

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)
Rev. Freddy Lozano, in Residence

Deacon Nilo DeLeon, **Deacon Tom Lucie**,
Deacon Rich Maher, **Deacon John Teufel**

Sr. Nancy Campkin CSJ, Director of Religious Ed
Trish Frodell, Director of Parish Social Ministry
Sr. Diane Liona CSJ, Director of Religious Ed
Debbie Meyer, Business Manager
Robin Reynolds Brennan, Coordinator of
Worship and Choir Director
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

Fax: 631.661.7143

Website: 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

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



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.

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time • Sunday, September 5, 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 September 5

Sunday: Is 35:4-7a/ Jas 2:1-5/ Mk 7:31-37
Monday: Col 1:24—2:3/ Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/ Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/ Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
Thursday: Col 3:12-17/ Lk 6:27-38
Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2,12-14/ Lk 6:39-42
Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17/ Lk 6:43-49
Next Sunday: Is 50:4c-9a/ Jas 2:14-18/ Mk 8:27-35

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 29, 2021

Weekly Collection	\$ 13,322.00
Weekly Budget	- \$ 17,800.00
+/- for the week	\$ (4,478.00)

August 22, 2021

Weekly Collection	\$ 9,284.00
Weekly Budget	- \$ 17,800.00
+/- for the week	\$ (8516.00)

Haiti \$ 2,325.00

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

Dear Parishioners:

This weekend we celebrate Labor Day. Historically, Labor Day is an annual holiday to celebrate the achievement of workers. It constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contributions that workers have made to the strength, prosperity and well-being of our country.

Labor Day has its origins in the labor union movement, specifically the 8-hour day movement which advocated 8 hours for work, 8 hours for recreation and 8 hours for rest. Labor Day became a national holiday in 1894. The first Labor Day celebration was on September 5, 1882 in New York City with the plans of the Central Labor Union. In 1884 the first Monday in September was chosen. The Central Labor Union encouraged other cities to celebrate the holiday. While a number of individual states began to celebrate the holiday, in 1894 Congress passed an act making the first Monday of September a legal holiday.

Labor Day also has a spiritual component. Labor Day is an opportunity to take stock of the ways workers are honored and respected. The Church has spoken out about the dignity of work and the rights of workers. The Church's "social teaching" really began with Pope Leo XIII, over 140 years ago. Such Papal encyclicals include: *Rerum Novarum* (1881, Pope Leo XIII), *Quadragesimo Anno* (1931, Pope Pius XI), *Gaudium and Spes* (1965, Vatican II), *Laborem Exercens* (1981, Pope John Paul II), and *Caritas in Veritate* (2009, Pope Benedict XVI).

The three principles of Catholic Social Teaching are: Human Dignity (We are all made in the image and likeness of God), Solidarity (We are all interdependent and interconnected which should compel people to strive for the common good) and Subsidiarity (Fosters personal responsibility and focuses on an individual's need to balance individual needs versus the common good).

Pope Francis has said: "Work is fundamental to the dignity of the person... It gives one the ability to maintain oneself, one's family and to contribute to the growth of one's own nation". In addition, Pope Francis has said, "Through work the family is cared for and children are provided with a dignified life...where there is no work, there is no dignity."

However, Pope Francis has also cautioned against too much work: "Together with a culture of work, there must be a culture of leisure. To put it another way: people who work must take time to relax, to be with their families, to enjoy themselves, read, listen to music, play a sport."

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

In Christ,

Fr. Brian

PS: Don't forget to "celebrate" Labor Day by laboring around the Parish. Our "Parish Clean-up" Day will take place on Monday, Labor Day, from 9:00am – 10:30am. Bring rakes, clippers, weed pullers, etc. See you then!

Our Italian Feast is approaching too! Don't forget to hand in your chance books, both for the nightly raffle and the Super Raffle.

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.



