

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

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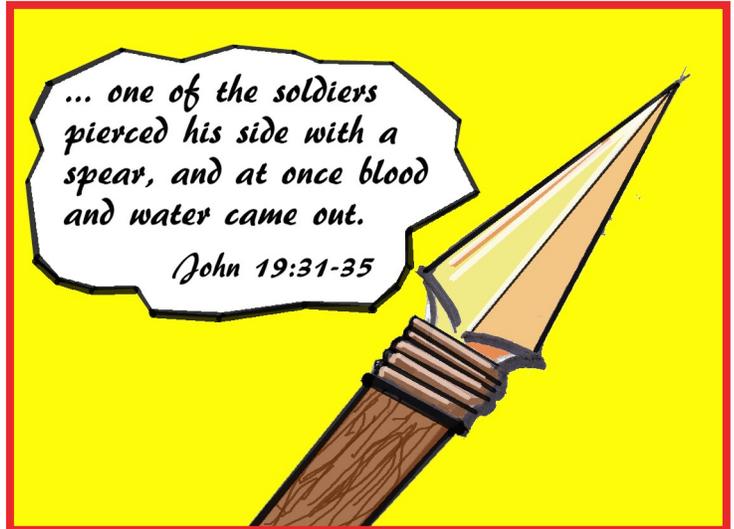
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Liturgical Schedule

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, April 14, 2019



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

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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 April 14

Sunday: Lk 19:28-40/ Is 50:4-7/ Phil 2:6-11/ Lk 22:14-23:56
or 23:1-49

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/ Jn13:1-15

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/ Is54:5-14/ Is 55:1-11/ Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4/ E 36:16-17a, 18-28/ Rom 6:3-11/ Lk24:1-12

Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/ Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/ Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12

Financial Summary

April 7, 2019

Weekly Collection	\$ 18,163.00
Weekly Budget	- \$ 17,800.00
+/- for the week	\$ 363.00

Easter Flowers	\$ 5,540.00
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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, APRIL 15th 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 30 years. Take advantage of this opportunity or next year it will be 31 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

PS: *POPE FRANCIS* has said: "Holy Week is a privileged time when we are called to draw near to Jesus: friendship with him is shown in times of difficulty ... For a good Easter, Christians must do more than simply recall the passion of Jesus during Holy Week; they must enter into the mystery of the Easter Triduum and make Jesus' feelings and attitudes their own."

Monday of Holy Week

April 15

Mass Anthony Sabella & Family **8:30 AM**

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

Mass Salvatore De Petro **12:10 PM**



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

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

Tuesday of Holy Week

April 16

Mass Elaine Riccio **8:30 AM**

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

Mass Cecilia Bender **12:10 PM**

Wednesday of Holy Week

April 17

Mass Sebastian E. Godoy **8:30 AM**

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

Mass Joseph A. Ditta **12:10 PM**

Holy Thursday

April 18

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

5:00 PM

We invite our Parish's youngest members and their families to remember Jesus' loving service to his disciples. This service is a reminder of Jesus' love for His disciples and a parent's love for their child! Please come and pray with us.

Mass of the Lord's Supper

7:30 PM

Mass People of the Parish

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

Good Friday

April 19

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

8:45 AM - 9:30AM

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

3:00 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

7:30 PM

Meditate upon the Passion and Death of Jesus.

Holy Saturday

April 20

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

8:45 AM - 9:30 AM

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

Easter Egg Hunt

11:00 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 in the Narthex and bless the new fire and Paschal Candle. We will be led by the light of the Paschal candle (*the symbol of the Risen Christ*) into the darkened Church spreading among us the Light of Christ. The Easter Vigil is one of the most beautiful ceremonies of the entire liturgical year.



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

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

Easter Sunday

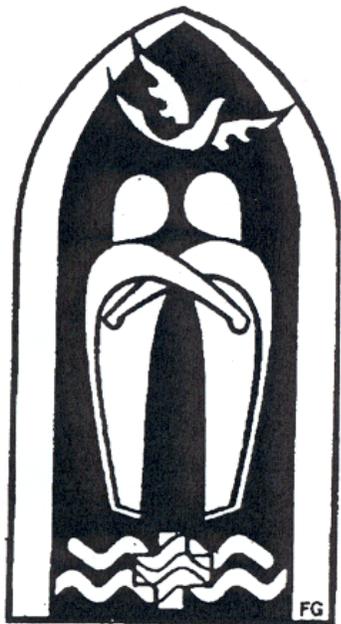


Alleluia!

