

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

455 Hunter Avenue, West Islip, NY 11795

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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

Sunday: 9:00am-2:00pm

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Monday-Friday: 9:00am-Noon,

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Parish Outreach Office

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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-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time • Sunday, September 26, 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 26

Sunday: Nm 11:25-29/ Jas 5:1-6/ Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Monday: Zec 8:1-8/ Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23/ Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-19/Jn 1:47-51

Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/ Lk 10:1-12

Friday: Bar 1:15-22/ Lk 10:13-16

Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/ Mt 18:1-5

Next Sunday: Gn 2:18-24/ Heb 2:9-11/ Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

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

September 19, 2021

Weekly Collection	\$ 13,133.00
Weekly Budget	- \$ 17,800.00
+/- for the week	\$ (4,667.00)

St. Pius X Enriched Living \$ 3,843.00

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

A MESSAGE FROM “THE SAGE SISTERS”

In a survey taken by Father Mike Vetrano in 2003, requests came from older parishioners for more attention to be paid to their spiritual needs. As a result, he invited us to come to address those needs. The SAGE Group (Senior Advocates for Growth and Enrichment) formed on September 30 of that year and met year round every other Tuesday for eighteen years. We sisters became known as the SAGE Sisters as we accompanied the Group members over these years, providing pastoral care and spiritual support through our meetings. We were privileged to journey along with individual members as they and their families experienced illness and loss along with the joys in their lives.

We're very grateful to Father Brian for always being supportive of the SAGE Group and of us. We thank the people of the parish for the privilege of serving you as we move on to retirement now that we are elders ourselves. Our time with you has been a joy for us. You shared your faith with us and we are enriched by it. You know that we will remember you prayerfully, and will always smile as we think of Our Lady of Lourdes parish.

Now for some wonderful news! Long time OLL parishioner Cathy Danowski will continue the SAGE Group, much to our delight. Cathy has been dedicated to service in our parish and to its members for many years. **The next SAGE Group meeting will be on Tuesday, October 5 at 9:30am in the Parish Center.** We leave SAGE knowing that God's blessing will be with the SAGEs through the loving hands of a wonderful, faith-filled woman.

Sister Betty Toohig, SC
Sister Margaret Mary Bickar, SC

**SAGE Group Meeting
Tuesday, October 5, 2021
9:30am - Parish Center**

Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by Ann Sippel. 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 Marine Corps* **Timothy Milligan**-*US Marine Corps*
Michael Fantauzzi-*US Air Force* **Melissa Mockler**-*US Navy*
Christopher Florca-*US Marine Corps* **Andrew Perniciaro**-*US Army*
Dominick Gennaro-*US Army* **Brandon Ranzie**-*US Army*
Patrick Harty-*US Coast Guard* **Stephen Rolston**-*US Army*
Ritchard Higham-*US Army* **Jack Shires**-*US Navy*
Colby Matthew Kelly-*US Army* **James Stultz** -*US Army*
Luke Loftsgaarden-*US Army* **Jack Taffner**-*US Marine Corps*
Anthony Mannino-*US Marine Corps* **Michael Wilkinson**-*US Army*
Msgr. Brian McNamara-*US Air Force* **Peter Zaccaria**-*US Navy*
Anthony Memoli-*US Marine Corps*

... 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 J. Calogero III, Lynn Cooper, Joseph Dreher, Dcn. John DeGuardi, Amanda DiTingo, Paula Edwards, Anna Ferrante, Mike Ferrante, Kasey Gagliano, Robert M. Grippo, Patricia Guinta, Patrick Anthony Heffron, 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, Robert J. Olenik, Edward Pauciullo, Barbara Perino, Clifford Proctor, Joseph J. Schiavoni, Natalie Stone, David Stucker, 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

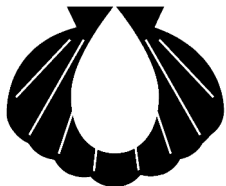
Vincent Bayarri
Nicholas Trupia
Ida Zocchia

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



Upcoming Marriages

Rachael Finlay
St. John Nepomucene, Bohemia
and
Mark Skidmore, OLL



Baptism

Tenley Rose Friaglia
Christian Michael Galvez
Noah Cole Gill
Aviana Faith Zadwarny

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 27

St. Vincent de Paul

8:30am Antonietta Gaetano, Elisabetta Corro & Family

Tuesday, September 28

St. Wenceslaus, St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions

8:30am Michael Bakalo

Wednesday, September 29

Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

8:30am Robin Beckerman (Living)

