

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

455 Hunter Avenue, West Islip, NY 11795

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Rev. Andrew Garnett, 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

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Monday-Friday: 9:00am-3:00pm
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Religious Education Office

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Monday-Friday: 9:00am-Noon,
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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
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Liturgical Schedule

Daily Mass

8:30am

Weekend Masses

Saturday: 5:00pm

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

Reconciliation/Confession

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

Rosary

Daily at 8:00am

Miraculous Medal Novena

Monday at 8:00am

Sacraments

Anointing of the Sick

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

Baptism

Please contact the Parish Office to schedule an appointment.

Marriage

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

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

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

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time • October 25, 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

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 October 25

Sunday: Jer 31:7-9/ Heb 5:1-6/ Mk 10:46-52
Monday: Rom 8:12-17/ Lk 13:10-17
Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25/ Lk 13:18-21
Wednesday: Eph 2:19-22/ Lk 6:12-16
Thursday: Rom 8:31b-39/ Lk 13:31-35
Friday: Rom 9:1-5/ Lk 14:1-6
Saturday: Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29/ Lk 14:1, 7-11
Next Sunday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/ 1 Jn 3:1-3/ Mt 5:1-12a

Parish Staff

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

Financial Summary

October 18, 2015

Weekly Collection	\$ 14,885.00
Weekly Budget	- \$ 17,800.00
+/- for the week	\$ (2,915.00)

<u>World Missions</u>	\$ 3,957.00
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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:

Whenever a parent calls to arrange for a baptism for their son or daughter, they have an interview with one of the priests or deacons. One of the items that we hand out to the parent is a book entitled, *Rediscover Catholicism*. It is written by a man named Matthew Kelly. Matthew Kelly is from Australia. He worked (and continues to work) in business and is a devout Catholic. And he's horrified that the most important organization in the world, the Catholic Church, with the most important mission in the world, bringing people to holiness and thus fulfilling God's plan for the world, is failing so badly at its task. And he's convinced that a core reason for that failure is that most Catholics aren't really engaged by their faith. He founded an organization to change that. His organization researched Catholic participation and engagement and found that:

- * 80% of volunteer hours donated to parishes come from 6.4% of registered parishioners;
- * 80% of financial contributions come from 6.8% of parishioners;
- * There is an 84% overlap between these two groups.

As he says, "Roughly 7 percent of Catholic parishioners are doing almost everything in their faith community and paying almost entirely for the maintenance and mission of the parish."

Kelly has some ideas on how to change that, and the amazing things we could do for God's world if we did.

For Kelly this is the major issue of our church in our time: We're doing amazing amounts of good but have the potential to do even more if more Catholics became engaged in their faith and mission. Kelly figures that less than one Catholic in ten is truly engaged as a disciple. He'd like us to imagine how much good we could do if we could get that even to two in ten. And he thinks that through a study of how engaged Catholics live their faith, he has a path to help other Catholics discover the beauty of the faith and to become more engaged. Here are the things Kelly says are markers of engaged Catholics:

* **They pray.** Daily, and in some structured way. They don't all pray the same way, but they have a personal habit of daily prayer that they've discovered.

* **They study.** Whether it's by reading Catholic books and/or magazines and/or websites, through TV or DVDs, engaged Catholics have a practice of learning more about their faith. They have a plan and a routine for learning more and for making what they learn a part of their lives. Here, at Our Lady of Lourdes, we have Adult Faith formation opportunities through the year, usually on Tuesdays.

* **They are grateful.** Engaged Catholics live with a continuing sense that their lives have been blessed, and as a response, they are generous, thinking often of how they can do the most good with what God has given to them. A grateful attitude is so different from the "entitlement" attitude that is so prevalent in our society.

* They **value** their faith, **enjoy** it, and want to **share** it with others. (The formal, "churchy" word for this is evangelization, but engaged Catholics almost never use the word, or think about themselves as doing it.)

How can we change this? How can we change the percentage of 1 out of 10 to 2 out of 10? Imagine what we could do here at Our Lady of Lourdes if that could happen?

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

In Christ,

Fr. Brian

Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Rita Spera*. 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*
Edward A. Kelly IV-*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 Scorgia at 669.4717 or Charlie Zeiss at 669.7189.

