

# Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

455 Hunter Avenue, West Islip, NY 11795

**Msgr. Brian McNamara**, Pastor

**Rev. Gregory Breen**, Associate Pastor

**Rev. Sylvester Chukwumalume**, in Residence

Chaplain, Southside Hospital

**Rev. Freddy Lozano**, in Residence

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

**Sr. Nancy Campkin CSJ**, Director of Religious Ed

**Trish Frodell**, Director of Parish Social Ministry

**Louise Jane Krol**, School Principal

**Sr. Diane Liona CSJ**, Director of Religious Ed

**Debbie Meyer**, Business Manager

**Robin Reynolds Brennan**, Coordinator of

Worship and Choir Director

**Vita Scorcia**, Ministry Spiritual Director



## Parish Office

**Phone: 631.661.3224, 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](mailto:ParishOffice@ollchurch.org)

Fax: 631.661.7143

Website: [www.ollchurch.org](http://www.ollchurch.org)

## Our Lady of Lourdes School

**Phone: 631.587.7200, press 2**

Monday-Friday: 9:00am-3:00pm

E-mail: [lkrol@ollschoool.org](mailto:lkrol@ollschoool.org)

## Religious Education Office

**Phone: 631.661.5440, press 3**

Monday-Friday: 9:00am-Noon,

1:00pm-5:00pm, 7:00pm-9:00pm

E-mail: [ReligiousEd@ollchurch.org](mailto:ReligiousEd@ollchurch.org)

## Parish Outreach Office

**Phone: 631.661.9262, press 4**

Monday-Friday: 9:30am-3:30pm

**SAGE** (*Senior Advocates for Growth and Enrichment*)

**Phone: 631.661.3224, Ext. 122**

E-mail: [Sage@ollchurch.org](mailto: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.

**31st Sunday in Ordinary Time • Sunday, November 5, 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  
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 Scorcia

### Parish Staff

**Patti Anderson**  
Parish Office/Bulletin Editor  
**AnnMarie Buonaspina**  
Director of Youth Choirs  
**Michael Buonaspina**  
Parish Organist  
**Carol Grillo**  
Parish Office  
**Stephanie Hahn**  
Parish Office  
**Nancy Kuchler**  
Parish Office/School Office  
**Rita Spera**  
Religious Education Office  
**Jeanette Yantz**  
School 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 November 5

**Sunday:** Mal 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10/ 1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13/ Mt 23:1-12  
**Monday:** Rom 11:29-36/ Lk 14:12-14  
**Tuesday:** Rom 12:5-16b/ Lk 14:15-24  
**Wednesday:** Rom 13:8-10/ Lk 14:25-33  
**Thursday:** Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/ 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/ Jn 2:13-22  
**Friday:** Rom 15:14-21/ Lk 16:1-8  
**Saturday:** Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Lk 16:9-15  
**Next Sunday:** Wis 6:12-16/ 1Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/ Mt 25:1-13

### Financial Summary

#### October 29, 2017

Weekly Collection	\$ 14,998.00
Weekly Budget	- \$ 17,800.00
+/- for the week	\$ (2,802.00)

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

## ANOINTING OF THE SICK

For many of us, our religious education began using the Baltimore Catechism and we memorized the definition of a Sacrament or Sister would make sure we knew the definition. I learned, correct me if the memory of the material I learned when I was 6 or 7 years old is faulty, “a Sacrament is: an outward sign instituted by Christ to give grace” Later, I learned the bishops at the second Vatican Council modified the definition so we all might more readily understand. The Council defined a sacrament as: “A visible sign of an invisible reality.”

We learned there are seven sacraments and rarely does one receive all seven sacraments. In our rite, the Latin rite, priests are unmarried. They cannot usually receive both the Sacrament of Holy Orders, by which they are ordained, and Marriage.

Permanent deacons are married before they receive the sacrament of Holy Orders. A bishop receives the sacrament three times, a priest receives the sacrament two times, and a deacon one time.

A healing sacrament which most of us receive only one time is the Anointing of the Sick, formerly called Extreme Unction, or last anointing. More Catholics are receiving the grace from this sacrament before any last anointing. The sacrament is received before surgery or a planned major medical procedure, or at a Healing Mass.

