

# Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

455 Hunter Avenue, West Islip, NY 11795

**Msgr. Brian McNamara**, Pastor  
**Rev. Charles Mangano**, Associate Pastor  
**Rev. Sylvester Chukwumalume**, in Residence  
Chaplain, South Shore University Hospital (Southside)  
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**Vita Scorcia**, Ministry Spiritual Director

## Parish Office

**Phone: 631.661.3224 (select option #2)**

Monday-Thursday: 9:00am-7:30pm

Friday: 9:00am-5:00pm

Saturday: 9:00am-3:00pm

Sunday: 9:00am-2:00pm

E-mail: [ParishOffice@ollchurch.org](mailto:ParishOffice@ollchurch.org)

Fax: 631.661.7143

Website: [www.ollchurch.org](http://www.ollchurch.org)

## Religious Education Office

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

Monday-Friday: 9:00am-Noon,

1:00pm-5:00pm, 7:00pm-9:00pm

E-mail: [ReligiousEd@ollchurch.org](mailto:ReligiousEd@ollchurch.org)

## 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.

**Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary • Sunday, August 15, 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  
Dcn. Nilo DeLeon  
Jerry Esposito  
Trish Frodell  
Pam Gagliano  
Deborah Lamb  
Rosalie Mangels  
John Muldoon  
Dottie Perdue  
Vita Scorgia

### 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 August 15

**Sunday:** Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/ 1 Cor 15:20-27/ Lk 1:39-56  
**Monday:** Jgs 2:11-19/ Mt 19:16-22  
**Tuesday:** Jgs 6:11-24a/ Mt 19:23-30  
**Wednesday:** Jgs 9:6-15/ Mt 20:1-16  
**Thursday:** Jgs 11:29-39a/ Mt 22:1-14  
**Friday:** Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/ Mt 22:34-40  
**Saturday:** Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/ Mt 23:1-12  
**Next Sunday:** Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/ Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/  
Jn 6:60-69

### Parish Staff

**Patti Anderson**  
Parish Office/Bulletin Editor

**AnnMarie Buonaspina**  
Director of Youth Choirs

**Michael Buonaspina**  
Parish Organist

**S. Kathleen Carberry, CSJ**  
Parish Office

**Stacy Gordon**  
Parish Office

**Carol Grillo**  
Parish Office

**Rita Spera**  
Religious Education Office

### Financial Summary

#### August 8, 2021

Weekly Collection	\$ 16,459.00
Weekly Budget	- \$ 17,800.00
+/- for the week	\$ (1,341.00)

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

## Compassion is no Accident

In so many of Saint Paul's readings, St. Paul gives practical advice on how to live a life that is in accord with our baptism. In fact, he instructs us how we are to be imitators of God: be kind to one another, compassionate, forgiving one another as God has forgiven us in Christ. Clearly this way of living connects us and brings us closer to God and to one another. This way of living is not just a "nice" way to live, or optional. Instead, it is grounded in our Baptism; "do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were sealed for the day of redemption".

One thing that you may have noticed on the overhead informational signs on the parkways and Long Island Expressway on Long Island and around the state is new terminology to describe "Accidents". No longer do you see a warning notice such as "Accident at exit 50". This has been changed to "Crash at exit 50". The reason for this is because the word "accident" leaves one with the impression it was not someone's fault (i.e., accidents *happen*!) In fact, accidents don't just *happen*. They are the result of someone's actions such as excessive speed, distracted driving, driving while impaired, failure to yield, improper maintenance of the vehicle, etc.

When I meditate on many of Saint Paul's readings, the imitation of God is an intentional action. It is because of a conscious effort to live a life worthy of our Baptism, of being a child of God. What it is not is something that "*just happens*". Recently we have seen a rash of terrible crashes on Long Island that is a direct result of reckless driving. This unfortunately seems to have become an accepted way of life on Long Island. The tragedy is the lives lost because of it. Families are devastated and destroyed when parents, sons and daughters and brothers and sisters die or get seriously injured. The result of these tragedies is a direct result of a choice not to respect oneself and others. A choice to not acknowledge and be grateful for the gift of life that our Lord has given to us. The problem is exacerbated by those in our society that are complacent by not voting, by some laws that are ineffective and by the lack of enforcement of laws that are meant to protect us. This may be because of inadequate funding which may be because of society's priorities. Of course, we can also look at gun violence and the "*right*" to take a life by abortion as other examples of the lack of respect that we have for the dignity of every life. These however are articles for another day.

