

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

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Liturgical Schedule

Daily Mass

8:30am

Weekend Masses

Saturday: 5:00pm

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

Reconciliation/Confession

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

Rosary

Daily at 8:00am

Miraculous Medal Novena

Monday at 8:00am

Sacraments

Anointing of the Sick

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

Baptism

Please contact the Parish Office to schedule an appointment.

Marriage

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

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

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

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord • April 9, 2017



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!

- Saint Teresa of Calcutta

Pastoral Council

Msgr. Brian McNamara
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Mission Statement

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

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

Parish Staff

Patti Anderson
 Parish Office/Bulletin Editor
AnnMarie Buonaspina
 Director of Youth Choirs
Michael Buonaspina
 Parish Organist
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 Parish Office
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 School Office
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 Parish Office

Financial Summary

Due to an early bulletin deadline, the April 2 collection will be published next week.

April 2, 2017

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

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

Dear Friends:

Palm Sunday greetings from Our Lady of Lourdes! It is hard to believe that Holy Week is upon us. Easter is about as early as it can be!

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

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

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

I especially would like to point out what is taking place in every Catholic Church on Long Island: Suffolk, Nassau, Queens and Brooklyn. On **MONDAY, APRIL 10 from 3:00pm – 9:00pm**, every parish on Long Island will offer the opportunity to go to **Confession, the Sacrament of Reconciliation**. Maybe you have not gone in 6 months; maybe you have not gone in 26 years. Take advantage of this opportunity or next year it will be 27 years! God loves us and one of the ways in which God shows His love for us is by forgiving us. Allow God to love you! Allow God to forgive you!

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

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

In Christ,

Fr. Brian

Monday of Holy Week

April 10

Mass Andrew Velten **8:30 AM**

Daily Readings: Isaiah 42:1-7 / John 12:1-11

Mass Louis Vitale **12:10 PM**

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



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

Tuesday of Holy Week

April 11

Mass Donald McClatchey & Family **8:30 AM**

Daily Readings: Isaiah 49:1-6 / John 13:21-33, 36-38

Mass Drew Velten **12:10 PM**

Wednesday of Holy Week

April 12

Mass Anthony Sabella **8:30 AM**

Daily Readings: Isaiah 50:4-9a / Matthew 26:14-25

Mass Alex Mandez & Family **12:10 PM**

Holy Thursday

April 13

Morning Prayer

8:30 AM

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

Children's Liturgy

5 PM

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

Mass of the Lord's Supper

7:30 PM

Mass People of the Parish

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

Good Friday

April 14

Morning Prayer

8:30 AM

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

Confessions

9 AM - 10 AM

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

Children's Good Friday Service

12 Noon

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

Celebration of the Lord's Passion

3 PM

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

Stations of the Cross

7:00 PM

Meditate upon the Passion and Death of Jesus.

Holy Saturday

April 15

Morning Prayer

8:30 AM

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

Confessions

9 AM - 10 AM

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

Easter Egg Hunt

11 AM

The Easter Egg Hunt will take place on the "Great Lawn."
(on Hunter Avenue - Rain or Shine!)

Blessing of the Family Easter Food

12 Noon

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

Confessions

4 PM - 5 PM

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

The Great Vigil

7:30 PM

Mass

Novena



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

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

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

Easter Sunday

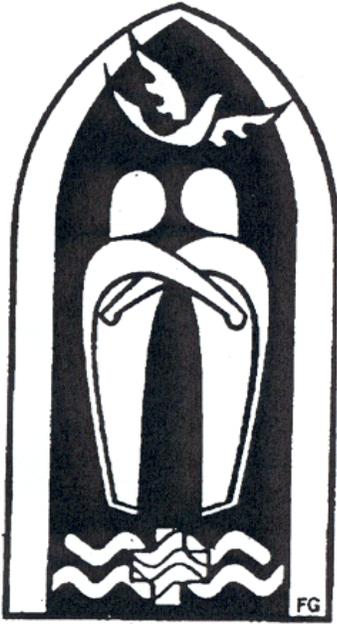


Alleluia!