Thursday, September 30

St. Jerome

8:30am Frank Aparo

Friday, October 1

St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus

8:30am Samuel Fleuriot (Living)

Saturday, October 2

The Holy Guardian Angels

8:30am People of the Parish

5:00pm Barbara & Lou Argento

Msgr. Brian McNamara

Sunday, October 3

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am Howard J. T. Steers

Fr. Sylvester Chukwumalume

9:30am Reilly Family

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11:00am John Yost

Fr. Charles Mangano

12:30pm Robert Burke

Fr. Charles Mangano

6:00pm People of the Parish, Mary Ann Carpino,

Robert Fornito, Maryann Guelfi Panzner,

Helen Ferrara Steffek, Peter Yasinovsky

Msgr. Brian McNamara

Stand up for Life: Respect Life Sunday, 2021

Have you ever thought about going to the March for Life in Washington DC in January? Do you know about the largest Pro-Life event right here on Long Island for the past 23 years? Join in, attend this rally. In only an hour of your time you can help save a life, the greatest gift.



Stand Up For Life is on Sunday, October 3, 2021, from 2:00pm to 3:30pm (rain or shine). Please join us in Huntington at Routes 110 & 25 (near the Whitman Mall) or in Manorville LIE exit 70S on County Road 111. This rally is part of a nationwide family friendly event, held at more than 1,500 sites across the USA & Canada. This is not a march; we stand about 10 feet from each other on the public sidewalk, using **ONLY** Pre-Approved Signs. These allowable signs are available at the site; you don't have to bring anything. Just come as you are, bring a friend or the whole family. You can come for part of the time or the full 90 minutes. Please know by your presence that you help save a life.

Gifts From Bethlehem Olive Wood Carvings September 25-26



Handcrafted olive wood gifts will be available for purchase after all Masses on September 25-26. Stop by and see a wide selection of uniquely crafted items made from the olive trees of the Holy Land. Each piece, handcrafted by local artisans, is representative of an indigenous form of art that has evolved as a cultural tradition of Christians in the Holy Land, and is a major source of income in the Bethlehem area. More than 65% of the income of the community in Bethlehem comes from this work. Your purchase provides vital support for a Christian tradition, as well as protection of this very important culture and tradition.

Support Groups *(all meetings are in Lourdes Hall - lower level of Convent)*

Alcoholics Anonymous: Monday and Tuesday at 8:00pm and Saturday at 11:00am and 7:00pm.

ALANON: Wednesday at 10:00am. Beginner's meeting at 9:30am. Free babysitting available.

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. Next weekend (10/2 and 10/3) 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.



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.



Oatmeal
Rice
Bagged Black Beans
Canned Stew
Canned Tuna

Nocturnal Adoration

“Come to me all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest.”

This is Jesus Christ’s invitation every first Saturday of the month. The Blessed Sacrament is taken to the altar after the 5:00pm Mass and will be exposed up to 9:50pm. Everyone is invited to spend some time in front of the Blessed Sacrament to offer prayers, petitions and thanksgiving to Jesus. Nocturnal Adoration will follow the 5:00pm Mass on **Saturday, October 2**, concluding with Benediction at 9:50pm. Please come and pray with us. All are invited and welcome. Bring a friend!



Blessing of the Animals

All animals, **GREAT AND SMALL** and their owners are invited to the **Blessing of the Animals on Sunday, October 3, 2021 at 3:00pm.**
No Rain Date

This is a parish tradition for the feast of St. Francis of Assisi. The blessing will be on the **Great Lawn** (by Hunter Avenue).

Join us in this special blessing as we remember all of God’s creation.

Masks are greatly appreciated, though not required.
Social Distancing will be observed.

Please bring your own chair, if you feel that you need one.

Gathering for Grandparents

Come join us as we celebrate the important role we play in our families.

GRAND PARENTING ISN’T WHAT IT USED TO BE!

Let's get together to talk about it and to support each other.

Wednesday, October 6th at 7:00pm in the Parish Center



Blood Drive!



Every
Donation
Makes A
Difference

**Wednesday, October 6, 2021
3:15pm - 9:15pm
All Purpose Room**

APPOINTMENTS PREFERRED - Walk-ins allowed

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

*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/285460*

Everyone must wear a mask, regardless of vaccination status.



Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

Italian Family Feast 2021



Super Raffle Winners

\$7,000	#84
\$2,000	#58
\$1,000	#145

Feast Sponsors

Please patronize and support our generous Feast Sponsors:

A.O.H. St. Patrick Division 2, Babylon, NY

Anthony's Pizza

Boyd-Spencer Funeral Home

Chapey & Sons Funeral Homes

Eastco, Ltd.

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Ironwood Island Assoc., Inc.

Monte Bros. Sound Systems, Inc.

Moreland Hose & Belt

Munch Landscaping

Our Little Italy Pizza & Pasta

W. Islip Wine & Liquor, Rich & Rob DiStefano

Nightly Raffle

Wednesday	#67648
Thursday	#62747
Friday	#33444
Saturday	#43246
Sunday	#23770



Photos by Steve & Patti Anderson



Thank you!

Thank you "Feast Volunteers" for all you do! Our feast was a great success!
Also, a shout out to Feast Committee Chairs – *Frank Antonawich and Deacon Rich Maher.*



Archangel Sponsors



Archangel \$100 Sponsors

Lawrence & Eileen Curreri

Rosalie Mangels - For George Mangels & Connie Ambrosino (Living)

Mary Reilly - Dime Booth

Ronald Sposito— Ralph G. Sposito, Sr. (Deceased) & Eileen L. Sposito (Living) - Hot Dog Booth

Archangel \$50 Sponsors

Diane Bronkhurst - Outside Beer Booth

Rosemarie Ferland - Corn Booth

Terence Moore

Josephine Pastore - In Memory of Leonard N. Pastore

Ann Rolston - Mary & Joseph Lennon (Deceased) - Coffee Booth

Louise & Ralph Sciaruto - Father Brian, Father Charles & Father Sylvester - Corn Booth

William Thomson - Claire M. Thomson (Deceased) - Peel-Offs

John & Leslie Zimmerly - Margaret Zimmerly (Deceased) - Worked Dime Booth for many years.

Angel \$30 Sponsors

Scott & Denise Townsend



Angel \$25 Sponsors

Diane Ackerly

Susan Cosentino

Anna Sgambati



Donations

Thanks to Chapey & Sons Funeral Homes for printing our nightly raffles.

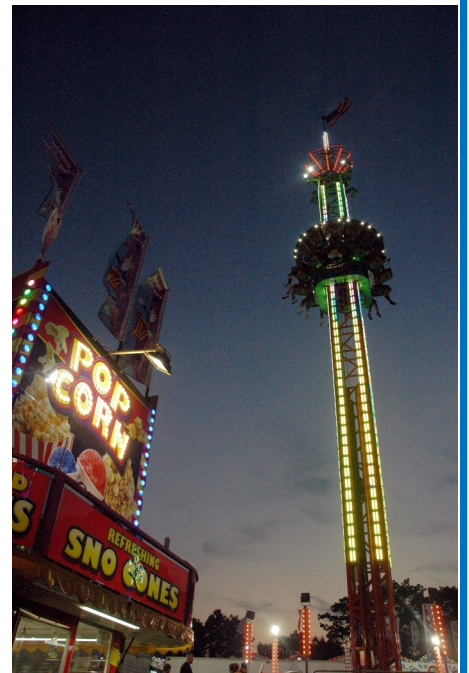
Thanks to P. C. Richard & Son, West Babylon for donating the 65" Samsung television raffle prize.

Thanks to The Humble Handyman, Dan Antonawich, for donating the grill.

Thanks to Lowe's for donating the BBQ utensils and the Fire Pit.

Thanks to Nick Strano's "Dance and Shout" for an evening of delightful music.

Italian Family Feast 2021





Boy Scout Troop 179

For over 40 years, Our Lady of Lourdes has been sponsoring Boy Scout Troop 179 of West Islip. Troop meetings are held every Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

If you are interested in learning more about Boy Scouts and our Troop, please check out our website: <https://witroop179.wixsite.com/bsatroop179> or contact us at: troop179cc@yahoo.com.

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.

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.





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. Let's take a moment to recognize the Sisters of St. Joseph, named for St. Joseph. For more than 169 years, the Sisters of Saint Joseph have served the people of Long Island. As a Congregation, the Sisters of St. Joseph seek to make all their ministries reflections of their charism and mission. Sisters of St. Joseph are educators from elementary to the university level, social workers, health care professionals, lawyers, parish ministers, administrators and spiritual directors. They also own and operate additional ministries which include six high schools, a learning program for immigrant women, and a skilled nursing facility.