Jamie Walters, who wrote an article recently for America Magazine (a Jesuit publication), states that to be "like God" is often referred to as the imitation of God (imitation Dei). This concept builds on the idea of humanity created in the image of God (imago Dei). Since we are called to live our Baptismal call radically, let us continue to pray, continue to let our voices be heard by our elected officials and continue to set an example of the living Christ for a world that so desperately needs it. You can make a difference!

In Christ,

Deacon Tom

## 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 in the Middle East conflict.



<b>Michael DiMatteo</b> - <i>US Marines</i>	<b>Anthony Memoli</b> - <i>US Marines</i>
<b>Michael Fantauzzi</b> - <i>US Air Force</i>	<b>Timothy Milligan</b> - <i>US Marines</i>
<b>Christopher Florca</b> - <i>US Marines</i>	<b>Melissa Mockler</b> - <i>US Navy</i>
<b>Dominick Gennaro</b> - <i>US Army</i>	<b>Andrew Perniciaro</b> - <i>US Army</i>
<b>Patrick Harty</b> - <i>US Coast Guard</i>	<b>Brandon Ranzie</b> - <i>US Army</i>
<b>Ritchard Higham</b> - <i>US Army</i>	<b>Stephen Rolston</b> - <i>US Army</i>
<b>Colby Matthew Kelly</b> - <i>US Army</i>	<b>Jack Shires</b> - <i>US Navy</i>
<b>Luke Loftsgaarden</b> - <i>US Army</i>	<b>Jack Taffner</b> - <i>US Marines</i>
<b>Anthony Mannino</b> - <i>US Marines</i>	<b>Michael Wilkinson</b> - <i>US Army</i>
<b>Msgr. Brian McNamara</b> - <i>US Air Force</i>	<b>Peter Zaccaria</b> - <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 Calogero Jr., Thomas J. Calogero III, Grace Ciccarello, Robert Cigliano, Lynn Cooper, Joseph Dreher, Dcn. John DeGuardi, Amanda DiTingo, Pat Eastwood, Paula Edwards, Anna Ferrante, Mike Ferrante, Kasey Gagliano, Robert M. Grippo, Patricia Guinta, Patrick Anthony Heffron, Donald Horne, Henry Kahn, Shena Kahn, Anne Kerrigan, Martin Kerrigan, Rosemary LeConte, Christopher Lennon, James Leung, Michael F. Maher, Aidan Miller, Michael Moskowitz, Dawn Muldoon, Edward Pauciullo, Barbara Perino, Clifford Proctor, Stephan Quail, Joseph J. Schiavoni, Natalie Stone, David Stucker, Betty Teufel, Dcn. Jack Teufel, Louis 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

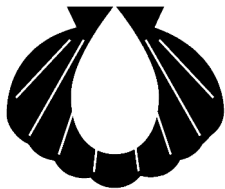
Ruth Anna Clifford  
Carol Margaret Cull  
Rose Grant  
Vincent Mannino  
Joan T. Muller

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



## Upcoming Marriages

Evangelia Aspras  
and  
Matthew Tarantino, OLL



## Baptism

Adelyn Ann Johnston  
Violet Marie Johnston

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

## Mass Intentions

### Monday, August 16

St. Stephan of Hungary

8:30am Basilio Aquino & Family

### Tuesday, August 17

8:30am Charles Cancellosi

### Wednesday, August 18

8:30am Rosario Fedele

### Thursday, August 19

St. John Eudes

8:30am Millie DaVino

### Friday, August 20

St. Bernard

8:30am Emily Lichtenstein (Living)

### Saturday, August 21

St. Pius X

8:30am Julius Dempsey, Raymundo Herrera

5:00pm Sweeney & LaRocca Families

Fr. Sylvester Chukwumalume

### Sunday, August 22

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am Carl Schmid

Msgr. Brian McNamara

9:30am Robert & Audrey Cullen

Msgr. Brian McNamara

11:00am The Bruno Family

Fr. Sylvester Chukwumalume

12:30pm Paul Soyack & Carol Jean Palma

Fr. Sylvester Chukwumalume

6:00pm People of the Parish, Mary Ferrara, Harold Boykin,  
Harold L. "Hal" Anderson, Helen Garzaniti,  
Katherine & Nicholas Campanaro

Msgr. Brian McNamara

## Healing After Abortion

Have you suffered an abortion? Experience God's love and mercy and begin the journey of healing.

