

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

455 Hunter Avenue, West Islip, NY 11795



Fifth Sunday of Lent • Sunday, March 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

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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 March 21

Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/ Heb 5:7-9/ Jn 12:20-33
Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30 33-62 or 13:41c-62/ Jn 8:1-11
Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/ Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/ Jn 8:31-42
Thursday: Is 7:10-14, 8:10/ Heb 10:4-10/ Lk 1:26-38
Friday: Jer 20:10-13/ Jn 10:31-42
Saturday: Ex 37:21-28/ Jn 11:45-56
Next Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/ Is 50:4-7/ Phil 2:6-11/
Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39

Financial Summary

March 14, 2021

Weekly Collection	\$ 13,905.00
Weekly Budget	- \$ 17,800.00
+/- for the week	\$ (3,895.00)

Catholic Relief Services \$ 3,563.00

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

Dear Parishioners:

We are now entering the fourth week of Lent; it seems that we just celebrated Ash Wednesday last week! But, if you have not gotten “into Lent” yet, don’t despair. We still have 3 weeks to go before Easter.

Hopefully, you had the opportunity to go to all or part of the Mission led by Fr. Jerry Fitzsimmons. It was a powerful week and I hope you were able to be touched by the Holy Spirit through the words of Fr. Fitz.

This past Friday, we celebrated the Feast of St. Joseph, the husband of Mary. **St. Joseph**, the patron saint of the Church, was hand-chosen by God to be the husband of Mary and the foster-father of Jesus. We know very little about Joseph but, to me, he is the “un-sung hero” of the Bible. He simply and faithfully took care of Mary and Jesus. He is a great role model for all husbands and fathers. With no fanfare, Joseph simply did what was needed to get done!

Actually, St. Joseph has two Feast days: March 19: Joseph, the husband of Mary and May 1: Joseph, the Worker. This year, Pope Francis has dedicated this year to St. Joseph. Throughout the year, we will be focusing on the role of St. Joseph. Pope Francis gave us this prayer for us to pray through this coming year:

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.
Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.*

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

In Christ,

Fr. Brian

LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES

Monday, March 22:

7:30 in the CHURCH & on LIVESTREAM

GOD’S DIVINE PROVIDENCE

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

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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

RECONCILIATION MONDAY

Priests will be available in every parish in the Diocese from 3:00pm to 9:00pm.

Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Pat Wissing*. 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, Grace Ciccarello, 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, "Baby" Nicholas Polini, Teresa Regina, Matthew Roopchandsingh, Christopher Sanchez, Joseph J. Schiavoni, Natalie Stone, Col. Bernard Talley, 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

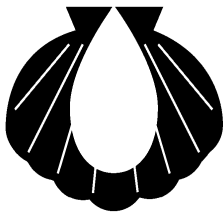
*Gilbert Atteniese
Frances Hodgkins
Donal N. Morrissey*

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



Upcoming Marriages

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



Baptism

Emma Jo O'Brien

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, March 22

8:30am Barbara Kearns

12:10pm Tricia Lynn Bennett

Tuesday, March 23

St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

8:30am Celly Cruz (Living)

12:10pm David Kinsella

Wednesday, March 24

St. Patrick

8:30am Rose McAdams

12:10pm Susan Rindos

Thursday, March 25

The Annunciation of the Lord

8:30am Frank Herb

12:10pm Sheryl Nappo

Friday, March 26

8:30am James Stubenruch

12:10pm Alexander Rizzo

Saturday, March 27

8:30am John Yost, Eduardo Jacildo, Ann Keane (Living)

5:00pm Sweeney & LaRocca Families
Fr. Charles Mangano

Sunday, March 28

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

8:00am Charles Muller
Fr. Charles Mangano

9:30am Rosemarie Mayleas
Fr. Charles Mangano

11:00am Evelyn Nonnon
Msgr. Brian McNamara

12:30pm Sister Anna Marie Vigorito (Living)
Msgr. Brian McNamara

6:00pm People of the Parish, Ellen Shay, Fay, John Flynn
Msgr. Brian McNamara

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



Are you familiar with the Divine Mercy of Jesus? On February 22, 1931, Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ appeared to a nun by the name of Sister Maria Faustina. She was from the Congregation of Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in Cracow, Poland. Jesus appeared to her bringing with him a wonderful message of Mercy for all people. In the apparition, she saw Jesus standing before her in a white robe. With His left hand He was pulling back His garment revealing His heart, out of which came white and red rays (*symbolic of the blood and water which flowed from his side when pierced with a lance on the cross. This image reminds us of the tender Mercy of God which was shed upon the world at Calvary*). It is in the heart of Jesus that we find love, mercy, strength, hope and healing.

