

# Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

455 Hunter Avenue, West Islip, NY 11795

**Msgr. Brian McNamara**, Pastor  
**Rev. Robert Scheckenback**, Associate Pastor

**Deacon John De Guardi, Deacon Tom Lucie,  
Deacon Jack Meehan, Deacon John Teufel**

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**Trish Frodell**, Director of Parish Social Ministry  
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**Sr. Diane Liona CSJ**, Director of Religious Ed  
**Debbie Meyer**, Business Manager  
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**Vita Scorcia**, Ministry Spiritual Director



## 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.

**Sixth Sunday of Easter • May 10, 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  
Mary Borgs  
Lisa Cantalino  
Sonia DaSilva  
Nilo DeLeon  
Jerry Esposito  
Trish Frodell  
Pam Gagliano  
Deborah Lamb  
Rosalie Mangels  
Deacon Jack Meehan  
John Muldoon  
Dottie Perdue  
Vita Scorcio

### Parish Staff

**Patti Anderson**  
Parish Office  
**AnnMarie Buonaspina**  
Director of Youth Choirs  
**Michael Buonaspina**  
Parish Organist  
**Anne Gregg**  
School Office  
**Mary Anne Lettieri**  
Parish Office  
**Rita Spera**  
Religious Education Office  
**Lori Walsh**  
Bulletin Editor/Website  
**Pat Young**  
Parish Office

### Mission Statement

As stewards of all that God has given us, the Parish Family of Our Lady of Lourdes serves and ministers to all who come to this place.

Regardless of a person's history, ethnicity, gender, orientation, age or race, we commit ourselves to open wide the doors of our Parish to provide a place of welcome and hospitality.

### Readings for the Week of May 10

**Sunday:** Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/ 1 Jn 4:7-10/ Jn 15:9-17  
**Monday:** Acts 16:11-15/ Jn 15:26-16:4a  
**Tuesday:** Acts 16:22-34/ Jn 16:5-11  
**Wednesday:** Acts 17:15, 22-18:1/ Jn 16:12-15  
**Thursday** Acts 1:1-11/ Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/  
Mk 16:15-20  
**Friday:** Acts 18:9-18/ Jn 16:20-23  
**Saturday:** Acts 18:23-28/ Jn 16:23b-28  
**Next Sunday:** Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/ 1 Jn 4:11-16/ Jn 17:11b-19

## Financial Summary

### May 3, 2015

Weekly Collection	\$ 18,335.00
Weekly Budget	- \$ 17,800.00
+/- for the week	\$ 535.00

### Catholic Elementary Schools

Amount Collected	\$ 3,651.00
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*The estimated weekly collection needed to maintain and operate our parish buildings, ministries, programs and salaries is \$17,800.*

Dear Parishioners:

Happy Mother's Day! The "founder" of Mother's Day is Anna Jarvis who, interestingly enough, was never married and had no children. However, she was very devoted to her own mother. She first celebrated Mother's Day in 1908 to honor mothers, "the person who has done more for you than anyone in the world." In 1914, President Woodrow Wilson signed a proclamation creating Mother's Day as a national holiday to be celebrated on the second Sunday in May. Mother's Day is now celebrated in 46 countries around the world. Let us all honor and pray for mothers, both living and deceased, for all their sacrificial love that they have bestowed on us over the years.

As you know from the announcement last Sunday, Fr. Bob will be transferred to Christ the King Parish in Commack, effective June 24. As you may recall from my letter a week earlier, this is a normal part of the policy regarding priests. With some exceptions, Associate Pastors can remain in a parish for 9 years and then they are asked to move on. Fr. Bob will have reached that 9 year mark in June.

As of now, we do not know who will be coming here to Our Lady of Lourdes. It may be a month before we know. When I know, you will know! In the meantime, let us pray for Fr. Bob as he transitions to a new ministry and let us also pray that Our Lady of Lourdes will receive a wonderful Associate Pastor as well.

