

# Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

455 Hunter Avenue, West Islip, NY 11795

**Msgr. Brian McNamara**, Pastor  
**Rev. Charles Mangano**, Associate Pastor  
**Rev. Sylvester Chukwumalume**, in Residence  
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**Deacon Tom Lucie, Deacon Rich Maher,  
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## Parish Office

**Phone: 631.661.3224 (select option #2)**  
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](mailto:ParishOffice@ollchurch.org)  
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## Religious Education Office

**Phone: 631.661.5440 (select option #3)**  
Monday-Friday: 9:00am-Noon,  
1:00pm-5:00pm, 7:00pm-9:00pm  
E-mail: [ReligiousEd@ollchurch.org](mailto:ReligiousEd@ollchurch.org)

## Parish Outreach Office

**Phone: 631.661.9262 (select option #4)**  
Monday-Friday: 9:30am-3:30pm

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

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

### Daily Mass

8:30am

### Weekend Masses

Saturday: 5:00pm

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

### Reconciliation/Confession

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

### Rosary

Daily at 8:00am

### Miraculous Medal Novena

Monday at 8:00am

## Sacraments

### Anointing of the Sick

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

### Baptism

Please contact the Parish Office to schedule an appointment.

### Marriage

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

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

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

*First Sunday of Advent • Sunday, November 29, 2020*



## Welcome to our Parish Family

New Parishioners are cordially invited to register as members of our Parish Family. Please call or visit our Parish Office.

*Remember: Together, we can do something beautiful for God!*

*- Saint Teresa of Calcutta*

### Pastoral Council

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

### Parish Staff

**Patti Anderson**  
 Parish Office/Bulletin Editor

**AnnMarie Buonaspina**  
 Director of Youth Choirs

**Michael Buonaspina**  
 Parish Organist

**S. Kathleen Carberry, CSJ**  
 Parish Office

**Maggie Frodell**  
 Parish Office

**Carol Grillo**  
 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 November 29

**Sunday:** Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/ 1 Cor 1:3-9/ Mk 13:33-37  
**Monday:** Rom 10:9-18/ Mt 4:18-22  
**Tuesday:** Is 11:1-10/ Lk 10:21-24  
**Wednesday:** Is 25:6-10a/ Mt 15:29-37  
**Thursday:** Is 26:1-6/ Mt 7:21, 24-27  
**Friday:** Is 29:17-24/ Mt 9:27-31  
**Saturday:** Is 30:19-21, 23-26/ Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8  
**Next Sunday** Is 40:1-5, 9-11/ 2 Pt 3:8-14/ Mk 1:1-8

### Financial Summary

#### November 15, 2020

Weekly Collection	\$ 12,259.00
Weekly Budget	- \$ 17,800.00
+/- for the week	\$ (5,541.00)

#### November 22, 2020

Weekly Collection	\$ 12,723.00
Weekly Budget	- \$ 17,800.00
+/- for the week	\$ (5,077.00)

**Human Development/Home Missions \$3,251.00**

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

Dear Parishioners:

Believe it or not, **Advent** begins this weekend. Advent is traditionally a time of preparation, not merely waiting. The Church teaches us that during Advent we prepare for the two “comings of Christ”. The first half of Advent focuses on the coming of Christ at the end of time. The second half of Advent focuses on the coming of Christ at Christmas. The lighting of the pink candle in the Advent wreath (which takes place on the third week of Advent) symbolizes the change in focus from the coming of Christ at the end of time to the coming of Christ at Christmas.

In either case, the theme of Advent is one of preparation. We prepare our homes for Christmas by cleaning the house, decorating the home (both indoors and outdoors), extra cooking and baking, sending Christmas cards, etc. We put in a great deal of time and effort to make Christmas one of the special times of the year for our families. I would like to challenge us to make Christmas a special time for our families *spiritually*. I encourage all of us to prepare the home of our heart for the coming of Christ.

Planning ahead, don't forget to take advantage of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Our sinfulness can act as a weight which drags us down and prevents us from drawing closer to Christ. The Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession) allows the Lord to remove that weight (our sins) from us and helps us to draw closer to Christ. On **Monday, December 21 from 3:00pm – 8:00pm**, a priest will be available to hear confessions. Stop by to receive the grace of that sacrament.

