

# Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

455 Hunter Avenue, West Islip, NY 11795

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**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

**Phone: 631.661.5440 (select option #3)**  
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*)

**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.

*Third Sunday of Lent • Sunday, March 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  
Eileen Rega  
Mary Borgs  
Lisa Cantalino  
Sonia DaSilva  
Nilo DeLeon  
Jerry Esposito  
Trish Frodell  
Pam Gagliano  
Deborah Lamb  
Rosalie Mangels  
John Muldoon  
Dottie Perdue  
Vita Scorcia

### 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 March 7

**Sunday:** Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/ 1 Cor 1:22-25/ Jn 2:13-25  
**Monday:** 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/ Lk 4:24-30  
**Tuesday:** Dn 3:25, 34-43/ Mt 18:21-35  
**Wednesday:** Dt 4:1, 5-9/ Mt 5:17-19  
**Thursday:** Jer 7:23-28/ Lk 11:14-23  
**Friday:** Hos 14:2-10/ Mk 12:28-34  
**Saturday:** Hos 6:1-6/ Lk 18:9-14  
**Next Sunday:** 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/ Eph 2:4-10/ Jn 3:14-21

## Financial Summary

**February 28, 2021**

Weekly Collection	\$ 15,786.00
Weekly Budget	- \$ 17,800.00
+/- for the week	\$ (2,014.00)

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

Dear Parishioners:

Greetings from Washington, DC! I am here with the National Guard protecting the Capitol. At the height of the mission, we had 25,000 Army National Guard and Air National Guard troops here. Right now, we have about 5,200 troops. The troops are from all over the United States, even Guam and the Virgin Islands. We have about 500 troops from New York State.

We had a few snowstorms and a really bad ice storm. The troops from Guam and the Virgin Islands did not appreciate that weather! But our troops stayed outdoors throughout the ice storm, much to their credit!

I celebrate Mass everyday and I say 4 Masses on Sunday, in 2 different locations. On Ash Wednesday, I had 8 Masses and/or Prayer Services but then I also walked the fence-line to give ashes to the troops who could not come in because they were guarding the fence-line. I was with a Religious Affairs Airman and she had one of those "step-apps". We walked 5 miles in the morning and 5 miles in the afternoon – a little more than I would walk on a normal day. I hope to be home by March 15 – but we'll see. I am the only Catholic priest here so there is a need and a demand.

It is now the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of Lent; we are ½ through the season. I hope the beginning of Lent has gone well for you, but the best is yet to come. As you look at the Spiritual Opportunities, Fr. Charles will have two separate presentations. We also pray the Stations of the Cross every Friday (at 12:45pm & 7:30pm) and have an additional Mass at 12:10pm every day.

I especially encourage everyone to come to the Lenten Parish Mission from March 15 – March 18. Fr. Gerry Fitzsimmons will be leading us. I am ecstatic that he will be leading the Mission. I strongly encourage everyone to come. With the All-Purpose room being open, we will have enough room for all who come. Bring a friend. It has been such a difficult year for all of us; come to the Parish Mission and let the Lord touch your heart.

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.

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!

Remember: Together, we can something beautiful for God.

In Christ,

Fr. Brian



## 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.

**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, Anna Ferrante, Mike Ferrante, Elizabeth (Betty) Goode, Josephine Heffron, Patrick Anthony Heffron, Carol Randazzo Hopkins, Audrey Hoskins, 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, Betty Teufel, Dcn. Jack Teufel, Anna Turnwall, Phyllis Van Dyken,*

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



## Rest In Peace

*Kathleen Kegel  
Concetta Maier  
Thomas Powers*

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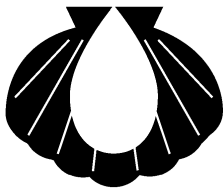
*We extend our prayerful  
sympathy to the families  
and loved ones of those  
recently deceased.*

