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

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Trish Frodell, Director of Parish Social Ministry
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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
Fax: 631.661.7143
Website: www.ollchurch.org

Our Lady of Lourdes School
Phone: 631.587.7200, press 2
Monday-Friday: 9:00am-3:00pm
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Religious Education Office
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Monday-Friday: 9:00am-Noon,
1:00pm-5:00pm, 7:00pm-9:00pm
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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
E-mail: 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.

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time • Sunday, September 16, 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
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Michael Buonaspina
Parish Organist

Carol Grillo
Parish Office

Stephanie Hahn
Parish Office

Rita Spera
Religious Education 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 September 16

Sunday: Is 50:5-9a/ Jas 2:14-18/ Mk 8:27-35
Monday: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33/ Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/ Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31—13:13/ Lk 7:31-35
Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11/ Lk 7:36-50
Friday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/ Mt 9:9-13
Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/ Lk 8:4-15
Next Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/ Jas 3:16—4:3/ Mk 9:30-37

Financial Summary

September 9, 2018	
Weekly Collection	$ 15,596.00
Weekly Budget	- $ 17,800.00
+/- for the week	$ (2,204.00)
Catholic University	$ 2,978.00

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

Dear Parishioners:

By the time you read this, the Annual Italian Feast should be in the home stretch. I hope you were able to stop and enjoy the Feast.

Now, the school year really begins and with that, Religious Education has begun as well. Religious Education plays a key role in the spiritual formation of our children. We need to practice our faith (especially by going to church on Sundays) and we need to grow in an intellectual understanding of our faith. As one saint once said: "fides quarens intellectus (faith seeking understanding).

However, Religious Education is not only for children. As adults, we need to grow in our faith too. In other areas of our lives (ex. work), we go to classes, learn new skills, etc. We also need to bring that type of mindset to our faith. We need to grow in a deeper adult understanding of the tenets of our Catholic faith.

As you know, we have been encouraging everyone to sign up for *FORMED,* an on-line platform which contains movies, talks, presentations, etc. It also has a nice section for children. Everyone should be signed up for *FORMED*; it is free! And everyone should take advantage of of the various talks and presentations. *FORMED* just did a wonderful presentation of the Eucharist. See below for how to sign up for *FORMED.*

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

In Christ,

Fr. Brian

FORMED® THE CATHOLIC FAITH. ON DEMAND.

FORMED… it's EASY and FREE to Register!
Go to… ollchurch.formed.org (enter this link in the "address bar" of your browser)
Click "Register" and enter your name, email address and "your" desired password.
You're all ready to access the inspiring and engaging content on ***FORMED!***

Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Elizabeth Netska.* 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*
Peter Zaccaria-*US Navy*

… 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, Germaine Bruno, 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, Vinny Meade, John Muldoon, Marge Nangano, Phyllis Pasciuta, Lawrence Pascone, Connie Polik, Fred Polik, Dorothy Proctor, Michael Randazzo, 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.

Upcoming Marriages

***Jillian Schneller**, OLL*
and
***Dillon Archer**, OLL*

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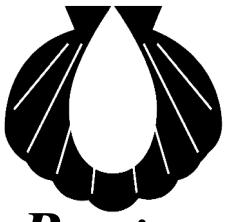
***Lauren Jones**,*
Our Lady of Victory, Floral Park
and
***Ryan Breslin**,*
Mary Queen of Heaven, Brooklyn



Baptism

Makena Elizabeth Leyble
Christian Daniel Martinez

Mass Intentions

Monday, September 17
St. Robert Bellamine
8:30am John McCorvey

Tuesday, September 18
8:30am John Dooley

Wednesday, September 19
St. Januarius
8:30am Donald McCormick

Thursday, September 20
Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Paul Chŏng Ha-sang & Companions
8:30am Anna Manahan & James Manahan

Friday, September 21
St. Matthew
8:30am James Grillo, Sr.

