

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

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Parish Office

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Friday: 9:00am-5:00pm
Saturday: 9:00am-3:00pm
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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.

First Sunday of Lent • Sunday, February 21, 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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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 February 21

Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/ 1Pt 3:18-22/ Mk 1:12-15

Monday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/ Mt 16:13-19

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/ Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/ Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/ Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28/ Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/ Mt 5:43-48

Next Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/ Rom 8:31b-34/ Mk 9:2-10

Financial Summary

February 14, 2021

Weekly Collection	\$ 14,949.00
Weekly Budget	- \$ 17,800.00
+/- for the week	\$ (2,851.00)

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

Dear Parishioners:

Well, believe it or not, Lent is upon us! Easter is early this year – April 4 – so that means that Lent is very early as well. It seems like we were just singing Christmas carols!

During the Lenten season, there will be a variety of Spiritual Opportunities that will take place. I urge you to take advantage of these Lenten Spiritual Opportunities. Allow the Lord to touch your heart by taking advantage of these spiritual opportunities. But, as with all opportunities, you have to choose to participate or not. Make the choice for God!

I especially want to point out that during Lent, we will have an **additional daily Mass** during the week. From Monday to Friday, in addition to the normal 8:30am Mass, we will also have a **12:10pm Mass**. We will pray the Stations of the Cross every Friday at 12:45pm and at 7:30pm. Every MONDAY evening, there will be other spiritual and educational activities.

I particularly want everyone to set aside **March 15 – March 18 for our PARISH MISSION** which will be led by **Fr. Gerry Fitzsimmons, SMM**. Carve out time for the Parish Mission now. I am confident that you will be glad that you did. Bring a friend, especially if he or she has been away from the church for a period of time. Be a good evangelizer! Spread the word!

On Ash Wednesday, the second reading at Mass was taken from St. Paul's Letter to the Corinthians. In that passage, St. Paul reminds us that we are "ambassadors for Christ." That means that you and I represent Christ in a special way, just as any ambassador represents his or her own country and political leadership.

If, then, we are "ambassadors for Christ", we need to ask ourselves: "Am I a good ambassador for Christ?" An even better question to ask is this: "How can I become an even better ambassador for Christ?" I think the Lenten program here at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Family will help you to become a better ambassador for Christ. The list of our Lenten Spiritual Opportunities is located on Page 9 of the bulletin. Take a look! Challenge yourself to grow spiritually this Lenten season. Bring a friend!

These Lenten opportunities are simply that: opportunities. As with all opportunities, we can choose to take advantage of them or not to take advantage of them. Take advantage of these opportunities; allow the Lord, who loved you so much that He died for you on the Cross, to touch your heart and bring you closer to Him. Remember the old adage: You can bring a horse to water but you can't make him drink. These Spiritual Opportunities will bring you to the water but YOU have to choose to drink it. Drink deeply of God's water!

Sometimes we say, "I would love to do these things but I am just too busy." St. Francis de Sales once said, "Every Christian needs a half-hour of prayer each day, except when he is busy, then he needs an hour!" Very wise words from a very saintly man!

In Christ,

Fr. Brian



DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Lent 2021

Dear Friends:

"The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan... After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the Gospel of God." (Mark 1:12–14) Each year on the First Sunday of Lent, the Church presents for our reflection and prayer the experience of Jesus in the desert. Jesus's experience in the desert follows immediately upon His baptism by Saint John the Baptist and immediately precedes His public ministry and proclamation of the Kingdom of God, in word and in deed. Saint Mark points out to us that the Spirit, who had just descended upon Jesus in the form of a dove, drove Jesus into the desert.

The desert was a barren place, a place of lifelessness, the home of the devil and evil. The Spirit sends Jesus into the desert to prepare himself for the years of His public ministry, ultimately leading to His Death and Resurrection. Jesus spends time away from the world to prepare himself. But He also goes forth into the desert to begin His battle against evil, sin and death. Jesus goes into the very dwelling of evil to begin the confrontation. This battle will continue throughout the rest of Jesus's life. The ultimate victory will come on Good Friday through His ultimate act of love on the Cross.