When I made a pilgrimage to Lourdes, France in 2015 with the Knights of Malta, with other persons from the diocese in need of healing, Bishop Frank Cagiano of Bridgeport CT., formerly of the Brooklyn diocese, administered the sacrament to me in Lourdes. Before surgery in 2005 and in 1979, I also received the sacrament. We encourage all Catholics to receive the sacrament who need healing, at all ages. In Garden City, one of my college-aged altar servers was having a laparoscopic procedure. I administered the sacrament to him. I am happy to say he graduated from Wake Forest University and is now working out of state.

With the frequency of medical procedures where a scope can be used, especially cardiac care for any blockages, many times people diminish the seriousness of the procedure. Cardiac catheterization has become very popular, so please make use of the sacrament which brings grace, or God’s Life, within us.

-Fr. Greg

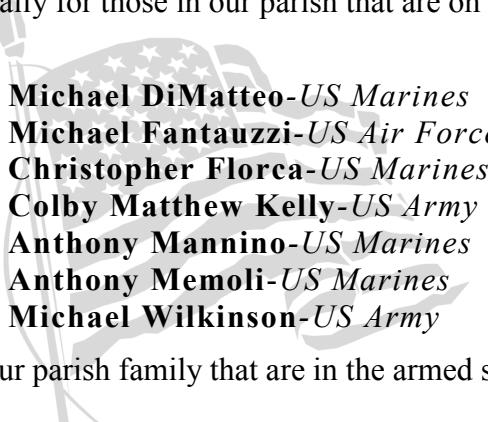


## Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Rosemary Kaste*. 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**  
**Anthony Memoli-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 631-661-3224 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 ...

*Salvatore Albanese, Sandra Anberg, Greg Atwell, Paula Bemenek, Pat Bowers, Ken Colavito, Diane Cullen, Amanda Ditingo, AnneMarie Dolan, Anthony Dolan, Franklin Edwards, Paula Edwards, Ron Graziano, Denis Heffron, Josephine Heffron, Patrick Anthony Heffron, Thomas Hicks, Jr., Msgr. William Jablonski, Henry Kahn, Shena Kahn, Anne Kerrigan, Mary Jane Keveny, George Koehler, Kathleen Kruger, James Leung, George Mangels, Connell McGee, Vinny Meade, Rich Popper, Dorothy Proctor, June Quirino, Michael Randazzo, Christine Rizzo, Joe Roccaro, Joseph J. Schiavoni, AnneMarie Schiraldi, Linda Scoco, Doris Shaddock, Kathy Shaddock, Bernadette Stone, Bruce Uher, Richard Wagner*

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



## Rest In Peace

Viola J. Callanan  
Joseph Rocco Frazzetta

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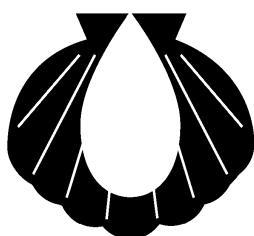
We extend our prayerful sympathy to the families and loved ones of those recently deceased.

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## Upcoming Marriages

Nikolle Vecchione,  
St. Sylvester, Brooklyn and  
Steven Dempsey, OLL



## Baptism

Kevin Christopher Clyde  
Donatella Lily DiForte

## Mass Intentions

### Monday, November 6

8:30am John Lovari

### Tuesday, November 7

8:30am Elizabeth Meditz

### Wednesday, November 8

8:30am John Greco

### Thursday, November 9

*The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica*

8:30am Santa & Frank Quevedo

### Friday, November 10

*St Leo the Great*

8:30am Salvatore Carrano

### Saturday, November 11

*St. Martin of Tours*

8:30am Mike Della Vecchia, Diane Douglas, Natale Grillo, Antonia & Sal Martino, Rose Linton, Joseph Andriano

5:00pm John R. Sureau, Sr.  
*Fr. Greg Breen*

### Sunday, November 12

*32st Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00am Patricia D'Angelo  
*Fr. Greg Breen*

9:30am Bruce Schmid  
*Fr. Greg Breen*

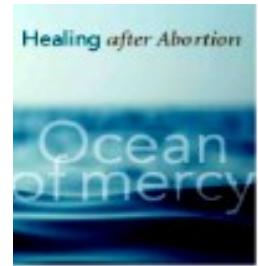
11:00am Patricia Ryan  
*Msgr. Brian McNamara*

12:30pm Robert Ferruggiari  
*Msgr. Brian McNamara*

6:00pm People of the Parish, Annamarie Barichak, Noreen O'Keefe, Josie Petrowski, Pamela Kelly, F. Desmond Horsecroft, John C. McCorvey, Thomas Rush  
*Fr. Greg Breen*

***Healing After Abortion***  
***Diocese of Rockville Centre***  
***Day of Prayer and Healing for Women***

The Day of Prayer and Healing for Women is an opportunity to experience the loving mercy of God in a safe and sacred space. The day is directed by faithful priests who have a sensitivity and a heart for those who suffer.