Saturday, September 22
8:30am Rose Rickey, The Pfeiffer Family (Living), Cheryl Watson (Living), Richard Wilkinson, Andrew Wills, Jonathan Benedict

5:00pm Josephine & Joseph Montesanto
Fr. Greg Breen

Sunday, September 23
Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00am Joseph A. Kelly, Jr.
Msgr. Brian McNamara

9:30am Helen Sullivan
Fr. Greg Breen

11:00am Mary & Joseph Rizzo
Msgr. Brian McNamara

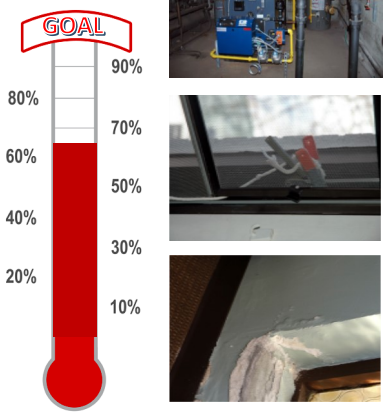
12:30pm Brittany Oskey
Fr. Greg Breen

6:00pm People of the Parish, Dagny Karen Lauckhardt, Sandy Torre, Phyllis A. Watts, Carol Turri, Mary Cadigan
Msgr. Brian McNamara

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

_____

Come and worship with the new Our Lady of Lourdes Youth Orchestra!

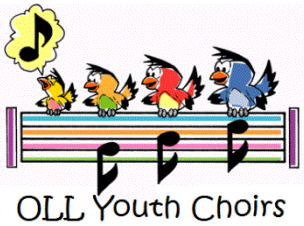
The orchestra will be at the 6:00pm Mass on the following dates:

Sunday, October 21st
Sunday, November 18th
Sunday, December 16th
Tuesday, December 25th

Interested in joining us? Please contact annmarie@ollchurch.org.

Attention All Children and Teens…

You are invited to be part of the Youth Music Ministry at Our Lady of Lourdes



The **Children's Youth Choir** sings every Sunday at the 9:30am Mass
Rehearsal is after Mass each week in the Parish Center

The **Teen Youth Choir** sings at the 6:00pm Mass
Rehearsals will be in the Church weekly at 5:00pm, prior to the 6:00pm Mass

Come join our Music Ministry, as you praise God with music!

For more information, contact Ms. AnnMarie Buonaspina, Director of Youth Music Ministry
annmarie@ollchurch.org

Blood Drive!

Wednesday, October 3, 2018
Our Lady of Lourdes
Parish Center
3:15pm - 9:15pm

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE!!!

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.

Now and at the Hour of Our Death

Catholic Guidance for End-of-Life Decision Making

Illness and aging, coupled with rapid advances in medical technology, can lead to heightened anxiety when health care decisions must be made. Go to www.CatholicEndofLife.org for assistance in navigating the end-of-life challenges that you and/or your loved ones face. Learn about the key principles of Catholic teaching in this area, and how to apply them in the complex world of medical advance directives.

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, September 18 in the Parish Center at 9:00am.**

Men's Prayer Group-*evening*

An evening Men's Prayer Group! It will be held once a month, on the third Tuesday of each month **from 7:30pm until 8:30pm**. The next meeting will be on **Tuesday night, September 18 in the Spiritual Life Center.** Come with your ideas. We'll read and discuss the Liturgy for the following Sunday Mass. For more information, call Clifford Proctor at 631-669-3198.

Men's Prayer Group-*morning*

We invite all men of the parish to meet for prayer and reflection after the 8:30am Mass on **Thursday, September 20 in the Parish Center**. We meet once a month to read and discuss the Scriptures for the following Sunday. Come with your ideas and suggestions. We'll gather for conversation and fellowship. Call Jack Fitzgerald at 631-587-5548 for more information.

Thank You From Outreach

Many thanks to all who donated (including RCIA and Always Our Children) to our "Back to School" drive for school supplies. Your response was overwhelming, and we were able to provide the children of the families who come to Outreach with the supplies that were needed to get off to the best possible start to the school year. Thank you for all you do for Outreach all throughout the year.
Your generosity is truly appreciated!

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
Pancake Mix/Syrup
Canned Beet
Canned Carrots
Canned Chicken
Canned Chili

Our Lady of Lourdes Youth Group - "OLLY"

Calling all High School Students - Grades 9-12
Join us for Food, Fellowship and FUN! Bring a Friend!!!

Kick-off Night - PIZZA PARTY- Friday, September 21st
7:00-9:00pm in the All Purpose Room

Any questions, please call or text:
Stephanie Hahn: 631-617-8212 Emily Brierly: 631-813-9457
Fr. Greg: 631-661-3224 ext.121

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.

Sponsor sheets are available at the Parish Office. Walk as a family or an individual. Have family and friends sponsor you. (Please make any checks payable to: **MIRACLE FEET**.)