Please call the Sisters of Life: 866-575-0075 or e-mail: [hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org](mailto:hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org).

For men, call Theresa Bonopartis at Lumina: 877-586-4621 or e-mail: [Lumina@postabortionhelp.org](mailto:Lumina@postabortionhelp.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

## 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.



## Important Outreach Information - Summer Schedule

Our Outreach Office is now operating on their Summer Schedule:

**Open on Mondays and Thursdays ONLY - 9:30am until 3:30pm**

*We ask that you please call 631-661-3224, option 4, before coming down.*

Outreach is not accepting any articles of clothing as donations at this time.

## 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.



Hamburger Helper  
Crushed Tomatoes/ Tomato Puree  
Oatmeal  
Juice  
Cookies



## Fall Spectacular Super Raffle

Super Raffle tickets will be sold after all weekend Masses. Tickets will also be available in the Parish Office during the week. The cost is \$100 per ticket.

First Prize	\$7,000
Second Prize	\$2,000
Third Prize	\$1,000

Drawing for the raffle will be on Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. Winner need not be present. Only 220 tickets will be sold. As Father Brian always says, **"You got to be in it, to win it."**

## PEP 1 Religious Education Program Registration Information

*"Discover the Treasures of God's Love"*

If you have a child entering the first grade in public school, your child should be registered for our "PEP 1" Religious Education Program. This first year program is required for participation in First Eucharist. It introduces the children to a basic understanding of the loving presence of God, the person of Jesus, conscience formation and the importance of community worship.

**Classes will begin on Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup> - 4:15-5:15pm**

### INFORMATION MEETING AND REGISTRATION

Choose one:

- Monday, September 27, 2021 10:30am or 7:30pm
- Wednesday, September 29, 2021 10:30am or 7:30pm

The meeting will take approximately 45 minutes and will be held in the Parish Center (meeting room opposite the playground)

- Please bring your child's Baptismal certificate (a copy is acceptable).
- *Baptismal Certificate or copy is needed even if child was baptized at OLL.*
- No child will be assigned a room number unless we have a copy of the Baptismal Certificate.
- Returning families who have an incoming first grader **MUST** attend the registration meeting.

The registration fee (if this is your oldest child) is \$210.

## Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

*What's it all about?*

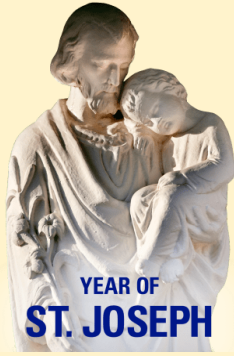
*IF* you are an adult **AND**

- ... 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.





## 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. The Catholic Church considers St Joseph as the patron saint of carpenters, builders and workers. The title, Saint Joseph the Worker, was given to St Joseph by Pope Pius XII in 1955. Though little is said about the life of St Joseph in Scripture, we know the humble carpenter of Nazareth as the caring guardian of Jesus and faithful husband of Mary, who lived a quiet life of service. During the course of his life, Joseph knew

what it was to work hard to provide for the needs of his family and is a wonderful example to inspire Christian workers.

*“St Joseph is a man of great spirit. He is great in faith, not because he speaks his own words, but above all because he listens to the words of the Living God. He listens in silence. And his heart ceaselessly perseveres in the readiness to accept the Truth contained in the word of the Living God.”*

- St. John Paul II

## Prayer to St. Joseph for Employment

Saint Joseph, you were yourself once faced with the responsibility of providing the necessities of life for Jesus and Mary. Look down with fatherly compassion upon me in my anxiety over my present inability to support my family. Please help me to find gainful employment very soon, so that this heavy burden of concern will be lifted from my heart and that I am soon able to provide for those whom God has entrusted to my care. Help us to guard against bitterness and discouragement, so that we may emerge from this trial spiritually enriched and with even greater blessings from God. Amen.





## *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 which begins on **Friday, September 10, 2021**, please call **1-800-470-2230** or **516-405-0323** and you will be connected directly and confidentially to a couple from Long Island/Metro Retrouvaille who can help.

