Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

455 Hunter Avenue, West Islip, NY 11795

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Parish Office

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Religious Education Office

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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.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe • Sunday, November 24, 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

Msgr. Brian McNamara Eileen Rega Mary Borgs Lisa Cantalino Sonia DaSilva Nilo DeLeon Jerry Esposito Trish Frodell Pam Gagliano Deborah Lamb Rosalie Mangels Deacon Jack Meehan John Muldoon Dottie Perdue Vita Scorcia

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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 November 24

Sunday:2 Sm 5:1-3/ Col 1:12-20/ Lk 23:35-43Monday:Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/ Lk 21:1-4Tuesday:Dn 2:31-45/ Lk 21:5-11Wednesday:Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/ Lk 21:12-19Thursday:Dn 6:12-28/ Lk 21:20-28Friday:Dn 7:2-14/ Lk 21:29-33Saturday:Rom 10:9-18/ Mt 4:18-22Next Sunday:Is 2:1-5/ Rom 13:11-14/ Mt 24:37-44

Financial Summary

November 17, 2019

Weekly Collection Weekly Budget +/- for the week \$ 15,944.00 <u>- \$ 17,800.00</u> \$ (1,856.00)

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

Dear Parishioners:

Generations of faith-filled Catholic people have passed on to us the most precious gift that we possess — the gift of faith. As this generation's "good stewards," we are obligated to pass on the gift of faith to our children.

Children primarily learn through the examples of their parents. Today, many parents are volunteering their time and talents to their churches and community groups and bringing their children along with them. More and more churches are encouraging children to return a portion of their "treasure"— their allowance or other earnings—with special children's offering envelopes. As we know from our own experience, it takes a lifetime to develop the habits of good stewardship.

God has blessed us in so many marvelous ways. Stewardship is a way of life built around gratitude to God, lived out by returning a portion of the time, talent, and treasure allotted to us. There is no more precious inheritance we can pass on to our children than this lifestyle of gratitude. "If you will give these instructions . . ., you will be a good minister of Christ Jesus, nourished on the words of the faith and of the sound teaching you have followed." (1 Timothy 4:6). Our Stewardship of our time, talent and treasure is one way to say "thank you" to God.

Thanksgiving is this Thursday, November 28. I would like everyone to make an effort to come to Mass on Thanksgiving Day. <u>Thanksgiving Mass will be at 9:30am</u>. While it is not a holy day, Thanksgiving Day is a wonderful opportunity as a parish family to come and thank God for all His tender mercies.

Historically, while President George Washington proclaimed the first national day of Thanksgiving, it took some time before Thanksgiving became a national holiday. In September 1863, Sarah Joseph, a newspaper editor, wrote to President Abraham Lincoln imploring him to set aside a national day of Thanksgiving. Up to that time, various states celebrated a day of Thanksgiving at various dates. Ms. Hale had made this request of other Presidents prior to President Lincoln but President Lincoln responded immediately.

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

In Christ,

Fr. Brian

PS: <u>STEWARDSHIP APPEAL UPDATE</u>

Our Stewardship Appeal is being very well received by the people of Our Lady of Lourdes Church. To date, 18% of households have increased their weekly contribution in response to our stewardship of treasure program, representing a combined weekly increase of 14%.

For those who have not yet had a chance to respond, please look over your mail and use the Special Response form enclosed to indicate your new level of giving, and then return to your regular envelope packet for succeeding weeks. If you are interested in receiving information on our Electronic Giving Program, please contact the parish office. Thank you for your generosity to our Parish family.

Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Rosemary Kaste*. If you would like to help care for our altar needs, please call the Parish Office at 631-661-3224.

Members in the Military

We ask that you pray especially for those in our parish that are on active duty in the Middle East conflict.

Michael DiMatteo-US Marines Michael Fantauzzi-US Air Force Christopher Florca-US Marines Patrick Harty-US Coast Guard Ritchard Higham -US Army Colby Matthew Kelly-US Army Luke Loftsgaarden - US Army Anthony Mannino-US Marines Anthony Memoli-US Marines Anthony Memoli-US Marines Andrew Perniciaro-US Army 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 ...