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 CHIDREN**

Trash and Treasure Fundraiser

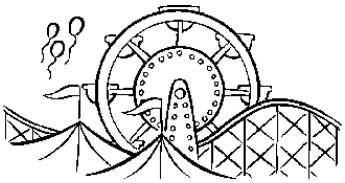
The Rosary Christian Mothers are sponsoring a Trash and Treasure Fundraiser on Saturday, October 13, 2018 from 10:00am-4:00pm. Proceeds from the event will go to benefit the Sisters of St. Joseph's Convent Renovation. Please save your treasures. You can bring them to the front lawn on the day of the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

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

What's it all about?
IF you are an adult *AND*
… you were never Baptized
… you were Baptized in another faith and would like to become a baptized Catholic
… you never received Holy Communion (Eucharist)
… you never received your Confirmation
IF you are an adult *AND* one or more of the circumstances above apply to you …
IF you feel you would like to become a baptized Catholic or become more fully initiated into your Catholic faith …
Our email address is *RCIA@ollchurch.org* or call the Parish Office at 631-661-3224, option 1, and we would be happy to help you.

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, September15**, 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) 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

Remembering and Caring for our Senior Priests

Do you ever think about a favorite Pastor or Parish Priest and wonder how they are and where they may be living?

Well, for our Senior Priests who are living at St. Pius X Enriched Living Facility in Amityville, life is good and sometimes very busy.

"We are very happy that more and more of our Priests are taking advantage of this wonderful facility. We thank you for your support, we depend on it, especially now with the increasing costs we are experiencing. We couldn't do it without you!"

- Rev. Msgr. Thomas Costa,
Vicar for Senior Priests

"Since I arrived at St. Pius X, I have found living here like being at home. I have found much happiness with my fellow priests and in the entire community, and I especially appreciate the support I receive. Thank you for helping to make this home possible."

- Rev. Msgr. T Peter Ryan

Even in retirement our senior priests retain roles as our shepherds, and St. Pius X enables these dedicated men who live there to be fully engaged members of the community. "*Still on duty,*" they serve as our teachers, counselors, and spiritual leaders.

The special collection for retired priests living at St. Pius X Enriched Living Facility will take place next weekend. Please be as generous as possible! Thank You!

www.drvc.org/stpiusx

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 from 3:00pm until 5:00pm. (except the first Friday of the month), from September through June, in Room 16 of the OLL School Bldg. 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

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

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.

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!

Diocese of Rockville Centre Golden Wedding Liturgy

This Fall, couples who have been married fifty years or more will be honored at a liturgy on Sunday, October 21, 2018 at the Church of Christ the King in Commack. The Mass will begin at 2:30pm. Registration forms and complete instructions can be obtained here, at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Office. Registration must be received by October 12th for the October 21st liturgy. If you have any questions, you may call Suzanne Lynn at 516-678-5800 ext. 207.

Catholic High School Open Houses

You are invited to explore the benefits of a Catholic High School Education.
Please feel free to visit our schools during the times and dates listed below.

September, 2018		
Saturday 22	11:00am-1:30pm	Our Lady of Mercy Academy, Syosset
Sunday 29	10:00am-1:00pm	Sacred Heart Academy, Hempstead
Sunday 30	10:00am-1:00pm	St. Anthony's High School, So. Huntington
October, 2018		
Saturday 13	10:00am-1:00pm	Kellenberg Memorial High School, Uniondale
Saturday 13	2:00pm-4:00pm	Chaminade High School, Mineola
Sunday 14	2:00pm-4:30pm	St. Mary's High School, Manhasset
Saturday 20	11:00am-2:00pm	Holy Trinity High School, Hicksville
Sunday 21	10:00am-1:00pm	St. John the Baptist D.H.S., West Islip
Sunday 21	1:00pm-3:30pm	St. Dominic High School, Oyster Bay

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.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. Take time for your marriage 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 https://wwmenyli.org/.

43rd West Islip Country Fair

The 43rd West Islip Country Fair is on September 23, 2018 from 11:00am to 5:00pm on the grounds behind the West Islip Library, located on Higbie land and Montauk Hwy. There will be 300 vendors, food and music. Children will enjoy the Petting Zoo, Pony Rides and Clowns. FREE ADMISSION. NO PETS PLEASE. Raindate: September 30th. Co-sponsored by the Town of Islip. For more information call: 631-533-5403 or email: wicountryfair@gmail.com

Life Center of Long Island Annual Dinner Dance

Friday, September 28 from 6:00pm to 11:00pm.
Woodbury Country Club 884 Jericho Turnpike, Woodbury, New York 11797

Please join us for the Life Center of Long Island Annual Dinner Dance, featuring Guest Speaker Matt Walsh and Distinguished Honorees the Knights of Columbus Councils of the 8th NY District and the Parish of St. Rose of Lima. Tickets are $150 each ($95 for students).
In addition to attending, you can also participate in our Annual Dinner Dance Sweepstakes. Remember: You need not be present to take part! Reservation and Sweepstake forms are available at: www.lifecenterli.org
For more information, please contact Cindy at 516-798-8746.