Our yearly experience of Lent, our forty day "desert experience," can be viewed in the same way. We are inspired and sent by the Spirit to spend some time apart from the world of noise and recover the beauty of silence. But, we are also sent to do battle. Our experience of true silence should allow us the opportunity to both listen to the voice and promptings of God as well as to better know ourselves. This personal battle against sin and evil can be painful, because we come to realize that we are all in need of constant conversion. There are real changes each and every one of us need to make in our lives and our hearts this Lent. But like Jesus, we are not alone. The Lord was ministered to by angels during His forty days in the desert. We are constantly aided by our guardian angels, by the angels and saints in heaven, by the community of the baptized, and by the grace of the sacraments of the Church. Like Jesus, we need to emerge from the desert ready to take on the evils of the world and work to spread the Gospel.

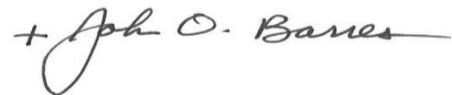
It was only a few short weeks into Lent 2020 that the experience of Covid-19 made radical changes to our society, our Church, and our families. The experience of desert isolation was no longer a metaphor but a lived reality. The experience of having our parishes locked down for months was painful for all of us. Many of us still experience this isolation in many ways. But as Christians we always remain men and women of hope. We know that the Cross of Good Friday leads to the empty tomb of Easter Sunday.

Pope Francis has declared this year as a special Year of Saint Joseph. In Saint Joseph we find a man of profound hope and strength as well as prayerful silence. Scripture does not record one word spoken by Saint Joseph. But Scripture does tell us of his unwavering faith and trust, which go beyond words. Following Jesus, and like Saint Joseph, men and women in the first centuries of the Church began to leave the towns and villages and settle in the isolation of the desert. Like the Lord, they sought to rid themselves of the distractions of everyday life so they too could do battle with evil, and through their quiet example proclaim the Kingdom of God.

This continued throughout the history of the Church, even to our present moment. Saint Antony, Saint Benedict, Saint Bruno, and so many others show us the lived experience of the desert is not an escape from the reality of life but a privileged encounter with the Lord and a revelation of our true selves. While most of us are not called to the monastic or solitary life, the last twelve months have given each of us an experience of solitude. We are encouraged to remain "socially distant." In the midst of the real suffering and hardships this has caused, perhaps the hidden grace is that it has led us to be "temporary monastics."

Our typical Lenten "desert experience" of forty days has lasted a bit longer. But we will come out of it! And like the Lord, when we emerge our goal is to proclaim the Gospel of God according to our vocation and the graces given to us. In addition to our personal sins and the evils present in our own hearts, we live in a world that is right now suffering from real physical illness as well as real division and hurt of every kind. Jesus emerged from the desert bringing the healing presence of God to all he encountered. As the baptized, the Church, the continuing presence of Jesus in the world, we need to do the same. The same Holy Spirit that drove Jesus into the desert is driving us on.

Sincerely in Christ,



Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre

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Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Rita Spera*. 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 ...

Loretta Anzalone, Rebecca Budriss, Thomas J. Calogero III, Kayla Cappetta, Thomas Chisari, Robert Cigliano, Joanne Citarella, Dcn. John DeGuardi, Patricia Dennehy, Amanda DiTingo, Pat Eastwood, Paula Edwards, Ted Gladkowski, Elizabeth (Betty) Goode, 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, Joseph J. Schiavoni, Natalie Stone, Anna Turnwall, Phyllis Van Dyken, Roger Welden

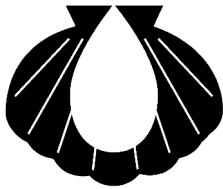
Names of the sick will be listed for **six weeks** for short-term requests and **six months** for long-term.



Rest In Peace

*John P. McArdle
John Alexander Meglino*

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



Baptism

*Emma Nancy Glueckert
Beau Michael Ingrassia
Christian Richard Ingrassia
Mattie Bella Ingrassia*

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 22

The Chair of St. Peter

8:30am Mario De Sena

12:10pm Al Eppers

Tuesday, February 23

St. Polycarp

8:30am Ignacia De Roxas Paramil & Florencia Delfin

12:10pm Joseph Tessitorre

Wednesday, February 24

8:30am Ann Batt

12:10pm Ann Deblasio

Thursday, February 25

8:30am Thomas J. Calogero

12:10pm Nancy Ferrara

Friday, February 26

8:30am Ignacia Paramil

12:10pm Minerva Serrano (Living)

Saturday, February 27

8:30am Deacon John De Guardi (Living),
Pedro Rivera (Living)

5:00pm Cornelius J. Guider
Fr. Charles Mangano

Sunday, February 28

Second Sunday of Lent

8:00am Vito & Rosa Mastrococco
Fr. Charles Mangano

9:30am Edward Cameron III
Fr. Charles Mangano

11:00am Pietro Bruno
Fr. Sylvester Chukwumalume

12:30pm Robert Beck
Fr. Sylvester Chukwumalume

6:00pm People of the Parish, Paul Sasso, Joseph Ferrara,
Elizabeth McGann
Fr. Charles Mangano



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 important 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.