**Saturday, December 9, 2017 - Long Island Location**

For more information, visit: [respectlife.drvc.org](http://respectlife.drvc.org)

To register, contact: Project Rachel at 1-888-456-4673

or e-mail: [projectrachel@drvc.org](mailto:projectrachel@drvc.org)

All reservations and information will remain confidential.

**Pregnant? Need Help?**

***Birthright, Inc.* 24 Hour Helpline 1-800-550-4900**

Islip: 631-277-3888 - Hampton Bays: 631-728-8900 - Rocky Point: 631-821-9727  
Southold: 631-876-5138 - Wantagh 516-785-4070



***Book of the Names of the Deceased***

Beginning November 2, and continuing throughout the month of November, a special book will be placed in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, inscribed with the names of all who have died in our Parish Family over the past year.

In prayer, let us remember all of these men and women who have gone before us, "marked with the sign of faith." May our united prayers help us to better understand and appreciate our faith in Christ, our risen Lord, who conquers sin and death and brings new life to all!

**Rosary Christian Mothers**

The Rosary Christian Mothers meet on the first Monday evening of each month. The next meeting will be on **Monday, November 6<sup>th</sup>**. We will begin with Rosary at 7:45pm, followed by our business meeting at 8:00pm in the Parish Center.

**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.



Cereal  
Cookies  
Crackers  
Juice  
Peanut butter / jelly



## Veterans Day Observance

The Parish Office will be **closed on Saturday, November 11 in observance of Veterans Day**. The Parish Office will re-open at 9:00am on Sunday, November 12.

## Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Next week, we will take up the Collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development which includes Home Missions (CCHD). CCHD was founded 40 years ago by the bishops of the United States when they realized that the lives of those in need would not improve until the systems and policies that keep people in poverty were changed. For 40 years, CCHD has funded community groups that seek justice and create lasting change. **Fight poverty in America. Defend human dignity.**

**Give to the CCHD Collection.**



## 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](mailto:RCIA@ollchurch.org) or call the Parish Office at 631-661-3224, option 1, and we would be happy to help you.