**Our Lady of Lourdes School** is celebrating her 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We have a number of celebrations planned. I encourage all graduates to attend the various festivities over the next six months. We will be having celebrations based on different decades of graduation. If you are a graduate yourself or if you know the contact information (especially emails!) of any graduates, please forward that information to the rectory. We want to be able to invite as many people as possible to the anniversary celebrations. Our first anniversary celebration will be on **Saturday, June 20 at 6:30pm** in the All Purpose Room. It is for those who graduated in the 60's, 70's and 80's. Come to the 5:00pm Mass and then head over for the celebration. See your "old" classmates and share stories of "back in the day!" Spread the word! It should be a great time for all.

Next Sunday, **May 17**, after the 9:30am Mass, we will have our annual **May Crowning**. We will process from the Church following the Mass for the crowning of Mary as Queen of Heaven. Everyone is invited but we especially want to invite those who made (or who will make) their **First Holy Communion**. I encourage everyone to come to the crowning and honor our Blessed Mother.

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

In Christ,

Fr. Brian

## Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Joyce Petersen*. 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 Scorcia at 669.4717 or Charlie Zeiss at 669.7189.

## Pray for Our Sick

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

*Salvatore Albanese, 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, Roseann Dorohow, Frank Edwards, Paula Edwards, Patricia Farrice, 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, 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, Charles Zeiss*

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



## Rest In Peace

*Robert DiBene  
Paul Francis Quigley*

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

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## Upcoming Marriages

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

*Kimberly Mogelnicki and  
Daniel McDevitt,  
both OLL*



## Baptism

*Lauren Hope Gholson  
Keith & Jamie-Lynne  
Jameson Tate Shook  
Matthew & Jill  
Gianna Rose Tarantino  
Giovanni & Marianne*

## Mass Intentions

**Monday, May 11**

**8:30am** LaRocca & Sweeney Family

**Tuesday, May 12**

*Sts. Nereus and Achilleus, St. Pancras*

**8:30am** Pat Bing

**Wednesday, May 13**

*Our Lady of Fatima*

**8:30am** Christine Walker

**5:00pm** Jane & John Astromanti

**Thursday, May 14**

*The Ascension of the Lord*

**8:30am** Salvatore & Vincenza Ricciardi

**12:10pm** William Fuchs

**7:30pm** Jack Malley

**Friday, May 15**

*St. Isidore*

**8:30am** Edward Wernikowski

**Saturday, May 16**

**8:30am** Marguerita Alfaro

**5:00pm** Petrone-Chicco Family

*Fr. Bob Scheckenback*

**Sunday, May 17**

**8:00am** Laura Provenzano

*Fr. Bob Scheckenback*

**9:30am** Rose Fodera Genna

*Msgr. Brian McNamara*

**11:00am** Marie & Joseph Rizzo

*Fr. Bob Scheckenback*

**12:30pm** Joseph Yezek

*Msgr. Brian McNamara*

**6:00pm** People of the Parish, Louis P. Saracione, Sr.

Regina Cunningham, Dolores DellaVecchia,

Tim McCoy, Mary Hughes, Intention of

Cliff Proctor (*living*)

*Msgr. Brian McNamara*

## Respect Life Ministry



### Advance Medical Directives: Planning For Your Future

Rosa\* knew from experience the difficulties and expenses of watching a loved one die. She was totally devoted to her husband as he suffered and died from cancer eight years earlier. The idea of high medical bills, “tubes” and pain upset her, and even though she had not viewed her husband as a burden, she feared being one to her family.

Then, Rosa was hospitalized with a terrible urinary tract infection which made her dehydrated, weak and confused. Her daughter Teresa had been appointed as her health care agent. Teresa met with the medical staff, who helped her understand that the proposed treatments would not cause an undue burden to her mother. In fact, they would be temporary and appropriate care in Rosa’s situation. Teresa was grateful that the medications, nutrition and hydration that Rosa was given, all through “tubes,” cured her infection. Rosa is now as active as she has ever been and realizes that there are certain situations that can’t be anticipated when illness comes. It’s best not to refuse future care that may turn out to be very welcome.