COVID-19 MEMORIAL GARDEN

March will mark a year of fear, anxiety and sadness as many lives were lost in a most dreadful, lonely death. Here at Our Lady of Lourdes, as a parish and community, we will be honoring our loved ones whose lives were lost to this virus. If you would like to honor someone you lost, you can add a Personalized Cross to the Garden in their memory. The price of the Cross is \$25.00 (checks made payable to Eileen Rega). Contact Eileen at 631-236-3648 for further details.



February 13 through March 7th
March 28th after 12:30 Mass
March 28th through April 11th
April 11th after 12:30 Mass

Crosses will be available to order
Special Blessing
Crosses will be displayed in the Memorial Garden
Take your cross home for your garden or gravesite

All proceeds will be donated to Our Lady of Lourdes



Deepen Your Lenten Devotion

"Journeying through Lent and through Life."

Join the Friends of the Seminary **Sunday, March 7, 2021, 9:30am to 3:00pm.** Msgr. Charles Fink will present a Lenten Day of Prayer including Mass, spiritual reflections, lunch and Stations of the Cross. Attendance limited; masks required. \$50 donation.

Reservations required: 631-423-0483 x 102; bmalone@icseminary.edu; www.icseminary.edu.

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 Beets
- Canned Chili
- Ketchup
- Juice
- Syrup

LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES

Friday, February 26:

12:45pm & 7:30pm in the CHURCH

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Meditate upon the Passion and Death of Jesus

Monday, March 1:

7:30 in the Church & on LIVESTREAM

THE ROLE OF MARY IN THE LENTEN SEASON

Join Fr. Tom Poth, SMM, as we reflect upon our Blessed Mother as a model for our Lenten journey.

Friday, March 5:

12:45pm & 7:30pm in the CHURCH

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Meditate upon the Passion and Death of Jesus.

Monday, March 8:

7:30 in the Church & on LIVESTREAM

GOD'S DIVINE MERCY

Join Fr. Charles for a meditative evening.

Friday, March 12:

12:45pm & 7:30pm in the CHURCH

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Meditate upon the Passion and Death of Jesus.

Monday, March 15 - Thursday, March 18: PARISH MISSION

7:30pm in the CHURCH
& on LIVESTREAM

Join with us as Fr. Gerry Fitzsimmons, SMM helps us to draw closer to Christ.

Friday, March 19:

12:45pm & 7:30pm in the CHURCH

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Meditate upon the Passion and Death of Jesus.

Monday, March 22:

7:30 in the CHURCH & on LIVESTREAM

GOD'S DIVINE PROVIDENCE

Join Fr. Charles for an evening of prayer & song.

Friday, March 26:

12:45pm & 7:30pm in the CHURCH

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Meditate upon the Passion and Death of Jesus.

Monday, March 29:

3:00pm – 9:00pm in the CHURCH

RECONCILIATION MONDAY

Confessors will be available throughout this time. Come and be reconciled to God through Confession.

“Lent comes providentially to reawaken us, to shake from our lethargy... The Lord is knocking at the doors of our hearts. Have we put up a sign on the door saying: ‘Do not disturb’?” ~ Pope Francis



Catholic Faith Network - 2021 Telethon

Join Catholic Faith Network for the 2021 Telethon on Saturday, February 27th from 2:00-10:00pm and Sunday, February 28th from 12:00-10:00pm. This exciting weekend will feature guests from around the world, thrilling performances and inspirational interviews. CFN is available on your local cable providers as well as on Roku, Apple TV, Amazon Fire TV, Android and the free CFN app. The Catholic Faith Network continues to be there for you during these challenging times and we ask that you help us continue in our mission. If you have capacity to give this year, please do. Consider making a donation by phone or by visiting: www.CFNtv.org.