Michael DiMatteo - <i>US Marines</i>	Timothy Milligan - <i>US Marines</i>
Michael Fantauzzi - <i>US Air Force</i>	Melissa Mockler - <i>US Navy</i>
Christopher Florca - <i>US Marines</i>	Andrew Perniciaro - <i>US Army</i>
Dominick Gennaro - <i>US Army</i>	Brandon Ranzie - <i>US Army</i>
Patrick Harty - <i>US Coast Guard</i>	Stephen Rolston - <i>US Army</i>
Ritchard Higham - <i>US Army</i>	Jack Shires - <i>US Navy</i>
Colby Matthew Kelly - <i>US Army</i>	James Stultz - <i>US Army</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>
Anthony Memoli - <i>US Marines</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, Patricia Blanch, Morgan Brennan, Thomas Calogero Jr., Thomas J. Calogero III, Lynn Cooper, Joseph Dreher, Dcn. John DeGuardi, Amanda DiTingo, Paula Edwards, 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, Rose Mattiello, Allison Michelini, Aidan Miller, Michael Moskowitz, Dawn Muldoon, Edward Pauciullo, Barbara Perino, 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

John Cassatta
Melody Cosentino
Marie Littlefair
Natale Raia
Eileen Ann Sarc

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

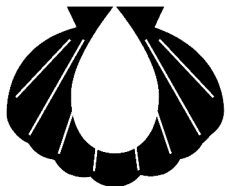


Upcoming Marriages

Jennifer Hunter
and
Matthew Butera

Amber Kuchler, OLL
and
Darren Dominguez
St. Brigid, Westbury

Shannon McHugh
St. Mary, East Islip
and
Colin McVey
St. Mary, East Islip



Baptism

Sofia Emily Alcarraz
Aubrey Grace Paduano
Killian Ambrose Seeley
Frederick Clarence Van Liew, IV

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, September 6

Labor Day

8:30am Arnold Vitarelle

Tuesday, September 7

8:30am James Palumbo

Wednesday, September 8

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30am Serafino Giordano

Thursday, September 9

St. Peter Claver

8:30am Russell Brand

Friday, September 10

8:30am Frank Marinaccio

Saturday, September 11

8:30am For those who died in 9/11, and those who suffer due to the aftermath

5:00pm Margaret Nangano

Msgr. Brian McNamara

Sunday, September 12

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am Margaret & John Kopitsch

Fr. Charles Mangano

9:30am Mary Lennon

Fr. Charles Mangano

11:00am Deceased Members of the Brusca Family

Fr. Sylvester Chukwumalume

12:30pm Mary Petersen

Fr. Sylvester Chukwumalume

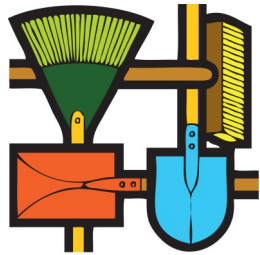
6:00pm People of the Parish, Charles Tedeshi,
Conor James Cronin

Msgr. Brian McNamara



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 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.



Parish "Clean-up" Party

On **Monday, September 6th**, we will be having a **Parish Grounds "Clean-up" Party** from **9:00am to 10:30am**. Please bring hand clippers, loppers, hand saws, rakes, etc. We need to do some extra cleaning up.

All are welcome; no experience needed!

Feast Volunteer Meeting

The next meeting for **ALL Feast Volunteers** is on **Wednesday, September 8th at 7:00pm in the Parish Center**. Anyone who has not yet signed up, but is interested in helping at our Feast, should also attend this meeting.

Second Collection - Catholic University of America

Next weekend (9/11-9/12), the diocese will be taking up the National Collection for The Catholic University of America. Catholic University is a national research university with over 5,700 undergraduate and graduate students in more than 250 academic programs in the heart of Washington, D.C. By giving to the collection, you are supporting both future Catholic leaders, religious and lay, who are being formed by an exceptional, Faith-inspired education and the University's various research and training initiatives that support dioceses and parishes in responding to the most pressing needs of their faithful.

