

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

455 Hunter Avenue, West Islip, NY 11795

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Rev. Freddy Lozano, in Residence

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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
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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.

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time • Sunday, June 13, 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 June 13

Sunday: Ex 17:22-24/ 2 Cor 5:6-10/ Mt 4:26-34
Monday: 2 Cor 6:1-10/ Mt 5:38-42
Tuesday: 2 Cor 8:1-9/ Mt 5:43-48
Wednesday: 2 Cor 9:6-11/ Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: 2 Cor 11:1-11/ Mt 6:7-15
Friday: 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30/ Mt 6:19-23
Saturday: 2 Cor 12:1-10/ Mt 6:24-34
Next Sunday: Jb 38:1, 8-11/ 2 Cor 5:14-17/ Mk 4:35-41

Parish Staff

Patti Anderson
Parish Office/Bulletin Editor

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Director of Youth Choirs

Michael Buonaspina
Parish Organist

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Parish Office

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Parish Office

Carol Grillo
Parish Office

Rita Spera
Religious Education Office

Financial Summary

June 6, 2021

Weekly Collection	\$ 17,204.00
Weekly Budget	- \$ 17,800.00
+/- for the week	\$ (596.00)

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

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This past Friday we celebrated the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Saturday we celebrated the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. These two hearts are filled with deep love for each one of us. Jesus says in John's gospel, chapter 15 verse 9, "*As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love.... I have told you this so that my joy might be in you and your joy might be complete....*". In the 1981 apparitions of the mother of

Jesus in Medjugorje, Bosnia-Hercegovina, Mary said to the children (and to us today), "*If you knew how much I loved you, you would weep for joy*". In the Old Testament book Zephaniah 3:17 the Lord speaks to us through the prophet: "*Fear not....be not discouraged. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a mighty Savior; He will rejoice over you with gladness, and renew you in His love. He will sing joyfully because of you, as one sings at festivals.*" In Isaiah 43:1-5 it says: "*But now, thus says the Lord, who created you...and formed you...fear not, for I have redeemed you. I have called you and you are mine....For I am the Lord your God....you are precious in my eyes and glorious and I love you.*" St. Catherine of Sienna (1347-1380), a theological doctor and mystic of the Catholic Church says that due to her mystical encounters of God she has come to learn that God does not just love us, he is mad with love for us. In other words, he is madly in love with us. This is a very powerful statement.

Over the past 31 years of my priesthood, I have found that people struggle with receiving this intense love of God and our Lady for them. They struggle in receiving the truth that God sings because of them, rejoices over them, loves them with such a deep tenderness as stated in everything quoted above. Why? In some cases, it is because their human experience of love is so broken and fractured that they ask, how can I trust God's love? Is His love for me real? Dependable? Firm as a rock? Consistent? You mean to tell me; God won't get tired of me? God won't betray me, reject me or abandon me at some point? The answer to all of these questions is NO. Some people struggle in accepting and opening up to this intense love in their life because of one's past sinfulness. As a result, they find it hard to believe that God sees them as lovable. Sometimes people find it hard to believe that God loves them so tenderly because of the suffering they have endured. They blame God. God has not dealt them suffering like someone dealing out a deck of cards. Suffering happens in all our lives but our good God promises to give us what we need to walk through it with faith and courage. God can indeed be glorified in our suffering and our suffering can be redemptive for others when we offer it to the Father with Jesus. St. John Vianney (1786-1859) said, "*Suffering not offered up is wasted suffering*".

So how can we bask in, marinate in and savor the unfathomable, intense love that the Lord has for us? By letting Him love us. By saying YES to His love for us today. I would encourage you to pray for the following grace each day. "*Lord, please grant me the grace to be filled with the fullness of your love for me.*" He has been answering this in my life, I know He will do it in yours as well. I would also encourage you to slowly read one of the scripture passages I mentioned above and then reread it a second time slowly and then close the bible, close your eyes and take a few minutes to sit with the word of God. Let what you just read fill your heart, mind and soul. God's word is living and active. The Lord is the same yesterday, today and forever. The way the Lord loved and forgave the apostles for their sinfulness; He will forgive you too. If Jesus can forgive Peter for betraying Him thru his denial of knowing Jesus, then Jesus can also forgive you your sins. Maybe to help you open up to the Lord's love for you, reading a scripture passage about the Lord's forgiveness will help. Feel free to read the prodigal son story in Luke 15:11-32 or the woman who washes the feet of Jesus with her tears and dries them with her hair -- Luke 7:36-49. After reading the scripture be aware of what you are feeling. Is it joy or maybe doubt that He can forgive you? Whatever it is you are feeling (*the good, the bad and the ugly*), tell the Lord in prayer. Be heart to heart with Him. Then sit in silence with Him for a few moments. Give the Lord the chance to love you like never before. Give Him the chance to communicate His presence to you. Why? Because being loved by Him is the source of our real Joy. Jesus mentions that in the scripture I quoted above -- John 15:9.