## 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](mailto:parishoffice@ollchurch.org).

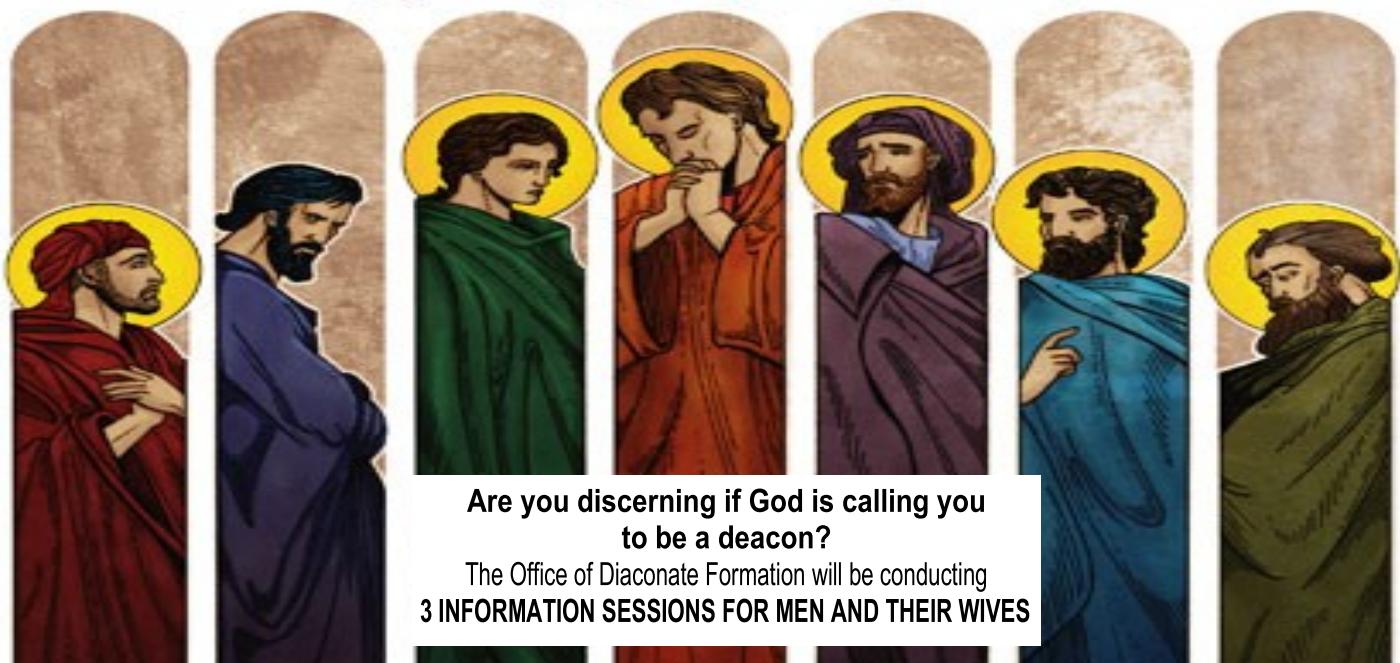
## **Confirmation 2017**

On Wednesday, November 8, Bishop Robert Brennan, Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Rockville Centre 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. The last "Spirit Night" will be Sunday, November 5 at the 6:00pm Mass with our Parish family. 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.

*...seven men of good repute full of the Spirit and of wisdom...*



**Are you discerning if God is calling you  
to be a deacon?**

The Office of Diaconate Formation will be conducting  
**3 INFORMATION SESSIONS FOR MEN AND THEIR WIVES**

If you and your wife would like to attend one of the meetings  
**CALL 631-423-0483 Ext. 179**  
**or E-MAIL [diaconateformation@drvc.org](mailto:diaconateformation@drvc.org)**

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

**7:00 pm—WEDNESDAY—November 8**

**7:00 pm—THURSDAY—November 9**

**7:00 pm—SUNDAY—November 12**

**Parthenas    Nicolas    Philip    Stephen    Timon    Nicanor    Procorus**

## **Gifts From Bethlehem Olivewood Carvings**

Handcrafted Olivewood gifts will be available for purchase after all Masses this weekend. Stop by and see a wide selection of uniquely crafted items made from the olive trees of the Holy Land. Each piece, handcrafted by local artisans, is representative of an indigenous form of art that has evolved as a cultural tradition of Christians in the Holy Land, and is a major source of income in the Bethlehem area. More than 65% of the income of the community in Bethlehem comes from this work. Your purchase this weekend provides vital support for a Christian tradition, as well as protection of this very important culture and tradition.

Nina Ghanem - *Gifts From Bethlehem*

## ***Thanksgiving at OLL***

It's November..... and Thanksgiving is fast approaching.

Once again, we ask our generous parish family and friends to help those less fortunate by making a donation to Outreach. We would like to suggest that when you are shopping for your Thanksgiving dinner, you buy a duplicate item for one of our families in need and bring it to Parish Outreach for distribution. Any donations of Thanksgiving food, including turkeys or hams would be gratefully accepted. If your budget has room to donate a complete dinner, we are working with families of 2-8 members.

We'll be in the Parish Center on Sunday, November 19th, from 1:00pm to 3:00pm to accept donations. We ask that all donations be brought to Outreach by Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you for your help.



## ***Help Wanted***

Each year a group of volunteers organizes the Victorian Tea fundraiser to benefit Parish Outreach. It is always a fun day for the women of the parish and a wonderful day for Outreach. We are looking for help for the 2018 Victorian Tea. We need help now planning and organizing as well as help the day of the Tea.

If this is something you'd like to be involved with, please contact Parish Outreach at 661-3224 ext. 114. We'd also appreciate donations of pastel colored tissue paper, wide ribbon, solid pastel gift bags and new, unused household and home décor items to be used as prizes. Thanks for all your help!

## ***Our Lady of Lourdes Youth Group - OLLY Calling all High School Students - Grades 9-12***

Mark your calendar and join us on the following dates:

Friday, November 10th, 2017, Fridays, December 1st and 10th, 2017,  
Fridays, January 12th and 26th, 2018

7:00-9:00pm in the Parish Center - Food, Fellowship and FUN! Bring a Friend!!!

