

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

455 Hunter Avenue, West Islip, NY 11795

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Rev. Robert Scheckenback, Associate Pastor

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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.

Fourth Sunday of Easter • April 26, 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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Jerry Esposito
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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 April 26

Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/ 1 Jn 3:1-2/ Jn 10:11-18
Monday: Acts 11:1-18/ Jn 10:1-10
Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/ Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday: Acts 12:24-13:5a/ Jn 12:44-50
Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/ Jn 13:16-20
Friday: Acts 13:26-33/ Jn 14:1-6
Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/ Jn 14:7-14
Next Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/ 1 Jn 3:18-24/ Jn 15:1-8

Financial Summary

April 19, 2015

Weekly Collection	\$ 16,771.00
Weekly Budget	- \$ 17,800.00
+/- for the week	\$ (1,029.00)

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

Dear Parishioners:

As you may know, Priests who serve in parishes have a term of office; that is, they serve in a parish for a set period of time. **Pastors** serve a 6-year term with a renewable 6-year term. While there are exceptions for a variety of reasons, the great majority of Pastors move on to another parish after they conclude their second 6-year term. Therefore, most Pastors serve twelve years in a parish. In recent memory, Fr. Mike Vetrano had served two 6-year terms as Pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes so after the second 6-year term, he was asked to go on to be a Pastor of another parish. Fr. Mike is now the Pastor of Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary minor Basilica in Southampton.

Newly Ordained Priests are given a 5-year initial assignment. They are not allowed to extend for another term because the Diocese wants Priests to have a few assignments before they are asked to become a Pastor. After a Priest's initial 5-year assignment, **Associate Pastors** are then given a 6-year term with an extension of an additional 3-year term (for a total of 9 years) with the agreement of the Associate Pastor and the Pastor.

Fr. Bob's initial 6-year term of office ended in June 2012. When I arrived at the parish, he asked to stay for an additional 3-year term, and I was very happy to agree to that extension. However, that additional 3-year extension ends in June (2015). Thus, as per Diocesan policy, Fr. Bob will be leaving Our Lady of Lourdes and transferred to another parish, and Our Lady of Lourdes Parish will be receiving a new Associate Pastor in June.

This raises the question of how Priestly assignments take place. Bishop Murphy, as the Bishop of the Diocese, makes all the Priestly assignments. However, he is assisted by the Priest Personnel Assignment Board. The Board consists of a number of Priests who have been elected by the other Priests of the Diocese. The Priest Personnel Assignment Board acts as a consultative body to Bishop Murphy for the assignments of Priests.

As part of the transfer process, Fr. Bob received a list of parishes that were in need of an Associate Pastor (due to retirements, end of terms as an Associate Pastor, etc.). I, as Pastor, received a list of Associate Pastors whose terms of office have ended. Ultimately, Fr. Bob must submit a list of three parishes taken from the available ones in need of an Associate Pastor. I must submit a list of names of three Associate Pastors who are on the availability list. Bishop Murphy, in consultation with the Priest Personnel Assignment Board, then makes the assignments of the Associate Pastors. In addition, our Diocese will be blessed to have 5 newly ordained Priests and our parish may be receiving one of these newly ordained Priests as well.

Please pray for Fr. Bob as he undergoes a transition from Our Lady of Lourdes parish, and please pray for Our Lady of Lourdes family that the Lord will send us a good Priest and shepherd.

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

In Christ,

Fr. Brian

Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Margaret Lehmann*. 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/or a local nursing home** 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 Scorcio at 669.4717 or Charlie Zeiss at 669.7189.

Pray for Our Sick

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

Salvatore Albanese, Philip Ambrosino, David Aslin, Patricia Beni, Dorothy Blandino, Thomas J. Calogero III, Patricia Carlson, Anna Cinquemani, Luigi Cinquemani, Dennis Crowley, Kevin Crowley, Robert Day, Karen DellaVecchia, Margaret DeLuca, Jane Desthers, Nancy DiGruccio, Fran 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, Jean McCauley, Una McGrade, Vinny Meade, Tara Moore, Peter Murray, Ruth Murray, Dorothy Proctor, Jimmy Reilly, Jo Ann Roccaro-Kellner, Peter Rooney, Joseph J. Schiavoni, Ann Marie Schiraldi, Susan Vanduyne, 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