Advent also marks the start of the new “Church” year. While the secular new year is January 1, the Church new year is the first Sunday in Advent. A very concrete change is that we read from a different Gospel. This past year, we read largely from the Gospel according to St. Matthew. With the start of the new Church year, we will be reading largely from the Gospel of St. Mark. St. Mark is the first Gospel written; it is the shortest Gospel. I often call the Gospel of St. Mark the Readers' Digest version of the Gospels. Some stories that are very short in St. Mark's Gospel are greatly expanded in the Gospels of St. Luke and Matthew.

I think that, for most of us, we can't wait to get out of the year 2020. It has been a year filled with much darkness for so many people. So, I am counting Advent as the beginning of the new year. I am declaring 2020 over and I look forward to a new year filled with God's grace  
Remember: Together, we can do something beautiful for God.

In Christ,

Fr. Brian



## Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Joyce Petersen*. 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.

**Michael DiMatteo**-*US Marines*  
**Michael Fantauzzi**-*US Air Force*  
**Christopher Florca**-*US Marines*  
**Dominick Gennaro**-*US Army*  
**Patrick Harty**-*US Coast Guard*  
**Ritchard Higham**-*US Army*  
**Colby Matthew Kelly**-*US Army*  
**Luke Loftsgaarden**-*US Army*  
**Anthony Mannino**-*US Marines*  
**Msgr. Brian McNamara**-*US Air Force*

**Anthony Memoli**-*US Marines*  
**Timothy Milligan**-*US Marines*  
**Melissa Mockler**-*US Navy*  
**Andrew Perniciaro**-*US Army*  
**Brandon Ranzie**-*US Army*  
**Stephen Rolston**-*US Army*  
**Jack Taffner**-*US Marines*  
**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 ...

*Thomas J. Calogero III, Thomas Chisari, Cosimo Ciocia, Amanda DiTingo, Paula Edwards, Anna Ferrante, Mike Ferrante, Ted Gladkowski, Tyler Gossweiler, Denis Heffron, Patrick Anthony Heffron, James Leung, Anne Kerrigan, Marty Kerrigan, Michael F. Maher, Edward Pauciullo, Connie Polik, Fred Polik, Matthew Roopchandsingh, Joseph J. Schiavoni, Natalie Stone, Roger Welden, Marie Wilson*

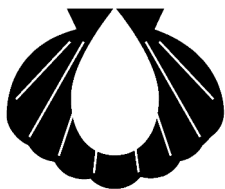
Names of the sick will be listed for **six weeks** for short-term requests and **six months** for long-term.



## Rest In Peace

Joseph Di Mola, Jr.  
Josephine Heffron  
Francesco I. Lettieri  
Rose Marie Rodenburg  
Margaret Mary Sanfilippo  
Marguerite B. Shull  
Patricia A. Stephens

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



## Baptism

Nicholas Anthony Grieco  
Isabelle Rose Logan  
Christian Paul Simone  
Isla Rae Stubbs

*Our priests will be celebrating Mass via live-stream on our parish website and will remember the Mass Intentions for each day. Please join us by visiting our website at: [ollchurch.org](http://ollchurch.org).*

