

# Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

455 Hunter Avenue, West Islip, NY 11795

**Msgr. Brian McNamara**, Pastor  
**Rev. Charles Mangano**, Associate Pastor  
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## Parish Office

**Phone: 631.661.3224 (select option #2)**  
Monday-Thursday: 9:00am-7:30pm  
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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

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

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

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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.

*Third Sunday of Advent • Sunday, December 13, 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 December 13

**Sunday:** Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/ 1 Thes 5:16-24/ Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

**Monday:** Mn 24:2-7, 15-17a/ Mt 21:23-27

**Tuesday:** Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/ Mt 21:28-32

**Wednesday:** Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25/ Lk 7:18b-23

**Thursday:** Gn 49:2, 8-10/ Mt 1:1-17

**Friday:** Jer 23:5-8/ Mt 1:18-25

**Saturday:** Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/ Lk 1:5-25

**Next Sunday:** 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/ Rom 16:25-27/ Lk 1:26-38

## Financial Summary

### December 6, 2020

Weekly Collection	\$ 23,077.00
Weekly Budget	- \$ 17,800.00
+/- for the week	\$ 5,277.00

Christmas Flowers	\$ 3,928.00
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*The estimated weekly collection needed to maintain and operate our parish buildings, ministries, programs and salaries is \$17,800.*

## Advent-A time to Recalculate

In July of 2017, my wife, Maria, and I went on vacation with another couple (a deacon and his wife) to Italy. It was the first time that all four of us had been to this beautiful country. We planned a two week visit to Rome (including the Vatican of course!), Assisi and Cornacchi which is in the Tuscany region of Italy. Although we had planned every detail of our trip, one thing that we were keenly aware of was that none of us spoke or were able to read in Italian. Thankfully, we were able to figure out how to navigate our lack of knowledge about the language for the most part in two ways. First, we were pleasantly surprised that many people in Italy spoke at least enough English so we could communicate with them. This however was not always the case! This is where we turned for assistance to a modern invention called Google Translator!

After leaving our first destination, Rome, where we had no need of a car, we went to the train station in Rome for the next part of our journey where we rented a car. Since we had zero knowledge of the road systems, including the fact that we could not read the road signs, our only alternative was to download an international map onto our old and outdated Garmin GPS system. For the most part, this worked out very well. However, there were times when we made a wrong turn and usually after traveling for a couple of miles down the road, the Garmin would give us a voice command which said “recalculating”. This became the joke of the trip as every so often, our conversation was interrupted with the message “recalculating” which meant we made the wrong turn. We had to go back to the prior fork in the road and go in another direction.

As previously mentioned, the couple that we travelled with was a deacon and his wife. The four of us for several years had given a weekend retreat at the Seminary in Huntington for the new incoming formation class (called aspirants) and their wives. These weekends were tremendously spiritual, fun and gratifying as we were able take the first steps with these men and their wives on a very new and lifelong journey that they committed to. While in Italy, we decided that we would focus the next retreat that we were going to do which was only a few weeks after our return, on the theme of “recalculate”. These aspirants and their wives were committing to a new and very different life, one centered on Jesus. They were committing to a new direction in their lives.

During Advent, Our Lord offers us an opportunity to stop and recalculate our lives. In other words, it is a time to stop, listen and refocus our lives on Jesus. Matthew Kelly, a Catholic author and speaker, states the same thing in a different way. He says, “we must from time to time step back and look at what we are doing. We must “check our connection” because when we get disconnected from God, we get disconnected from ourselves”.

All successful athletes have a vision. Tiger Woods, one of the most amazing and successful golfers of all time, would stand and see the flight of the ball, the trajectory, fly through the air and land at its intended destination before he even took the shot. Prayer allows us to have this connection, this peace, this vision for the life that God intends for us to have.

The question that we need to ask ourselves is are we sleep walking through our lives or are we being watchful and vigilant. Is our life one of rejoicing in the Lord or are we simply rejoicing in the things of this material world that we cannot take with us.

Advent is a time of waiting and hope. It is a time when we are invited into a peacefulness and silence so we can hear God’s voice and His presence. Since there are so many distractions in our lives, we need the help of God to reconnect to His ways.

