

# 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  
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**Rev. Freddy Lozano**, in Residence

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**Deacon Rich Maher**, **Deacon Jack Meehan**,  
**Deacon John Teufel**

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

**Phone: 631.661.3224, press 1**  
Monday-Thursday: 9:00am-7:30pm  
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## Our Lady of Lourdes School

**Phone: 631.587.7200, press 2**  
Monday-Friday: 9:00am-3:00pm  
E-mail: [principal@ollschool.org](mailto:principal@ollschool.org)

## Religious Education Office

**Phone: 631.661.5440, press 3**  
Monday-Friday: 9:00am-Noon,  
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## Parish Outreach Office

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

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

**Phone: 631.661.3224, Ext. 122**  
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## Liturgical Schedule

### Daily Mass

8:30am

### Weekend Masses

Saturday: 5:00pm

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

### Reconciliation/Confession

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

### Rosary

Daily at 8:00am

### Miraculous Medal Novena

Monday at 8:00am

## Sacraments

### Anointing of the Sick

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

### Baptism

Please contact the Parish Office to schedule an appointment.

### Marriage

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

### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

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

*Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time • Sunday, September 2, 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  
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 Scorgia

## 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 September 2

**Sunday:** Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/ Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/ Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23  
**Monday:** 1 Cor 2:1-5/ Lk 4:16-30  
**Tuesday:** 1 Cor 2:10b-16/ Lk 4:31-37  
**Wednesday:** 1 Cor 3:1-9/ Lk 4:38-44  
**Thursday:** 1 Cor 3:18-23/ Lk 5:1-11  
**Friday:** 1 Cor 4: 1-5/ Lk 5:33-39  
**Saturday:** Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/ Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23  
**Next Sunday:** Is 35:4-7a/ Jas 2:1-5/ Mk 7:31-37

## 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

## Financial Summary

### August 26, 2018

Weekly Collection	\$ 13,217.00
Weekly Budget	- \$ 17,800.00
+/- for the week	\$ (4,583.00)

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

## Truth, Courage and Empathy

Growing up, my father taught me some invaluable lessons. The first and most important was passing his faith onto me and my three siblings. Closely related to this were three words that he also referred to and tried to live by. They are truth, courage and empathy. My father encouraged us to always tell the truth no matter what the consequences. In the long run, it set us free. In order to tell the truth, we must have the courage to do so. Sometimes it is not easy since in the short term there may be consequences, some of which may not be pleasant. Finally, empathy was in my father's daily vocabulary. He always encouraged his children, and later in life his employees, the importance of "putting yourself in the shoes of the other person". Another way he would describe it is only do to others what you would want them to do to you. It seems to me that the three "words to live by" are closely related to our faith, the gospel and to the life that Jesus lived and expects for us to follow.

In light of the latest round of the sexual abuse crises, I could not avoid being reminded of our gospel this weekend about the confrontation between Christ and the Pharisees. Christ tells them they have substituted their own law for the law of God, with the result that their worship of God has become mere lip service. Living in conformity to God's law frees us to choose good over evil. In doing so, we live the word which Jesus has become. So where, when and how did we go wrong?

Although it is a natural tendency to not want to hear about the sexual abuse crisis any longer, the reality is that it exists and the revelations and stories will not go away until we all have the courage to face the truth for the benefit of the victims. Let us never lose sight that the victims are and should remain at the very heart of our discussion. Bishop Barron, a brilliant theologian and the auxiliary bishop of Los Angeles since 2015, has posted an interview in light of the recent Pennsylvania grand jury report, the Cardinal McCarrick revelations and the Archbishop Vilano's letter. (Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ncMEXr60AeI>) Since many may not have had an opportunity to read or hear Bishop Barron's assessment of the situation, I would like to share some of his thoughts.

Bishop Barron first starts off by sharing his initial reaction upon learning of the PA grand jury report. He calls them shocking, depressing, stomach turning with a demonic element. He was left with a feeling of dismay after learning of the account and the details. He was specifically horrified of the corruption and criminal activities, the sexual assault and abuse of power, that occurred at such high levels of the church. Bishop Barron adds that the severity of the problem is the worst in the American history of the church. I think it is safe to assume that many of us have had the same or similar reactions. Bishop Barron urges us not to play word games in order to avoid what happened, who it happened by and to, and the lives that were shattered because of it. The criminal sexual assault and violence shattered and destroyed lives.