8:00 AM Church	Novena <i>Msgr. Brian McNamara</i>
9:30 AM Church	Novena <i>Visiting Priest</i>
9:30 AM Cafeteria	Novena <i>Fr. Lawrence</i>
11:00 AM Church	Novena <i>Msgr. Brian McNamara</i>
11:00 AM Cafeteria	Novena <i>Visiting Priest</i>
12:30 PM Church	Novena <i>Msgr. Brian McNamara</i>

No 6:00 PM Mass Easter Sunday

How to Celebrate the Sacrament of Penance



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

One form of the Act of Contrition is:

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

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

Or

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

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

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

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

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

An Examination of Conscience

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

Some thoughts on examination of conscience for adults...

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

THINK OF YOURSELF AS A PERSON

Do you accept yourself with your good and bad points? Do you share yourself with others?
Do you realize you have been called by, loved by God in a unique way?
Do you treat others with dignity and respect? Do you use your sexuality irresponsibly or selfishly?
Do you exploit others for your own pleasure?

THINK OF YOURSELF AS A HUSBAND OR WIFE

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

THINK OF YOURSELF AS A FATHER OR MOTHER

Do you give your children yourself, your time, your abilities?
Do you correct them when they're wrong, praise them when you should, instruct them with gentleness and patience?
Are you aware of your responsibility to guide them in the Faith by your words and actions?
Do you apologize and admit when you're wrong and they've been right?

THINK OF YOURSELF AS AN ADULT CHILD

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

THINK OF YOURSELF AS A NEIGHBOR

Do you realize that your neighbor is your brother and sister?
Do you try to be helpful when you know there is a need?
Do you respect their rights and allow them to be persons?
Do you make judgments about people based upon their appearance or color?
Do you harbor prejudice in your heart?

THINK OF YOURSELF AS AN EMPLOYEE, AS AN EMPLOYER

Do you give your employer all of your time during the hours he is paying you, realizing that "stealing time" is the same as stealing?
Do you give your employer your full efforts and concentration during working hours?
Do I pay a just wage? Do I provide adequate working conditions?

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

Do you sufficiently reflect on the responsibility you have to be concerned about the other members of this family who are suffering from poverty, prejudice, unfair labor practices, unjust housing laws, and other various causes?
Do you take it as a responsibility to consider the morality involved in issues like abortion, euthanasia, denial of rights to migrant workers, corruption in political or economic structures?
Do you take it as your responsibility to be informed about current events and to listen with open minds and hearts to those holding different positions?

THINK OF YOURSELF IN YOUR DIRECT RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

Do you make the effort to spend some time with Him each day even if it's just to say "good morning" or "thanks?"
Do you seek to know Him better in whatever way fits you best?
Do you allow Him to give Himself often to you in the gifts of His sacraments of Eucharist and Penance?

Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Connie Lynch*. If you would like to help care for our altar needs, please call the Parish Office at 631.661.3224.

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 DiMatteo-*US Marines*
Michael Fantauzzi-*US Air Force*
Christopher Florca-*US Marines*
Colby Matthew Kelly-*US Army*
Anthony Mannino-*US Marines*
James Rooney III-*US Marines*
Michael Wilkinson-*US Army*

... 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.

Pray for Our Sick

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

Sal Albanese, Joseph Bacchi, Jeanne Bird, Joanne Brenner, Michael Brenner, Kathy Bullingham, Lisa Charron-Culloty, Helen Ciardella, Dianne Cullen, Harold Deegan, Margaret DeLuca, Sal DePetro, Francine Dimino, James Dobson, Nicole Funk, Charlene Grahn, Ron Graziano, Erik Hasenstab, Josephine Heffron, Patrick Anthony Heffron, Thomas Hicks, Jr., Donald Horne, Sr., Msgr. William Jablonski, Henry Kahn, Shena Kahn, Anne Kerrigan, Maryjane Keveny, George Koehler, Anita Kuntz, Sean Lillis, Dorothy Mai, Ellen McGee, Vinny Meade, Rose Rickey, James O'Rourke, Peter Porzio, Dorothy Proctor, June Quirino, Henry Ravero, Christine Rizzo, Patricia Roccaro, Joseph J. Schiavoni, Anne Marie Schiraldi, Kathy Shaddock, Barbara Sparrow, Laura Terryn, Linda Uher, Rosaline Vazquez, Bunny Vilim, Kevin Zwiebel