*Andrew DiBlasi
John Flynn
Dolores Jania*

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

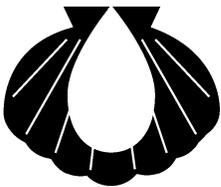


Upcoming Marriages

*Kelly Dorwin,
Sts. Philip & James,
St. James, NY
and Michael Buonaspina,
OLL*

*Shannon Monroe, OLL
and Cristian Marcu*

*Laura Pylyp, OLL
and Philip Weiss,
Sts. Philip & James,
St. James, NY*



Baptism

*Jace Robert Dudley
Thomas & Lindsay*

Mass Intentions

Monday, April 27

8:30am Rodger McQueen

Tuesday, April 28

St. Peter Chanel, St. Louis Grignon de Montfort

8:30am Grace Pecora

Wednesday, April 29

St. Catherine of Siena

8:30am Dorothy Tingley

Thursday, April 30

St. Pius V

8:30am Regina Cunningham

Friday, May 1

St. Joseph the Worker

8:30am Evelyn Ciotkosz

Saturday, May 2

St. Athanasius

8:30am Beatrice Coull (*living*)

5:00pm Joseph Lehmann, Mary & John Flynn
Fr. Bob Scheckenback

Sunday, May 3

8:00am John Lovari
Msgr. Joe Curley

9:30am Teresa Cirociari
Msgr. Joe Curley

11:00am Joseph Boykin
Fr. Bob Scheckenback

12:30pm Dick Ryan
Fr. Bob Scheckenback

6:00pm People of the Parish, Loretta McLehose,
Gloria Costello, Joel Joles, Dolores Murphy,
George Kelnhofer
Msgr. Brian McNamara

Respect Life Ministry



Don't Forget Your Baby Bottle!

On the weekend of May 2 / 3, Our Lady of Lourdes parish will be hosting a Baby Bottle Fundraiser to benefit The Life Center of Long Island. The Life Center is a crisis pregnancy center that counsels women and men who are experiencing an unplanned pregnancy.

Did you know that they provide:

- Free pregnancy test kits
- Maternity housing referrals with eligibility requirements
- Sonograms by a licensed physician when necessary
- Crisis intervention counseling
- Pre-natal and post-natal guidance
- Material aid such as cribs, car seats, diapers, etc.
- Referral assistance for: continuing education and employment opportunities

We are asking that you pick up a baby bottle and fill it with your change. Most importantly, we are asking you to recite the prayer on the bottle.

The prayer attached to the bottle will enable the counselors at The Life Center to say just the right words a mother or father may need to hear. It especially opens a mother's heart to accept the truth. We believe these prayers lead abortion-minded women to call The Life Center in the first place.

Let us pray with our whole heart for the lives of our unborn children.

"Truly You have formed my inmost being; You knit me in my mother's womb. I give You thanks that I am fearfully, wonderfully made; wonderful are Your works."

~ Psalm 139:13-14

Talking Points on Assisted Suicide Legislation

- Pain control has come so far. If we're going to support something, let's support increased education in pain management for all health professionals, education in palliative care and removing barriers to hospice care. We should focus on ending the suffering, not ending the life of the sufferer. Kill the pain, not the patient.
- The NYS Catholic Conference has a new website and video to inform Catholics of our teachings about the end of life: www.CatholicEndofLife.org. The Catholic Church does not teach that life must be preserved by any and all means. Extraordinary means are not necessary when death is near; people must be allowed to die naturally. But we can't intentionally take their lives or help them to intentionally hasten their death.



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.

Mother's Day Novena

Please don't forget to turn in your *Mother's Day Mass Remembrance* envelope which you received in the parish mailing. It is a nice way to show our love and respect for our mothers by praying for them at Holy Mass. All the names on the envelopes will be placed in front of the Tabernacle as a concrete reminder of our prayers for them.



Mother's Day Candles

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

This is a beautiful way to honor our living and deceased loved ones. The *Loving Candles* will be available after all the Masses this weekend and next 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.

SAGE

The SAGE Group (*Senior Advocates for Growth and Enrichment*) will meet on **Tuesday, April 28 in the Parish Center at 9:00am.**

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!

PROMISE TO
PROTECT

PLEDGE TO
HEAL



Creating a Culture of Protection

Child Abuse Prevention Month - April 2015

Knowledgeable and caring adults who are committed to protecting children can also protect our Church. Learn how to report child abuse: www.drvc.org and click on the Protecting Children link in the upper right corner.

Donations to Outreach

- Donations were received from *Denise Mace, Anne Basso, Connie & Richard Katsock, Jane Arcudi and the Members of Our Lady of Lourdes Senior Choir*, all In Memory of Dolores DellaVecchia.
- *Lorraine Petito* made a donation In Memory of Marvin Newman.
- Outreach received a donation from *Phil & Connie Ambrosino* in Memory of Frances Masciello.
- *Meta J. Ermert* made a donation In Memory of her Beloved Husband, Paul Ermert.
- Donations for the Victorian Tea were received from the *Robert J. Newell Agency, Farmingville, New York and from Muriel Meade*.
- *Doris & Richard Shaddock* made a contribution In Loving Memory of their Mothers, Rose Monroe and Elinor Shaddock.
- A donation was received from *Tessie & Jimmy Reilly*, in Memory of Mary Cooper.
- *Phil & Connie Ambrosino and Joanne & Cyril Marquardt* made donations to Outreach.
- Outreach received a donation from *Elaine B. Missack* In Memory of Lillian and Thomas Reddy.