*Any questions, please call or text:*

Stephanie Hahn: 631-617-8212   Emily Brierly: 631-813-9457  
Fr. Greg: 631-661-3224 ext.121





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), from September through June, 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 631-586-8528.

## 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](mailto:WIBSATroop179@outlook.com)

## Anxiety Disorder Sufferers

A **Recovery Group** for those suffering from **Anxiety Disorder** meets on Tuesdays from 2:00pm-4:00pm in the Spiritual Life Center (in Convent building). The Group is led by a trained and certified Anxiety Disorder Group Leader.

*For more information, please call Michael at 631-968-9154.*

## 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.

# 2017 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

*One Faith, Family and Community*



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

- Pope Francis

The Catholic Ministries Appeal enables us to serve more than 600,000 people in our community each year.

***By joining together and sharing our gifts, we help to:***

- Feed and clothe the needy
- Comfort the sick and dying
- Protect the dignity of all life
- Teach our children about our Faith through religious education programs
- Educate seminarians on their path to becoming priests
- Support outreach programs at the Parish level
- Bring our Faith to young people through youth, young adult and campus ministry programs

Please prayerfully consider making a donation to the Appeal through the Catholic Ministries Appeal envelope. Self-mailer brochures with envelopes are provided in the back of the church.

**Join us as One Faith, Family and Community!  
Thank You!**

[www.CatholicMinistriesAppeal.org](http://www.CatholicMinistriesAppeal.org)



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## OLL PUMPKIN PATCH



*Mrs. Fran Sullivan's Early Childhood Spanish classes enjoyed a special visit from **Dora the Explorer** on Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>. We sang some special Halloween songs in Spanish. Dora joined us dancing the Macarena and a few other children's favorites. It was a great afternoon of fun and learning!*



# OLL School 2017 Christmas Wreath Sale Order Form

All items are fresh, superior quality evergreens and plants from Hicks Nursery. Each wreath, grave pillow and grave blanket is hand-decorated by experienced OLL volunteers.

Please submit your completed order form and check made payable to: *Our Lady of Lourdes School*  
**NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 8, 2017**

Family Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

## BALSAM WREATHS Double-face 24" - \$34 each

Our hand-decorated evergreen wreath styles this year are:

Rustic Joy      Quantity \_\_\_\_\_  
Wintry Snowman      Quantity \_\_\_\_\_

Gingerbread Fancy      Quantity (Unlit) \_\_\_\_\_

\* Quantity (Lit) \_\_\_\_\_ (\$42 each)

\*Make your Gingerbread Fancy Wreath twinkly with the addition of colored lights for an extra \$8

Buyers' Choice\*\*      Quantity \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*Buyers' Choice - Pre-order Purchase your Wreath, come on pick-up-day and personally make your choice from a large selection! You will find traditional tartan plaids, contemporary blues, glittery metallics, burgundy velvets, festive reds/greens and rustic/natural styles, to name a few. First come, first served.

## BALSAM GRAVE PILLOWS 24"x 36" - \$44 each

Grave Pillows \*\*\*      Quantity \_\_\_\_\_

## BALSAM GRAVE BLANKETS 24"x 45" - \$54 each

Grave Blankets \*\*\*      Quantity \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*Buyers' Choice - Pre-order Purchase your Grave Pillow(s) and Blanket(s) and personally choose your gorgeous, hand-decorated evergreen(s) from a large selection available! First come, first served.

## Poinsettias 6" - \$12 each

Red      Quantity \_\_\_\_\_      White      Quantity \_\_\_\_\_

Beautiful, robust poinsettias with foil covers - ready to gift!

**TOTAL \$ ENCLOSED FOR ORDER** \_\_\_\_\_

**PICK UP HOURS: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26 FROM 10:30am TO 1:30pm AT THE RECTORY GARAGE  
(parking lot behind Rectory).**

**Sample photos** can be found at [ollschoo.org](http://ollschoo.org) and [ollchurch.org](http://ollchurch.org) as well as posted around the school and church.

**Additional wreath styles** will be available for purchase on **November 25-26 and December 2-3** after Masses and at the Rectory garage.

**Credit Cards:** And don't forget, we will take credit cards for additional orders made on the days of the sale.

Questions or Special Requests ?