So how did it occur? It occurred in multiple ways. They include, but are not limited to: clericalism (abuse of power), infidelity (lack of faithfulness to vows that were taken) and homosexual activity (since 80% involved male on male). This however does not mean that all homosexuals are criminal and violent. Instead it is simply stating the facts for what they are.

The effects on the Church, the body of Christ, are severe. It undermines the three things that are most important to our faith which are to worship God, to save the poor and to evangelize. Some have left the church or are reluctant to come because they feel dismayed, abandoned and lied to. Billions of dollars have been spent in investigations and compensating victims which could otherwise have been spent on feeding the poor. And our ability to attract new members to the church or to bring back members who have felt alienated is effected.

Thankfully, Bishop Barron offers hope. He sees the holiness of most of our beloved priests, bishops, cardinals and the Pope. As Bishop Barron states, "getting rid of all the Bishops is simply an emotional reaction. Justice is not served by more injustice". Instead, Bishop Barron urges the faithful to do three things which include prayer, to recommit ourselves to Christ by turning to Christ, the Mass and the Gospel. The other alternative, to hide and run away, does not serve us well. We have a right and obligation, by virtue of our baptism, to act "in a kingly manner", which means to speak up and act.

In speaking of the practical steps for the hierarchy to take, Bishop Barron is in full agreement with the rest of the USCCB (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops) which is to ask the Vatican to sponsor a lay led investigation (with expert forensic investigators), to determine what happened, how it happened and who was involved. This should include full access to people and documents in order to get to the truth. This is necessary for the Church so it can rebuild and also for the benefit of the victims and their families.

Last week we heard Simon Peter say to Jesus in response to Him asking the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" Peter replies, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life". Jesus is the way, the truth and the life. There is no other way.

## Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Pat Wissing*. 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, Paula Bemenek, Janet Bruckner, Evelyn Clarke, Richard Clarke, Diane Cullen, Margaret DeLuca, Amanda Ditingo, Thomas Doty, Franklin Edwards, Paula Edwards, Gianna Fioravanti, Micheline Giacalone, Kathleen Mooney Gordan, David Hannigan, Denis Heffron, Josephine Heffron, Patrick Anthony Heffron, Thomas Hicks, Jr., Irene Hodson, Msgr. William Jablonski, Henry Kahn, Shena Kahn, Margaret Kegel, Anne Kerrigan, Mary Jane Keveny, George Koehler, Marilyn Kolk, Kathleen Kruger, Amy Lillis, Sean Lillis, Bruce Linhart, George Mangels, Lyn Marczyk, Connie McGee, Eugene McGuire, Vinny Meade, John Muldoon, Phyllis Pasciuta, Lawrence Pascone, Connie Polik, Fred Polik, Dorothy Proctor, June Quirino, Michael Randazzo, Joseph Roccaro, Louis Saracione, Jr., Joseph J. Schiavoni, Anne Marie Schiraldi, Natalie Stone, Loretta Walsh, 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**

*David P. Fitzgerald  
William Parmentier  
Patricia Parquey-Eidenback  
George William Wesley*

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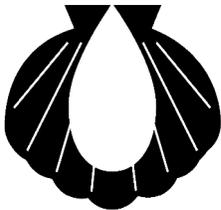
*We extend our prayerful  
sympathy to the families  
and loved ones of those  
recently deceased.*

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## **Upcoming Marriages**

*Stephanie Brust,  
Our Lady of Grace  
and  
Keith Marrene,  
Our Lady of Lourdes*



## **Baptism**

*John Joseph Barnett  
Blake Olivia Scenna  
Sylvana Rose Sciara*

## **Mass Intentions**

### **Monday, September 3**

*St. Gregory the Great*

**8:30am** Deceased Members of the D'Antonio, Genovese & Perri Families

### **Tuesday, September 4**

**8:30am** James & Delia Langan

### **Wednesday, September 5**

*St. Theresa of Calcutta*

**8:30am** Rose DiMola

### **Thursday, September 6**

**8:30am** Rose DiMola

### **Friday, September 7**

**8:30am** Santiago Rivera-Guzman

### **Saturday, September 8**

*The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

**8:30am** Richard & Frank Gordon & Family,  
Henry Willenbacher, Eleanor Tassa,  
George Adesso, Elizabeth Crowe, Lena Panzarella