St. Paul gives us some very practical advice in our second reading this weekend in his first letter to the Thessalonians. He tells us three things. First, “Rejoice always”. Second is to “pray without ceasing” and third is “in all circumstances give thanks for this is the will of God”. Fr. Richard Rohr says that these things are not easy to do however they are both necessary and they are interconnected. You cannot rejoice always unless you pray without ceasing and unless you are ready to be grateful! Because of so much negativity in the world, we need to make the deliberate first step to consciously pray, to surrender to God. This means to recalculate the direction of our lives, to reconnect to God. Once we do that, the rejoicing and a spirit of gratitude will naturally follow. Advent is a wonderful time to make the commitment to change! God only knows how badly we all need it!

Deacon Tom

## 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.



<b>Michael DiMatteo</b> - <i>US Marines</i>	<b>Anthony Memoli</b> - <i>US Marines</i>
<b>Michael Fantauzzi</b> - <i>US Air Force</i>	<b>Timothy Milligan</b> - <i>US Marines</i>
<b>Christopher Florca</b> - <i>US Marines</i>	<b>Melissa Mockler</b> - <i>US Navy</i>
<b>Dominick Gennaro</b> - <i>US Army</i>	<b>Andrew Perniciaro</b> - <i>US Army</i>
<b>Patrick Harty</b> - <i>US Coast Guard</i>	<b>Brandon Ranzie</b> - <i>US Army</i>
<b>Ritchard Higham</b> - <i>US Army</i>	<b>Stephen Rolston</b> - <i>US Army</i>
<b>Colby Matthew Kelly</b> - <i>US Army</i>	<b>Jack Shires</b> - <i>US Navy</i>
<b>Luke Loftsgaarden</b> - <i>US Army</i>	<b>Jack Taffner</b> - <i>US Marines</i>
<b>Anthony Mannino</b> - <i>US Marines</i>	<b>Michael Wilkinson</b> - <i>US Army</i>
<b>Msgr. Brian McNamara</b> - <i>US Air Force</i>	<b>Peter Zaccaria</b> - <i>US Navy</i>

... ..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, Dcn. John DeGuardi, Amanda DiTingo, Denise Dreher, Paula Edwards, Anna Ferrante, Mike Ferrante, Ted Gladkowski, Tyler Gossweiler, Denis Heffron, Patrick Anthony Heffron, Carol Randazzo Hopkins, 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***

*Salvatore DiMaio  
Catherine Marquardt  
Lillian Rose Mattera*

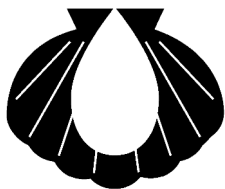
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*We extend our prayerful  
sympathy to the families  
and loved ones of those  
recently deceased.*

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## ***Baptism***

*Maya Colleen Dindal  
Luke Robert Fengler  
Mia Angelina Sciara*

***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, December 14**

*St. John of the Cross*

**8:30am** Catherine Di Orio

**Tuesday, December 15**

**8:30am** Al Eppers

**Wednesday, December 16**

**8:30am** Randy Belz (Living) and  
Patalbo & Manalo Families

**Thursday, December 17**

**8:30am** Mary Alice Serdock

**Friday, December 18**

**8:30am** Thomas Brando

**Saturday, December 19**

**8:30am** John Patrick Lilly, Karen Epp, Hugh Hanley,  
William Milligan, Thomas Brando, Anne McNulty

**5:00pm** Fred & Charlene Hervey and  
Charles & Georgette Van Manen  
*Fr. Charles Mangano*

**Sunday, December 20**

*Fourth Sunday of Advent*

**8:00am** Dolores Lazarich  
*Msgr. Brian McNamara*

**9:30am** James M. Folks Sr.  
*Msgr. Brian McNamara*

**11:00am** Richard Jensen  
*Fr. Charles Mangano*

**12:30pm** James Smith & Family  
*Fr. Charles Mangano*

**6:00pm** People of the Parish, Charles Scarcella,  
Evelyn Santaniello, Tony Petsorich,  
George Kuzma  
*Msgr. Brian McNamara*



## Christmas Candles

This year, we are once again offering a *Loving Candle*. This symbolic light is a beautiful way to remember our loved ones - both living and deceased - and will remain lit throughout the life of the candle (approximately a week). The candles will be available for a donation of \$10.00. They will be sold after the Sunday Masses and will be available in the Parish Office. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at 631.661.3224, ext. 121.