As the scripture says, recall the good deeds of the Lord (*in your life*). Remember the mercy He has shown you. Perhaps going to confession could be the very thing you need to help open the door of your heart to His love (and Our Lady's love) for you. When we open our hearts to the love of God and that of the Blessed Mother, their love in us automatically overflows to others. Other people will see the love of God and our Lady in us. They will see the joy in us even in the midst of our suffering. Our joy is that we are love by God and that He is with us, we are never alone. Like a lover filled with joy over the fact that he or she is loved and now shares life with the one who is in love with them. So too us with God.

Remember, with God you can do the unthinkable, the unimaginable and even forgive what you think is unforgivable.

**Peace and blessings,
Fr. Charles, Associate Pastor**

Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Gaye Mazzo*. 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 in the Middle East conflict.



Michael DiMatteo - <i>US Marines</i>	Anthony Memoli - <i>US Marines</i>
Michael Fantauzzi - <i>US Air Force</i>	Timothy Milligan - <i>US Marines</i>
Christopher Florca - <i>US Marines</i>	Melissa Mockler - <i>US Navy</i>
Dominick Gennaro - <i>US Army</i>	Andrew Perniciaro - <i>US Army</i>
Patrick Harty - <i>US Coast Guard</i>	Brandon Ranzie - <i>US Army</i>
Ritchard Higham - <i>US Army</i>	Stephen Rolston - <i>US Army</i>
Colby Matthew Kelly - <i>US Army</i>	Jack Shires - <i>US Navy</i>
Luke Loftsgaarden - <i>US Army</i>	Jack Taffner - <i>US Marines</i>
Anthony Mannino - <i>US Marines</i>	Michael Wilkinson - <i>US Army</i>
Msgr. Brian McNamara - <i>US Air Force</i>	Peter Zaccaria - <i>US Navy</i>

... and remember those of our parish family that are in the armed services, listed in our Parish Book of Intentions.



Pastoral Care of Our Sick

Please call the Parish Office at 631-661-3224 to leave the names of parishioners who:

- Are homebound and would like to receive the Eucharist.
- Are in Good Samaritan Hospital and/or a local nursing home and would like to be visited by a member of our Pastoral Care Ministry.
- Would like to receive the Sacrament of the Sick.

Pray for Our Sick

Please remember to keep in your thoughts and prayers ...

Connie Ambrosino, Thomas Anderson, Loretta Anzalone, Patricia Blanch, Thomas J. Calogero III, Kayla Cappetta, Stacy Chisari, Grace Ciccarello, Robert Cigliano, Lynn Cooper, Joseph Dreher, Dcn. John DeGuardi, Patricia Dennehy, Amanda DiTingo, Pat Eastwood, Paula Edwards, Anna Ferrante, Mike Ferrante, Elizabeth (Betty) Goode, Robert M. Grippo, Patricia Guinta, Josephine Heffron, Patrick Anthony Heffron, Carol Randazzo Hopkins, Audrey Hoskins, Henry Kahn, Shena Kahn, Christopher Lennon, Diane Mahlstadt, Aidan Miller, Margaret Mooney, Michael Moskowitz, Dawn Muldoon, John Ninivaggi, Rosemarie Olivieri, Edward Pauciullo, Barbara Perino, Patricia Planteny, Cliff Proctor, Wyatt Rajotte, Teresa Regina, Christopher Sanchez, Diane Scharen, Robert Scharen, Joseph J. Schiavoni, Natalie Stone, David Stucker, 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.

All of our Masses may be viewed via live-stream on our parish website. Please join us by visiting our website at: ollchurch.org.

Mass Intentions

Monday, June 14
8:30am Molly & John Sweeney

Tuesday, June 15
8:30am James Grillo, Sr.

