

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 • Sunday, March 25, 2018



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
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Sonia DaSilva
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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.

Readings for the Week of March 25

Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/ Is 50:4-7/ Phil 2:6-11/
Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39

Monday: Is 42:1-7/ Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/ Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/ Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/ 1 Cor 11:23-26/ Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13—53:12/ Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9/ Jn 18:1—19:42

Saturday: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/ Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13,
15-18/ Ex 14:15—15:1/ Is 54:5-14/ Is 55:1-11/ Bar 3:9-15,
32—4:4/ Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/ Rom 6:3-11/ Mk 16:1-7

Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/ Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/ Jn 20:1-9 or
Mk 16:1-7

Parish Staff

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Financial Summary

March 18, 2018

Weekly Collection	\$ 17,134.00
Weekly Budget	- \$ 17,800.00
+/- for the week	\$ (666.00)

Easter Flowers \$ 4,735.00

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.

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, MARCH 26th 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

March 26

Mass Renaida Rivera **8:30 AM**

Daily Readings: Is 42:1-7/ Jn 12:1-11

Mass Robert Cunningham & Family **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

March 27

Mass Susan Trifoli **8:30 AM**

Daily Readings: Is 49:1-6/ Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Mass James Teague **12:10 PM**

Wednesday of Holy Week

March 28

Mass Edward Boyd **8:30 AM**

Daily Readings: Is 50:4-9a/ Mt 26:14-25

Mass Elizabeth Homann **12:10 PM**

Holy Thursday

March 29

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

March 30

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 - 9:45 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

March 31

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 - 9:45 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 Novena
Church

9:30 AM Novena
Church

9:30 AM Novena
Cafeteria

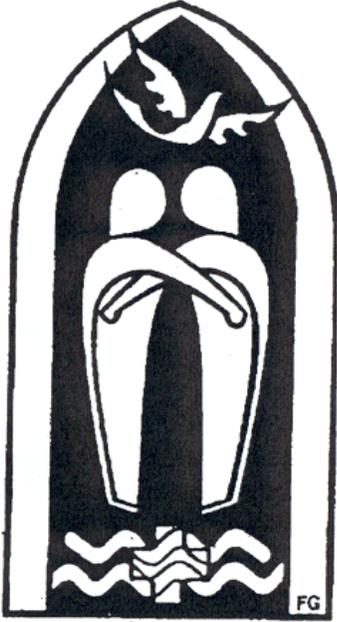
11:00 AM Novena
Church

11:00 AM Novena
Cafeteria

12:30 PM Novena
Church

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 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*
Patrick Harty-*US Coast Guard*
Colby Matthew Kelly-*US Army*
Anthony Mannino-*US Marines*
Anthony Memoli-*US Marines*
Stephen Rolston-*US Army*
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, Fr. Carl J. Arico, Paula Bemenek, Janet Bruckner, Grace Ciccarello, Diane Cullen, Harold Deegan, 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, George Koehler, Marilyn Kolk, Renee Lichtenstein, Sean Lillis, Richard Macher, George Mangels, Eugene McGuire, Una McGrade, Vinny Meade, George Manzolillo, Louise Posanti, Dorothy Proctor, June Quirino, Christine Rizzo, Joseph Roccaro, Louis Saracione, Jr., Joseph J. Schiavoni, Anne Marie Schiraldi, Thomas Schmidt, Arthur Schweit, Linda Scoco, Doris Shaddock, Kathy Shaddock, Brian Shannon, Jenny Sparby, Bernadette Stone, Richard Wagner, Roger Welden, Marie Wilson

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



Rest In Peace

*Sebastian Carnemolla
Robert Ferruggiari
Dulce Miranda*

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

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 an 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.

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 **MARCH 30, 2018** from **10:30am to NOON**, in front of Nassau University Medical Center (2201 Hempstead Tpke., East Meadow; on the public sidewalk). Pro-life women, men and children are invited to 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 as a reminder that abortion is not healthcare. Signs provided (east end of hospital). Information: 631-243-1435 or e-mail: info@prolifeLI.org

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

SAGE

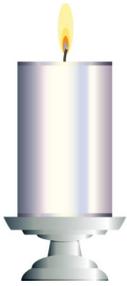
The SAGE Group (*Senior Advocates for Growth and Enrichment*) will meet on **Tuesday, March 27 in the Parish Center at 9:00am.**

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.



Rice-A-Roni
Beans - all kinds
Hamburger Helper
Tomato Sauce
Mixed vegetables



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.

Easter Flower Offering

Easter Flower Offerings received by March 18 will appear in the Easter Sunday bulletin. Flower Offerings received after that date will appear in a subsequent bulletin. It would be helpful if you could clearly **PRINT** the name of your loved one and drop the envelope, along with your donation, in the collection basket.

Golden Wedding Jubilee Liturgy

This Spring, couples that have been married fifty years or more will be honored at a Mass on Sunday, April 29, 2018 at the Church of St. Rose of Lima in Massapequa. Mass will begin at 2:30pm. Registration form and complete instructions can be obtained at the Rectory.

