

# 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  
Chaplain, South Shore University Hospital (Southside)  
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**Deacon Tom Lucie, Deacon Rich Maher,  
Deacon Jack Meehan, Deacon John Teufel**

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**Vita Scorcia**, Ministry Spiritual Director

## 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)  
Fax: 631.661.7143  
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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**  
E-mail: [Sage@ollchurch.org](mailto:Sage@ollchurch.org)



## Liturgical Schedule

### Daily Mass

8:30am

### Weekend Masses

Saturday: 5:00pm

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

### Reconciliation/Confession

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

### Rosary

Daily at 8:00am

### Miraculous Medal Novena

Monday at 8:00am

## Sacraments

### Anointing of the Sick

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

### Baptism

Please contact the Parish Office to schedule an appointment.

### Marriage

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

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

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

*Fourth Sunday of Advent • Sunday, December 20, 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 20

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

**Monday:** Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/ Lk 1:39-45

**Tuesday:** 1 Sm 1:24-28/ Lk 1:46-56

**Wednesday:** Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/ Lk 1:57-66

**Thursday:** **Morning:** 2 Sm 7:1-5/, 8b-12, 14a, 16/ Lk 1:67-79

**Friday:** **Vigil:** Is 62:1-5/ Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/ Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 **Night:** Is 9:1-6/ Ti 2:11-14/ Lk 2:1-14

**Day:** Is 52:7-10/ Heb 1:1-6/ Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

**Saturday:** Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59/ Mt 10:17-22

**Next Sunday:** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/ Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/ Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40 or Gn 15:1-6, 21:1-3/ Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/ Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

## Financial Summary

### December 13, 2020

Weekly Collection	\$ 17,413.00
Weekly Budget	- \$ 17,800.00
+/- for the week	\$ (387.00)

Religious Retirement	\$ 4,110.00
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*The estimated weekly collection needed to maintain and operate our parish buildings, ministries, programs and salaries is \$17,800.*

Dear Parishioners:

It is hard to believe but Christmas is upon us. In the midst of the last-minute hustle and bustle, let us not forget the true meaning of Christmas: God loving us so much that God became one of us.

As St. John reminds us: "God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son; that whoever believes in Him may not die, but may have eternal life. God did not send His son into the world to condemn the world but that the world might be saved through Him (John 3:16-17)." This is the heart of the Christmas message. God loved us so much that He sent His only Son, Jesus Christ, and Jesus Christ loved us so much that He died on the cross for us. That awesome message is the Good News! It is news that may sound too good to be true – but it is true! Our response to that Good News is to do what the Shepherds and Wise Men did: Come, let us adore! We adore Christ by our participation at Sunday Mass each week and by participating in the life of the parish family of Our Lady of Lourdes.

For some of us, we may not feel worthy to be close to God. I encourage you to recall the words of the song, *The Little Drummer Boy*: "I have no gifts to bring that's fit to give our King." We are like the drummer boy; we are not worthy of the great gift of Jesus, his only Son. But God loves us anyway: unconditionally and forever. Now that is something to be truly thankful for!

Don't forget the **Sacrament of Reconciliation this Monday, December 21 from 3:00pm – 8:00pm**. We will have 2 priests hearing Confessions throughout that time period. Due to social distancing, confessions will be heard in the Parish Center. Let's prepare to welcome Christ with a grace-filled heart because Christ has removed our sinfulness from our souls. Just as we do a lot of cleaning for the holidays, let's "clean" our hearts and souls by receiving this great sacrament of peace.

I would also like to thank everyone for their generosity and kindness to the needy of our Parish. The Parish gave a wonderful response to the gift cards from the Giving Tree. I appreciate your thoughtful consideration to the needy of our community. You gave many families an opportunity to have a "very merry Christmas"!

Speaking of gift-giving, why not give someone the gift of faith! This Christmas would be a great time to personally invite someone you know who is in the situation of not going to Church to come back to Church. It does not have to be complicated or pushy! Just a simple "Why don't you come to church with my family this Christmas" can be a very powerful invitation. Give it a shot!

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

In Christ,

Fr. Brian



PS: Don't forget to hand in your chances for our **50/50 drawing** which will take place after Christmas. The more people buy tickets, the greater the prize. Tickets are \$25 each and six (6) tickets for \$100. Send them in by mail or drop them off at the rectory. As the saying goes, you have to be in it to win it! So, be in it and win it! Think about giving the chances as a Christmas gift to your family and friends. It will be a nice way to help the parish at the same time. Give them as Christmas gifts to your adult children! The drawing will take place on Sunday, January 17 after the 12:30pm Mass.

## Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Connie Lynch*. 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, Paula Edwards, Anna Ferrante, Mike Ferrante, Ted Gladkowski, Tyler Gossweiler, Robert Grippo, Denis Heffron, Patrick Anthony Heffron, James Leung, Anne Kerrigan, Marty Kerrigan, Michael F. Maher, Edward Pauciullo, Connie Polik, Fred Polik, Teresa Regina, Matthew Roopchandsingh, Joseph J. Schiavoni, Natalie Stone, Phyllis Van Dyken, Roger Welden,*

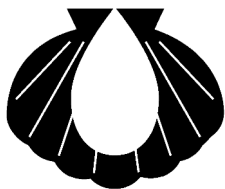
Names of the sick will be listed for **six weeks** for short-term requests and **six months** for long-term.



## Rest In Peace

Leonard Nicholas Pastore  
Raphael J. Sgambati  
Marie Rose Wilson

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



## Baptism

Chase Daniel Daudet, Jr.  
Logan Michael Milbauer

*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 21

*St. Peter Canisius*

**8:30am** Dolores Gordon

### Tuesday, December 22

**8:30am** Joan Fasone

### Wednesday, December 23

*St. John of Kanty*

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

### Thursday, December 24

*Vigil of Christmas*

**8:30am** Lillian LaRocca

**2:00pm** Christmas Novena (Church)

**2:00pm** Christmas Novena (Cafeteria)

**4:00pm** Christmas Novena (Church)

**4:00pm** Christmas Novena (Cafeteria)

**6:00pm** Christmas Novena

**11:00pm** Christmas Novena

### Friday, December 25

*The Nativity of the Lord*

**8:00am** Christmas Novena

**9:30am** Christmas Novena

**11:00am** Christmas Novena

**12:30pm** Christmas Novena

### Saturday, December 26

*St. Stephen*

**8:30am** Charles Scarcella, Frank Aparo

**5:00pm** John Keane

*Fr. Charles Mangano*

### Sunday, December 27

*The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph*

**8:00am** Janet Bruckner

*Fr. Charles Mangano*

**9:30am** Kathy Kruger

*Fr. Charles Mangano*

**11:00am** Elaine Woods

*Msgr. Brian McNamara*

**12:30pm** Janet Bruckner

*Msgr. Brian McNamara*

**6:00pm** People of the Parish, Henryka Wojno, Annie Hoyt, Patrick Manley (2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary), Joe Bosci, Intentions of Msgr. Brian McNamara

*Fr. Charles Mangano*



*The Parish Office will close at 3:00pm on Christmas Eve - Thursday, December 24.  
(No evening hours)*

*We will be closed on Friday, December 25 in observance of Christmas,  
and will re-open at 9:00am on Saturday, December 26.*

## 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.

## 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 Raffle



Below please find a set of 6 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!*

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## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION/PENANCE)

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19: 4:00pm – 4:45pm**  
**MONDAY, DECEMBER 21: 3:00pm – 8:00pm**

### **\*\*\*RSVP PROCEDURE FOR CHRISTMAS MASS\*\*\***

Due to the pandemic, we need to implement some changes to keep everyone safe and healthy. As you 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 for Christmas. This will assist you in choosing which Christmas 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.

When a given Mass is “filled”, I ask that you sign-up for a different Mass. I ask that you please cooperate with this process; do not simply “show-up”; it is not fair to others who have followed the process. We simply must do this for everyone’s safety. Also, please note that we have an additional 2:00pm Mass this year as well. In addition, when you arrive at Church/cafeteria, please follow the directions of the ushers. Thank you for your kindness and cooperation during these strange times.

**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.

#### **December 24: Christmas Eve:**

2:00pm	Church	Fr. Brian
2:00pm	School Cafeteria	Fr. Charles
4:00pm	Church	Fr. Brian
4:00pm	School Cafeteria	Fr. Charles
6:00pm	Church	Fr. Brian
11:00pm (Midnight Mass)	Church	Fr. Charles

#### **December 25: Christmas Day:**

8:00am	Church	Fr. Sylvester
9:30am	Church	Fr. Sylvester
11:00am	Church	Fr. Charles
12:30pm	Church	Fr. Brian

**Go to Joseph!**

**“Go to Joseph!”**

A New Pastoral Letter *from*  
Bishop John O. Barres

**www.stjosephpastoralletter.com**

OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS, DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

## Retrouvaille Weekend - You Can Help Heal Your Marriage

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse?

Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped thousands of couples worldwide experiencing ALL TYPES of marital difficulties.