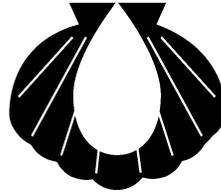
Names of the sick will be listed for **six weeks** for short-term requests and **six months** for long-term.



Rest In Peace

Edward Joseph Boyd

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



Baptism

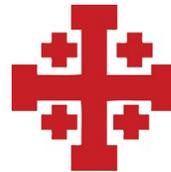
*Nathaniel James Brethel
Chase Roman Angelino*



Upcoming Marriages

*Moeko Takagi
and
Mark Reichenbach - OLL*

***Good Friday Collection
A Pontifical Collection***



Pope Francis has asked our parish to support Christians in the Holy Land.

We are called to join with Catholics around the world to stand in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. This means fervent prayer for those who are persecuted; for those who suffer in poverty or violence and those who are ill. It also includes concrete material support. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become in instrument of peace in a troubled land.

In these challenging times in the Middle East, your support means that our church will conduct parish ministry, provide Catholic education, feed the hungry, build housing for Christians, maintain shrines and operate refugee centers in the Holy Land.

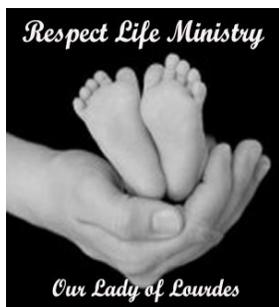
Christians, along with all of the clergy and religious who serve in the Holy Land, will deeply appreciate your prayers and financial help! The political, religious and military challenges in the Holy Land are more complex than ever. The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians.

Our parish will support Christians in the Holy Land through the Good Friday Collection, as requested by Pope Francis. Like Simon of Cyrene, you can help carry the cross under very difficult circumstances in the Holy Land.

PLEASE BE GENEROUS!

For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday.

CHS's Gianna Center and Pregnancy Support Website



Catholic Health Services (CHS) now offers a dedicated, interactive website section for the Gianna Center and its pregnancy support services.

The Gianna Center based at Good Samaritan Hospital Medical Center offers highly specialized restorative reproductive medicine in accordance with Catholic teaching, under the medical direction of Paul Carpentier, MD, CFCMC. Also, assistance is available for anyone with unexpected or crisis pregnancy through a one-call outreach program connecting to community resources. The confidential, dedicated telephone number for this program is **1 (855) 301.4CHS**, supported by the availability of multilingual interpretive

services. Anyone of any faith may call or refer to this support line, including representatives of parishes, colleges and crisis pregnancy centers, to facilitate safe, nonjudgmental companionship for women and couples in a crisis pregnancy.

To speak to someone about pregnancy options immediately between 7:00pm and 7:30am Monday to Friday or on the weekend, please call **1 (800) 712.HELP (4357)**.

SAGE

The SAGE Group (*Senior Advocates for Growth and Enrichment*) will meet on **Tuesday, April 11 in the Parish Center at 9:00am.**

CALLING ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS:

Youth Group will meet **this SUNDAY, April 9 at 4:30pm in the Parish Center.** ALL High School students are invited. Stop by for some fun and friendship!



Donations to 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 631.661.3224, option 4.



Laundry detergent
Personal care products
Soap
Toilet paper
Toothpaste

Good Friday Silent Vigil on Behalf of Unborn Children

THE LONG ISLAND COALITION FOR LIFE is holding a GOOD FRIDAY SILENT VIGIL ON BEHALF OF UNBORN CHILDREN on APRIL 14, 2017, FROM 10:30AM TO NOON, in front of Nassau University Medical Center (2201 Hempstead Tpke., East Meadow). Pro-life women, men and children take part in this peaceful vigil for the protection of life in the womb and against abortions committed at NUMC and throughout Long Island. We stand on the public sidewalk - a reminder that abortion is not healthcare. Signs provided. Information: 631-243-1435; info@prolifeLI.org.