Human life is good and to be protected. All medical decisions ought to reflect this core belief. Yet black-and-white answers to our questions about end-of-life issues are not always possible, and it can be very difficult to know how to make medical decisions. Each and every human person is distinct and unrepeatable, and each medical situation may be unique. In each set of circumstances we need to judge whether a given treatment will provide real benefit to the patient, without causing harm or other burdens that are out of proportion to the good being done.

We should each be prepared for those difficult situations when medical decisions must be made. We can safeguard our Catholic values by appointing a responsible and trustworthy person now to make decisions for us, in the event that we are incapable of doing so, either physically or mentally. It is important to be aware of the different legal or medical documents that are available or are often used to define a patient’s care. Depending on how they are crafted, some documents can be counter to Catholic morality and more harmful than we might realize.

The safest option is to designate a health care agent who not only understands our Catholic values but also shares them and can apply them to current situations and respond to questions as they arise. This person, usually a close family member or friend, acts as a proxy decision maker if the patient is not able to make his or her own decisions. In choosing an agent or proxy, a person can declare in writing that all treatment and care decisions made on their behalf must be consistent with and not contradict the moral teachings of the Catholic Church.

Less flexible is a living will, which simply lists treatment options or care that the patient wishes to accept or reject. No matter how well-crafted, such a document can never predict all the possible problems that may occur at a later time or anticipate all future treatment options. A living will can be misinterpreted by medical providers who might not understand the patient’s wishes.

Some states and healthcare systems have been implementing a troubling document known as a “Physician Order for Life-Sustaining Treatment,” also called by a confusing array of acronyms (POLST, MOST, MOLST, or POST). The POLST document is filled out by a doctor or other medical professional to define treatments to be withheld or administered in a future situation. It has been criticized for placing more power in the hands of physicians than in patients’ hands.

## Advance Medical Directives: Planning For Your Future (continued)

Indeed, in some cases the patient need not even sign the document. Once signed by the physician, it becomes a doctor's order to other medical staff, and may override the patient's own past advance directives and even the patient's appointment of a health care agent. It may be applied to patients who are not in a terminal situation and who might only need antibiotics, nutrition and hydration, or other proportionate care. Yet a POLST document signed months or years before, stating that the patient should not receive antibiotics, could still be followed even if the patient, like Rosa, faced a simple urinary tract infection which is easily cleared up by antibiotics.

Of course there are times when failing health is not so easily remedied as in Rosa's case. In some situations, procedures are appropriately refused. One should consider the benefits and burdens of a prospective procedure and conscientiously judge whether or not to accept it. However, because of the inherent dignity of the person and our moral obligation to protect each human life, our Church teaches that we should take reasonable steps to preserve life and should never withhold or administer treatment with the intention of ending the life of the person.

It is incredibly difficult to see someone we love suffering, and it is natural for us to want to alleviate their hardship. Additionally, we live in a culture that places value on productivity and prefers to get rid of what is deemed useless. Some people therefore support measures that, at first, might seem like a compassionate response, but in fact are not. Advocates for legalizing assisted suicide and euthanasia promote the illusion that we can "help" those in need by killing them or assisting them in killing themselves. However, this response ignores the person's true needs and does not respect their dignity. Each person deserves real solutions and support when facing physical, emotional and spiritual challenges. Cutting someone's life short before their time deprives them of unknown opportunities for God's grace to work in their life.

God's infinite love for each one of us helps us to grasp our identity and our worth. The recognition of this dignity leads us to respect and protect each person's life, including our own, and ought to be at the core of whatever medical decisions we make. Let us place our trust in the Lord and ask for his continuous guidance, for these decisions and for all those we face in our lives.

*\*The story of Rosa and Teresa (their names are changed for their privacy) is just one example of how important it is to reflect in advance on how we would want decisions made on our behalf if we cannot speak for ourselves. To find out what pastoral and educational resources may be available locally, contact your diocesan pro-life office.*



Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

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The **Baby Bottle Campaign** to benefit The Life Center of Long Island will be completed with the collection of the filled bottles the weekend of **May 30/31**.