Learning from Saint Teresa of Calcutta

This month, we celebrated the feast day of Saint Teresa of Calcutta. She was such an influential woman who touched the lives of so many people… and continues to do so even now! She reminds us that we are all called to be the ***Hands of Christ's Mercy*** in our communities today.

We need not be in the streets of Calcutta to do good for our brothers and sisters in Christ. We can help our community here on Long Island through the **2018 Catholic Ministries Appeal**.

Your gift to the Catholic Ministries Appeal will help more than 600,000 of our sisters and brothers receive support and assistance from the funds shared through the CMA each year. It is rare that just one person or one parish could touch this many lives. The CMA brings us beyond the individual, the group and the parish and unites us as one Church of Long Island.

Saint Teresa of Calcutta, pray for us!

The Catholic Ministries Appeal is Stewardship in Action!

To make a donation, you can also visit **https://www.drvc.org/CMA**
or call us at **516-678-5800 ext. 296.**

Thank You!

Make checks payable to:

Catholic Ministries Appeal

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Babylon Chorale Auditions

The Babylon Chorale will hold auditions for all voice parts one night only, Monday, September 17th at St. John the Baptist H.S., Montauk Hwy., West Islip. Join us for rehearsal from7:30-9:45pm; auditions will take place at 8:45pm. For further information, call 631-585-3111 or 516-221-3211, visit: www.babylonchorale.org or email: thebabylonchorale@gmail.com

Bereavement Support Group for Widows and Widowers

8 Week Program for Age 50 and Over
Starting Friday, September 21st from 7:00pm – 9:00pm
St. Joseph Parish Center - 39 N. Carll Avenue, Babylon ,NY 11702

For more information and registration, please call:
Terry Hoffmann 631-669-0198 or Geri Olson 631-661-8994

"Desert Bread Lecture Series" - A Journey through the Great Arts of Catholicism

Join the Friends of the Seminary for a workshop series presented by Professor Annabelle Moseley. Each session nourishes faith through presentations on the classic Catholic Arts (Visual Arts, Music, Literature). Lecture concludes with a delicious shared meal, so we may break bread in community of faith. Bring optional canned good to donate to local pantry to feed others. In an all-too-hectic and secular world, it can be a desert out there! "Desert Bread" offers the sustenance of following Pope Saint John Paul II's call to "make your life a masterpiece," as we discover through the Catholic arts how our lives can be transformed into works of art, too. Sundays from 2 to 4:30 pm; September 23, 30, October 14, December 2; $25 per session/$90 for all four in advance. Reservations required: Seminary Development Office, (631) 423-0483 x 102; bmalone@icseminary.edu.

Candlelight Vigil for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

Catholic Life International will be hosting the first ever "Candlelight Vigil Fundraiser" in support of "St. Jude Children's Research Hospital" on October 7th, 2018 from 5:00pm to 9:00pm at the Babylon Village Track. Everyone is welcome to join us.
For more information please call.: 631-897-8179.

Annual Dominican Gala Honors Al Roker and S. Ave Clark

The Sisters of St. Dominic of Amityville, NY will host their Annual Dominican Gala on November 2, 2018. Please join us for cocktails, dinner & dancing at The Crest Hollow Country Club in Woodbury, NY. This year the Congregation is proud to honor Al Roker, NBC's Meteorologist, and S. Ave Clark, author and founder of the Heart to Heart Ministry in Bayside, NY.
Proceeds from the Gala support the ministries of the Sisters of St. Dominic. For more information about tickets, or how you can support the event, please contact The Office of Advancement at 631-842-6000 ext. 241 or advancement@amityop.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 "**Autumn Changes**."

Sharing the Gospel

Jesus was the king, the Messiah that God's people had been waiting for. In today's Gospel reading, the disciples were confused. If Jesus was the king, why was He saying He would die soon? Jesus' friends did not understand yet that, by dying on the cross, Jesus would save them from their sins.

Mission for the Week

With your family, talk about what you would enjoy if you were a king or queen. Tell how Jesus was different from other kings.

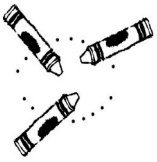
Puzzle

Draw the disciple's face!

Prayer

Dear God, thank you for coming to save me from my sins.

Something to Draw



Draw a picture of Jesus carrying His cross.