Pray for Our Sick

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

Helene Abizeid, John A. Alanzo, Salvatore Albanese, Mario Baibel, Frank Bambara, Patricia Beni, Tom Brennan, Dorothy Caiazzo, Thomas J. Calogero III, Patricia Carlson, Anna Cinquemani, Luigi Cinquemani, Kevin Crowley, Margaret DeLuca, Jane Desthers, Fran DiMino, Amanda DiTingo, Roseann Dorohow, Frank Edwards, Paula Edwards, Michael Falci, Jake Feldman, William Fuchs, Michael Gabriele, Kenneth Garretson, Robert Garretson, Sandra Gil, Jeanette Giordano, Ellen Golda, Beau Hamilton, Claire Hansen, Tommy Haughney, Josephine Heffron, Patrick Anthony Heffron, Thomas Hicks, Jr., Betty Infurno, Hank Kahn, Shena Kahn, Tom Kaval, Anne Kerrigan, George Koehler, Rose Kordulak, Ann Kotz, Sean Lillis, Margery Marotta, Jean McCauley, Ellen McGee, Una McGrade, Marian McNamara, Vinny Meade, Michael Meyers, Marie Miranda, Ken Monroe, Peter Murray, Ruth Murray, Patrick Joseph O'Connor, Helen Olsen, John Pace, Dorothy Proctor, Jimmy Reilly, Jo Ann Roccaro-Kellner, Albert Rocco, Peter Rooney, Maryann Savino, Michael Savino, Joseph J. Schiavoni, Ann Marie Schiraldi, Derek Stahl, Lindsey Stahl, Andrew Velten, Camille Watts, Steven Witowski, Robert Wolfe, Charles Zeiss

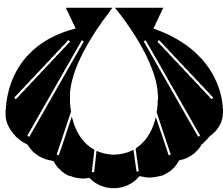
Names of the sick are listed for **five weeks** for short-term requests and **five months** for long-term.



Rest In Peace

*John R. Gallo
Jane Melville
Philomene Owens*

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



Baptism

*Anthony John-James Nolan
Joseph & Stacy*

*Robert Joseph Richard, Jr.
Robert & Indiana*

Mass Intentions

Monday, October 26

8:30am Valerie Moscarelli

Tuesday, October 27

8:30am Faust Maticotta

Wednesday, October 28

St. Simon and St. Jude

8:30am Angelo D'Ambrosio

Thursday, October 29

8:30am Eileen G. Tinelli

Friday, October 30

8:30am John R. Hodgkins

Saturday, October 31

Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30am People of the Parish

5:00pm William Heim

Msgr. Brian McNamara

Sunday, November 1

8:00am Claire & Robert Wilson

Fr. Andrew Garnett

9:30am Linda Francavilla

Fr. Andrew Garnett

11:00am Dolores O'Dea

Msgr. Brian McNamara

12:30pm Patrick Patwell

Msgr. Brian McNamara

6:00pm People of the Parish, Abraham White (*living*),
John & Ella Atkinson, André Alcobia,
Edith Kucala, Valerie Vitolo,
Patricia Scarpellini, Robert Brulhardt,
Jane Melville

Msgr. Brian McNamara

All Souls Day Remembrance Candle

This year, in memory of your deceased family and friends, we are offering a *Loving Memory Candle* which will be placed in the Tabernacle area and lit on Sunday, November 1. This symbolic light will remain in the Tabernacle area for the life of the candle (approximately a week). This is a beautiful way to remember our deceased loved ones.

The *Loving Memory Candles* will be available after all the Masses this weekend and at the Parish Office (Rector) during the week for a donation of \$10. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at 661.3224, ext. 121.



October is: Respect Life Month

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi



Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
And where there is sadness, joy.
O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much
seek to be consoled as to console;
To be understood as to understand;
To be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive;
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
Amen

With many thanks for your continued support of
life issues,
Respect Life Office

Adult Faith Formation Catholicism

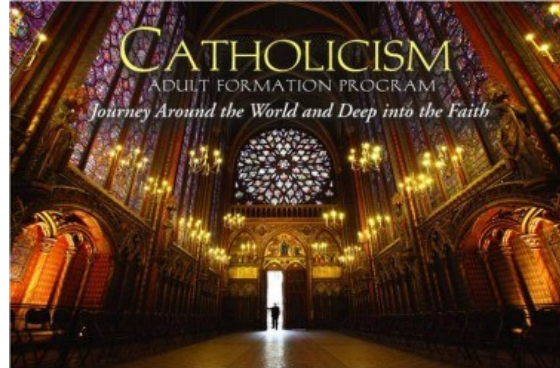
Presenter: Father Andrew Garnett

Tuesdays: October 27, November 10, 17, 24, December 1

7:30pm - 9:30pm

Parish Center

We will gather to discuss and to watch Bishop Robert Barron's Catholicism Series on DVD. Journey around the world and deep into the faith! For the first time, in breathtaking, high-definition cinematography, the beauty, goodness and truth of the Catholic faith are illustrated in a rich, multimedia experience. Travel with acclaimed author, speaker and theologian Bishop Barron to more than 50 locations throughout 15 countries. Be illuminated by the spiritual and artistic treasures of this global culture that claims more than one billion of the earth's people.