8:00 AM Church	Novena	<i>Fr. Greg Breen</i>
9:30 AM Church	Novena	<i>Msgr. Brian McNamara</i>
9:30 AM Cafeteria	Novena	<i>Fr. Greg Breen</i>
11:00 AM Church	Novena	<i>Msgr. Brian McNamara</i>
11:00 AM Cafeteria	Novena	<i>Fr. Sylvester Chukwumalume</i>
12:30 PM Church	Novena	<i>Msgr. Brian McNamara</i>

No 6:00 PM Mass Easter Sunday

How to Celebrate the Sacrament of Penance



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

One form of the Act of Contrition is:

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

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

Or

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

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

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

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

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

An Examination of Conscience

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

Some thoughts on examination of conscience for adults...

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

THINK OF YOURSELF AS A PERSON

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

THINK OF YOURSELF AS A HUSBAND OR WIFE

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

THINK OF YOURSELF AS A FATHER OR MOTHER

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

THINK OF YOURSELF AS AN ADULT CHILD

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

THINK OF YOURSELF AS A NEIGHBOR

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

THINK OF YOURSELF AS AN EMPLOYEE, AS AN EMPLOYER

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

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

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

THINK OF YOURSELF IN YOUR DIRECT RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

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

6th SUNDAY of LENT

THE SPEAR

Lord, as we celebrate PALM SUNDAY, we carry in the SPEAR.

The Roman soldier wanted to make sure that Jesus had died. So, they thrust a spear into the side of Jesus and water and blood came out.

Remember that even as Jesus died, he did so with a prayer on His lips. He forgave everyone who has hurt Him; now we should be ready to forgive others as Jesus did.



ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

SATURDAY, April 20
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.



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.

Good Friday Silent Vigil on Behalf of Unborn Children

The Long Island Coalition for Life is holding a Good Friday Silent Vigil on Behalf of Unborn Children on April 19, 2019, 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 needed 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; info@prolifeLI.org.

Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Janet Loehr*. 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.

Maria Caputo-*US Army*
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*
Brandon Ranzie-*US Army*
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 ...

Chelsea Brandt, Kathleen Brandt, Thomas Calogero, Grace Ciccarello, Diane Cullen, Margaret DeLuca, Amanda DiTingo, Joseph Carl Emerson, Carl Falco, Harold Ferguson, Anna Ferrante, Mike Ferrante, Anna Fogel, Ron Graziano, Denis Heffron, Josephine Heffron, Patrick Anthony Heffron, Denise Hernandez, Thomas Hicks, Jr., Tom Kaval, Margaret Kegel, Eileen Kendrick, Anne Kerrigan, George Koehler, William Kudrick, Amy Lillis, Una McGrade, Christine Molinari, Lorraine Montouri, Roberta Palumbo, Kenny Panek, Dorothy Proctor, Olga Ramirez, Joan Schechtel, Joseph J. Schiavoni, Anne Marie Schiraldi, Natalie Stone, Harry Strack, 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

Marguerite Parks

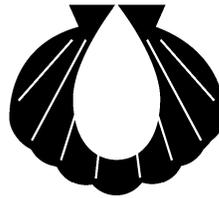
We extend our prayerful sympathy to the families and loved ones of those recently deceased.



Upcoming Marriages

*Krista De Carlo, OLL
and
Steve Pisanzio, OLL*

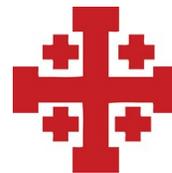
*Lisa Bonavita, OLL
and
Joseph Barnao, III, OLL*



Baptism

*Carolina Grace Ferrara
Nash Patrick Smith*

Good Friday Collection A Pontifical Collection



Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land

Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines.

The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees.

When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land.

As always, we appreciate your generosity!

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

CHS's Gianna Center and Pregnancy Support Website



Catholic Health Services (CHS) now offers a dedicated, interactive website section for the Gianna Center and its pregnancy support services. The Gianna Center based at Good Samaritan Hospital Medical Center offers highly specialized restorative reproductive medicine in accordance with Catholic teaching, under the medical direction of Paul Carpentier, MD, CFCMC. Also, assistance is available for anyone with unexpected or crisis pregnancy through a one-call outreach program connecting to community resources. The confidential, dedicated telephone number for this program is **1-855-301-4CHS**, supported by the availability of multilingual interpretive services. Anyone of any faith may call or refer to this support line, including representatives of parishes, colleges and crisis pregnancy centers, to facilitate safe, nonjudgmental companionship for women and couples in a crisis pregnancy. To speak to someone about pregnancy options immediately between 7:00pm and 7:30am Monday to Friday, or on the weekend, please call **1-800-712-HELP (4357)**.

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

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, April 16 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.

The Sisters of St. Joseph invite you to Maria Regina Residence:

April 30 at 2:30pm: Heartstring Studio Players will perform classical pieces to uplift and delight.