**5:00pm** Joseph, Patricia, Pat & Brian Boylan

### **Sunday, September 9**

*Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**8:00am** Lee Kalinsky

**9:30am** Irene Wargo

**11:00am** Mary Petersen

**12:30pm** Charles F. Wolfrath, Sr. & Charles F. Wolfrath, Jr.

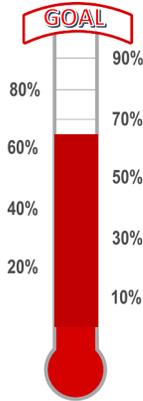
**6:00pm** People of the Parish, Robert Haller, Edward Weir,  
John Albert Barrera, Raymond Conway,  
Susan Murphy



# RESTORE OUR CONVENT

As of August 22, 2018:

**Parish Goal:** \$442,840  
**Percentage attained:** 66%  
**Amount Pledged:** \$291,521  
**Total Paid to Date:** \$195,555  
**Number of Pledges:** 691



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

**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. #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

*I/we pledge to the Campaign as follows:*

Amount of Pledge/ Donation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Down Payment: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Balance: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*I /we prefer to pay the balance:*

Monthly \_\_\_\_\_ Quarterly \_\_\_\_\_

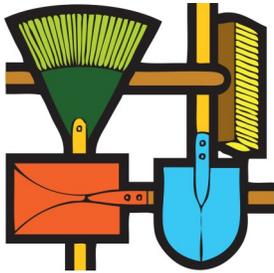
Please send information about paying my pledge by  
Credit or Debit card

Signature

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The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, September 3 in observance of Labor Day.

The Parish Office will reopen on Tuesday, September 4 at 9:00am.



### Parish “Clean-up” Party

On Monday, September 3, we will be having a Parish “Clean-up” Party from 9:00am to 11:00am. Please bring hand clippers, loppers, hand saws, rakes, etc. We need to do some extra cleaning up.

*All are welcome; no experience needed!*

### Family Feast Meeting

There will be a Family Feast Volunteer Meeting on Thursday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in Room 16. Don’t worry if you didn’t make the first meeting... all are welcome!



### Children's Liturgy of the Word

*We'll Be Back Soon!*

Children's Liturgy of the Word will resume on September 9 at the 9:30am Mass.

Children ages 4 yrs. through 4th Grade will go to the Parish Center during Mass to hear the Word of God at an age appropriate level. The children will be able to interact with other children as they learn about God's word and how to live it out. Hospitality will follow in the Fr. Joe Garden. Please join us!



## PEP 1 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM REGISTRATION INFORMATION

If you have a child entering **first grade** in public school, your child should be registered for our “PEP 1” Religious Education Program. This first year program is required for participation in First Eucharist. It introduces the children to a basic understanding of the loving presence of God, the person of Jesus, conscience formation and the importance of community worship.

### INFORMATION MEETING AND REGISTRATION

*Choose one:*

Monday	September 24, 2018	10:30am or 7:30pm
Wednesday	September 26, 2018	10:30am or 7:30pm

**The meeting will take approximately 45 minutes**

**It will be held in the Parish Center (meeting room opposite the playground)**

**Please bring your child’s \*\* Baptismal certificate (a copy is acceptable), and the registration fee (if this is your oldest child) is \$210**

**(\*\* Baptismal Certificate or copy is needed even if child was baptized at OLL)**

**No child will be assigned a room number unless we have a copy of the Baptismal Certificate.**

## The Catholic University of America Collection - September 8-9, 2018

The Catholic University of America is unique among universities in the United States – even among Catholic universities. Established by Pope Leo XIII and the U.S. bishops in 1887, it is the national university of the Catholic Church. In addition to alumni who hail from this diocese, Catholic University claims **one third of the U.S. bishops and 12,000 priests and religious as alumni**. In Washington, D.C., the University provides an education based in the Catholic intellectual tradition to almost 7,000 students through its 12 schools. As always, thank you for your generosity!