As always, thank you for your generosity.

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.



Pancake Mix
Crackers
Cookies
Toothpaste
Conditioner

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

Italian Family Feast

September 15-19, 2021



Wednesday and Thursday 7:00pm—10:00pm

Friday 7:00pm –11:00pm

Saturday 6:00pm—11:00pm

Sunday 2:00pm—8:00pm

Vegas Night Gambling on Friday and Saturday



Walk With Mary and Feast Mass

On Saturday, September 18th, we celebrate our Feast Mass and Walk With Mary with a procession at 4:00pm and Mass at 5:00pm. Please plan to join us in prayer and song as we process through the Feast grounds.

Super Raffle

\$10,000 in prizes. Only 220 tickets will be sold. Each ticket is \$100. Don't wait - these tickets sell out very quickly! Purchase your ticket after mass on weekends, or in the Parish Office during the week. Super Raffle drawing will be held on Sunday, September 19th at 8:00pm.

Television Raffle Tickets

Also, purchase your raffle tickets to win a Big Screen Television.
\$5 per raffle ticket - 6 raffle tickets for \$20

Pay-One-Price

POP bracelets are available online through a link from the parish website (ollchurch.org). We are encouraging everyone to purchase your POP Bracelets online to avoid crowded lines at the Feast. (Pick up your online bracelets at the Fr. Joe Garden when you arrive at the Feast.) **Purchase POP Bracelets online by Wednesday, September 8** for an extra \$3 savings for a total of \$8 from window price by using promo code: **early**.
Bracelets **purchased online after September 8**, savings will be \$5

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are always needed and welcomed to support our annual Italian Family Feast. Can you help? If you're interested or have any questions, please call the Parish Office at 631-661-3224 and leave a message for Frank Antonawich. You may also e-mail Deacon Rich at: rmaher@ollchurch.org



**The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, September 6
in observance of Labor Day.
The Parish Office will reopen on Tuesday, September 7 at 9:00am.**

September 11, 2021 - 20 Year Remembrance Mass

As the 20th 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.

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.

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.

Classes will begin on Wednesday, October 13th - 4:15pm-5:15pm

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.





Come Join the **Super Heroes at Children's Liturgy** at 9:30am Mass
beginning September 19th



LEARNING

FUN

FRIENDS

WORD OF GOD

PRAYER

SONG

Children age 4 through 4th Grade
Parents are welcome to accompany their child.



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 Parish Center. 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.

Anyone NOT vaccinated MUST wear a mask.

Our next meeting is **Monday, September 13, 2021 at 8:00pm in the Parish Center.**

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.



Girl Scout Gold Award Project Fundraiser CANDLE SALE



Our Lady of Lourdes Church, West Islip
September 11th and September 12th
Church Lobby - After all Masses



\$5.00 per Candle

*Candles are made from repurposed bottles
with all natural soy based candle wax.*

My **Girl Scout Gold Award Project** is with
Our Lady of Consolation Nursing & Rehabilitative Care Center.

I plan to donate iPads for the residence and build a charging cart for the iPads to be stored in.

Kristen Arena

E-mail: kristengold2@gmail.com



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.



DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

August 27, 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am saddened to inform our faithful subscribers that The Catholic Press Association has made the difficult decision to suspend all print publications and will no longer publish *The Long Island Catholic* magazine or *Fe Fuerza Vida*, the monthly Spanish-language newspaper.

Both publications have not been self-sustaining for many years. Regrettably, with the prolonged pandemic exacerbating the financial strains from our bankruptcy, the Diocese can no longer afford to subsidize these operations. This is a sad moment for the Diocese, as these Catholic publications have proudly served the Faithful well on Long Island for many years.

The summer issue was the final issue of *The Long Island Catholic Magazine*, which, like many magazines and newspapers, has suffered from a steady erosion in both subscriptions and advertising. *Fe Fuerza Vida*'s last issue is the recently published August edition.