Maria Regina Chapel, 1725 Brentwood Road, Building #1, Brentwood, NY

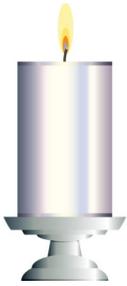
All are welcome!

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.



Cannellini beans
Hamburger Helper
Crackers/Cookies
Feminine Products
Ketchup



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 April 7 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.

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.



Good Friday

The Parish Office will close at 3:00pm on Friday, April 19 in observance of Good Friday. There will be **no evening hours on Good Friday.**

The Parish Office will re-open at 9:00am on Saturday, April 20.

Easter Sunday

The Parish Office will be closed on Sunday, April 21 in observance of Easter. **The Parish Office will re-open at 9:00am on Monday, April 22.**



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, and we would be happy to help you.

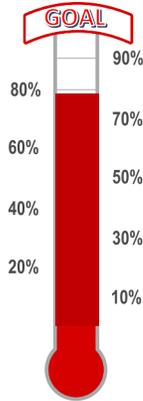




RESTORE OUR CONVENT

As of April 8, 2019:

Parish Goal: \$442,840
Percentage attained: 79%
Amount Pledged: \$348,197
Total Paid to Date: \$338,301
Number of Pledges: 818



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

Benefit and Resources Event for Veterans

Saturday, April 27, 2019 9:00am to 1:00pm

Long Island State Veterans Home - Multi-Purpose Room
100 Patriots Road, Stony Brook, NY 11790

The following experts will be on-hand to answer your questions related to:

VA Benefits	Elder Law / Legal Counseling
Insurance & Managed Care	Mental Health
Medicaid	Banking
Affordable Housing	Funeral Arrangements
Home Care	Food Stamps & Heating Assistance
Assisted Living	Burial Benefits
Nursing Home	And More!

- Representatives from Northport VA Eligibility And Enrollment will be on site.
- Free health, dental and vision screenings including free blood pressure, cholesterol and glucose checks will be performed by Stony Brook Medicine Schools of Nursing, Social Welfare & Dental Medicine.
- PACE Center for Health and Wellness.

The event is free and open to the public.

For more information, please call 631-444-8606 or visit www.listateveteranshome.org

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:

Aug. 9-11, 2019 - Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington, NY

Nov. 15-17, 2019 - Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington, NY

For information please call Lenny & Pat Walker at: 631-563-1032

or visit: www.engagedencounterli.org



Worldwide Marriage Encounter

We are grateful for the forgiving action of Jesus. Let God show you how much of an impact forgiveness can be in your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Apr. 26-28, 2019 in Huntington, NY and June 28-30, 2019 in Huntington, NY. For more information, call John & Toni Torio at 877-697-9963 or visit them at <https://wwmenyli.org/>.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter - Longest Married Couple Project

For the past eight years, Worldwide Marriage Encounter has been hosting a Longest Married Couple Project which has recognized couples from each state and a national winner. Winners are selected solely from nominations. Nominations for the 9th Annual LMC Project will be accepted until May 15, 2019, and are open to all married husband and wife couples regardless of religious affiliation.

Send the couple's name, wedding date, current residence, and a contact phone or email to one of the following: Bryan & Karen Berland 530 S. Academy Guthrie, OK 73044, or bkberland@gmail.com or 405-850-4274 or at wwme.org.

Awards for national and state winners will be presented in June, which is National Marriage Month.



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 8:00pm and Saturday at 11:00am and 7:00pm.

ALANON: Wednesday at 10:00am. Beginner’s meeting at 9:30am. Free babysitting available.



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Sun. May 5th, 11 AM - 1 PM

Legion of Mary invites you to the
10th Annual Women's Retreat - "BEHOLD THY SON"

Friday, May 10, 2019 – Saturday, May 11, 2019

Held at the beautiful Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, 440 West Neck Road, Huntington, NY

Check in Friday between 1:00pm – 6:00pm / Ends Saturday 9:00pm

Includes dinner Friday, 3 meals Saturday, private room w/ shower. Cost: \$125 per person

For registration and additional information, contact Lana Maggio at 631-374-1116 or Corinne Addiss at 631-804-7222 or keepntuch@aol.com



Diocese of Rockville Centre Young Adult Ministry

Spring Retreat for Catholic Young Adults

May 11, 2019 10:00am-4:00pm

The Shrine of Our Lady of the Island, Manorville, NY

Join Young Adults from across the diocese at the Shrine in Manorville.

This will be a day of reflection, prayer, and community with one another.

Mass, Adoration, Confession, discussion, and a keynote speaker will round out the day!

With beautiful weather, we will have time to walk the grounds as well!