For confidential information about the Retrouvaille program, or to register for the upcoming weekend that begins on Friday, January 22, 2021, please call 1-800-470-2230 and you will be connected directly and confidentially to a couple from Long Island/Metro Retrouvaille who can help.

Location: Marriott Melville Long Island - 1350 Walt Whitman Road, Melville, NY 11747



## 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

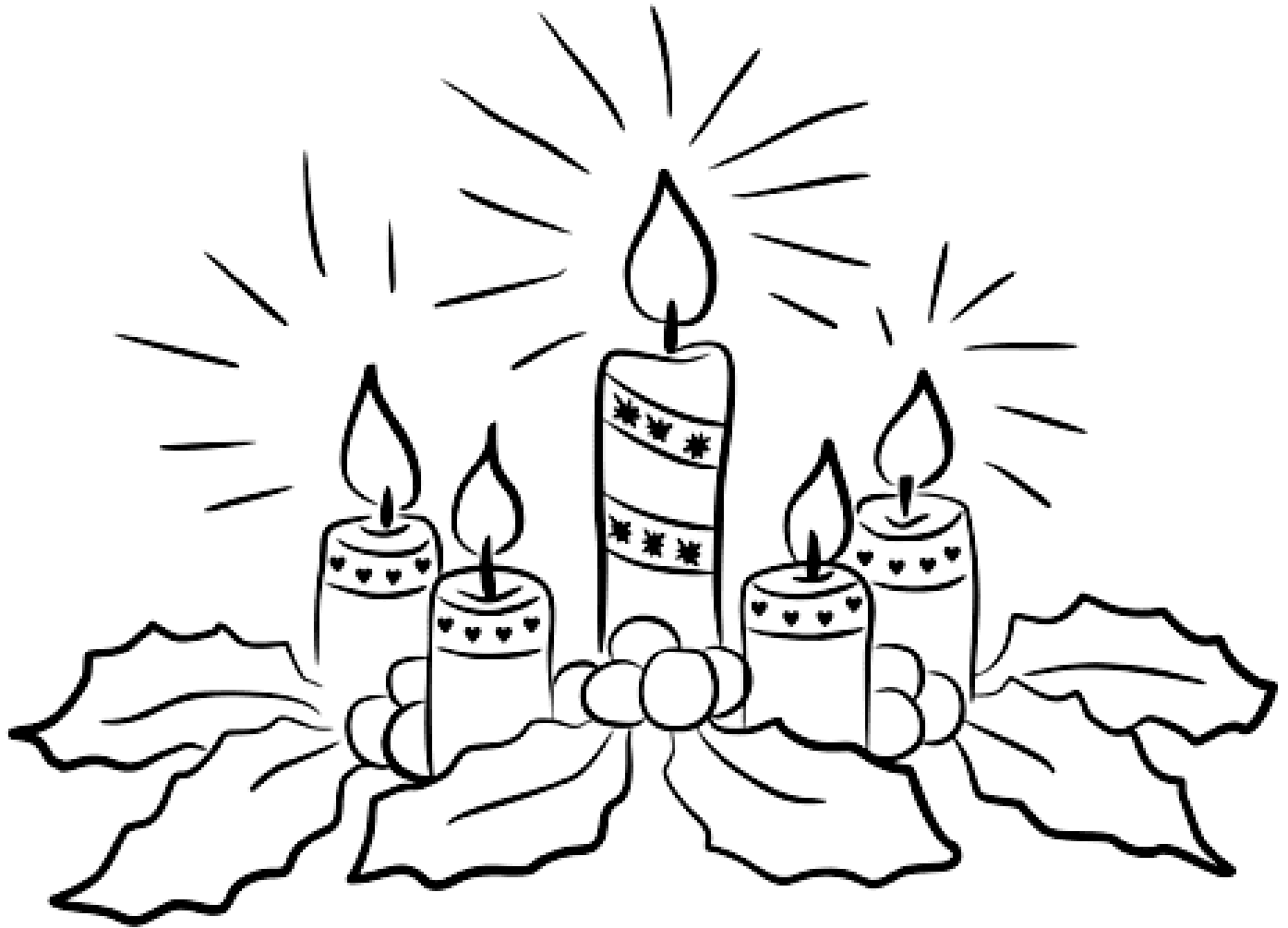
*IF* you are an adult *AND* one or more of the circumstances above apply to you ...

*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.

## 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).





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

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 Love let us remember that the greatest gift of love came on the first Christmas wrapped in a swaddling cloth and placed in a tiny manger. Let us share that love with everyone in the world.**

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.