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:

May 12 and June 2

We meet in the Church at 4:30pm on Friday ... and the program lasts about 40 minutes. Come and see what wonderful opportunities we have for your kindergarten children to learn about their faith!

E-mail to register: sdiane@ollchurch.org



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 631.661.3224, option 1, and we would be happy to help you.



In addition to our parish website (ollchurch.org), 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.

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 over 40 years, Our Lady of Lourdes has been sponsoring Boy Scout Troop 179 of West Islip. We meet every **Thursday during the school year** 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.



RCIA – The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

On Sunday, March 5, Alex Mathe participated in the Rite of Election at St. Anne’s R.C. Church in Brentwood with Bishop Barres and all the parishes in Suffolk County in the Diocese of Rockville Centre.

This is a very important step in the journey of the R.C.I.A. It’s a clear sign to the community that he is coming closer to receiving the Sacraments of Initiation and Full Communion with the Church at our Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 15.

On Sundays, March 19, March 26 and April 2, the Third Sunday of Lent and continuing on the Fourth and Fifth Sundays of Lent, at the 11:00am Mass, we will celebrate the “Scrutinies” – times for our Elect Alex to continue to remain “united with Christ and make progress in his efforts to love God more deeply.”

The Church gives us this public and life-giving process DURING LENT so that Alex can be nourished and supported by our parish family. At the same time, we know that when we initiate others, we confront and renew our own identity as members of the Catholic Christian community. *Please continue to pray for Alex as he continues his RCIA journey and for all our RCIA team.*

Religious Education - LENT 2017

**Come and pray this Lent
Sunday, 6:00pm Mass**

All 5th, 6th ,7th and 8th graders and their families
Please join the 6:00pm Mass with your grade ...



Palm Sunday

Apr. 9 Grade 8

“Pray” as Holy Week begins

In the spirit of giving during this Lenten Season...please bring a food or “unfood” item for our Parish Outreach Food Pantry.

Holy Trinity Diocesan High School - 50th Anniversary

In celebration of Holy Trinity’s 50th Anniversary, the school will be honoring past Principals, Sisters and three legacy families at this year's Principal's Gala on April 12th. If you would like to find out about sponsorship, e-journal ads or purchasing tickets, please call the Advancement Office at 516-433-7361 or visit our website at holytrinityhs.org

Church Census Information

The process of updating our Parish Data System information is an ongoing process. We ask that you please submit any recent changes -- address, family members, phone numbers, etc. With your help, our parish data information will be more accurate, and receipt of Parish Offering Envelopes and other church information can be distributed more efficiently. Please mail the information to the Parish Office or email to parishoffice@ollchurch.org.



LENTEN CHURCH ENVIRONMENT:

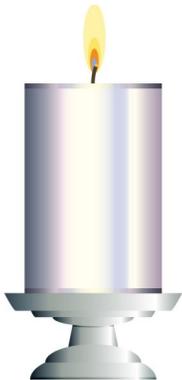
As you may have noticed when you entered church this weekend, we are continuing the custom of covering our crucifix and statues in the church; a practice permitted starting with the Fifth Sunday of Lent. They will remain covered until prior to the Easter Vigil. Since the environment perceived by our senses is an important part of our worship, it is the hope that this custom helps with your entering into and spiritual participation during these last days of Lent, as we approach the Sacred Paschal Triduum and the fifty days of Easter Time.

Attention Ushers

Holiday Ushers are needed for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday at all Masses.

Please note your availability in the "Sign In Room."

Thank you for your service to our Parish family.



Easter Candles

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

This is a beautiful way to remember our living and deceased loved ones. The ***Loving Candles*** will be available after all Masses this weekend and at the Parish Office (Rectory) during the week for a donation of \$10. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at 631-661-3224, ext. 121.