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## Upcoming Marriages

*Katie Hurley, OLL  
and  
Joseph Rosciano,  
St. Peter & Paul, Manorville*



## Baptism

*Luca Anthony Mancuso  
Skylar Mae Salazar*

*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).*



**Altar Bread and Wine**  
*In memory of Virginia DeAngelo*

## Mass Intentions

### Monday, March 8

*St. John of God*

**8:30am** Brian Harkins

**12:10pm** Molly Sweeney

### Tuesday, March 9

*St. Frances of Rome*

**8:30am** K. A. Mathew (Living)

**12:10pm** Frank Aparo

### Wednesday, March 10

**8:30am** Serina Rapiello

**12:10pm** Nancy Bencivinni

### Thursday, March 11

**8:30am** People of the Parish

**12:10pm** Andrew Sciaruto, Jr., Robert Quickel

### Friday, March 12

**8:30am** Barbara Stompoly

**12:10pm** Pat Hein & Arthur Wenzel

### Saturday, March 13

**8:30am** Carmela Luongo, John LaForte, John McArdle

**5:00pm** Barbara & Lou Argento  
*Fr. Fitzsimmons*

### Sunday, March 14

*Fourth Sunday of Lent*

**8:00am** Giovanna Artese  
*Fr. Charles Mangano*

**9:30am** Diane Cullen and Mary & Joseph Rizzo  
*Fr. Charles Mangano*

**11:00am** Robert Ferruggiari & Raffaele Di Marco  
*Fr. Fitzsimmons*

**12:30pm** Arthur Baldwin  
*Fr. Sylvester Chukwumalum*

**6:00pm** People of the Parish, John McArdle,  
Maria T. Deiparine, Ruth Hampson,  
*Fr. Fitzsimmons*

**YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR PARISH MISSION  
A WEEK OF SPIRITUAL RENEWAL**

**CONDUCTED BY THE MONTFORT MISSIONARIES PREACHING TEAM**



**Monday, March 15 — Thursday, March 18**

**Morning Mission Mass at 8:30am**

**Evening Mission Hour at 7:30pm in the Church**

***A gathering of our Parish Family***

***led by***

***Fr. Gerald Fitzsimmons, S.M.M.***

*The Parish Mission is the experience of the whole faith community praying together, so that we may clearly come to know the reality of God working in our lives, in and through our belonging to each other.*

*Mission is a time of grace, to bring us to understand the mystery of **God Among Us.***

# LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES

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*



Join Fr. Charles for a meditative evening  
Monday, March 8 at 7:30pm in the Church & Livestream

## *God's Divine Mercy*

*What is mercy? Why do I need it? How do I get it?*

*Sooner would heaven and earth turn into nothingness than would My mercy not embrace a trusting soul.*

*Diary of St. Faustina*



## 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.

### Pregnant? Need Help?

**Birthright, Inc. 24 Hour Helpline 1-800-550-4900**

Islip: 631-277-3888 - Hampton Bays: 631-728-8900 - Rocky Point: 631-821-9727  
Southold: 631-876-5138 - Wantagh 516-785-4070

## 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<sup>th</sup> through March 7<sup>th</sup>** Crosses will be available to order  
**March 28<sup>th</sup> after 12:30 Mass** Special Blessing  
**March 28<sup>th</sup> through April 11<sup>th</sup>** Crosses will be displayed in the Memorial Garden  
**April 11<sup>th</sup> after 12:30 Mass** Take your cross home for your garden or gravesite

*All proceeds will be donated to Our Lady of Lourdes*

## Casa Project Update

In the past, the "Casa House" in the Narthex has provided housing, bedding and ecostoves for our friends in El Salvador. We couldn't do this without your support and generosity. This weekend (3/6 and 3/7) 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.

**Please note: the CASA house is now in the north vestibule by the Father Joe Garden.**



## 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](http://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 Peaches
- Canned Pineapple
- Boxed Milk
- Ketchup
- Laundry Detergent



DON'T FORGET  
TO CHANGE  
YOUR CLOCKS  
NEXT SUNDAY!



## MISSION PRAYER

*We invite you to say this prayer every day as we prepare for our week of spiritual renewal through our Parish Mission.*

Jesus, we believe in Your love for us.  
We want Your healing love to be part of our lives and the lives of those we meet.  
Jesus, You call us to come together in prayer,  
speak to our minds and hearts.  
Let us put aside this time for You,  
so that You can build us up together in Your Love and Peace.

## 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](mailto:president.babylonhibernians.com) Website: [www.BabylonHibernians.com](http://www.BabylonHibernians.com) Phone: 631-587-1896



## 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.





## St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School Honor Roll

Congratulations to the following you parishioners who have attained Mid-Year Honor Roll status for the 2020-2021 year at St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School. We are all very proud of your accomplishments!

### Summa Cum Laude Honors

<i>Katia Barnes</i>	<i>Lauren Ginocchio</i>	<i>Sophia Lastorino</i>	<i>Julianne Tammaro</i>
<i>Hailey Davis</i>	<i>Elizabeth Gmelch</i>	<i>Amanda Kleva</i>	
<i>Madison Erb</i>	<i>Allison Kenney</i>	<i>Margaret (Maggie) Rao</i>	
<i>Grace Estelle</i>	<i>Victoria Kenney</i>	<i>Hailey Shaughnessy</i>	

### Magna Cum Laude Honors

<i>Gianna Diamante</i>	<i>Donovan Flareau</i>	<i>Anthony Spadolini</i>	<i>Jack Vivona</i>
<i>Sydney Evans</i>	<i>Eric Micara</i>	<i>Giana Spadolini</i>	

### Cum Laude Honors

<i>Nicholas Calabria</i>	<i>Nicholas D'Avanzo</i>	<i>John Herbert</i>	<i>Spencer Shaughnessy</i>
<i>Jason Campo</i>	<i>Madalena DiPietrantonio</i>	<i>Christopher Lospinuso</i>	<i>Anthony Vacca</i>
<i>Kiera Davis</i>	<i>Patrick Fox</i>	<i>Kayla Reichenbach</i>	



## St. Anthony's High School Honor Roll

Congratulations to the following you parishioners who have attained Honor Roll status for the Second Quarter of the 2020-2021 year at St. Anthony's High School. We are all very proud of your accomplishments!