## Christmas Flower Offerings

Christmas Flower offerings received by **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.

## Needed: Eucharistic Ministers and Ushers for Christmas Masses

Additional Eucharistic Ministers will be needed to serve at the Christmas Masses. If you are an EM and would like to help, please add your name, contact information and the Mass you can assist with to the Christmas Eucharistic Minister sheet posted in the Sign-in Room.

Anyone who would like to assist as an Usher at Christmas Masses is requested to add their name, contact information and the Mass they will help with to the Volunteer Usher list in the Sign-in Room.

## Christmas Raffle



Below please find a set of 3 chances. It is a 50-50 drawing. Chances are \$25 each or 6 chances for \$100. 1<sup>st</sup> place winner will win 35% of the money, 2<sup>nd</sup> place will win 10% of the money and 3<sup>rd</sup> place will win 5% of the money. You have to be in it to win it!

The drawing will take place on **Sunday, January 17 after the 12:30pm Mass.**

*Hopefully, the Wise Men will bring you a gift of a winning ticket!*

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CHRISTMAS RAFFLE</b></p> <p>Name _____</p> <p>Phone _____</p> <p>1 Ticket for \$25; 6 Tickets for \$100</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CHRISTMAS RAFFLE</b></p> <p>Name _____</p> <p>Phone _____</p> <p>1 Ticket for \$25; 6 Tickets for \$100</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CHRISTMAS RAFFLE</b></p> <p>Name _____</p> <p>Phone _____</p> <p>1 Ticket for \$25; 6 Tickets for \$100</p>
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## RSVP Procedure for Christmas Masses

As we all know, certain Christmas Mass times can be very crowded. With that, and safe social distancing in mind, we have placed an RSVP function on our Parish Website ([ollchurch.org](http://ollchurch.org).) Please visit our website, scroll down, and you will find a graph on the front page showing how many people plan to attend our various Masses. This will assist you in choosing which Mass to attend. When you are ready to RSVP, click on the red “Christmas Mass Sign Up” button. Enter your name, select the Mass you have chosen to attend, and then enter the number of people attending. When you hit the “Submit” button, the graph will automatically update to reflect the new amount of people coming to that Mass. Please remember, everyone over the age of two must wear a mask. If you have any questions or do not have internet access, please contact the Parish Office (631-661-3224, ext.121) for assistance in processing your RSVP.



## ADVENT OFFERINGS

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19:**

4:00pm – 4:45pm

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 21:**

3:00pm – 8:00pm

**RECONCILIATION/CONFESSIONS**

CHURCH: Confessors will be available.

**RECONCILIATION/CONFESSIONS**

CHURCH: Confessors will be available throughout this time.

## Kellenberg Memorial High School Final Honor Roll

Our congratulations to the following students who have been named to the Final Honor Roll for the 2019-2020 School Year and to the National Honor Society at Kellenberg Memorial High School. We are very proud of your hard work and accomplishments.



### **HONOR ROLL**

*Timothy Astacio  
Michaela Clifford  
Miranda Clifford*

*Anna Heaton  
Nicholas Killian*

**NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY**  
*Anna Heaton*

## 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.





## 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](http://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.

## 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.

## 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 “**Christmas Special**”.

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



## 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. **If you purchased gift cards and were unable to bring them in by December 10<sup>th</sup>, please be sure to drop them off at Outreach no later than December 14<sup>th</sup>.** We will be distributing the gift cards to the families early that week so they have time to use them before Christmas.

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.



Canned Chicken  
Cannellini Beans  
Ketchup  
Cookies/Snacks  
Shampoo/ Conditioner





## ***SHARE THE LIGHT - The Candle of Joy***

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.

**As we light this Candle of Joy let us remember that lasting joy does not come from material things. It comes from Jesus coming into our hearts just as it filled the hearts of everyone in that tiny stable so long ago.**

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.