Everyone should bring the Baby Bottles back to the Church on that weekend.  
Thank you for your continued prayers and financial support!

## Ascension Thursday

The Ascension of the Lord,  
**Thursday, May 14,**  
 is a *holy day of obligation*.

Mass will be celebrated:

**Wednesday, May 13**

5:00pm *vigil* Mass

**Thursday, May 14**

8:30am Mass

12:10pm Mass

7:30pm Mass



*The **Victorian Tea** was a wonderful afternoon. Grandmothers, mothers, daughters and friends came together and brought their most beautiful tablecloths, china and, of course, their hats. They enjoyed each other's company while listening to lovely music and eating all the goodies that filled the table that day.*

*It was a huge success and there are so many people who helped to make the day possible. Thanks to all who came, to those who baked for the tea or donated items for our raffle, especially Deacon John DeGuardi. The 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Religious Ed. Class from Room 17, with their catechist, Lisa O'Sullivan, along with Amy Kuchler, Theresa Maher and Stephanie Hahn and Emily Brierly worked tirelessly as the servers for the event. The Bolin family came in at the end of the event and took care of the clean-up. The beautiful music was provided by Maryann Buonaspina and Gina Parisi and added so much to the day.*

*Special thanks to S. Nancy, Cathy and Amy Danowski, Dottie Perdue, Anne Basso, Pat Falco, Greg and Stacie Baltrusitis, Dottie Mirabella and most especially to Marcy and Ken Chapuisat, Steve and Marie Duncan and Elena and Josephine Barone who spent hours planning, getting donations, making the food, putting together all the wonderful raffle baskets and taking care of all the details that made the day such a success. It all came together beautifully and was a day that was enjoyed by all!*

## Happy Mother's Day!

Prayerful best wishes to all our moms.  
May God reward them for all their love and sacrifice  
that they bestow upon their families every day.

The most important person on earth is a mother. She cannot claim the honor of having built Notre Dame Cathedral. She need not. She has built something more magnificent than any cathedral— a dwelling for an immortal soul. The tiny perfection of her baby's body. "The angels have not been blessed with such a grace. They cannot share in God's creative miracle to bring new saints to Heaven. Only a human mother can. Mothers are closer to God the Creator than any other creatures. God joins forces with mothers in performing this act of creation ... what on God's good earth is more glorious than this: to be a mother?"

## SAGE

The SAGE Group (*Senior Advocates for Growth and Enrichment*) will meet on **Tuesday, May 12** in the Parish Center at **9:00am**.

## Men's Prayer Group-evening

An evening Men's Prayer Group! It will be held once a month, on the third Tuesday of each month **from 7:30pm until 8:30pm in the Spiritual Life Center**. The next meeting will be on **Tuesday night, May 19**. Come with your ideas. We'll read and discuss the Liturgy for the following Sunday Mass. For more information, call Charles Zeiss at 669.7189 or Cliff Proctor at 669.3198.

## Men's Prayer Group-morning

We invite all men of the parish to meet for prayer and reflection after the 8:30am Mass on **Thursday, May 21 in the Parish Center**. We meet once a month to read and discuss the Scriptures for the following Sunday. Come with your ideas and suggestions. We'll gather for conversation and fellowship. Call Jack Fitzgerald at 587.5548 for more information.



Canned pasta  
Macaroni and cheese  
Pasta sauce  
Rice  
Instant potatoes

# May Crowning

**On Sunday, May 17, we will have our annual Celebration of the May Crowning**

This takes place immediately following the 9:30am Mass. We will process outside to the Statue of Our Lady in front of the Rectory Office. We will sing and pray together, and crown the Statue of Mary with beautiful flowers.

**\*\*SPECIAL Invitation to ALL of our First Communicants\*\***

We invite ALL children who have received, or will be receiving,  
**First Holy Communion this year**  
(even if it's *after* May 17)  
to come to the 9:30am Mass dressed in your Communion outfit!