Wednesday, June 16
8:30am Rose Zito

Thursday, June 17
8:30am Dolores Lazarich

Friday, June 18
8:30am Henryka Wojno

Saturday, June 19
St. Romuald
8:30am Mario Domenicone, John Yost, Eileen Vollmuth,
 Krogman Family-Living & Deceased,
 Peter DeNicola, Barbara & Louis Argento

5:00pm Father's Day Novena
Msgr. Brian McNamara

Sunday, June 20
Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Father's Day
8:00am Father's Day Novena
Msgr. Brian McNamara

9:30am Father's Day Novena
Fr. Charles Mangano

11:00am Father's Day Novena
Fr. Charles Mangano

12:30pm Father's Day Novena
Msgr. Brian McNamara

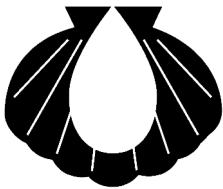
6:00pm Father's Day Novena
Msgr. Brian McNamara



Rest In Peace

Nicholas A. Cavalluzzo
 Christina Sanchez
 Kevin Wisniewski

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



Baptism

Adriana Paige Abou Zeid
 Quinn Lilly Penso
 Isabella Rose Poggioli
 Bryce Alexander Rehn



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.

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

Ministry Meeting Start-ups

Please check with your ministry leader as to when your group will resume regular meetings. Groups need to follow the same protocols as inside the church: Wear a mask if not vaccinated; maintain reasonable social distancing.

Anxiety Disorder Sufferers

The Group, led by a trained and certified Anxiety Disorder Group Leader, will meet every Tuesday from 2:00pm-4:00pm in the Parish Center (located across from the playground and to the right of Outreach). For more information and to register, please call Michael at 631-968-9154.

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

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.



Tea
Syrup
Ketchup
Laundry Detergent
Feminine Products



Father's Day Candles

Once again, we are offering a *Loving Candle* which will be lit on Father's Day weekend. 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 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.



Blood Drive!

Monday, June 21, 2021 - Parish Center - 3:15pm to 9:15pm

**For every pint of blood that is donated,
NYBC will donate a pound of food to Outreach.**

APPOINTMENTS PREFERRED - Walk-ins allowed

EACH DONOR WILL RECEIVE A TEE SHIRT



Every
Donation
Makes A
Difference

For more information, or to schedule an appointment, contact Doreen at 516-478-5031 or go to the following link: https://donate.nybc.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/281555

Everyone must wear a mask.

Adult Confirmation for our Baptized Catholics

On Sunday, May 23, 2021 we, at Our Lady of Lourdes, celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation for:

*Amanda Cacamese, Alba Cipriano, Sharon Correa, Giselle Ramirez,
Nicole Ricciardi, Adam Sicilia, Mark Skidmore, Nicole Varela, Jacqueline Zervoulei*



They have now completed their sacraments of Initiation; having already been baptized Catholic, received Eucharist and now Confirmation. We congratulate them on this important step in their faith journey. As a parish family, let us remember them in our prayers, as they become more fully committed in living out their Catholic faith.

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 ...

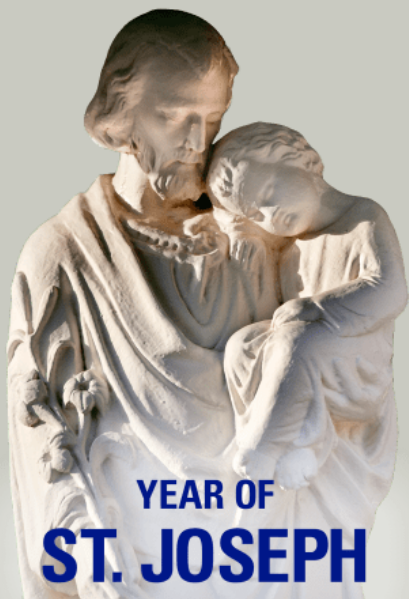
IF you feel you would like to become a baptized Catholic or become more fully initiated into your Catholic faith... Our email address is RCIA@ollchurch.org or call the Parish Office at 631-661-3224, and we would be happy to help you.



