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 "The Issues in Life."