### SAGE

The SAGE Group (*Senior Advocates for Growth and Enrichment*) will meet on **Tuesday, September 4 in the Parish Center at 9:00am.**

### Rosary Christian Mothers

The Rosary Christian Mothers meet on the first Monday evening of each month except in September when Labor Day falls on the first Monday. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 4. We will begin with Rosary at 7:45pm in the Church, followed by our business meeting at 8:00pm in the Parish Center.

### Prayer Shawl Ministry

*Bring your prayer and creativity together in a gift of love.*

Join us ... **Wednesday, September 5 at 9:30am in the Parish Center.** All you need to bring is scrap yarn, knitting needles or crochet hooks (patterns and instructions will be given to you) and your gifts of love and prayer.

### Always Our Children

We have been asked ... Who are we? Why do we gather? Are we angry with the Church? We are members of the LGBT community, their friends, parents and families. We are Roman Catholics. No, we aren't angry. We are members of the Church by virtue of our Baptism and we discuss how important our gifts are to the faith community. We share how God has perfectly created us and His presence in our lives. Join us the 1st Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Spiritual Life Center (convent). For more information please call/leave a message at 631-661-4254.



### 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.



Canned Fruit  
Cannellini Beans  
Chick Peas  
Canned Carrots  
Toothpaste

**SHARE THE LIGHT OF JESUS**

## Miracle Feet ... "Kids Walk For Kids Who Can't"



Miracle Feet sponsors teams of doctors who help cure children who were born with Club Feet. Club Foot is a treatable birth defect affecting over one million children. This condition can cause a life of pain, shame and poverty to children around the world unless they are helped.

**These doctors and just \$250.00 can cure this condition and open up a whole new world for these children.**

Please sign up after Mass on Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> to walk as a family or an individual. Have family and friends sponsor you. Your walking can help a child walk, play and have a brighter future.

**Family Walk-A-Thon**  
**Saturday, September 22, 2018 from 11:00am to 1:00pm**  
**Church Parking Lot**

**WALK**

**HAVE FUN**

**HELP CHILDREN**

## Outreach "Back to School" Drive

*Outreach will be collecting school supplies to donate to families in need.*



School Supplies we could use include:

- \* Glue Sticks
- \* Marble Notebooks
- \* Scissors
- \* Crayons
- \* Post-Notes
- \* Supply Boxes
- \* Paper
- \* One, Three and Five Subject Spiral Notebooks
- \* 2 & 3 inch Binders
- \* Pencil Sharpeners
- \* Two Pocket Folders
- \* Soft Pencil Cases
- \* Pink Erasers
- \* Highlighters
- \* Markers
- \* Gift Cards to Payless or Target would also be appreciated.

*Donations can be left in the food baskets at the doors of the Church and, as always, our thanks!*

## 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 ...*

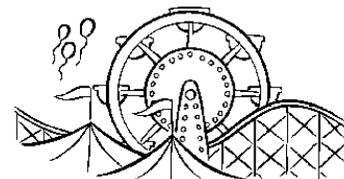
Our email address is [RCIA@ollchurch.org](mailto:RCIA@ollchurch.org) or call the Parish Office at 631-661-3224, option 1, and we would be happy to help you.



# Our Lady of Lourdes Parish



## Italian Family Feast 2018



**September 12-16, 2018**

Opens Wednesday thru Friday at 7:00pm  
Opens Saturday at 6:00pm  
Opens Sunday at 2:00pm  
Vegas Night Gambling on Friday and Saturday

### **Walk With Mary and Feast Mass**

On **Saturday, September 15**, we celebrate our Feast Mass and Walk with Mary with a procession at 4:00pm and Mass at 5:00pm. Please plan to join us in prayer and song as we process through the Feast grounds.

### **Super Raffle**

\$10,000 in prizes. Only 220 tickets to be sold. Each ticket \$100. **Tickets on sale after Mass beginning August 25/26.** Don't wait - these tickets sell out very quickly!  
Super Raffle drawing will be held on Sunday, September 16 at 8:00pm.

### **Television Raffle Tickets**

Also, purchase your raffle tickets to win a Big Screen Television.  
\$5 per raffle ticket - 6 raffle tickets for \$20.

