

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

455 Hunter Avenue, West Islip, NY 11795

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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
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Religious Education Office

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Monday-Friday: 9:00am-Noon,
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Parish Outreach Office

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

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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.

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time • Sunday, February 7, 2021



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
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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 February 7

Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/ 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/ Mk 1:29-39
Monday: Gn 1:1-19/ Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday: Gn 1:20—2:4a/ Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/ Mk 7:14-23
Thursday: Gn 2:18-25/ Mk 7:24-30
Friday: Gn 3:1-8/ Mk 7:31-37
Saturday: Gn 3:9-24/ Mk 8:1-10
Next Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/ 1 Cor 10:31—11:1/ Mk 1:40-45

Financial Summary

*Financial figures for 1/31 were unavailable at the time of printing.
They will be published in a subsequent issue.*

January 17, 2021

Weekly Collection	\$ 10,544.00
Weekly Budget	- \$ 17,800.00
+/- for the week	\$ (7,256.00)

January 24, 2021

Weekly Collection	\$ 16,749.00
Weekly Budget	- \$ 17,800.00
+/- for the week	\$ (1,051.00)

Catholic Schools	\$ 2,588.00
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The estimated weekly collection needed to maintain and operate our parish buildings, ministries, programs and salaries is \$17,800.

Are We There Yet?

I am one of four siblings. Every summer, my family would look forward to going on a vacation together. We could usually reach our destination within one day's driving time. With four children, my parents did not have a lot of money to spare. My father would always start off with a prayer, before we left in our station wagon, asking God to be with us for our journey. Sometimes our destination was a few hours away. Usually, it was more like five or six hours. No matter how long, one of us children would always ask about one half hour into the trip, "Are we there yet"?

It has been almost one year since the word "COVID19" became part of our everyday vocabulary. A day does not go by when a good part of the news is not devoted to the number of newly infected individuals, the number of deaths associated with the virus, the effects on schools, business, unemployment, our personal finances and our mental health. Most recently, the focus has been on the difficulty in getting an appointment for the vaccine. The closer we get to our goal of getting back to some resemblance of normalcy, the longer it seems it is going to take to get there. During so much suffering and pain for so many of us, our patience has worn thin. Most of us are asking when will this all come to an end? We want to know, "are we there yet"?

In today's first reading from Job, Job expresses a frustration with the suffering that he has endured. The question he asks is the same one we do when we are going through a time like this. Why does God not intervene and act? Why is there so much suffering in the world, yet God seems not to respond to our pleas for help? Where does the love of God go when we need him most? Where is God's compassion? We are reminded in John's Gospel when Lazarus died. Lazarus' sisters, Martha and Mary, had pleaded with Jesus to intervene. They knew that He was a healer and could have saved their brother. Their pain and frustration was seen when Martha said, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died". However, this was not the last line. Martha did not lose her faith. Instead, she said to Jesus, "but even now I know that whatever You ask of God, God will give You". Jesus did not answer the mystery of why there is suffering and death in this world. Instead, He assured Martha and Mary that not only would their brother rise, but that it would be done through Him. "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in Me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die".

Fr. Ron Rolheiser said, "God is not so much a rescuing God as a redeeming one. God does not protect us from pain, but instead enters it and ultimately redeems it". In Mark's gospel today, Jesus is clearly one who cares, comforts and heals. Jesus did not just heal with a prayer. Instead, Jesus approached Simon's mother-in-law, grasped her hand, and helped her up. Then the fever left her. Before Jesus left this earth physically, He made it clear that His disciples (us) were left with the responsibility of carrying on His mission. The mission, as seen in the gospel today, is for us to not question the mystery of God and His ways. Instead, it is to carry on His ministry of allowing God's love to work through us by ministering to those most in need. Mother Teresa was one who did this best. In her own conversion, she heard the voice of Jesus speaking to her when He said on the cross, "I thirst". She later came to realize that although the thirst was a physical pain as Jesus lost His blood, it was also Jesus letting us know that God thirsts for us to love Him by loving others and for God to want us to receive His love as well.