*Please join the Rosary Christian Mothers and our Parish family  
for the Crowning of Mary right after the 9:30am Mass  
on **Sunday, May 17.***

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



## Our Lady of Lourdes School

**Slight change!** The event scheduled for the 1960s and 1970s for Saturday, May 16 has been moved to **Saturday, June 20 at 6:30pm in the All Purpose Room**. The 1960s and 1970s will join in celebrating with the 1980s.

Rich Maher (661.5478) and Frank Antonawich (587.7988) are still looking for volunteers to help with what promises to be an outstanding event!

## Unfolding the Spirit of God's Rainbow

When was the last time you saw a beautiful rainbow?  
 How did it make you feel? Wasn't it wonderful?  
 Did it make you smile? Did it make you feel good?

Please join the Ministry of Family Healing on **Wednesday, May 27 at 7:30pm in the Parish Center** as we explore our journey through the storms of life to the hope of God's rainbow.

Please call the Religious Ed office to register at 661-5440 x 3. As usual food and fellowship to follow. Please join us and bring a friend.



## Collection for the Catholic Communications Campaign

Next week, you will have the opportunity to participate in the Collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign. Collection proceeds support a wide variety of media projects that spread the gospel message and connect communities and individuals to their faith and to the Church. Please contribute generously in the Collection, and visit [www.usccb.org/nationalcollections](http://www.usccb.org/nationalcollections) for more information.

Remember, half of the collected funds stay right here to support diocesan media projects.



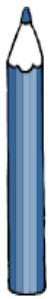
Goal:	\$107,300.00
Pledges:	\$ 83,971.00
# of Donors:	389
Payments (as of 5/5):	\$ 53,389.75

Once we reach our goal in paid pledges, the Parish receives a rebate of 20%. Help the good work of the Diocese and help our Parish at the same time! Please pledge today.



## 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](http://www.campsrus.org) for more information and details! Questions? Call 516-935-2267 or email: [info@campsrus.org](mailto:info@campsrus.org)



# O.L.L. SCHOOL

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

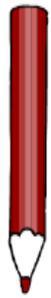
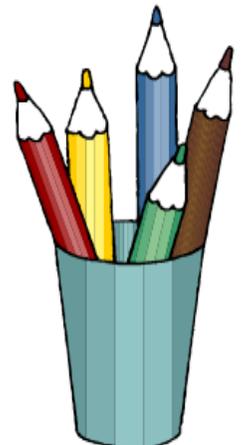
Now Accepting Registrations for  
2015-2016



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

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

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





Please join us for  
Our Lady Of Lourdes School



*Ladies*  
Night Out

Dancing, Eating,  
Drinking, Laughing....

and the return of the  
popular BLING BAR

THE VICTORIAN ROOM

36 West Main Street, Bay Shore

June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015

8:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

To volunteer or for more information, please contact:

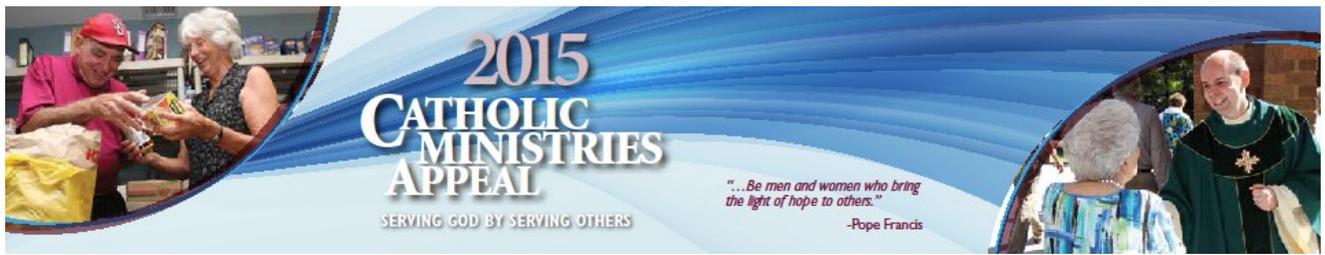
Britt Gasparo at [bgasparo@ollschool.org](mailto:bgasparo@ollschool.org) or (516) 702-5383

Tickets cost \$60 each

Please send cash or checks payable to Our Lady of Lourdes School by Friday, May 22nd

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Tickets \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_



As we join together to celebrate all the wonderful Mom's in our lives, let's also take time to remember and pray for all the thousands of Moms who worry about how they are going to put food on the table for their children this week.