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

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.

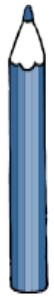


Send your child to camp at Our Lady of Lourdes this summer!

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!

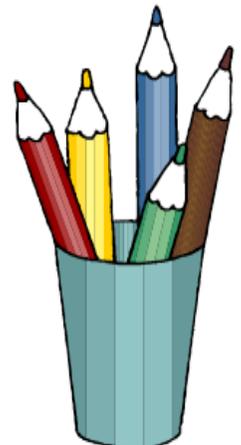
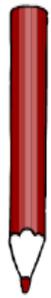
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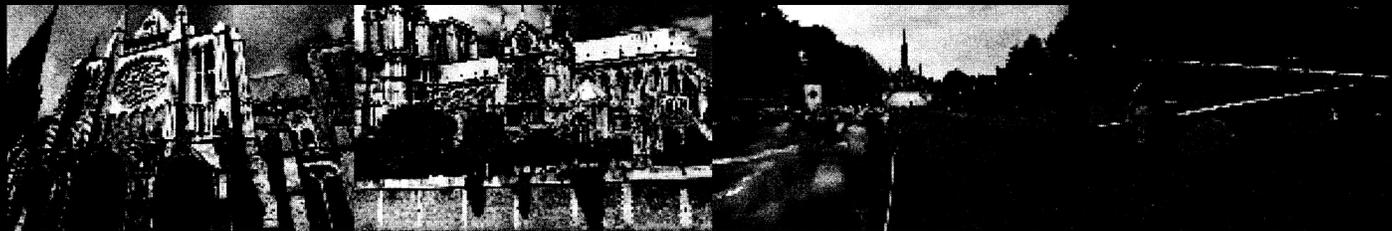
"Someone Special & Me,"
Nursery, Pre-Kindergarten
Full day Kindergarten
Grades 1-7

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

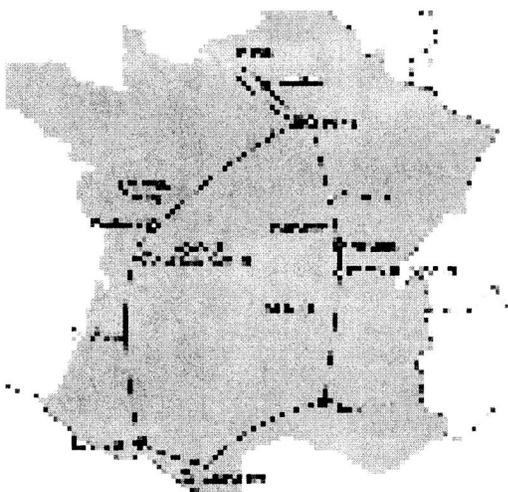
*Schedule a tour of our wonderful school
and learn first-hand about our programs!*



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

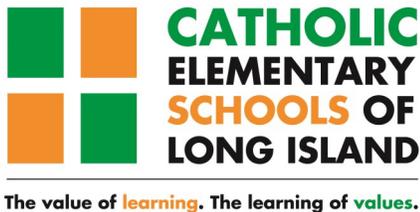
COSMOS  **JOURNEYS YOU CAN BELIEVE IN**

Second Collection May 2/3 to Support Catholic School Education

The second collection next weekend will benefit the elementary schools of the Diocese and the thousands of children whose lives are enriched by these schools every day.

Our schools provide a strong, quality Catholic education with high academic standards and where our faith is learned and lived. They are places where our Roman Catholic Faith is passed on to the next generation and provide our Diocese with a high profile expression of our common mission to evangelize. Everyone who passes by our buildings or who sees one of our children in uniform has to say to themselves that the Roman Catholic Faith is alive and relevant.

Your continued support for our elementary schools and for the Tomorrow's Hope Foundation, the charity here on Long Island that provides tuition assistance to deserving families who desire a Catholic school education for their children, is critical to the schools' success. Please be as generous as possible in next week's special collection.



OLL School Annual Spring Plant Sale!

And Mother's Day Weekend Sale!!!



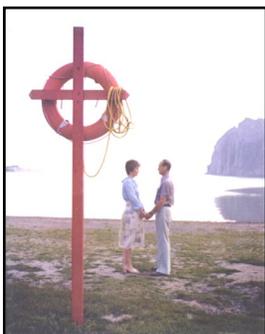
Find us Saturday and Sunday, May 9 and 10 after all Masses

Gorgeous Hanging Baskets and Plants for Mom!

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

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.



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

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 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 talk begins 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!