Please contact Jennifer Bosco / Meghan Beyrouty at [jbosco@ollschoo.org](mailto:jbosco@ollschoo.org) or at 516.361.7192.



## National Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima

The Church of St. Joseph, in Babylon, will be hosting a visit from the National Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima on Sunday November 12th from 9:30am till 2:30pm. Mass will be celebrated at 8:45am, 10:15am, Noon, and a Holy Hour of Prayer at 1:30pm. All are welcome to visit in between liturgies, as well.

## Preparing for Marriage?

Engaged Encounter is an effective Pre-Cana program designed to provide you with the tools for a successful marriage. Couples are given the opportunity to explore many aspects of their relationship through a series of presentations, writings and dialog. There are no group discussions. Our next weekend will be held at the Montfort Spiritual Center in Bay Shore, NY on Jan. 26-28, 2018. For information/registration, please call 631-563-1032 or visit: [www.engagedencounterli.org](http://www.engagedencounterli.org).



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## Worldwide Marriage Encounter The 2018 search is underway for Longest Married Couple in the U.S.

**Do you think you know who they are?**

**Maybe it's your parents... grandparents... that nice couple who live down the street.  
Nominating a couple is easy!**

Just send their names, their wedding date, where they live and your contact information to:

**Bryan & Karen Berland  
530 S. Academy Guthrie, OK 73044  
Email: [bkberland@gmail.com](mailto:bkberland@gmail.com) Special Phone Number: 405-850-4274**

*Nominations accepted until January 10, 2018.*

*Winners will be announced February 2018 to celebrate World Marriage Day.  
Nominate a couple you know today!*

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## Telecare Award of Excellence Luncheon

Telecare, the Television Network of the Diocese of Rockville Centre hosts the Telecare Award of Excellence Luncheon on Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017. Telecare's event will be held at the Garden City Hotel. Reverend Monsignor James C. Vlaun is pleased to announce this year's honorees: Archbishop Bernardito Auza (Religious Leader Award), Charlie Rose (Leader in Broadcast Media), and Lawrence Bossidy (Business Leader Award). Robert and Catherine Grillo will serve as Co-Chairs for the event. Please visit Telecare's website at [www.telecaretv.org](http://www.telecaretv.org). You may also contact Angelica Ayroso at 516-538-8704, ext. 148 or via e-mail at: [aaroso@telecaretv.org](mailto:aaroso@telecaretv.org) for sponsorships, underwriting, journal ads, and in-kind donation information.

***Diocese of Rockville Centre - Office of Multicultural Diversity***

Catholics of African Ancestry - Haitian American Apostolate Ministry present a

## **National Black Catholic History Month Prayer Service**

with **Rev. Mark Bristol**, Associate Pastor - St. Anastasia, Douglaston & the **Sr. Thea Bowman Mass Choir**

*featuring*

**A Tale of Two Nuns: St. Katherine Drexel & Sr. Thea Bowman**

**Friday, Nov. 17, 2017, 7:30pm**

**St. Brigid's Church, 75 Post Avenue, Westbury, NY 11590**



## ***National Vocation Awareness Week - November 5 - 11, 2017***

We ALL have been called, through our baptism to live a life in Christ, filled with Gospel values, to share with one another the Good News of Jesus in our daily life. We might live this vocation as a religious, a priest or deacon. Perhaps we might live it as a mom or a dad, a husband, or a wife. We might live this vocation as a single person. How we understand our call to live these Gospel values in our life is our discernment of our vocation. We are all called to see and understand that gift of our vocation. The majority of us don't see that our life choices are actually vocations. God calls every member of the church by name. Seen in this light, the challenge is not to find out whether you have a vocation, but to identify the vocation you unquestionably have. We are invited to understand how the choices that we have already made in life are an extension and call from our own baptism. What was the giftedness from God that called us to become the mature faith-filled person we are today? And we might ask, "Where do we still need to grow in our Christian life? What is stirring in our hearts, moving us to follow Christ with the gift of our life?"

During this Vocation Awareness Week pay attention to how is God calling you. What difference is the message of the parables, teachings, and words of Jesus making in your life right now? What are the experiences in your life that you and God can look at together and see a deeper meaning that can in turn have an impact for your future?