More than 35% of the 300,000 people on Long Island who receive emergency food each year are children under the age of 18.

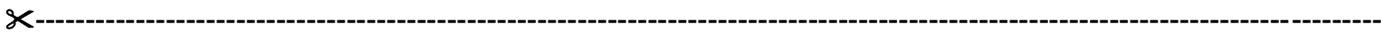
Please consider supporting the work of the Catholic Ministries Appeal so that we can continue to care for God's children and their families through our Parish Outreach programs and Catholic Charities.

Our hope is that each family will make a gift. We cannot ask everyone to consider the same size gift, but after prayer and reflection, each family is invited to make a gift in response to God's generosity in their lives.

No gift is too small and all gifts make a difference in the lives of others!

**For more information visit [www.CatholicMinistriesAppeal.org](http://www.CatholicMinistriesAppeal.org) or call 516-379-5210- ext. 2**

Thank You!



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

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Down payment: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# AUDREY ASSAD

LIVE CONCERT & ADORATION

## *A Night for Vocations*

WITH BISHOP BRENNAN

DOORS OPEN: 7:00PM

FREE DIOCESAN EVENT / AGES 13+

FRIDAY, MAY 15TH, 2015

WHERE: SS. CYRIL AND METHODIUS CHURCH  
125 HALF HOLLOW RD, DEER PARK N.Y.

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## Ministry of Praise

Members pray at home for the intentions of the Church and Parish; designed for the homebound, senior citizens, etc. Monthly calendar is available in the Narthex. Prayer requests can be left in the Ministry of Praise box along with the name and address of any homebound person who might want a copy of the calendar mailed to them (please print).

## Good Samaritan Prayer Group of L.I.

The Good Samaritan Prayer Group of Long Island holds their meetings every Friday (except the first Friday of the month) at OLL School in Room 16 from 8:00pm until 10:00pm. All are welcome to experience singing, praying and fellowship.

## Prayer for Divine Mercy

An invitation to all men and women to be part of God's plan. We invite you to meet in prayer for the world and our nation to put their trust in God. Our hope is that the nations will have a new spirit of morality. Please come with your love and hope for humanity as well as your prayer requests. We gather together every **Thursday at 1:30pm** before the Blessed Sacrament for about one half hour. For more information, call Charles Argento at 586.8528.



## Boy Scout Troop 179

For more than 41 years, Our Lady of Lourdes has been sponsoring Boy Scout Troop 179 of West Islip. We meet every **Thursday** in the School Cafeteria from **7:30pm to 9:00pm**. If you are interested in joining Boy Scouts, check out our website and stop by a meeting!

Website: <http://witroop179.wix.com/bsatroop179#>

Email: [WIBSATroop179@outlook.com](mailto:WIBSATroop179@outlook.com)

## Support Groups *(all meetings are in Lourdes Hall - lower level of Convent)*

**Alcoholics Anonymous:** Monday and Tuesday at 8pm and Saturday at 11am and 7pm.

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

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



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

## Save the Date!



### June 25, 2015, 7:30pm "Rally for Religious Freedom"

We are honored to announce that Catholics for Freedom of Religion will partner with the Diocese of Rockville Centre for the third annual Rally for Religious Freedom of the 2015 Fortnight For Freedom.

After two rallies, hosted graciously by St. John the Baptist High School in Suffolk County, we are excited to announce this year's rally in Nassau County at **Chaminade High School in Mineola**. Mark your calendar for 7:30pm, June 25 and watch for details.

### 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](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.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.

### 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 "Parents."