This image of Jesus, as he appeared to St. Faustina, can be seen hanging on the wall in the area of the church where the tabernacle used to be.

In the year 2000 Saint Pope John Paul II canonized Sister Faustina and made this apparition worthy of belief. The Holy Father also declared the Second Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday throughout the whole Church.

Therefore, as a parish, we will be celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday on **April 11, 2021**. We will praise God for His eternal love and abundant mercy. How? Fr. Charles will lead us in a prayer service in the Church from 2:30pm- 4:00pm. The prayer service will consist of exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, readings from scripture, praying the chaplet of Divine Mercy (*which consists of various prayers which Jesus gave to Sister Faustina to give to the world. This chaplet is prayed on ordinary rosary beads*), the sorrowful mystery of the rosary, singing and the opportunity to venerate the image of the Divine Mercy and the relic of Saint Faustina. All are welcome to join us.

In the apparition of Jesus to St. Faustina, Jesus also gives us the Divine Mercy Novena to pray and, like all Novenas, it is 9 days. The Novena begins on Good Friday and it is very unique because with this Novena you are praying for God's intentions, not your own. Jesus gave St. Faustina the intentions that He would like us to pray for each day. It is a most beautiful and selfless prayer. There are red Novena pamphlets at the doors of the church in case you need one.

A huge and merciful gift given us on Divine Mercy Sunday is that we can receive a plenary indulgence. Jesus promised this to us through St. Faustina when He reminded us of His great mercy. What is a plenary indulgence? It is the total remission (*washing away*) of temporal punishment due to sin. When I confess my sin with a sincere and contrite heart, I am totally forgiven but the temporal (*the here and now*) damage that was done to others (*and myself*) as a result of my sin remains. That's why we do penance to try to repair the damage we have done. That is what purgatory is about. That's why a plenary indulgence is a merciful gift from the Lord. How can one receive it? Here are the requirements: One must go to Mass and receive Holy Communion on the day of the feast, April 11th. One must go to Confession within 10 days of the feast (*either before or after*), pray the Apostles Creed (*which is your profession of faith*), take a few moments to reflect on the mercy you have received in your life, pray one Our Father and Hail Mary for the Pope's intention and lastly, have a desire to be freed from the attachment to sin.

Several years ago Fr. Charles and his sister recorded a Divine Mercy Album which consists of the Divine Mercy Chaplet presented in three different ways: scriptural, traditional and sung. It also has the Litany of the Divine Mercy. The purpose of the CD is to help you pray and reflect more deeply on the love of our Lord expressed in His passion. The CD's are sold through their music ministry website: www.frcharleslaurie.com. Proceeds go to charity.

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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

God's Divine Providence



Divine Providence: God's Hand at Work

Join Fr. Charles next Monday, March 22nd at 7:30pm as he leads us in a spiritual evening reflecting on how God provides for us. The hour will consist of exposition of the Blessed Sacrament during which time Fr. Charles will be singing, sharing his gift of music with us.



Good Friday Silent Vigil

The Long Island Coalition for Life is holding a Good Friday Silent Vigil on behalf of Preborn Children on April 2, 2021, from 10:30am to Noon on the public sidewalk in front of Nassau University Medical Center, 2201 Hempstead Tpke. in East Meadow. Pro-life women, men and children are needed to take part in this peaceful vigil for the protection of life in the womb and against abortions committed throughout Long Island. We stand as a reminder that abortion is not healthcare. Signs provided (east end of hospital). Information: 631-243-1435; info@prolifeLI.org.



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

We are very grateful for the overwhelming response from our parish and community, and are looking forward to placing the crosses in the Memorial Garden to honor those we've loved and lost. Please save the date for our special blessing on March 28th, Palm Sunday, after the 12:30 Mass. A list of where your cross is located in the Garden will be displayed to make it easy to find when you pick up your cross on Sunday, April 11th after your Mass. Please call Eileen Rega at 631-236-3648 with any further questions. Thank you.