### **Pay-One-Price**

POP bracelets will be available online through a link from the parish website ([ollchurch.org](http://ollchurch.org)) beginning Tuesday, August 21 until the first day of the Feast, Wednesday, September 12 at noon. Cost: Wednesday, and Thursday \$23 for 1 bracelet ~ Friday, Saturday: and Sunday \$30 for 1 bracelet.  
**All bracelets will cost \$30 at the Feast, so purchase your POP bracelets early to take advantage of the discount and/or avoid waiting on line at the Feast!**

### **Volunteers Needed**

Volunteers are always needed and welcomed to support our annual Italian Family Feast.  
*Can you help?* If you're interested or have any questions, please call Deacon Rich Maher at 631-661-5478 or Frank Antonawich at 631-882-0886

## PILGRIMAGE WITH MSGR. JAMES McNAMARA

As many of you may know, there are two “Msgr.” McNamara’s in the diocese. Msgr. Jim McNamara has been the pastor of Our Lady of Grace in West Babylon and Holy Cross Parish in Nesconset. Msgr. McNamara is currently the Spiritual Director at the North American College in Rome. You may have seen Msgr. McNamara on *TELICARE*, especially regarding his series on St. Paul. Msgr. Jim is hosting a pilgrimage in Rome for the upcoming canonizations of Pope Paul VI and Archbishop Oscar Romero. Please see the letter below.

*Dear Friends:*

*I am writing to you from the eternal city of Rome where on October 14, 2018 Our Holy Father, Pope Francis will canonize Blessed Paul VI and Archbishop Oscar Romero in Saint Peter’s Square. 206 Tours, a wonderful pilgrimage group on Long Island, is offering the possibility of coming to Rome for this great event. One of the options they offer is to come for a long weekend while we celebrate Columbus Day in the United States. I will be the spiritual director for this opportunity leaving Thursday, October 11, 2018 and returning Tuesday, October 16. Given the importance of Blessed Pope Paul VI in the development of The Second Vatican Council and the relevance of Archbishop Romero to so many of our wonderful Spanish Catholics on Long Island, it is my hope that you will be part of this pilgrimage community here in Rome.*

*For further information and registration:*

<http://www.pilgrimages.com/frmcnamara/>

*I hope that you can get away for this holiday weekend. In just a few days, you will have memories to last a lifetime. I look forward to spending this time with you as we can explore the great contribution Blessed Paul VI and Archbishop Oscar Romeo have made to our Catholic Faith.*

*May the Lord give you peace.*

*Msgr. James M. McNamara*

## *Gennesaret*

### *A Retreat experience for those facing serious illness*

A retreat especially designed for persons who live with a serious and /or chronic illness is planned for September 21, 22 and 23, 2018 at Montfort Spirituality Center in Bay Shore, NY. This retreat offers a respite, a quiet time, an oasis, to enable one to continue the journey. The retreat focuses on God’s love, faithfulness and forgiveness. **There is no cost to you for this retreat.** Expenses are paid through the generosity of individuals, parishes and church communities who value retreat experiences. To register or to receive more information about this weekend, please call the SAGE office at 631-661-3224 x122 or Colette Fanelli at 631-665-7052. Guaranteed: you’ll be glad you did!



## *Retrouvaille Weekend* *You Can Help Heal Your Marriage*

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse?

Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped thousands of couples worldwide experiencing ALL TYPES of marital difficulties. For confidential information about the Retrouvaille program, or to register for the upcoming weekend that begins on Friday, September 7-9, 2018, please call 1-800-470-2230 and you will be connected directly and confidentially to a couple from Long Island/Metro Retrouvaille who can help.

Location: Immaculate Conception Seminary, 440 West Neck Road, Huntington, NY 11743



In addition to our parish website ([ollchurch.org](http://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.

## 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)

## *Families Anonymous*

Are you at your wit's end? Is someone you love destroying family harmony?