Fr. Christopher Heanue - Keynote Speaker - Fr. Lachlan Cameron - Adoration / Confession

For more information and to register call Young Adult Ministry at: 516-678-5800 ext.277, e-mail: youngadultministry@drvc.org, or visit: <https://www.facebook.com/drvcyoungadults/>

Nurses Wanted - Full Time Positions Available!

We are hiring Healthcare Workers! The Sisters of St. Joseph, Brentwood are seeking Full Time Nurses - RNs and LPNs. Immediate opening for desirable Evening Shift (2:00pm–10:00pm). For more information, or to inquire about employment opportunities, please apply to: resume@csjbrentwood.org or contact Nancy Finley, Human Resources at 631-273-1187 x 127.

Holy Trinity Diocesan High School Information Session

Tuesday, April 16th at 7:00pm

98 Cherry Lane, Hicksville, NY 11801

This event is intended for middle school students who would like more information about the Catholic high school admissions process, how to go about visiting high schools, and scholarship and financial aid processes. You will also have the opportunity to learn about Holy Trinity and what makes us unique from other high schools! RSVP Today at www.holytrinityhs.org

Long Island Job Finder - Job Fair

Tuesday, April 30, 2019 9:30am-2:30pm

Radisson Hotel Hauppauge - 110 Vanderbilt Motor Pkwy., Hauppauge, NY 11788

Free admission for Job Seekers!

Over 30 of Long Island's Top Companies are Hiring NOW!
Wear proper attire and bring plenty of copies of your resumé!

Dominican Sisters of Amityville - Donations for Raffle Baskets

Have you received a gift that you can't use?

Did you receive an item that you already have?

Do you have a present that you could give away?

If you answered "YES" to any of the above questions, the Dominican Sisters of Amityville invite you to donate your items for our Beauty of the Spirit Luncheon on Friday, June 28th 2019. Items will be used in our raffle baskets and all proceeds from the event benefit the elderly and retired Sisters living in the Motherhouse. Last year, the event grossed over \$114,000!

Unfortunately we are unable to accept donations of clothing. Also, we ask that all items be in brand **NEW** and unused condition. Items can be dropped off at the Motherhouse between 8:00am to 4:00pm, Monday-Friday: 555 Albany Avenue, Amityville, NY, attn.: Advancement Office. If you have any questions, please call 631-842-6000 ext. 238. Thank you for your support.

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".

To listen online or for more information, visit: www.ReligionandRock.com.

Sharing the Gospel

The friends of Jesus made a special parade just for Him. The people liked Jesus. He fed them. He healed them. They wanted to crown Him king. They were sure that with Jesus in charge, they could live in peace. When you praise God, and when you put Jesus in charge of your life, you really can live with peace in your heart!



Mission for the Week

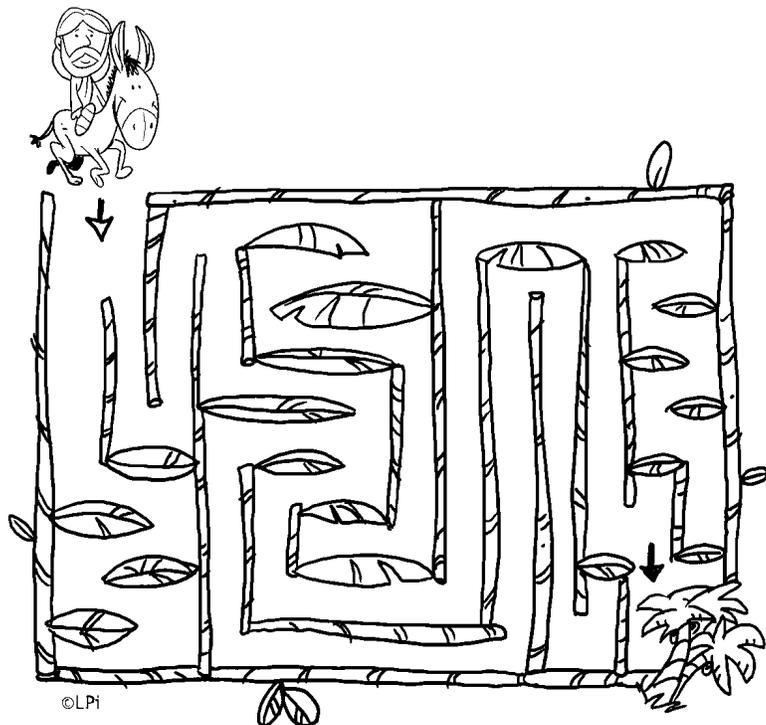


Make Jesus king of your life. Ask Him to help you spend your time doing the things that would make Him happy.



Puzzle

Complete the maze.



Prayer

Dear God,
Thank you for
sending Jesus
to be my king.



Amen.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of Jesus as king in your house.