Frank P. Bambara, Thomas J. Calogero, Thomas J. Calogero III, Lynn Cooper, Diane Cullen, Jack D. and Family, Amanda DiTingo, Carmella Dorcic, Paula Edwards, Marguerite Esposito, Anna Ferrante, Mike Ferrante, Anne Gagnon, Diane Garretson, Charlotte Grant, Keith Grant, Ron Graziano, Denis Heffron, Josephine Heffron, Patrick Anthony Heffron, Veronica Hopkins, Marie Ippolito, Margaret Kegel, Anne Kerrigan, George Koehler, Nicoletta Lieberz, Christine Molinari, Margaret Mooney, Robert Olenik, John Posanti, Louise Posanti, Mary Poveromo, Joseph Ribaudo, Anne Salzman, Christina Sanchez, Joseph J. Schiavoni, Ann Marie Schiraldi, John Shaddock, Natalie Stone, Linda Uher, Marie Wilson, Robert Wilson

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

Mass Intentions

Monday, November 25St. Catherine of Alexandria8:30amFreda & Catherine Clancy

Tuesday, November 268:30amCornelius J. Peterson

Wednesday, November 27 8:30am Marie Nappo

Thursday, November 28Thanksgiving Day9:30amPeople of the Parish

Friday, November 298:30amEleanor Carrano

Saturday, November 30

St. Andrew the Apostle8:30amLaura A. Farrell, Carl Kriegsman, Vita Burke,
Bridget Lavelle

5:00pm Eddie Mariarossi Msgr. Brian McNamara

Sunday, December 1

First Sunday of Advent 8:00am Heim & Jensen Families Fr. Greg Breen

- 9:30am Robert Snyder *Fr. Greg Breen*11:00am Rosaria Vento
 - m Rosaria Vento Msgr. Brian McNamara
- **12:30pm** Pietro Bruno *Msgr. Brian McNamara*
- 6:00pm People of the Parish, Ann (Nancy) Finn, Dorothy Proctor, Anthony C. Perre, Paul Deyhle, Anthony Molinari *Msgr. Brian McNamara*



Rest In Peace

Madeline J. Cerone Linda Jane Flanagan Antoinette Ritacco Rose M. Tortorelli

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



Gabriel's Courage Perinatal Support Program

Gabriel's Courage is a family centered program for families who receive a life-limiting prenatal diagnosis during their pregnancy. The program offers a multidisciplinary team approach to care and support throughout pregnancy, birth and post birth. Gabriel's Courage is a program of Catholic Health Services and Good Shepherd Hospice. This program offers hope, affirms life and provides an opportunity for the family to welcome their baby, as well as assisting in saying goodbye. Gabriel's Courage is seeking financial support to continue this im-

portant program. If you are interested in making a donation to Gabriel's Courage, please contact Good Shepherd Hospice Development Office at 631-465-6350. At times, infant burial can be challenging financially. Gabriel's Courage seeks to honor the lives of these babies and support parents in their wishes to bury their child. A burial is the last act of

parenting for some of our families. We ask that you consider donating resources for burials which could include financial support or donation of an available grave. If you are interested in making a donation, please contact Peter Ryan, Director of Catholic Cemeteries, at 516-334-7990, Ext. 109. Thank you for your support of this special program and the recipients in its care.



Thanksgiving at OLL

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

Once again, we ask our generous parish family and friends to help those less fortunate by making a donation to Outreach.

We would like to suggest that when you are shopping for your Thanksgiving dinner, you buy a duplicate item for one of our families in need and bring it to Parish Outreach for distribution.

Any donations of Thanksgiving food, including turkeys or hams would be gratefully accepted. If your budget has room to donate a complete dinner, we are working with families of 2-8 members.

We'll be in the Parish Center on Sunday, November 24th, from 12:30pm to 5:00pm, to accept donations. We ask that all donations be brought to Outreach no later than the morning of November 25th. Thank you for your help.

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.



Beginning November 2, and continuing throughout the month of November, a special

Book of the Names of the Deceased

book will be placed in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, inscribed with the names of all who have died in our Parish Family over the past year. In prayer, let us remember all of these men and women who have gone before us, "marked with the sign of faith." May our united prayers help us to better understand and appreciate our faith in Christ, our risen Lord, who conquers sin and death and brings new life to all!

Casa Project Update

In the past, the "Casa House" in the Narthex has provided housing, bedding and ecostoves for our friends in El Salvador. We couldn't do this without your support and generosity. Next weekend (11/30 and 12/1) we are asking you to give your loose change to our Casa Project. Place your donations in the wooden house located in the Narthex of the Church.

Thank you for your support. We truly appreciate your generosity.

Church Census Information

Has your contact information changed, or are you moving?

The process of updating our Parish Data System information is an ongoing process. We ask that you please submit any recent changes -- address, family members, phone numbers, etc. With your help, our parish data information will be more accurate, and receipt of Parish Offering Envelopes and other church information can be distributed more efficiently.