March 28th after 12:30 Mass
March 28th through April 11th
April 11th

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



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.



Cannellini Beans
Canned Stew
Cookies
Mayonnaise
Boxed Milk

Ushers Needed

Holiday Ushers are needed for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday at all Masses.

Please note your availability in the "Sign In Room."

Thank you for your service to our Parish Family.

Year of St. Joseph

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, declared December 8, 2020 to December 8, 2021 to be the Year of St. Joseph. Since St. Joseph's feast day was celebrated this past Friday, March 19th, we decided to feature His photo on the bulletin cover this weekend to honor the holiest Saint second to Our Lady (the Mother of Jesus). At all the Masses this weekend we will be praying the Litany of St. Joseph during the Prayer of the Faithful. The response will be "Pray for us". Let us ask for His special intercession as we honor Him in a special way this Year.



Easter Flower Offering

The deadline for Easter Flower Offerings is Sunday, March 21. Easter Flower Offerings received by this date will appear in the Easter Sunday bulletin. Flower Offerings received after this date will appear in a subsequent bulletin. Please CLEARLY PRINT the name of your loved one in the space provided on your envelope.



Easter Candles

Once again, we are offering a *Loving Candle* which will be lit on Holy Saturday. This symbolic light will remain lit for the life of the candle (approximately a week). This is a beautiful way to remember our living and deceased loved ones. The *Loving Candles* will be available after all Masses this weekend, Palm Sunday weekend, and at the Parish Office (Rectory) during the week for a donation of \$10.00.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at 631-661-3224, ext. 121.

The Bells are Back!

"I love hearing the bells because it reminds me that Jesus is with me every hour."

*Justin Belle, Grade 6
Religious Education Program*



God's Healing Hand

To our brothers and sisters who have contracted and are suffering due to the Coronavirus, we pray that God's healing hand may rest upon you.



To medical doctors, nurses and the supporting staff who are in the frontline of the fight against COVID-19, may the Good Lord sustain you and inspire you to render your life-saving services with due care, love and compassion.

To all those who have lost their loved ones due to the Coronavirus outbreak, we convey our deepest sympathies.

We pray that their souls, through God's mercy, may rest in eternal peace.

We pray that God may grant all bereaved families his consolation and strengthen their faith and hope in Jesus Christ, the Risen Lord. Amen.

Prayer adapted from the 2020 Easter Message of the Catholic Bishops of Malawi, Zambia and Zimbabwe

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.

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





Spring Open House - Virtual

Sunday, April 18, 2021 at 1:00pm

To register, go to: www.molloy.edu/openhouse
Once you register, you will receive a link to access our Open House.

West Islip Sampawams Creek Clean Up

Saturday, April 10 Meet up at 1:00pm – 4:00pm
Rte 231 at Hawley’s Pond



All are welcome - scouts, students, families, local organizations, company teams, etc! Pick a buddy and then pick up one of our Grab 'n Go gear packs with bags, picker, disposable gloves, safety vests & a map of your designated clean up area. Please wear weather-appropriate clothing and waterproof shoes/boots. Masks required when social distancing not possible. Community service available. For more information, call 646-827-0733 or e-mail: info@savethegreatsouthbay.org

Volunteer at: savethegreatsouthbay.org/volunteer

Casa Project Update

Because the first weekend of April is also Easter weekend, we will move this April’s “loose change for Casa House” project to the following weekend, April 10-11. As always, 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.



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.



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*

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.



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/>.

"Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit." We must die to self to give more in our marriage. Learn how to be the best spouse possible by participating in a virtual Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience on the following dates: Thursdays/Mondays April 8-29 or Friday/Saturday/Sunday April 23-25.



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

Sharing the Gospel

Instead of telling people He was the Savior, Jesus showed them. By raising Lazarus from the dead, Jesus sent a message loud and clear. Jesus was the Savior they had all been waiting for. He was filled with God's love and power, and many people believed in Him.



Mission for the Week



Write the words, "God can do anything" on a piece of paper. Read it every morning.

Puzzle

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



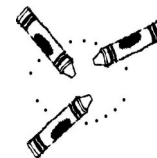
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Prayer



Thank you for showing me that You are my Savior, Jesus.

Something to Draw



Draw a picture of Lazarus wrapped up like a mummy, walking to Jesus.