Weekend Location:  
Immaculate Conception Seminary  
440 West Neck Road, Huntington, NY 11743

## **CALLED TO BE A DEACON?**

*If you are discerning a vocation to the diaconate,  
you and your wife are invited to attend an*

## **INFORMATION SESSION**

### **CHOOSE ONE OF THREE MEETING DATES:**

**7:00pm Thursday, September 16<sup>th</sup>  
4:00pm Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup>  
7:00pm Tuesday, September 21<sup>st</sup>**

*at the*

*Seminary of the Immaculate Conception  
440 West Neck Road, Huntington, NY 11743*

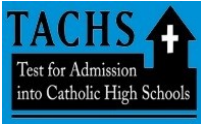
**To reserve a place at one of the meetings,  
contact Carol Rizzotti, at 631-423-0483 ext. 179  
or email: [diaconateformation@drvc.org](mailto:diaconateformation@drvc.org).**



## **NY Project Hope - Coping With Covid**

Feeling uncertain, overwhelmed, anxious during COVID? Talking with a crisis counselor is always free, confidential and anonymous, allowing you to talk freely about the issues that are affecting you. We will help you navigate these unusual times and take some of the burden off your shoulders. Project Hope Crisis Counselors will help you with anything from economic hardships to behavioral health issues. A Crisis Counselor will give you self-help tips and come up with a plan for you to be your own advocate. We have a multitude of resources available to you and would love to be the shoulder you lean on. After all, New Yorkers are in this together.

**Need to talk? Call: 1-855-818-HOPE(4673) e-mail: [projecthope@nhcc.us](mailto:projecthope@nhcc.us) website: [www.nhcc.us](http://www.nhcc.us)**  
A program of the NYS Office of Mental Health. Funded by FEMA. Administered by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, New Horizon Counseling Center, Copiague, NY



## **TACHS Prep Courses offered at St. John the Baptist, DHS**

St. John the Baptist, DHS is offering a **Prep Course** to prepare students for the **Test for Admission into Catholic High Schools (TACHS EXAM)**. It will consist of five 2½ hour sessions beginning in September. St. John’s will also offer a **Test Taking Strategies Class** the Friday evening before the exam. For additional information, please visit: [www.stjohnthebaptistdhs.net](http://www.stjohnthebaptistdhs.net) or call: 631-587-8000 ext.117.

## **Church Census Information**

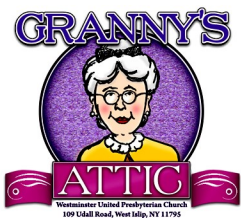
### **Has your contact information changed, or are you moving?**

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).

## **Families Anonymous VIRTUAL Meetings**

12-Step support groups giving Hope & Strength to parents, family and friends concerned with a loved one’s destructive behavior caused by Alcohol, Drugs or Related Behavioral Problems is now meeting virtually until further notice. For further information e-mail: [Donna526@aol.com](mailto:Donna526@aol.com) or call Diane at: 631-587-0966 or Donna at: 631-589-3790. Website: [FamiliesAnonymous.org](http://FamiliesAnonymous.org).



## **Granny’s Attic Rummage Sale - Vendors Wanted**

**Saturday, August 21, 2021 - 10:00am-3:00pm**

Rain Date: August 28

**Westminster United Presbyterian Church**

109 Udall Road, West Islip, NY 11795

Are you unable to have a yard sale at your home? Sell your unwanted items (or new items) by taking a 10’x10’ space for \$25.00 at our Rummage Sale. Call 631-661-6740 or e-mail [wupc@optonline.net](mailto:wupc@optonline.net) for an application. Come and find some new and “new to you” treasures! Clothes, baby and kitchen items, holiday decorations, etc.

## The Father Mychal Judge 911 Walk of Remembrance - September 5, 2021

All are invited to attend the Father Mychal Judge 9/11 Walk of Remembrance in NYC. Held on the Sunday before 9/11, the walk was started by Det. Steven McDonald in honor of his friend who perished in his role as Fire Department Chaplain. It has evolved to include all civilians, police and fire fighters who perished on that day. Join together and retrace Fr. Mychal's steps beginning at St. Francis of Assisi Church, where Father lived, and ending at St. Peter's in lower Manhattan where Father was brought, the first identified victim of 9/11. Stops will be made along the way to honor police and fire department units. Come together to pray and never forget.