We wish to thank all the loyal readers of both publications and encourage them to sign up for our free weekly e-newsletter to keep you informed of Diocesan and parish news and events. We also thank our advertisers for their support over the years.

If you are not already on this email list visit: www.drvc.org/newsletter to sign up.

Please continue to stay connected to the Catholic Church on Long Island through our diocesan website, E-newsletter, social media, and the Catholic Faith Network television station. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the Office of Communications at 516-678-5800, ext. 221.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre

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 (9/4 and 9/5) 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.



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 or call: 631-587-8000 ext.117.



OUR LADY OF LOURDES FEAST ANGEL and ARCHANGEL Donations



Support for our annual Feast has always been overwhelming. Sometimes, people want to help with our feast, but cannot give time as a volunteer. Our recently formulated Angels and Archangels Fund offers them an opportunity to help our parish raise funds. It gives one the opportunity not only to support our booths, but to make it a memorable one. All Angels and Archangels donations may be made by a business, individual, family or for a loved one (living or deceased.) Please return the form below with your donation to the rectory. Your name will appear in the bulletin following the completion of our feast. My thanks in advance; I know each family will do all they can to make our feast the best ever.

Please return the form below with your donation to the rectory.

Thank you and God bless,
Fr. Brian

Name _____ Phone No. _____

Address _____

Name of Deceased _____

Name of Living _____

Angel: \$25 _____ Archangel: \$50 or more _____

Please check the booth you wish your Angel to Sponsor:

Food

- () Corn
- () Hot Dog
- () Pretzel
- () Coffee/Dessert

Beer/Wine/Soda

- () Inside – Casino)
- () Outside

Games

- () Hammer
- () Dime Booth
- () Fast Pitch



Volunteers Needed

The Guilds of Good Samaritan Hospital are currently seeking new members to join our team of volunteers. Opportunities include, but are not limited to, our Thrift Shop, located in Babylon Village, Gift Shop, and Gift Cart. Patient facing roles and clerical opportunities are also available within the hospital. To obtain an application, or to learn more information, please contact Good Samaritan Hospital's Manager of Volunteer Services, Brittany Colasanto at brittany.colasanto@chsli.org, or 631-376-3659. We look forward to meeting you!

Rosary Christian Mothers

The Rosary Christian Mothers will meet on Tuesday, September 7th for recitation of the Rosary at 7:30pm in the Church, followed by their business meeting at 8:00pm in the Parish Center.

Anyone NOT vaccinated MUST wear a mask.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Bring your prayer and creativity together in a gift of love.

Join us ... **Wednesday, September 8 at 9:00am in the Parish Center.** All you need to bring is scrap yarn, knitting needles or crochet hooks (patterns and instructions will be given to you) and your gifts of love and prayer.

Anyone NOT vaccinated MUST wear a mask.

Evangelization Ministry

The Evangelization Ministry will meet on Thursday, September 9 at 7:30pm in the Spiritual Life Center

Anyone NOT vaccinated MUST wear a mask.

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

Bereavement Support Group for Widows and Widowers

For losses that have occurred before June 15, 2021

8 Week Program for Age 50 and Over

Starting Wednesday, September 15, 2021 - 1:00pm – 3:00pm
St. Joseph Parish Center, 39 North Carll Avenue, Babylon NY 11702



For more information and registration, please call: Terry Hoffmann 631-669-0198 or
Geri Olson 631-661-8994



“Moving On” Group

‘After-Bereavement’ Group for Widows and Widowers Presents:

“How Covid Impacted Your Bereavement Process”

Friday, September 10, 2021 at 7:30pm

St. Joseph Parish Center 39 North Carll Avenue, Babylon, NY 11702

For further information please call: Linda Sparaco, Facilitator at 631-225-9530 or
Joyce Gangone, Co-Facilitator at 631-513-7889

Bereavement Support Group at St. Mary’s, East Islip

Loss must have occurred prior to June 16, 2021.