The Year of St Joseph

Pope Francis has declared the period of time from December 8, 2020 through December 8, 2021 as the Year of St Joseph when we remember the 150th anniversary of his declaration as Patron of the Universal Church. Below is a poem written by Sister of St Joseph, Janice Brewi:

*Hail, Holy Joseph,
carpenter of Nazareth,
Open to the voice of God
In angels, in dreams
Spouse of Mary,
Faithful in husbanding her
in all circumstances.
Called to father her Son,
the Son of God.
Faithful in fathering Jesus:
in his infancy, in his youth,
in all the stages of his development.
Joseph, who modeled manhood
for God made man,
Faithful to angels' guidance:
"Take..." "Get up..." "Go..."
And he obeyed
Living the mystery,
Cherishing the woman
And the boy/man.
Joseph, give me a listening heart,
Teach me to listen to God
In my life, in my dreams.*





Congratulations Deacon Nilo DeLeon

*Ordained on Saturday, May 22, 2021
St. Agnes Cathedral, Rockville Centre*



***There will be a special Mass of Thanksgiving
this Sunday, June 13, 2021 at the 11:00am Mass.***

*All are invited to come and pray for and with Deacon Nilo
as he begins his Ministry at Our Lady of Lourdes.*

Reception to follow.





Good Shepherd Hospice
VIRTUAL Adult Bereavement Support Groups
Beginning in July, 2021



Spousal/Partner Bereavement Support Group (VIRTUAL)

Dates: 7/17/21 – 9/11/21 Saturday Mornings: 10:00am – 11:30am

To register, please call: Maribeth McKeever, LCSW-R

(631) 828-7628

Adult Loss of Parent or Sibling Support Group (VIRTUAL)

Dates: 7/17/21 – 9/11/21 Saturday Afternoons: 11:45am -1:00pm

To register, please call: Maribeth McKeever, LCSW-R

(631) 828-7628



A Virtual Enrichment Day for Married Couples

presented by Worldwide Marriage Encounter Via Zoom

Spend a day free from pressures, commitments and worries. Take “time out” to focus on your marriage, build stronger communication and deepen your love.

This day is geared for couples of all ages and years married.

Saturday, June 26, 2021 Time: 9:00am-4:00pm (via ZOOM)

Program Fee: \$25.00 - Price includes materials and postage.

Late Registration (after June 13, 2021) - \$35.00

For more Information email: Chuck.maria.reiss@wwme.org or to register go to:

<https://wwmenyli.org/applyEnrichmentForm.php?weekendID=1302596>



The Sisters of St. Dominic of Amityville
Celebrate Irish Night

This year marks the 20th Anniversary of our Beauty of the Spirit Luncheon (BOSL). As we have all been living in a time of great uncertainty and stress, we thought it most appropriate to bring you a message of hope and healing.

Our 2021 BOSL virtual event will focus on the mind-body-spirit connection. Sisters, Associates and friends will share inter-active segments on tai chi, artful journaling, and other holistic healings with you. Please join us virtually on Friday, June 25, 2021 as we gather together, uplift each other and renew ourselves in body, mind and spirit!

Please consider supporting our efforts by purchasing one or more of the following:

- An event ticket for \$40, which includes one entry into our door prize raffle
- Sweepstakes Raffle tickets. Tickets are \$10 each, or 6 for \$50.
- Extra tickets are available on our website or by contacting the Advancement Office at 631-842-6000 x246

As many Congregations across the country were forced to close their buildings and work to find new ways to worship and conduct their ministries in the face of COVID-19, we know the need to enhance our digital and technological capacities to provide worship and other programs remotely.

Proceeds from the luncheon will assist enhancing internet services, video conferencing subscriptions, as well as investing in desktop and laptop computers, tablets, and smartphones to strengthen the creation and delivery of streaming worship, workshops, and other gatherings. We hope to continue presenting online gatherings or a combination of physical and online opportunities that will strengthen our offerings for years to come.

As always, thank you for your continued support of the Congregation. We hope you will join us on June 25th!



An Invitation from the Knights of Columbus

Men of the Parish (18 years and older), are you interested in serving your Faith, your Church, and your Community? If so, then you are invited to join the Knights of Columbus, Our Lady of Lourdes Council 17379. Joining the Knights will make you part of a 129 year old Catholic Fraternal Order that has exemplified the high ideals of our faith and has contributed to our communities through charitable works and community outreach.

We meet on the second Monday of each month in the All Purpose Room. Meetings begin at 8:00pm. So begin your journey of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism by becoming a Knight! Online membership is also available at www.KofC.org Note: All COVID-19 guidelines are followed.