Families Anonymous Can Help! For further information, please call Donna at: 631-589-3790 or visit: [www.familiesanonymous.org](http://www.familiesanonymous.org)

## *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.



## Upcoming Workshops September

**School of Missionary Disciples Sites for 2018-2019** - Numerous days, times and locations  
**Catechetical Congress** - St. John the Baptist DHS, West Islip  
**30th Annual Mass for Deceased Children** - St Agnes Cathedral, Rockville Centre

*For more information and to register, please visit: [www.drvc-faith.org](http://www.drvc-faith.org)*

### **Faith & Football - Sept. 6: "Are You Happy"**

**7:00pm Doors Open - 8:30pm Game Watch and Social - BEER & WINGS PROVIDED - AGES 21-39**  
**Mulcahy's Pub & Concert Hall** - 3232 Railroad Avenue, Wantagh, NY

Hosted by: Young Adult Ministry - Diocese of Rockville Centre

516-678-5800 x 277 Email: [youngadultministry@drvc.org](mailto:youngadultministry@drvc.org) Website: [www.DRVCYA.org](http://www.DRVCYA.org)

## **All Volunteers - VIRTUS TRAINING**

Are you aware that the Diocese of Rockville Centre requires all volunteers (18 years or older) to attend the Virtus class? CYO Coaches, Religious Education, Catechists, Cantors, Ushers, Parish Volunteers (feast workers, mailing team, etc.) are all required to complete the Virtus training course, if they have not yet done so. You **MUST** register online by visiting [www.Virtus.org](http://www.Virtus.org), then click the link for first time registrants. View the list of sessions to find a course, and then complete the registration online. PLEASE NOTE: After completion of VIRTUS training, you will receive a certificate of completion. Please retain your certificate and training completion date for future use.

***The next VIRTUS Training class at OLL will be on Monday, September 10<sup>th</sup>.***  
***If you have already taken the VIRTUS course you need not repeat it.***

## **Rosary Christian Mothers 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**

Come join the Rosary Christian Mothers in celebrating 60 years of service to Our Lady of Lourdes Parish and School. A brunch is being held on Sunday, September 16 at 11:00am at the Marconi Manor in Bay Shore. The cost is \$28.00, and includes a full 4 hour classic brunch.

For reservations, please call Claire 631-669-3178 or Angela 631-669-7275

## **Trash and Treasure Fundraiser**

The Rosary Christian Mothers are sponsoring a Trash and Treasure Fundraiser on Saturday, October 13, 2018 from 10:00am-4:00pm. Proceeds from the event will go to benefit the Sisters of St. Joseph's Convent Renovation. Please save your treasures. You can bring them to the front lawn on the day of the sale, or call Claire at 631-669-3178.



## “Moving On” Group

An ‘After- Bereavement’ Group for Widows and Widowers Presents:  
“Helping Ourselves by Helping Others”

Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm

St. Joseph’s Parish Center

39 North Carll Avenue, Babylon, NY 11702

For further information please call: Geri Olson at 631-661-8994,  
Linda Sparaco at 631-225-9530, or Mike Goodwin at 631-422-0957



## *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)



# CATHOLIC FAITH NETWORK

We are excited to announce that Telecare TV is rebranding itself to the Catholic Faith Network (CFN) effective September 7, 2018. Catholic Faith Network will continue to provide original content, daily Masses and devotions along with reporting on news from the Vatican and nationwide. In addition to a new look, over ten new series will begin airing this fall. A new logo has been created to reflect the mission and values, which is now part of the Catholic Faith Network identity. CFN is available on Cablevision channel 29/137, Time Warner Channel 471 and Verizon FiOS channel 296. You can also view the network on demand and live streaming at [www.CFNtv.org](http://www.CFNtv.org) and on our social media platforms.



## 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 weekends will be held as follows:

Nov. 2-4, 2018 - Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington, NY

Feb.8-10, 2019 - Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington, NY

For information/registration, please call Lenny & Pat Walker at: 631-563-1032  
or visit: [www.engagedencounterli.org](http://www.engagedencounterli.org).



## Worldwide Marriage Encounter

What is in your heart? Share the fullness of your heart with your spouse by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Nov 16-18, 2018 in Huntington, NY and Feb 8-10, 2019 in Huntington, NY. For more information, call John & Toni Torio at 877-697-9963 or visit them at <http://www.wwmeli.org>.



Labor Day is an opportunity to take stock of the ways workers are honored and respected. As Pope Francis pointed out, *"Work is fundamental to the dignity of a person. . . . It gives one the ability to maintain oneself, one's family, to contribute to the growth of one's own nation."*



For many people, especially for the poor, who may be unemployed or underemployed, the struggle to support their families is a daily battle. Please consider supporting the Catholic Ministries Appeal which supports the programs and services that assist families and individuals struggling in our communities.