Living Stations of the Cross

presented by the Students of Our Lady of Lourdes School

Friday, April 7, 2017 at 1:00pm in the Church

Annual Easter Egg Hunt **Saturday, April 15**

11:00am - Great Lawn on Hunter Avenue

All children and their Families are invited to our annual Easter Egg Hunt. Please bring your own baskets for the hunt. Come as a family for fun and activities.



The Journey Continues for Our High School Students...

Hello, my name is Joseph Sausa and I go to West Islip High School. As for most of you, your journey with God started at baptism. However, for me, it began much earlier when I was born, to be exact. Now you must be wondering, how is that possible? Well, I was born 1lb 12oz, with a cleft lip and pallet. The doctors were not sure if I was going to make it. At the time of my birth, my dad was in the chapel praying when some woman walked up behind him put her hand on his shoulder and said, "everything will be all right". Not a second later, my dad turned around and no one was there. Later, the priest and my dad had gone up to the hospital room where I was. The priest then made the sign of the cross on my chest with holy water and after that my vitals were normal. Due to that, my family calls me a miracle child.

Ever since I can remember, I have always had a connection with God (talking to my great-grandmother, when I was younger, after she had passed). So, as years past I made my communion and went to religion, and since then I usher at the 6 o'clock mass every Sunday. When 8th grade came around and I started preparing for my confirmation (doing the missions and picking a sponsor), I began to realize that it was my job as a confirmed Catholic to spread the word of God, or as Father Brian says, "Be a soldier of God". Whether you always go to mass every Sunday, prayer is the best work you can do, to understand and spread the word of God. Pope Francis once said, "Find new ways to spread the word of God to every corner of the world". In other words, he explains that no matter the circumstances, there will always be a way to spread the faith and joy of God.

Except there is one flaw, in today's world there are tormentors, and peer pressure, which I hope no one does. Going to mass on Sundays, or talking about God and your faith in not just school but in the world, is not easy today. But, you cannot worry about what anyone thinks of you because you will not be able to say a word in this world if that is so. People like Martin Luther King Jr. did not care about what anyone thought; he just said what he thought was right. Also, in times, many great saints, spread the Catholic faith throughout the entire world. If they can do it, you can do it. Everyone here should go home tonight and pray. Pray for whatever or whomever you want, and think about innovative ways to spread the word of God, maybe not through the world but throughout your community. Thank you, and may God bless you all.

-Joseph Sausa



Diocese of Rockville Centre Golden Wedding Liturgy ***Honoring couples married fifty or more years.***

This spring, couples that have been married fifty years or more will be honored at a special Mass on Sunday, April 30 at the Church of St. James in Seaford. The Mass will begin at 2:30pm. Registration forms and complete instructions can be obtained at the rectory. Registration must be received by the Office of Worship by April 21. If you have any questions you may call 516-678-5800 ext. 207.

Volunteers Needed...

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

We are currently seeking compassionate, dedicated men and women who are willing to volunteer their time and talent in varied service areas, (especially on a morning or afternoon until 4:00pm) in assisting the Pastoral team as a Eucharistic Minister, helping to transport residents in their wheelchairs or to assist with recreational services, filing and other needs in the building. For more information, please contact Sr. Mary Sheppard, CSJ at 631-299-3288. We look forward to hearing from you.

OLL School Spring Plant Sale



TAKING PRE-ORDERS NOW!

Download an order form at OLLSchool.org
or email us at PlantSale@OLLSchool.org

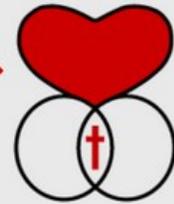


Orders due 4/20. Plants will be available for pick up on:
Saturday, May 13th 4pm - 6pm & Sunday, May 14th 9am - 1pm

Gorgeous Hanging Baskets, Vegetable Plants, Flats and More!

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

Worldwide Marriage Encounter



Attention Married Couples!
Love is in the air this spring!

Give your spouse a

Marriage Encounter Weekend

Rediscover your love and enhance your hopes and dreams!
This weekend, plant a seed and watch your love grow!!!