From the sacred lands of Israel to the beating heart of Uganda ... from the glorious shrines of Italy, France, and Spain, to the streets of Mexico, Kolkata, and New York City, the fullness of CATHOLICISM is revealed. Learn what we, Catholics believe and why by exploring the art, architecture, literature, music and all the treasures of the Catholic tradition.

A brief introduction will be given by Father Andrew Garnett before each session and there will be time after the viewing for questions and answers.

There is a \$5 fee for each session. No fee is required for those who have paid the Religious Education Family Fee or Our Lady of Lourdes School tuition. Registration is necessary and helpful. This will enable us to have enough reading material and refreshments for all those attending. To register, please call the Religious Education Office at 661.5440, option 3 or email to religioused@ollchurch.org.



Ministry of Family Healing

Have you fallen asleep to the miracles of your life and your surroundings? We have been invited to be splashed with the reality of God's goodness. Come and join us as we explore the Grace and Gratitude of God's love in our lives.

Please join the Ministry of Family Healing for a night of prayerful reflection on **Thursday, November 5 at 7:30pm in the Parish Center**. Please bring a friend!

Please call the Religious Ed Office to register at 661.5440, Option 3.

All Souls Mass of Remembrance

We Remember We Celebrate We Believe



During the past year at Our Lady of Lourdes, more than 120 Funeral Masses were celebrated for members of our Parish family who have died. Their families will be invited to participate in a special Mass of Remembrance, followed by hospitality, on **Saturday, November 7 at 11:30am.**



Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

What's it all about?

IF you are an adult *AND*

- ... you were never Baptized
- ... you were Baptized in another faith and would like to become a baptized Catholic
- ... you never received Holy Communion (Eucharist)
- ... you never received your Confirmation

IF you are an adult *AND* one or more of the circumstances above apply to you ...

IF you feel you would like to become a baptized Catholic or become more fully initiated into your Catholic faith ...

Our email address is RCIA@ollchurch.org or call the Parish Office at 661.3224, option 1, and we would be happy to help you.



Goal:	\$107,300.00
Pledges:	\$ 91,831.00
# of Donors:	443
Payments (<i>as of 10/13</i>):	\$ 84,393.75

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.

Confirmation

On **Wednesday, November 4**, Bishop Nelson Perez will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to the candidates of our Parish. These young women and men are the chosen members of this community who have studied, served and prepared for this Sacrament.



During the past few weeks, they have continued their journey towards Confirmation and even greater involvement in the life of our church. The Confirmation Candidates of our Parish have participated in "Spirit Nights" with their parents and sponsors. These times together were an opportunity for them to experience how important it is to be active, faith-filled members of the church community. Each "Spirit Night" concluded with celebrating Mass with our Parish family Sunday evening at 6:00pm. Please pray for our Confirmation Candidates as they embrace this very important commitment in their faith journey and that they will continue to be strengthened, loved and supported by YOU ... their Parish family.

SPECIAL Keys...



Religious Education Kindergarten Program!

We started this program a few years ago ... and have expanded it so that we have a session each month:

October 30
November 13
December 11
January 15
February 25
March 11
April 15
May 13
June 3

We meet in the Church at 4:30pm on Friday ...

and the program lasts about 40 minutes.

Come and see what wonderful opportunities there are for your Kindergarten children to learn about their faith!

E mail to register:

sdiane@ollchurch.org

Men of God

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

- His Holiness Pope Francis

Men, did you ever wonder how the Bible has real application in your life or maybe you yearn for a closer more intimate relationship with our Father? Phil Campisi is hosting, along with the Men's Discipleship Network, Inc., men's Bible fellowship meetings starting on **Tuesday, November 3 and continuing for six (6) weeks until Tuesday, December 8 from 7:00pm to 9:00pm in the Spiritual Life Center in the Convent.** Call Phil to reserve your spot at 631.742-9673.