## Mass Intentions

**Monday, November 30**

*St. Andrew*

**8:30am** Edwin & Bunny Vilim

**Tuesday, December 1**

**8:30am** Dolores Gordon

**Wednesday, December 2**

**8:30am** Helen Galante

**Thursday, December 3**

*St. Francis Xavier*

**8:30am** Lawrence Clyde

**Friday, December 4**

*St. John Damascene*

**8:30am** Thomas Collins

**Saturday, December 5**

**8:30am** Clair Thomson, Thomas Frascinella,  
Joseph Santoro, Douglas Floyd, Florette Jaffe,  
Ethel May Zaher

**5:00pm** Barbara & Louis Argento

*Fr. Charles Mangano*

**Sunday, December 6**

*Second Sunday of Advent*

**8:00am** Megan Ann Smith

*Fr. Sylvester Chukwumalume*

**9:30am** David Michael Calogero

*Fr. Sylvester Chukwumalume*

**11:00am** Paul Tropeano

*Fr. Charles Mangano*

**12:30pm** Randy Belz (Living) and  
Patalbo & Manalo Families

*Fr. Charles Mangano*

**6:00pm** People of the Parish, John "Buddy" Toomey,  
Evelyn Ludwig, Ray Castillo, Robert Hood,  
Alex Elak

*Msgr. Brian McNamara*

# National Night of Prayer for Life

## December 8, 2020 - 8:30pm - 10:30pm



It was on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception (then celebrated on December 9th) that Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of the Americas and the unborn, first appeared to St. Juan Diego. The National Night of Prayer for Life bridges these two feasts to honor Our Blessed Mother and to pray for the sanctity of all human life.

The National Night of Prayer for Life is a pro-life prayer service consisting of exposition and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 20 decades of the Rosary, prayer to St. Michael, silent prayer and hymns. Please join us in the Church as we join with other parishes throughout the nation for the Night of Prayer.

## Meeting Cancellations

Due to prescribed social distancing, **all meetings are cancelled until further notice**. Please watch the bulletin and our parish website ([ollchurch.org](http://ollchurch.org)) for updates.

## Casa Project Update

In the past, the “Casa House” has provided housing, bedding and ecostoves for our friends in El Salvador. We couldn't do this without your support and generosity. Next weekend (12/5 and 12/6) we are asking you to give your loose change to our Casa Project. Place your donations in the wooden house located in the north vestibule by the Father Joe Garden. Thank you for your support. We truly appreciate your generosity.



## Christmas at Outreach

This year, because of COVID-19, we will be doing Christmas a little differently. We want to make sure that everyone is safe so we are asking for donations of gift cards that will be given to the families we are assisting. The families will be able to use them for gifts for Christmas. Since they will need them earlier in order to have time to use them before Christmas, **we are asking that any donations of gift cards be brought in by December 10<sup>th</sup>.**

We are requesting gift cards from **Target, Walmart, Amazon, Kohl's, Macy's and Old Navy**. Thank you for all the support that you have given to Outreach during this year that has been difficult for many. Your generosity at this time will be a blessing to the families who come to us and will make their celebration of Christmas a bright spot in lives that are many times filled with anxiety and fear.

## 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.



Oatmeal  
Hamburger Helper  
Cereal  
White Rice  
Laundry Detergent



## Christmas Flower Offerings

Christmas Flower offerings received by next **Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>** will be published in the December 25<sup>th</sup> bulletin. Offerings received after that date will be published in subsequent bulletins.



## Nocturnal Adoration

*“Come to me all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest.”*

This is Jesus Christ’s invitation every first Saturday of the month. The Blessed Sacrament is taken to the altar after the 5:00pm Mass and will be exposed up to 9:50pm. Everyone is invited to spend some time in front of the Blessed Sacrament to offer prayers, petitions and thanksgiving to Jesus. Nocturnal Adoration will follow the 5:00pm Mass on **Saturday, December 5**, concluding with Benediction at 9:50pm. Please come and pray with us. All are invited and welcome. Bring a friend!

## Coping With the Holidays

### *Virtual Workshop - For Those Who Have Lost a Loved One Due to COVID-19*

Good Shepherd Hospice is offering a free virtual workshop for those who are grieving a loss due to COVID-19. This workshop, facilitated by Bereavement Specialists, will offer support, education and strategies to cope with loss of a loved one during the holiday season. The workshop will be Thursday, 12/3/2020, from 7:00pm-8:30pm. To register, please call 631-465-6262 / 516-465-6262.

**\*\*Zoom and email information required to participate.**



## Confirmation 2020

On **Wednesday, November 4, Friday, November 6 and Friday, November 13** the Sacrament of Confirmation was administered by Fr. Brian in our Parish. In the midst of this pandemic, nine classes of grade 9 students were confirmed. They are sent forth now to live out their Catholic faith with even greater enthusiasm and conviction.