Please mail the information to the Parish Office or email to parishoffice@ollchurch.org.

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.











Advent Offerings at Maria Regina, Brentwood NY

The Sisters of St. Joseph lovingly invite you to the Advent offerings at Maria Regina. This year, a different presenter will be with us each Tuesday to focus on the Advent theme for the week. We welcome all to join us to prepare our hearts and minds for the Lord's birth on Christmas. Maria Regina is located at 1725 Brentwood Rd, Bldg #1, Brentwood. For more information please call 631-299-3187.

Hope Nov. 26th at 2:30pm

St. Padre Pio comes to life as Barbara Fuina speaks about the miracle of Anthony Fuina through his intercessions. Come hear an inspiring story of how her husband was miraculously healed.

Faith Dec. 3rd at 11:15am

Msgr. John Bennett calls us to renew our faith in the incarnate God of Love so that we live in full communion, joy, and peace with our God.

Joy Dec. 10th at 2:30pm

Taizé Prayer Service guided by Sister Noel Cullen, CSJ

Peace Dec. 17th at 2:30pm

Mercy Sister, Camille D'Arienzo, who served for 40 years as a religion commentator for 1010 WINS Radio, will share "Stories of Forgiveness" as a way to enter Christmas with a peace-filled heart.



The Parish Office will close on Wednesday, November 27 at 3:00pm in observance of Thanksgiving. The office will re-open on Friday, November 29 at 9:00am.

<u>Thanksgiving Day Mass</u> Thursday, November 28 at 9:30am

Come together to celebrate the goodness of the Lord at our Mass on Thanksgiving Day!

This is an opportunity to take time out to reflect on the many good things that have happened in our lives during the last year, but we must also remember those who are in need. We ask that you remember to bring a non-perishable food item to the Thanksgiving Mass to be a blessing to those in need. These items will be kept in your pew until the offertory procession, at which time ushers will help direct you. A basket will also be available if you prefer to give a monetary contribution.

We will give thanks as God's holy and blessed people!

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:Feb. 7-9, 2020Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington, NYAug. 7-9, 2020Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington, NYNov. 13-15, 2020Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington, NY

For information please call Lenny & Pat Walker at: 631-563-1032 or visit: <u>www.engagedencounterli.org</u>





Worldwide Marriage Encounter

"Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord." Rejoice in your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Jan. 31-Feb. 2, 2020 in Huntington, NY and May 1-3, 2020 in Huntington, NY. For more information, call John & Toni Torio at 877-697-9963 or visit them at <u>https://wwmenyli.org/</u>.



Friends of the Seminary - Celebration of Mary

Deepen your Advent devotion! Join the Friends of the Seminary for a day of Celebration of Mary at the Seminary, Saturday, December 7, 2019. Journey to the heart of Mary through Theology, Spirituality, and the Arts. Program includes presentations by Bishop Frank Caggiano (Bridgeport, CT), Fr. Paul Anel (Diocese of Brooklyn), Fr. John McCartney (Associate Moderator of the Curia), St. Joseph Seminary Schola (Yonkers). The day will conclude with Mass celebrated by Bishop Barres at 4:00pm. Advance registration required. \$40 per guest. For reservations & information: Seminary Development Office: 631-423-0483 ext. 102, contact via e-mail: <u>bmalone@icseminary.edu</u>, or visit the Seminary website at: <u>www.icseminary.edu</u>.





In addition to our parish website (<u>ollchurch.org</u>), 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 4:00pm until 6:00pm. (except the first Friday of the month), from September through June, in the Media Center 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 the Parish Office at 631-661-3224.



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: <u>http://witroop179.wix.com/bsatroop179#</u> Email: <u>WIBSATroop179@outlook.com</u>

Families Anonymous

Twelve-Step program giving Hope & Strength to parents, family and friends concerned with a loved one's destructive behavior caused by alcohol, drugs or related behavioral problems.

For further information call: Donna at 631-589-3790 or Diane at 631-587-0966 or visit <u>www.familiesanonymous.org</u>.

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.