Senior Singles

The Senior Singles will be meeting **on Saturday, November 21 at 6:00pm.** Please call Pat McKeefery at the Outreach office — 661-9262.



Donations to Parish Outreach

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, option 4.



Canned pasta
Macaroni and cheese
Pasta sauce
Rice
Instant potatoes

SAGE

The SAGE Group (*Senior Advocates for Growth and Enrichment*) will meet on **Tuesday, October 27 in the Parish Center at 9:00am.**

Anointing of the Sick

Our Lady of Lourdes will be celebrating the **Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick on Sunday, November 1 at 2:00pm.**

The special grace of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick has as its effects: the uniting of the sick person to the passion of Christ and will give them strength, peace, and courage to endure in a Christian manner their sufferings.

We encourage all people who are ill to receive this sacrament. We will have refreshments following the Mass. We especially invite those people who normally cannot attend Mass due to illness.

If you are aware of anyone who is ill please invite them to this beautiful Sacrament.



OLL School Christmas Wreath Sale Order Form

Please submit your completed order form and check made payable to: ***Our Lady of Lourdes School***
NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 6, 2015

Questions? Please contact Jennifer Bosco at christmassale@ollschool.org.

ORDERS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PICKUP ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2015 AT THE
CHURCH GARAGE BETWEEN 11:30am and 2:00pm

Family Name _____

Contact Phone Number _____

Email Address _____

WREATHS \$33 each. *Enter your totals for each wreath on the line next to the style.*

Our custom crafted wreath styles this year are:

Reindeer Quantity _____

Snowflake Quantity _____

Monogram* Quantity _____ Single Initial Monogram _____

*Please specify which single initial monogram you would like (i.e. "B") for each wreath. If ordering more than one Monogram wreath, specify additional initials below:

Single Initial Monogram _____ Single Initial Monogram _____

GRAVE PILLOWS 24x36 - \$40 each. *Enter your total for pillows on the line below.*

Decorated Grave Pillow Quantity _____

GRAVE BLANKETS 24x45 - \$55 each. *Enter your total for blankets on the line below.*

Decorated Grave Blanket Quantity _____

POINSETTIAS 6" - \$12 each. *Enter your total for poinsettias on the line below.*

Red Quantity _____

White Quantity _____

TABLETOP CHRISTMAS TREES 3.5' - \$45 each. *Enter your total for tabletop trees on the line below.*

Tabletop Tree Quantity _____

Please see photos below of this year's custom crafted wreaths. Grave pillows and blankets will be hand-decorated with wired ribbon and Christmas decorations, similar to designs in years' past.



Reindeer Wreath



Snowflake Wreath



Monogram Wreath

Christmas Wreath Sale

Good Tidings and Cheer are Near! The Our Lady of Lourdes Christmas Wreath Sale is quickly approaching. Mark your calendars to purchase fresh holiday wreaths, grave pillows / grave blankets and poinsettias **before and after Mass on November 28th and November 29th** or you may use the order form on the opposite page.

Yankee Candle Sale to benefit OLL School

Catalogs available in the Narthex (church lobby), Parish Office and School Office. Orders can be dropped off at the Parish Office or School Office.

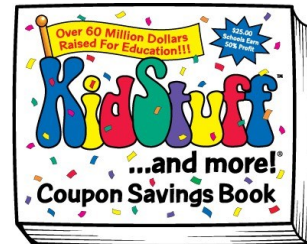


Due date: Wednesday, November 4th

Items will be available for pick-up in the Our Lady of Lourdes School Office in early December – in plenty of time for Christmas! You can also shop online at: www.yankeecandlefundraising.com and enter our group number (990047342) in the “Start Shopping” area (seller ID not needed).

Our Lady of Lourdes School

Our Lady of Lourdes School is selling valuable, family-friendly **KidStuff Coupon Books** which are filled with hundreds of national, regional and local coupons for all ages! The KidStuff Book is conveniently organized, offers incredible savings and is sold exclusively through schools! Our school earns 50% or more profit for every book we sell!



Use just a few coupons and easily save more than the \$25 cost of the book...Remember to keep KidStuff in your car! Most coupons are long-term and valid for 16 months! See all 24 editions at <http://www.kidstuffcb.com/kidstuff-coupon-book-editions>. KidStuff ships books to our school where you can pick them up from the school office.