There is no cost, but a commitment to attend each meeting throughout the program is required. Groups are offered in a closed and confidential setting with highly trained facilitators and limited to 13 people.

All CDC Covid guidelines will be followed.

Eight Week Group meets Thursday evenings at 7:00pm from September 16th through November 4th, 2021.
Pre-registration is required. Call 631-581-4266 ext.125 to register.



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 or call: 631-482-2033 to for more info and to register.

Divorced or Separated Catholics of Long Island

A social organization for single persons, including widows, widowers and singles

New Member Orientation Meeting

Tuesday, September 21st at 5:00pm

Knights of Columbus Council #6526

1869 Wantagh Avenue

Wantagh, NY 11793

(Parking in the rear of building)

Non-denominational. ALL ARE WELCOME. Bring proof of single status to join. Annual dues are \$30. Refreshments following the meeting. For further information, and to verify there will be a meeting, please contact Carol at 516-794-4933 or Janet 516-579-4016.

2021
CATHOLIC
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Labor Day is an opportunity to take stock of the ways workers are honored and respected. As Pope Francis pointed out, *"Work is fundamental to the dignity of a person... It gives one the ability to maintain oneself, one's family, to contribute to the growth of one's own nation."*



For many people, especially for the poor, who may be unemployed or underemployed, the struggle to support their families is a daily battle. Please consider supporting the Catholic Ministries Appeal which supports the programs and services that assist families and individuals struggling in our communities.

PLEASE CONSIDER MAKING A GIFT TO THE 2021 Catholic Ministries Appeal!

Every Gift Makes a Difference in the Lives of Others.

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THANK YOU!

Babylon Chorale Auditions

The Babylon Chorale will hold auditions for new members on Monday evening, September 13th and Monday, September 20th at the Sisters of St. Joseph Brentwood Campus. All voice parts are welcomed. For further information and current protocols, call 631-585-3111, visit our website: www.babylonchorale.org or e-mail: info@babylonchorale.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:

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.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter Enrichment Day

On Saturday, September 18 from 9:00am – 4:00pm. (Mass will be celebrated at 4:00pm.) at the St. James Parish Hall (80 Hicksville Road, Seaford, NY 11783), Worldwide Marriage Encounter is hosting a marriage enrichment day, **Languages of Love**. The day is centered on the best-selling book, **The Five Love Languages** by Gary Chapman.

Mask and waiver is required. Bring your own lunch. There will be a “Grab and Go Continental Breakfast.

Please RSVP by September 11. Call John and Toni Torio at: 718-344-3700.

“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/>. Let Jesus the healer, heal any disappointments in your marriage. Strengthen your relationship, rekindle your romance and renew your sacrament by attending the Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience.

The next VIRTUAL Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience will be on **September 24-26, 2021.**



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 “**Stress**”.

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

Sharing the Gospel

Imagine what it would be like to be deaf-unable to hear music, voices or anything. In today's Gospel reading, Jesus did something amazing. Jesus healed a deaf man, so that for the first time he could hear and talk clearly. What would you listen to? What would you say?



Mission for the Week

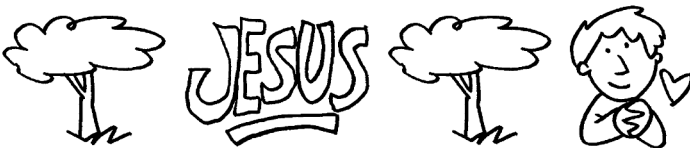


Go to the library and find out how to say "Jesus loves you" in sign language. On the way home, pretend you cannot hear or speak.



Puzzle

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



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Prayer

Dear God,
 You are so
 amazing.
 Thank you for healing
 the deaf man. Help me
 to use my ears and
 my voice to praise You.
 Amen

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of
 all the things you
 like to listen to.