9:30am: Rosary at St. Francis of Assisi RC Church, 135 W. 31<sup>st</sup> Street  
10:00am: Walk Begins: E1/L24 FDNY 31<sup>st</sup> Street & 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
~2:00pm: Walk Concludes at St. Peter's RC Church, Barclay Street, NYC

[911WalkofRemembrance@gmail.com](mailto:911WalkofRemembrance@gmail.com)

[www.911walkofremembrance.com](http://www.911walkofremembrance.com)

646-856-WALK

## Mark Your Calendar! September 11<sup>th</sup> - 20 Year Remembrance Mass

As the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of 9/11 approaches, preparations are being made to honor and remember the victims and the first responders of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. A special Mass will be held here at **Our Lady of Lourdes on Saturday, September 11 at the 8:30am Mass**. All are welcome to participate in remembering those souls who died tragically at the World Trade Center, and to pray for their families, as well as the countless personnel and volunteers who were devastated and who came to the rescue. We extend an invitation to all parishioners, the community, airline crew members, fire departments, police, first responders, tugboat crews, doctors, nurses, emergency personnel, National Guard, Red Cross, Port Authority, government officials and the myriad of volunteers to join us for this special tribute. If you know of anyone who was directly affected by the 9/11 attacks, and would like to be a participant, kindly contact Eileen at 631-321-6571.



## Do you know a Senior, graduating from High School?



It is especially important to connect our graduating High School Seniors 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](mailto: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.

## 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:

**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).



## “Virtual” Worldwide Marriage Encounter

To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences. Some are on weekends and there are seven sessions on weekdays from 7:00pm to 9:30pm. 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 Chuck & Maria Reiss at 631-486-8607 or visit them at <https://wwmenyli.org/>.

“Blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it.” Find out how to live your Sacrament to the fullest on the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. The next VIRTUAL Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience will be on **September 24-26, 2021**.



## Grief Support Group - September 13 - December 6

Grief Share is a special weekly seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life. We know it hurts, and we want to help.

**Mondays 7:30pm-8:30pm September 13 – December 6, 2021**

**Westminster United Presbyterian Church**

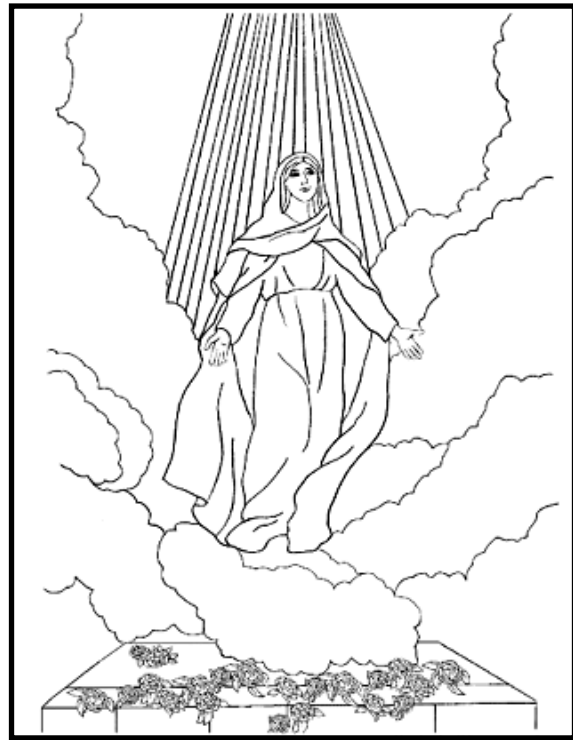
E-mail: [Pastorkerry@optonline.net](mailto:Pastorkerry@optonline.net) or call: 631-482-2033 to for more info and to register.

## Religion and Rock

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# Sharing the Gospel

God chose Mary to be the mother of his son, Jesus. Mary was always ready and willing to do whatever God wanted. Because she was so special she was taken up body and soul to be with Jesus in heaven – this is what 'Assumption' means. What qualities of Mary would we like to grow in our lives?



## Mission for the Week



As you go about this week remember to praise and thank God for all the good things that you see. Think about what you could do to make our world look more like Mary's song of praise and so all people have what they need.

### Hail Mary

Hail \_\_\_\_\_,  
 Full of \_\_\_\_\_,  
 The \_\_\_\_\_ is with thee.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ art thou among  
 women,  
 And blessed is the fruit  
 Of thy womb, \_\_\_\_\_.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Mary,  
 Mother of \_\_\_\_\_,  
 pray for us \_\_\_\_\_ now,  
 and at the hour of our death.

Cut and paste the words into the prayer.

God	sinners
Mary	Jesus
Holy	Lord
Grace	Blessed

## Prayer

Holy Mary,  
 mother of  
 Jesus, filled  
 with love for God,  
 Pray for us  
 in all our needs.  
 Pray for us today.  
 Amen



## Something to Draw

Draw what you will do in the coming week to make the world a better and more fair place.