In accordance with the Diocese of Rockville Centre guidelines and New York State guidelines regarding COVID safety precautions, we mandated masks be worn by all present and social distancing norms were followed.

Please pray for our Confirmation Candidates as they embrace this very important commitment in their faith journey and that they will continue to be strengthened, loved and supported by YOU... their Parish family.

## Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

*What’s it all about?*

*IF* you are an adult *AND*

- ... you were never Baptized
- ... you were Baptized in another faith and would like to become a baptized Catholic
- ... you never received Holy Communion (Eucharist)
- ... you never received your Confirmation

*IF* you are an adult *AND* one or more of the circumstances above apply to you ...

*IF* you feel you would like to become a baptized Catholic or become more fully initiated into your Catholic faith... Our email address is [RCIA@ollchurch.org](mailto:RCIA@ollchurch.org) or call the Parish Office at 631-661-3224, and we would be happy to help you.



## ***Ursuline Sisters Joy of Giving Virtual Auction***

Friday, November 27<sup>th</sup> continuing until Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup>

Beautiful Items For Everyone... Christmas Shopping Made Easy!



The link to the Virtual Auction registration and item previews is posted on our website: [www.tildonkursuline.org](http://www.tildonkursuline.org)  
If you any questions, please contact: Anne Walsh, Events Manager at: 718-591-0681 ext. 2060 or via e-mail at: [awalsh@tildonkursuline.org](mailto:awalsh@tildonkursuline.org)

## **Celebration of Mary**

***Journey to the Heart of Mary through Theology, Spirituality and the Arts***

**Sunday, December 6, 2020 9:30am-3:00pm**

Attendance Limited due to Covid-19 Restrictions "First come, first served!"

**Reservations Required - \$50 per Guest - Guests must wear masks!**

Sponsored by The Friends of the Seminary  
**Seminary of the Immaculate Conception**

440 West Neck Road, Huntington, NY Website: [www.icseminary.edu](http://www.icseminary.edu)

To register or for more information, contact Barbara: 631-423-0483 x 102 or e-mail: [bmalone@icseminary.edu](mailto:bmalone@icseminary.edu)

## **Chaminade High School - Academic Awards Honor Pins**

### **Senior Gold Pins**

*Thomas J. DeCanio  
David J. Martin*

### **Junior Silver Pins**

*Matthew S. Stueber  
Thomas L. Stuebr*



### **Senior Silver Pins**

*Josemaria Castillo*

### **Sophomore Bronze Pins**

*Andrew T. Rao*

*Congratulations to these young parishioners on their success and accomplishments at Chaminade.  
We're all very proud of you!*

## **Preparing for Marriage?**

### **Do you need to fulfill your Marriage Prep Requirement?**

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 2 day weekend (with safe social distancing) will be held as follows:

**Mar. 6-7, 2021 Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington, NY**

**July 10-11, 2021 Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington, NY**

**Nov. 13-14 2021 Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington, NY**

For information please call Lenny & Pat Walker at: 631-563-1032 or visit: [www.engagedencounterli.org](http://www.engagedencounterli.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 "The Best Presents".

To listen online or for more information, visit: [www.ReligionandRock.com](http://www.ReligionandRock.com).





## ***SHARE THE LIGHT - Advent 2020***

In our church the candle is a symbol of the *Light of Christ*. We receive a candle at our baptism when we are called to walk as a child of the *Light* each day of our life.

These past few months have been difficult for all the world. A pandemic, financial stress, and isolation have clouded our lives. Yet, we are still called to keep our faith, *our light*, burning brightly and to share the *Light of Christ* with others.

We keep our *Light* alive through prayer. We share the *Light* with others through the life we lead and the love we share.

Let us use the weeks of Advent to share the *Light of Christ*. Embrace your *light*, show your *light* to others as we prepare for God's Son, *The Light of the World* to fill our hearts at Christmas.

CUT OUT THIS CANDLE. COLOR IT IN AND PLACE IT IN YOUR WINDOW. LET OUR PARISH FAMILY SHOW THE WORLD THAT THE *LIGHT OF CHRIST* IS STILL SHINING BRIGHTLY.