April 28th to 30th
@ Seminary of the Immaculate Conception
440 W Neck Rd.
Huntington, NY 11743
Space is limited.



For more information about the weekends or to apply call
1-877-697-9963 or visit our web site at <http://www.wwme.org>

2017 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL



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*"We must always walk in the presence
of the Lord, in the light of the Lord..."*

-Pope Francis

Dear Friends:

It has been a great gift for me to have been named your Bishop and I am humbled and filled with gratitude for the support and welcome that you have shared with me. During these initial visits with our parishes, schools and ministries, I have enjoyed being able to meet so many of you and I look forward to continuing to connect with, and serve, all of our people in the coming months and years ahead.

What I have repeatedly heard is how much you all love and care for our church; I know that together we will continue to dedicate our lives to Jesus and the mission of the Catholic Church.

It is during this Lenten season that we are especially reminded of Pope Francis' words that, ***"Mercy is the beating heart of the Gospel and the Church's Mission."*** Our local Catholic Ministries Appeal is a wonderful way for each of us to hear and respond to His Holiness' message.

With one donation, the annual Catholic Ministries Appeal allows each of us to help a wide variety of people as it supports our church's efforts in evangelization, liturgy and worship. It enables the continuation and growth of our youth and young adult ministries and cares for our poor and disadvantaged neighbors. It also supports religious education programs and the formation and vocations for our Seminarians and our Deacons.

This Lent, I ask that you join with me in supporting our Mission of Mercy by contributing to the Catholic Ministries Appeal. My own sincere thanks will be joined to the gratitude of more than 600,000 people who will benefit deeply for your kindness and generosity.

Thank you for all that you do and know that I look forward to walking with you on this journey as we work together to help build God's Kingdom in our community and beyond.

I will keep you and your family in my Masses and prayers.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre

***Good Samaritan Hospital offers:
“Powerful Tools for Caregivers” Six Week Workshop***

You will learn to: * Reduce stress * Improve self-confidence * Better communicate your feelings
*Balance your life * Increase your ability to make tough decisions * Locate helpful resources

Dates: Wednesday evenings: April 12, 19, 26, and May 3, 10, 17
Time: 6:00pm - 8:30pm
Location: Administrative Conference Room at Good Samaritan Hospital
Cost: \$25 suggested donation to help defray the cost of “The Caregiver Helpbook”
(not required to attend the class)

Pre-registration is required

For more information or to register, please contact the Pastoral Care Department at 631-376-4103

Molloy College - Spring Open House

Prospective students and their guests are invited to experience all Molloy College has to offer.

Date: Sunday, April 30, 2017
Time: 1:00pm
Location: Molloy College
1000 Hempstead Avenue
Rockville Centre, NY 11571
Contact: 516-323-4000
Website: www.molloy.edu



Catholic Teachers in Public Schools Communion Breakfast

If you are a public school teacher or if a friend or family member is one, this morning is for you and for them. Your witness as an educator, informed by your Catholic values, touches so many young lives.

Sunday, May 7, 2017

11:00 a.m. Mass - Seminary Chapel

12:00 p.m. Brunch and Presentation - Seminary Dining Room

Seminary of the Immaculate Conception | 440 West Neck Road, Huntington, NY 11743

Offering \$10.00

Any questions, contact: Office of Faith Formation, Diocese of Rockville Centre at 516-678-5800

Website: www.drvc-faith.org

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 “**Being Joyful**”

Sharing the Gospel

Many years earlier, God's prophets had written about the Savior. He would heal the blind, He would raise the dead, and He would ride into Jerusalem on a donkey as a gentle king. The people knew Jesus was the Savior they had been waiting for. They treated him like a king.



Mission for the Week



Make your own palm branch to wave for Jesus at home. Cut an oval out of green construction paper. Then make cuts toward the middle, but not all the way through, for leaves.



Puzzle

Help Jesus get to Jerusalem.



Prayer

Dear God,
Help me to
treat You like
my king.



Something to Draw

Draw a picture of yourself waving a branch for Jesus.