God does not wish to see us suffer. Instead, He redeems us. Are we there yet? Maybe the better question we can ask ourselves is during this trying time, is how we have allowed ourselves to surrender to God and helped others. Tragically, about a million people worldwide have died of the virus. At the same time, millions more have seen the work of God through the hands of so many medical professionals, scientists, doctors, nurses, teachers and anyone else who selflessly put themselves in harm's way to help others. In the end, we will realize (or have already), that God saves, God will redeem us.

Deacon Tom

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.

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 Shires-*US Navy*

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 ...

Rebecca Budriss, Thomas J. Calogero III, Kayla Cappetta, Thomas Chisari, Toby Conwell, Dcn. John DeGuardi, Patricia Dennehy, Amanda DiTingo, Paula Edwards, Robert Genna, Ted Gladkowski, Elizabeth (Betty) Goode, Tyler Gossweiler, Josephine Heffron, Patrick Anthony Heffron, Carol Randazzo Hopkins, Audrey Hoskins, Anne Kerrigan, Marty Kerrigan, Michael F. Maher, Diane Mahlstadt, Margaret Mooney, Rosemarie Olivieri, Vivian Patterson, Edward Pauciullo, Patricia Planteny, Connie Polik, Fred Polik, Teresa Regina, Matthew Roopchandsingh, Christopher Sanchez, Richard Shaddock, Doris Shaddock, Joseph J. Schiavoni, Natalie Stone, Anna Turnwall, 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

*Sabato Gaeta
Frank Olivieri
Robert Tulipan*

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

A Prayer for Persons Suffering from the Coronavirus

Merciful God,
hear our fervent prayer for all who
suffer from the coronavirus.

May those who are infected
receive the proper treatment
and the comfort of
your healing presence.

May their caregivers,
families and neighbors
be shielded from
the onslaught of the virus.

Give solace to those
who grieve
the loss of loved ones.

Protect and guide
those who strive to find a cure,
that their work may
conquer the disease
and restore communities
to wholeness and health.

Help us to rise above fear.
We ask all this through
the intercession of
Our Lady of Lourdes,
and in the name of your Son,
Jesus, and the Holy Spirit,
now and forever.

Amen.

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.

Mass Intentions

Monday, February 8

St. Jerome Emiliani, St. Josephine Bakhita

8:30am Tony Delise

Tuesday, February 9

8:30am Joseph Gennardo

Wednesday, February 10

St. Scholastica

8:30am Bill Casey

Thursday, February 11

Our Lady of Lourdes; World Day of the Sick

8:30am Joseph Amodio

Friday, February 12

8:30am Leonard Pastore

Saturday, February 13

8:30am Merka Nieradko, Patty Passarelli

5:00pm Barbara & Lou Argeto

Fr. Charles Mangano

Sunday, February 14

Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:00am Mary Poveromo

Fr. Charles Mangano

9:30am In Memory of Mary Ellen McStay & Harry Hogan

Fr. Charles Mangano

11:00am John & Mary Flynn

Fr. Sylvester Chukwumalume

12:30pm Paulina & Ryszard Gajda

Fr. Sylvester Chukwumalume

6:00pm People of the Parish, Rocco J. Izzo, Louis Lanza,
Michael Clark, John & Linda Irvin (Living)

Fr. Charles Mangano

40 Days for Life

Looking ahead, on **Saturday, February 13th** at 9:00am at St. Ladislaus Church (18 Richardson Place, Hempstead, NY 11550) there will be a special Mass to “kick off” **40 Days for Life**.

Following the Mass, you are invited to process to Planned Parenthood in Hempstead for a silent prayerful show of support for life.



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, May 7, 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



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 processed more efficiently.

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

Meeting Cancellations

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

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 Stew
Egg Noodles
Jelly
Cookies/Crackers
Cooking Oil



Return Last Year's Palm

Now is the time to bring last year's dried palm back to church so that it may be burned in preparation for Ash Wednesday. Traditionally, it is the ashes of the burnt palm branches that are used on Ash Wednesday as a sign of our commitment renounce sin and to follow Jesus. Please return your palm to the lobby of the church no later than **this Sunday, February 7, 2021.**

Irish & Catholic?