<i>Kayla Dantini</i>	<i>Nicole DeCanio</i>	<i>Jillian Keogh</i>	<i>Joseph Walas</i>
<i>Nicholas Dantini</i>	<i>Amanda Dolan</i>	<i>Christian Oliva</i>	

## 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](mailto:parishoffice@ollchurch.org).

## 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





*“...let us stand beside our brothers and sisters in need,  
sharing our spiritual and material goods with them.”  
- Pope Francis*

## Almsgiving in Lent

**During the Lenten Season we are asked to pray, fast and give alms.**

Lent is a perfect time for us to pray for those in need - whether it is for their material, emotional or spiritual needs. And when you practice fasting and abstinence during these forty days, please remember those of our neighbors who are hungry, and consider sharing your gifts with them.

One way to do this is by making a gift to the **Catholic Ministries Appeal**, which supports programs that help to feed people in our community each year through Catholic Charities and our Parish Outreach programs.

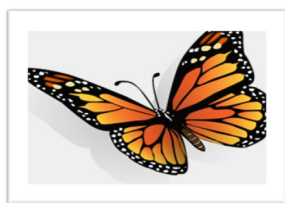
Have you thought about “fasting” from a regular purchase of something – i.e., a hand-crafted beverage? Over a 10 month period, this simple “fast” can serve many people need!

\$6.25 a week for one month is \$25 -- over 10 months it is \$250.



For more information about the Catholic Ministries Appeal, please visit: [CatholicMinistriesAppeal.org](https://CatholicMinistriesAppeal.org)  
or call 516-678-5800 ext. 296.

## Bereavement Support Group for Widows and Widowers



8 Week Program for Age 50 and Over  
Starting Wednesday, March 24, 2021 from 3:00pm – 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*



### Knights of Columbus Insurance

Where can you find a career opportunity to help yourself, your family, your community, and your Church at the same time? Answer: **The Knights of Columbus**. The Knights of Columbus is one of North America's largest life insurers, one of the world's most ethical companies, an international Catholic fraternity, and a multi billion dollar donor to charitable causes. We are looking for a few Catholic gentlemen to join our full-time insurance sales force to serve our members and their families on Long Island. Our sales force receives extensive training, a secure territory with professional level income potential, incentive bonuses, health and retirement benefits, and continuing education opportunities. If this sounds like something you would like to explore for yourself, or if you know a Catholic gentleman that might be a good fit for this opportunity, please call 631-574-4520 or e-mail Frank Hernandez at: [hernandezagency@mail@kofc.org](mailto:hernandezagency@mail@kofc.org).

### 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:

**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).



### 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/>.

“His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, Zeal for your house will consume me.” Do we have zeal to honor God through our marriage? The next virtual Worldwide Marriage Encounter experiences are: Friday/Saturday/Sunday March 19-21 and Thursdays/Mondays April 8-29.



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

# Sharing the Gospel

Imagine coming to your church to pray. All around your church, you see people selling animals. It smells like a barn. The animals are loud. The people are shouting. You cannot even pray with all the noise and activity going on around you. That is what Jesus found in today's Gospel. It broke His heart and made Jesus angry. God's house is not supposed to be turned into a barn or a store. It should be special place where people can meet with God and talk to Him. Jesus cleaned out His Father's house. He turned it back into a place of prayer.



## Mission for the Week

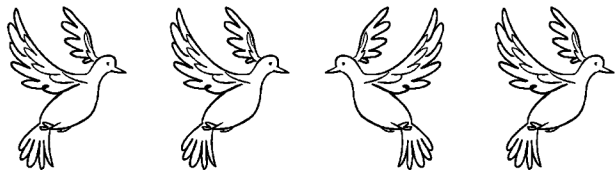
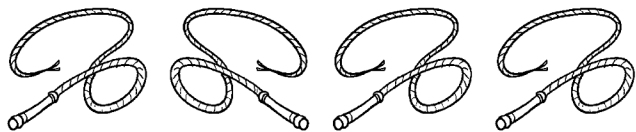


Read John 2:13-25 with your family. Ask God to help you keep your church clean. Church should never be a store or a barn. It should be a special place to pray.



### Puzzle

Circle the picture that is facing the **wrong** way. Then color in all the pictures.



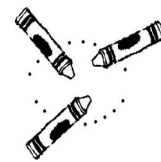
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## Prayer



God, my church is a place for prayer. Help me to remember that always.

## Something to Draw



Draw a picture of people singing and praying in your church.