Girl Scout Sunday - March 7

All Girl Scouts are invited to attend our annual **Girl Scout Sunday Mass**, celebrated at the **9:30am Mass on Sunday, March 7**. Girl Scout Sunday marks the beginning of Girl Scout Week. The purpose of this special day is to emphasize that we take the Girl Scout Promise seriously-- "On my honor, I will try to serve God." It is a time for all Girl Scouts to reflect upon the importance of the words, "to serve God." Girl Scouts, please wear your uniform to Mass!



It's Peanut Butter & Jelly Time! Help West Islip Girl Scouts fill our local food pantries!

Donations can be dropped off Mon-Fri 9:00am-5:00pm
at Legislator Steve Flotteron's office located at 4 Udall Road, West Islip (across from Best Market)

For each donation of "PB & J" you can fill out a raffle ticket to win:

A Free GSSC Membership in a Basket of Girl Scout Swag
or

A Case of Girl Scout Cookies (12 boxes)

Drawing will be held on FB LIVE at 5:00pm on Wednesday, February 24, 2021
on the West Islip Girl Scouts Facebook page. All donations welcome. Raffle open to the public.



Our Lady of Mercy Academy Principal's List

Congratulations to Brooke Macina who has been named to the Principal's List for the First Semester of the 2020-2021 academic year at Our Lady of Mercy Academy. We are all very proud of you.

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 14, 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



El Salvador Trip Update

In June 2020, we had to cancel the Mission Awareness Trip to El Salvador due to COVID-19. I have been advised by our Trip Coordinator at Unbound that there would be no Mission Trips to El Salvador during the 2021 year. Our next tentative date for the Mission Trip will be June 25th – July 1st, 2022. There will be opportunities for fundraising as we get a little closer to our date. The trip has been an uplifting and rewarding experience for me, and for those who have attended in the past. It was my daughters who encouraged me to go to El Salvador for myself and see what they had experienced. I was blessed to take the trip with both daughters, and it opened my eyes in ways I cannot express in mere words. Students eighth grade and above are welcomed on the trip. Adults are welcomed as well. So save the dates, and should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at RMaher@ollchurch.org.
God bless, Deacon Rich

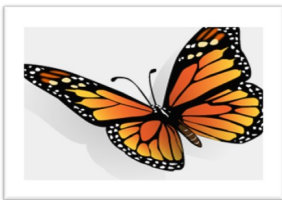


Irish & Catholic?

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.babylonhibernians.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*

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/>.

As we journey during this Lenten Season, let us take time to reflect on our marriage. What can we do to make our marriage even better? Learn how on an upcoming virtual Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on May 3-24, 2021 in VIRTUAL 3RE, NY and Feb. 22-Mar. 15, 2021 in VIRTUAL 3RE, NY



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 "Leadership".

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Sharing the Gospel

In today's Gospel, Jesus spent forty days in the desert. Jesus stayed close to God, and He followed God's directions every day of His life. When Satan came to test Jesus He was ready. Jesus passed every test beautifully. He said "No" to temptation. When you write spelling words over and over, it is easier to remember them. If you are learning a new language, it helps to make flash cards to practice with. Once you memorize all your words, taking the test is pretty easy. The more you read the Bible and do what God asks in His word, the easier it will be for you to pass Satan's tests, too.



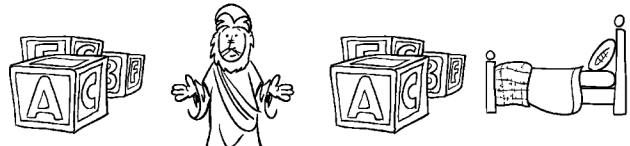
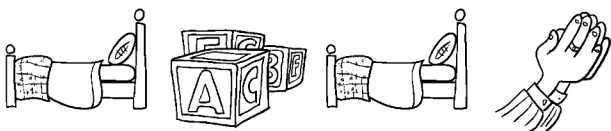
Mission for the Week



Memorize Proverbs 1:3, "You will learn what is right and honest and fair." Practice writing it and saying it every day, until you know this verse by heart.

Puzzle

Circle the picture that is the **same** as the **first** one. Then color in all the pictures.



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Prayer

God, help me to stay close to You so that I am ready for my tests.



Something to Draw

Draw a picture of Jesus helping you remember Bible verses.