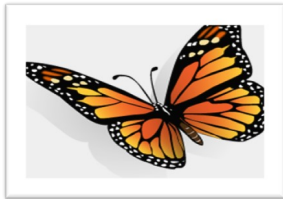
The Ancient Order of Hibernians (A.O.H.), which was founded in New York City in 1836, is the oldest Irish-Catholic Fraternal Organization in the United States. A.O.H. St. Patrick's Division 2 is located in the heart of Babylon Village, and is the only A.O.H. Division in the Town of Babylon. If you are Roman Catholic and Irish by birth or descent, please consider becoming a member. We have Mens, Ladies, Junior Boys and Junior Girls divisions. We are a very active and charitable A.O.H. Division celebrating our Irish-Catholic religion, culture and heritage. We also offer Irish Step Dancing classes, Irish Language classes. Bagpipe and Drum Lessons and more!



For more information, please contact President Jim Killen at:

E-mail: president.babylonthibernians.com Website: www.BabylonHibernians.com Phone: 631-587-1896

Bereavement Support Group for Widows and Widowers



8 Week Program for Age 50 and Over
Starting Wednesday, March 24, 2021 from 3:00 – 5:00pm
St. Joseph Parish Center
39 N. Carll Avenue, Babylon

*For more information and registration, please call:
Terry Hoffmann 631-669-0198 or Geri Olson 631-661-8994*

Volunteer Cantors Needed

Requirements are:

- Ability to read music
- Good ear and vocal techniques

Commitments:

At least one Mass (5:00pm Saturday, 9:30am, 11:00am, 12:30pm Sunday) every 6 weeks (typical cycle).

Must be available for Christmas and Easter Masses.

Contact Mike at organist@ollchurch.org or the Parish Office for more info.



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.

The Sisters of St. Dominic of Amityville Celebrate Irish Night

Many of you know the Dominican Sisters of Amityville through our ministry in schools, health facilities, parish affiliations, etc. This year, we celebrate and honor those whose daily dedication and hard work foster the creation of a caring community. This year's festivities will take place virtually on Saturday, March 6, 2021 and offer us an opportunity to gather together for liturgy, followed by a joyful program of song, dance, and Irish spirit! Please consider supporting our efforts by purchasing one or more of the following:

- A ticket for our Irish Sweepstakes Raffle. Tickets are \$10 each, or 6 for \$50. Extra tickets are available on our website.
- A special edition Irish Night cookbook which includes tasty recipes and culinary traditions from all across the Emerald Isle. Cookbooks are \$10 each.
- An event ticket for \$40, which includes 1 entry into our door prize raffle, an entry into the Irish Sweepstakes and a copy of the cookbook.

For more information, please contact our Advancement Office at 631-842-6000 ext.246 or visit the event website: www.sistersofstdominic.org/irishnight2021

As always, thank you for your continued support of the Congregation. We hope you will join us on March 6th and raise a glass to good health this coming year - Sláinte!

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.



Great News - Worldwide Marriage Encounter has gone "Virtual"!

To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences. Some are on weekends and some span multiple weeks on a given weekday. Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call John & Toni Torio at 718-344-3700 or visit them at <https://wwmenyli.org/>.

"Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties." There are many things to be anxious about in these days. Let us learn to calm our anxieties in our life by learning how to communicate better on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. The next virtual Experiences are May 3-24, 2021 in VIRTUAL 3RE, NY and Feb. 12-14, 2021 in East Hartford, CT



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

Sharing the Gospel

Think about how you get ready for a busy day. You eat a healthy breakfast. You wash up and brush your teeth. Then you get dressed and comb your hair. There's one more thing you could do to start your day off right. Pray. Find a quiet spot where you can be alone to talk to God. That's what Jesus did.



Mission for the Week



When you get home, choose a special quiet place where you can talk to God every morning. Tell your family about your special place. They may want to join you in spending quiet time to pray.



Puzzle

Which piece of the puzzle is missing?



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Prayer

God, help me to start every day with You in prayer.



Something to Draw

Draw a picture of yourself praying to God in a quiet place.