Church of St. Joseph

The Church of St. Joseph in Babylon is doing a pilgrimage in honor of Our Blessed Mother to Lourdes of Litchfield, CT on **Saturday, May 16**. The bus leaves from our church at 7:00am and returns to the church around 8:00pm. The cost is \$35 non refundable which includes the bus, driver's gratuity and donation to the shrine. Meals not included. Cafe on premises or bag lunch options.

Pilgrimage Day at a glance:

10:00am	Arrival
11:30am	Mass
12:30pm	Lunch
After Lunch	Way of the Cross, private time for prayer, possibility for Sacrament of Reconciliation, visit Gift Shop
3:00pm	Prayer at the Grotto with Mary (which includes the Rosary)
4:30pm	Back on bus for journey home

There are still seats available on the bus. Anyone interested in joining us can contact Joan Graham, 631-422-9288 or at babylonjj@aol.com for further info.

Shrine of St. Anne's Columbiettes

Chinese Auction - Come one, come all!

May 8, 2015

Doors Open at 7:00pm

Shrine of St. Anne's Knights of Columbus Hall

96 Second Avenue, Brentwood New York

\$10.00 Admission for all includes 25 free tickets, first cup of coffee and cake

If you have any questions, please call Jeanne Dorrian at 631.273.4863.

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.



National Association of Mail Carriers Food Drive

The National Association of Mail Carriers is hosting a **FOOD DRIVE** on **Saturday, May 9**. Please leave non-perishable food in your mailbox or around your mailbox. Your local mail carrier will pick up your donated food.

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.elizabethmcnamee.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 "**Poverty.**"

Sharing the Gospel

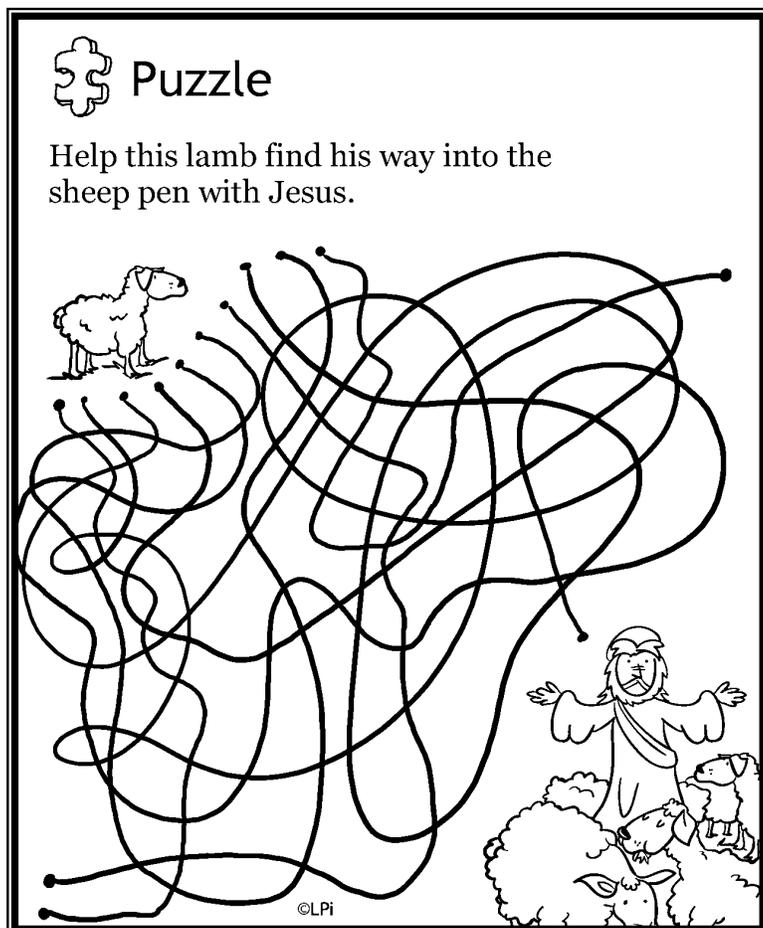
Without a good shepherd to lead them, sheep would get lost. Without a good shepherd to protect them, sheep would get hurt. A good shepherd would even die, just to keep his sheep safe. Jesus is your good shepherd, and you are his precious little lamb. When you get lost, Jesus comes to find you. When you are in danger, Jesus comes to comfort you. Listen to the voice of Jesus. Spend time reading the Bible every day. He wants to lead you to life with God. He wants to protect you from sin. Jesus gave up his life just to save you. Jesus is your good shepherd.



Mission for the Week



Learn as much as you can about Jesus, so you can follow him. Read a Bible story with your family every night before bed.



Prayer

God, help me to always follow Jesus, my good shepherd.



Something to Draw

Draw a picture of yourself as a little lamb and Jesus as your good shepherd.