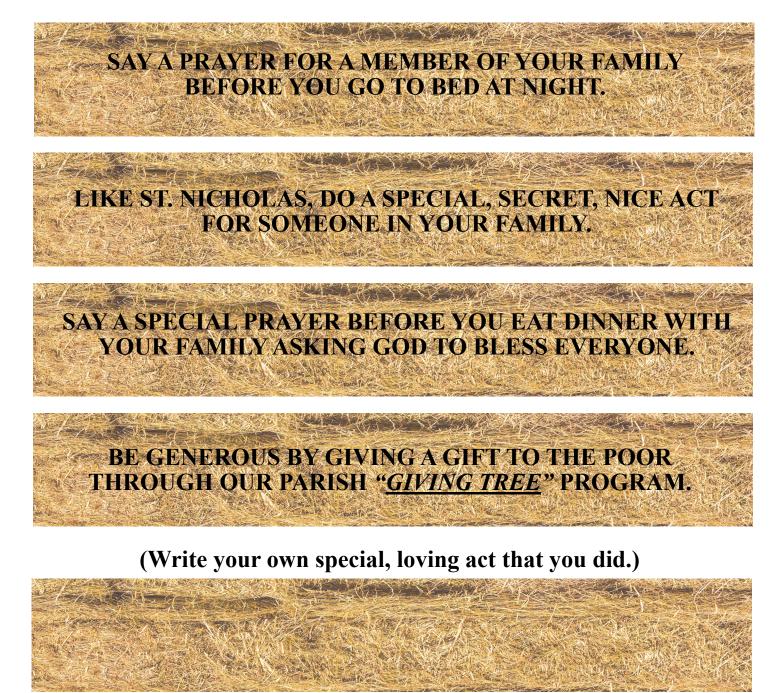
Advent and the Empty Manger

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head



Advent is a time of waiting. We are waiting for the coming of our savior. Jesus was born to a waiting world two thousand years ago and was laid in a manger filled with hay. Today, He is coming to our waiting hearts. We need to prepare a place for Him just as Mary and Joseph did.

Our Parish manger is empty as we begin the Advent season. We need to get it ready for Jesus. Good deeds and loving actions are a good way to prepare for Jesus' coming. Each time you do a good deed or loving action during the week, write it down on a piece of paper, or perhaps use one of the suggestions below. Bring your slips of paper (hay) with you to Mass, and we will place them in the manger during Mass. With each loving act, Jesus has a softer place to lay at Christmas.



West Islip Beautification Society - Lamp Post Decorating 2019

Help dress the town with wreaths and bows, supplied by West Islip Beautification Society Saturday, November 30th - Check in and wreath distribution begins at 10:00am Dorothe Karwoski Memorial Garden (across from Best Market/intersection of Higbie Lane & Udall Rd. Please bring your own ladder!

Great event for Scouts, Student Clubs and Sports Teams - Community Service Hours awarded. Complimentary refreshments provided by our generous local merchants. To register, email us at <u>westislipbeautification@mail.com</u> or contact Ellen Bolin with questions 631-839-1248

Last minute volunteers welcome!



Sts. Cyril & Methodius Christmas Craft & Gift Fair Sunday, December 1st from 8:30am-4:00pm

Artists, Craftspeople, Designers, and Artisans from across the island have been invited to showcase their talents and gifts. There will be giveaways, tasting stations, and free raffles. For more information contact Michael at 917-705-5355.



St. James Church Christmas Fair



Saturday, December 7, 2019 10:00am - 4:00pm Christmas Shopping - Stocking Stuffers - Vendors Galore - Raffles Entertainment - Make and Take Crafts for the Kids

Pictures with Santa - Food - Refreshments ALL ARE WELCOME - DON'T MISS OUT ON THE FUN!!

St. James Parish Center - 429 Route 25A, Setauket, NY 11733

For more information, or to be a Vendor, please contact: Megan Peters or Fr. Jerry Cestare: 631-941-4141

Breakfast with Santa-Westminster United Presbyterian Church

Saturday, December 7, 2019 10:00am-1:00pm

109 Udall Road, West Islip, NY 11795

Meet Santa and enjoy a Breakfast Buffet and Chinese Auction Activities for the children. Please call 631-661-6740 to purchase tickets - \$10.00 per person

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 **"Sharing Our Gifts"**.

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

Sharing the Gospel

When the soldiers hurt Jesus, they were only doing their job. They did not understand that they were killing God's Son. Jesus saw into the hearts of those soldiers, and He forgave them. A man next to Jesus on the cross had done terrible things. He knew he deserved to die on a cross, and he was truly sorry. This criminal believed that Jesus was God's Son. Jesus saw into that criminal's heart, and Jesus forgave him, too.



Mission for the Week



Jesus forgave the people who killed Him. He expects you to forgive people who hurt you, too. Think of one person with whom you have been angry. Ask God to help you forgive that person, because Jesus forgives you.