To order, please email Mrs. Gregg in the School Office at agregg@ollschool.org or call 631-587-7200 ext. 100.



SAVE THE DATE!! Breakfast with Santa Sunday, December 6th

The OLL School “Breakfast with Santa” Committee is accepting donations – food, prizes, monetary gifts – please help support our parish school by helping in any way you can.

Please contact Juan Aviles at javiles@ollschool.org or leave a message for him in the School Office (631.587.7200 ext. 100) if you need more information. Thank you for your 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: WIBSA Troop179@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.



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.

Maria Regina Residence

Maria Regina Residence, at 1725 Brentwood Road, Brentwood, is a 188-bed Skilled Nursing Facility under the care of the **Sisters of St. Joseph**.

It is currently seeking compassionate, dedicated individuals who are willing to volunteer their time and talent in varied service areas, particularly, at this time, in helping to transport residents in their wheelchairs to services in the building.

For more information, please contact Sister Mary Sheppard, CSJ at 299.3288. We look forward to hearing from you.

Good Sam 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 Aging Gracefully series is What's New in Total Joint Replacement on **Tuesday, November 3** at Noon at the West Islip Public Library, 3 Higbie Lane. Free Blood Pressure screenings prior to the lecture at 11:00am.

Sunday Vespers

The Sisters of St. Dominic of Amityville cordially invite you to please join us for **Vespers at 4:00pm** in St. Albert's Chapel at the Queen of the Rosary Motherhouse on the following Sundays:

November 15 - Youth Vespers; December 13; January 17; March 13; April 17 and May 15.

The Sisters of St. Dominic are located at 555 Albany Avenue, Amityville, NY 11701. For more information, please call 631.842.6000.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Married Couples!

Would you attend a seminar to enhance your job or to increase your salary? Why not give your marriage the same attention? Enhance your good marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend!



Weekends are scheduled throughout the Metro New York area. The next weekend on Long Island is scheduled for November 6-8 at the Montfort Spiritual Center 26 South Saxon Ave, Bay Shore, NY. For more information about the weekends or to apply, call 1.877.697.9963 or visit our web site at <http://www.wwme.org>.

Long Island/Metro Retrouvaille - A lifeline for married couples

November 13-15, 2015

1-800-470-2230 — website: www.retrouvaille.org

You Can Help Heal Your Marriage! Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse?

Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped thousands of couples worldwide experiencing ALL TYPES of marital difficulties. For confidential information about the Retrouvaille program, or to register for the upcoming weekend that begins on Friday, November 13, please call 1-800-470-2230 and you will be connected directly and confidentially to a couple from Long Island/Metro Retrouvaille who can help. Please call or go on the web to make a reservation! Weekends get filled up very quickly.

Vendors Wanted for Christmas Craft and Gift Fair

St. John the Baptist DHS, West Islip, NY

Sunday, December 6

10:00am to 4:00pm

For information, call Cathy Quinn at (516)241-1294 or email to: Gunga196@yahoo.com.

LAOH History Writing Contest

The Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, Inc. sponsors a National Irish History Writing Contest for students in Grades 6 through 12. The contest is comprised of two levels: Level 1 is for Grades 6, 7 or 8 and Level 2 is for Grades 9, 10, 11 or 12. Students who are enrolled in parochial, private, public or home schooled are eligible. This year's topic is, "The Involvement of women in the 1916 Easter Rising." Monetary awards are given to each level and the deadline for entries is November 10. Anyone interested, please contact Rita Madden at 631-226-1999 or madden_rita@yahoo.com for contest rules and guidelines. Please place LAOH History Writing Contest in the subject line.

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 "Tradition."

Sharing the Gospel

Bartimaeus may have been poor and blind, but he sure was smart! He had the kind of faith that made Jesus smile. Bartimaeus knew exactly who Jesus was—the Messiah. And Bartimaeus knew Jesus had the power to make him see. When Jesus called him, Bartimaeus left everything behind—even his coat—just to follow Jesus.



Mission for the Week



Wear a blindfold at home, and ask your family members to talk to you as usual. Just by the sound of each voice, you know who is talking, right? Talk about how being blind did not stop Bartimaeus from recognizing Jesus, either.



Puzzle

Find the matching pair.



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NUMBERS ONE AND SIX: ANSWER

Prayer

Dear God, thank you for helping Bartimaeus see you and follow you. Help me to follow his example.



Something to Draw

Draw a picture of Bartimaeus seeing Jesus for the very first time.