**PLEASE CONSIDER MAKING A GIFT TO THE 2018 Catholic Ministries Appeal! Every Gift Makes a Difference in the Lives of Others.**

Parish: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

Pledge	\$ _____
Down Payment	\$ _____
Balance	\$ _____

Catholic Ministries Appeal, Diocese of Rockville Centre, P.O. Box 4000, Rockville Centre, New York 11571

**THANK YOU!**

## **Procession Celebrating our Blessed Mother's Birthday**

**Rosary procession beginning at St. Luke's, Brentwood and ending at St. Anne's, Brentwood  
Saturday, September 8, 2018 - Sponsored by the Legion of Mary of St. Anne's Parish**

**10:00am** - Mass at St. Luke's Parish, 266 Wicks Rd., Brentwood.

**11:00am** - Rosary Procession (prayed in 4 languages) leaves St. Luke's, with Police Escort, and proceeds to walk to St. Anne's Parish at 88 Second Ave., Brentwood. Note: Water will be available to participants. Three cars will also be available for those requiring transportation during the procession.

**1:00pm**- Benediction and Consecration to our Blessed Mother (approximate time)

After Benediction, there will be a celebration of Our Lady's birthday with cake and refreshments in the cafeteria. For more information, call: Olga at 631-274-5715; Ron at 631-336-0226; Paul at 631-838-1509; or Hilda at 516-818-3294. Organizations are welcome to bring their banners.

## **Fr. Mychal Judge 911 Walk of Remembrance**

All are invited to join the "Fr. Mychal Judge 911 Walk of Remembrance" on **Sunday, September 9, 2018**. Founded in 2002 by Detective Steven McDonald, it retraces the steps that Fr. Mychal took from his residence on 31<sup>st</sup> Street in NYC to the twin towers where he went to serve as Fire Department Chaplain. The walk starts at St. Francis of Assisi on 31<sup>st</sup> St. & 7<sup>th</sup> Ave., and ends at St. Peter's on Barclay Street in lower Manhattan. The lives of all those lost on that day will be commemorated. The walk begins at 10:30am. Rosary at 9:00am followed by Mass at 9:30am for those who would like to attend. Contact [911walkofremembrance@gmail.com](mailto:911walkofremembrance@gmail.com) or 646-856-WALK.

## **Bereavement Support at St. Mary's**

St. Mary's Parish in East Islip is offering a free 8 week support group for adults who are coping with the death of a loved one. The Bereavement Support Group begins on Wednesday, September 12, 2018 from 7:00pm- 9:00pm. Refreshments will be served. Registration is required. In order to participate in this group, the death must have occurred prior to June 12, 2018. For information and or registration please contact the rectory at 631-581-4266 ext.100.

## **American Legends Dinner Show**

The Bay Shore Knights of Columbus, 1341 Fifth Avenue, Bay Shore, will be hosting a Las Vegas style Legends Dinner Show on September 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. \$50.00 admission includes the show, featuring Cher, Frank Sinatra and Neal Diamond, as well as a hot buffet dinner.

For information, call Jack at 631-666-4939

## **Surprise Bingo - Saturday, September 15, 2018 from 1:00-4:00pm**

Hosted by Shrine of St. Anne's Columbiettes #4757

Knights of Columbus Hall, 96 Second Avenue, Brentwood, NY 11717

\$10.00 donation includes: admission, game card, coffee/tea and dessert

Extra game cards, raffles and 50/50 available for purchase.

For information, call Viviana Garamy at 631-231-1859 or Carol Ercole at 631-291-9167

## **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 "New Beginnings."

# Sharing the Gospel

Wash your hands before you eat! Did you know that rule came from God, so that we would stay healthy? In today's Gospel, the Pharisees liked to wash their hands and follow God's rules, only because they liked to show off. Don't be like those Pharisees. When you follow God's rules, do the right thing out of love for God.



## Mission for the Week



The next time you wash your hands, thank God that He made rules to keep us all safe, healthy and happy.



### Puzzle

Color the areas marked with a dot.



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### Prayer



Dear God,  
 Help me to  
 keep my heart clean,  
 full of love for You  
 and other people.  
 Amen.

### Something to Draw

Draw a picture of yourself cleaning up the dishes after a meal.