Registration must be received by the Office of Worship by April 13, 2018. If you have any questions, you may call 516-678-5800, extension 504.



RCIA – The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults



On Sunday, Feb. 18, Christina Davis and Stephany Degen participated in the Rite of Election at St. Anne's R.C. Church in Brentwood with Bishop Brennan and all the parishes in Suffolk County in the Diocese of Rockville Centre.

On Sunday, February 25, we celebrated the Call to Continuing Conversion for our baptized candidate Penny Ryan. These were important steps in the journey of the R.C.I.A. It's a clear sign to the community that they are coming closer to receiving the Sacraments of Initiation and Full Communion with the Church at our Easter Vigil, Saturday, March 31.

The Church gives us this public and life-giving process of RCIA DURING LENT so that these good and holy people 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 these women of our RCIA and our RCIA team.

LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES

Tuesday, March 27:

7:30 in the PARISH CENTER

HOPE: A LENTEN VIRTUE

Come join us as Deacons Rich, Tom and Jack lead us in an evening of prayer and reflection.



*“Lent comes providentially to reawaken us, to shake from our lethargy...
The Lord is knocking at the doors of our hearts.
Have we put up a sign on the door saying: ‘Do not disturb’?” ~ Pope Francis*

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.



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.



ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

SATURDAY, MARCH 31

11:00am on The Great Lawn



Come join our parish family in our Easter Egg Hunt. All children and families are welcome to a fun event as we hunt for eggs, play games and taste some goodies. Please bring your own Easter Baskets.

Lighten Up

Experience the power of forgiveness this Easter

RECONCILIATION MONDAY
CHURCHES OPEN FOR CONFESSION
MARCH 26, 3-9 PM

Archdiocese of New York
archny.org

Diocese of Brooklyn
dioceseofbrooklyn.org

Diocese of Rockville Centre
drvc.org



RESTORE OUR CONVENT



As members of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, we are faced with a challenge that we can only overcome together. As you know from the recent mailing, there are urgent maintenance needs at our convent. It is important that each and every member of the Our Lady of Lourdes Parish family participates in this worthy project. It is only by our generosity in making a sacrificial gift that we will be able to accomplish our objectives. **We have established a goal of \$442,000 in order to accomplish our objectives.** While this seems like a large amount, participation by all members of the parish family will make this goal not only attainable, but one that we can surpass. If every family pledges \$400, after a \$40 down payment, your sacrifice would be \$1 a day for one year. We can all do that. If you are able to pledge a higher amount, please do so. We're asking for equal sacrifice, not equal giving.

TOTAL PLEDGE	10% DOWN	QUARTERLY PAYMENTS 4 PAYMENTS	MONTHLY PAYMENTS 12 PAYMENTS
\$5,000	\$500	\$1,125	\$375
\$2,500	\$250	\$563	\$188
\$1,000	\$100	\$225	\$75
\$750	\$75	\$169	\$56
\$400	\$40	\$90	\$30

Suggested Gift Plans

As you make your gift, please remember...

- Pledges and one time donations are welcomed and greatly appreciated.
- Payment reminders will be mailed to you in accordance with your payment plan.
- All contributions are deductible for tax purposes.
- Any questions?
- Call Fr. Brian at 631-661-3224

Please make your check payable to:

Restore Our Convent Campaign

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/ State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Env. #: _____

I/we pledge to the Campaign as follows:

Amount of Pledge/ Donation: \$ _____

Down Payment: \$ _____

Balance: \$ _____

I /we prefer to pay the balance:

Monthly _____ Quarterly _____

*Please send information about paying my pledge by
Credit or Debit card*

Signature

Grab a Bat, have a Ball....Adult OLL Wiffle Ball is back!

Come join us after the 6:00pm Mass on the following Sundays...
4/8, 4/15, 4/22 & 4/29 from 7:00-9:00pm in the All Purpose Room



Great way to meet other parishioners! Teams will be decided each week. No equipment needed. You do not need to attend every week. Limited to 30 parishioners, so sign up quickly!
To sign up, e-mail: tthunter@optonline.net with your name, address, phone number, and if you have played OLL Wiffle Ball before. Put "OLL Wiffle Ball" as the subject.

For questions contact:

Terri Hunter at: 631-838-3572 (cell) or tthunter@optonline.net

Margaret Dixon at: margaretcd@aol.com

Susan Hahn at: 631-877-8736 (cell)

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:

Fridays, April 6 and 20, 2018

Fridays, May 11 and 25, 2018

Fridays, June 8 and 22, 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



Worldwide Marriage Encounter

"Morning after morning he opens my ear that I may hear." As we celebrate Palm Sunday, let us keep our ears open to the love from our spouses and God by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Apr. 27-29, 2018 in Huntington, NY and Nov. 16-18, 2018 in Huntington, NY. For more information, call John & Toni Torio at 877-697-9963 or visit them at <http://www.wwmeli.org>.

Preparing for Marriage?

"Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the LORD looks into the heart." Let our eyes be opened to the love of God in our marriages by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Apr. 27-29, 2018 in Huntington, NY and Nov. 16-18, 2018 in Huntington, NY. For more information, call John & Toni Torio at 877-697-9963 or visit them at: <http://www.wwmeli.org>.





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 15 from 8:00pm until 10:00pm. All are welcome to experience singing, praying and fellowship. Please note: For the balance of the Winter months, meetings will be held in the Parish Center from 3:00-4:00pm. (No meeting on Mar. 30) Evening schedule resumes on May 11.

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

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.

ARISE - Hope is the Anthem of My Soul

presented by

Fr. Francis Pizzarelli, SMM, DSCW and Sister Pat Duffy, Op, PhD

We come together to renew our souls and uplift our spirits as we remember Jesus calling us by name. We celebrate that we are more than what divides us. We are Easter People!

April 7, 2018 1:00pm – 4:15pm Concludes with Liturgy of the Eucharist

St. James the Apostle Parish Center

429 Rte. 25A Setauket, NY 11733

Suggested donation - \$10 per person Light refreshments served

To register, please make checks payable to: Renewal Resources, PO Box 155 Moriches, NY 11955 and include your name, e-mail address, phone number, number of people in your party, and total amount paid.

Any questions, please e-mail: sisterpatduffy@gmail.com

Divorced & Beyond Catholic Support Group Meetings

A 10 week program for Catholics having difficulty navigating the unsettling waters of divorce and beyond.

Christ the King Parish - Fr. Hein Conference Room (Parish Center)

Thursdays from 7:00pm-9:30pm - April 5th through June 7th (must attend all 10 sessions)

No cost for the program, all materials provided, class size limited to 12, light refreshments provided..

To register, call 631-864-1623 and leave your name and phone number. Deacon Lou will call back to confirm your registration and answer any questions.

100 Year Anniversary

St. Agnes Cathedral Elementary School is celebrating 100 years on **May 19, 2018!**

We are looking for alumni, former teachers, parents, and grandparents. Please use the link below so we can share information regarding the events that are planned.

stagnes-school.org/alumni/alumnilistsign_up



Bereavement Support Group

St. Mary's Parish in East Islip is offering a free 8 week support group for adults who are struggling to cope with the death of a loved one. Registration is required for this group, which begins on **Wednesday, May 9th from 7:00-9:00 pm**. The group will run for 8 consecutive weeks through **June 27th**. Refreshments will be served. For information and/or registration, please call the rectory at 631-581-4266, ext.100. Please note the groups are open to people of all faith denominations. In order to participate in this group, the death must have occurred prior to **February 21, 2018**.

Dominican Commercial H.S., Jamaica, NY

Graduates are welcomed to join us on **April 22, 2018** in a DC Tribute. The building is being sold and we are gathering to enjoy one last day of memories and to thank the Dominican Sisters.

Please contact: cathleenquinn@optonline.net for more details, or call 516-457-6923. Kindly RSVP if you are planning on attending. Doors will be open 11:00am - 2:00pm.

PASTA DINNER/CHINESE AUCTION

Dinner and auction benefits the Life Center of Long Island

Sunday, April 29, 2018 from 1:00pm to 5:00pm

Fr. Patrick Shanahan Hall at Our Lady of Grace Parish – 666 Albin Ave., West Babylon, NY

Tickets: \$15 per person includes dinner, beer & wine, soda Children Under 5: \$7.50

Basket Raffles, Sweepstakes, 50/50 tickets sold separately

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus 8th District

For info call: Philip (Dinner) (631) 766-3388

Cindy (Auction) (516) 798-8746

*****VENDORS WANTED*****

with Crafts and Attic Treasures

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL 2018

Westminster United Presbyterian Church

109 Udall Road, West Islip, NY 11795

June 2, 2018 10:00am - 4:00pm

Rain Date: JUNE 3, 2018 1:00pm - 6:00pm

For information/application to become a vendor visit our website: WWW.WESTMINSTERUPC.ORG

or call Pat at 631-661-9047

VENDOR CONTACT INFO:

Contact: Pat Rich Liaison for Strawberry Festival

Phone: 631-661-9047 Email: cowseven@aol.com

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 "Triumph."

Sharing the Gospel

Your mom tells you, "Grandma should be here any minute." You watch out your window for her little red car to come down your street. After she parks her car, you run out to meet her. You are so happy she came to visit! The people in today's Gospel were waiting for a king to come. This king would ride into Jerusalem, not in a little red car, but on a donkey. When the people saw Jesus riding on a donkey, they knew that He was the king that they were waiting for. They ran out to meet Him and waved palm branches in the air. They were so happy He came.



Mission for the Week



Invite your Grandma over to visit. Ask her to read John 12:12-16 to you.

Puzzle

Find 10 things that are different.



Prayer

Dear God,
I am so happy
you sent Jesus
to be my King.



Something to Draw

Draw a picture of Jesus riding on a donkey. Draw yourself riding next to Jesus, waving a palm branch.