Good news for families on Long Island! Inspired by the Morning Star Initiative and led by the DRVC DOE & the Marianist Brothers of Chaminade & Kellenberg High Schools, a dual-campus N-8 Catholic elementary school will open in September '21 in Deer Park & Central Islip.

What is special about OLG?

- * **An extended school day** will provide time for rigorous academic pursuits with special attention given to the development of strong mathematics and reading skills - all grounded in a robustly Catholic culture.
- * **A free morning & after-school enrichment program** that will offer opportunities for academic, spiritual, and social-emotional growth with a special focus on the arts, sports, health, and community service.
- * **A dual-language immersion program**, in partnership with Boston College, starting in N/PK and leading children on the path to becoming bilingual and biliterate in English and Spanish.

Please connect with us to learn more!

Website: www.olgschools.org Email: information@olgschools.org

Facebook & Instagram [@olgschools](https://www.facebook.com/olgschools) & Twitter [@school_olg](https://twitter.com/school_olg)

Telephones: (203) 442-5065 (English) and (203) 442-5392 (Spanish)

OLG West: 105 Half Hollow Rd., Deer Park, NY 11729 OLG East: 82 Carleton Ave., Central Islip, NY 11722

Do you know a Senior who is about to graduate from High School?



Life, as our high school seniors have known it, has been very different since the Pandemic. With classes, sports, proms, senior trips, awards and recognition ceremonies canceled or re-imagined to virtual experiences, many young people are feeling down and disappointed. As uncertainty continues, remember one thing:

Their future is not canceled.

It is still important to connect our students to the campus minister at their chosen college so they can connect with other Catholic students. As our teens move onto college, you can help them continue their journey of faith. Many colleges, secular and parochial, provide a *Newman Center* for incoming Catholic students. These Centers provide pastoral support and ministry to students, in addition to providing a space to meet other Catholic students interested in growing in their faith. This year, students will be able to connect immediately by downloading our newly created "Newman Connection App" on their phone!

Please send the graduate's First & Last Name, e-mail address, and phone number as well as the Name of College, City/State they will be attending to Patti Anderson at: panderson@ollchurch.org.

The respective *Newman Connection* campus leader will be informed and will welcome the student when he or she arrives in the fall.

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One Family in Mission
Creating Pathways to Faith

“Faith is not a light which shatters all our darkness, but a lamp which guides our steps in the night and suffices for the journey”

-Pope Francis

Lauren believes her involvement in Youth Ministry has been one of the most important things she has ever done.

“Youth ministry will change your life. There will be a time when you have a really bad week and you come to the group meeting and you just share, you open your heart and let everyone in – you let Jesus’ love in. You feel so much better and you know that everything is going to be ok. Having a relationship with God is something that helps you through rough times and makes you grateful for the good times,” shared Lauren.



Youth Ministry in our Parishes helps guide our young people on their faith journey and empowers them to live as disciples of Jesus Christ in the world today!

Your gifts to the Catholic Ministries Appeal ensure that young people like Lauren can develop a relationship with God that will lead to a life of prayer and service, coupled with the support and socialization of other young people who embrace the same Church and values.

Every day the world offers our children choices that challenge their faith. The Catholic Ministries Appeal is so important in supporting ministries and programs that involve our children. Are you aware that collectively parish-based religious education programs serve more than 100,000 of our young people in public schools? Similarly, campus and young adult ministry programs serve more than 7,000 each month.

Please know that I thank you most sincerely for your consideration of this special request to make a gift to the 2021 Catholic Ministries Appeal. Please know that no gift is too small and every gift makes a difference in the choices that our young people make.

**For more information visit www.drvc.org/CMA
or call 516-678-5800 - ext. 296 Thank You!**

Sharing the Gospel

Think of how much you have grown since you were born. To see you now, it is hard to imagine you ever wore baby clothes. God's kingdom started out small, and it keeps growing, too. God's kingdom needs people like you to love Jesus and to learn from Him. Let God's word sink into your life. As you grow closer to Jesus, God's kingdom will grow.



Mission for the Week



Memorize John 3:16 this week. Let God's love sink into your heart. Treasure what you learn from Jesus.

Puzzle

Circle the group in each row that has **more**. Then color in all the pictures.



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Prayer

Jesus, help me learn from You and love You, so that God's kingdom will grow.



Something to Draw

Draw a picture of yourself reading your favorite Bible story about Jesus.