Did you know that in our country, compared to 50 years ago, there are 20,000 fewer priests and 130,000 fewer religious sisters? At the same time, the Catholic population has continued to grow steadily. During Vocation Awareness week, please pray that young people in today's society will hear and respond to God's call. And do your part to encourage them to also consider the priesthood and religious life as they discern their future.

## ***An Evening for LGBT Men, Women, Family, and Friends***

*All are welcome for prayer, discussion and social.*

**Second Tuesday of Each Month - 7:00pm - 9:00pm**  
**Freewill Offering**

Bishop Molloy Retreat House  
86-45 Edgerton Blvd., Jamaica, NY 11432

For information call: 718-739-1229 or visit: [www.bishopmolloy.org](http://www.bishopmolloy.org)





## Fall Open House

Prospective students and their guests are invited to tour the campus, and learn more about the opportunities Molloy College has to offer. Join us on Sunday, November 12, 2017 at Molloy College located in Rockville Centre, NY For more information, contact: 516-323-4000.



### **Holiday Help for the Bereaved**

**Guest Speaker - Kathleen Maurer Smith, PhD**

**Sponsored by Bereavement / Consolation Ministry - Church of St. Mary, East Islip, NY 11730**

**Tuesday November 14, 2017**

**7:30pm - 9:00pm - Sacred Heart Hall (next to church on Main Street) - Free Will Offering**

Refreshments will be served

Please RSVP by November 10, 2017 at 631-581-4266 ext. 0

### **Huge Christmas Sale - Reasonable Prices**

**November 18-19, 2017**

**9:00am-4:00pm**

**St. Joseph Church Gymnasium**

**39 N. Carll Avenue, Babylon, NY**



“Fr. Joe” of St. Joseph’s Parish in Babylon is selling his Antique Collections of Toys, Sports Memorabilia, McFarlane Figurines, Batman, Superman, Spiderman, Star Wars, Classic Chime Clock, Antique Typewriters, Musical Instruments and many more items. All the proceeds of this sale will go to help his two sisters, back in the Philippines, who are very ill and in need of medical care.

### **St. Joseph's Babylon - Part-time secretary/receptionist**

St. Joseph's in Babylon is looking for an enthusiastic, welcoming and organized part-time assistant to work in the Parish Office on Fridays 9:30am to 3pm, and the 3rd/4th Saturday of the month, 9:30am-1:30pm / 9:30am-6:30pm. Approx. total 37 hours per month. Responsibilities/qualifications include: answering phones, greeting visitors, register new parishioners; information intake/scheduling for baptisms, weddings, funerals; assist priests and deacons when needed; facilitating sick calls; general office responsibilities include copying, light typing, some database entry; basic computer skills needed; experience in Church Office PDS a plus. Qualified, interested candidates are asked to please call Jane at 631-669-0068 x159 or via e-mail at: [stewardship@stjosephsbabylon.org](mailto:stewardship@stjosephsbabylon.org)

### **Religion and Rock**

Tune into “Religion and Rock” with Msgr. Jim Vlaun on Sunday from 7:00am to 8:00am on WBAB 102.3 FM or 95.3 on the East End of Long Island. Listen on Saturdays at 11:00pm on Sirius Radio, Channel 159, the Catholic Channel and at 11:00pm on XM Satellite, Channel 117. Next Sunday’s theme is “Family Life.”

# Sharing the Gospel

Some people think that they know everything there is to be known about God. They think they are better and smarter than other people, too. Watch out if you think you are acting that way! Tell God you're sorry.. Ask God to help you change your attitude, and serve others.



## Mission for the Week



Look up the words "humble" and "proud" in the dictionary. When you remember that everything you have is a gift from God, it is easier to be humble.



Which picture name **begins** with this letter?  
Circle the picture that starts with that sound.

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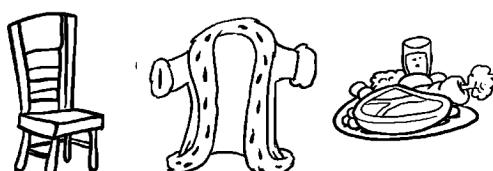
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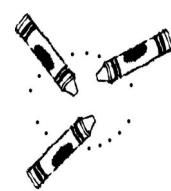


## Prayer

Dear God,  
Help me to  
follow you  
with a humble heart.



## Something to Draw



Draw a picture  
of yourself  
Showing off. Draw another  
picture of yourself helping a  
friend. Circle the picture that  
makes God happy.