The Sisters of St. Joseph Living in Our Lady of Lourdes Convent

Since the 1960s, our parish family has been blessed to have the Sisters of St. Joseph of Brentwood living, working and worshiping with us. Upon their arrival, they began the coordination of Sunday religious education classes and continued with staffing the parish school. Sister Diane Liona came to the parish to teach first grade in 1970 and has been a director of religious education at OLL since 1975! Sister Nancy Campkin came to the parish in 1980, taught kindergarten in the school for two years and then became a director of religious education, along with Sister Diane. Also living in the convent on Toomey Road are four other Sisters of St. Joseph: Sister Jane Fritz, Sister Isabelle Lonagan, Sister Edith Maher & Sister Marie Ross. Also living in the OLL Convent is Sister Evelyn Lamoureux, who is a member of the religious order of Daughters of Wisdom. In this Year of St. Joseph, let us give thanks to these Sisters, and all the Sisters of St. Joseph of Brentwood, who have done so much for all of us over the years.

The Sisters of St Joseph of Brentwood Mission Statement

As Sisters of St. Joseph, living in the 21st Century, we believe in the power, presence and love of God working through an evolving universe and in God's self-communication through Jesus Christ. We are committed to Jesus' mission and seek to promote justice, to live lives of non-violence and to respond to the needs of our time. Our goal is to foster love, unity and reconciliation among all people.

Reflection & Prayer

Joseph was not set apart; his life was steeped in daily dealings with the world around him. It was far from the idyllic existence we may sometimes imagine. Joseph was a woodworker, a neighborhood craftsman who made furniture, carved other objects, and spent time apprenticing his son in the same trade. Like many believers, Joseph walked with God as a family man, laboring in his shop and living at home. He combined prayer, hard work and the responsibilities of being a husband and father. Scripture describes him as a just man, one who observed the law faithfully, who was upright and righteous in his relationships. Joseph was a man of faith, attuned to the inspirations of God's spirit in his life. He was an ordinary man who followed the path of his life wherever God led him. Joseph served God faithfully and lived true to his beliefs. - Clara Santoro, CSJ

St. Joseph, help us to grow in your spirit. Teach us to live the ordinary with extraordinary justice, love and faithfulness.

Father Charles and Laurie Mangano

~ a brother & sister ~

Present a Night of Recollection

A Night of Song.....Night of Inspiration..... Night of Reflection

Our Lady of Lourdes Church

455 Hunter Avenue, West Islip, NY

Thursday, October 14th

at 7:30 p.m.

~ free will offering ~



Topic: Divine Providence



Discover how our fears and toxic guilt prevent us from living in the freedom of peace that God desires for us.

This outstanding program is supported by scripture, song and personal reflection and is designed to comfort and inspire those facing struggles of any kind. If you've ever wondered: "Where is God in this struggle?", "Why is God allowing this to happen?" or "How can God love me if...?" then this evening is for YOU!

You will have an opportunity to participate in a symbolic offering of your fears and have them prayed over. Come and refresh your soul and rejuvenate your spirit knowing that God's Divine Providence is at work every day in your life.

Father Charles and Laurie have united their gifts to praise God and minister to His people in a very special way. They have been singing for the Lord since childhood, and together they have touched the hearts of thousands with their meditative and inspirational music. In addition to producing 13 albums, a DVD and music video, Father Charles and Laurie have also co-hosted their own TV show on Telecare (now Catholic Faith Network – CFN) for twenty years. They have sung at countless venues in the U.S., as well as abroad, and their benefit concerts have raised \$426,000 for charity to date. This beautiful Night of Recollection on Thursday, October 14th ***is guaranteed to be most uplifting!*** It is our hope that through this experience you will come to know, love and trust the Lord Jesus in a deeper and more intimate way, leading you to serve the Lord with gladness. Bring a friend!

Catholic High School Fairs



Open House Schedule

September 2021

Sunday, Sept. 26 2:00pm - 4:30pm St. Mary's College Preparatory High School

October 2021

Saturday, Oct. 2	10:00am - 2:00pm	Chaminade High School
Saturday, Oct. 2	10:00am - 1:00pm	Kellenberg Memorial High School
Saturday, Oct. 2	11:00am - 2:00pm	Sacred Heart Academy
Sunday, Oct. 3	10:00am - 1:00pm	Our Lady of Mercy Academy
Sunday, Oct. 3	1:00pm - 3:30pm	St. Dominic High School
Saturday, Oct. 16	11:00am - 1:30pm	Holy Trinity Diocesan High School
Sunday, Oct. 17	10:00am - 1:00pm	St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School

Please check the individual school's website for additional information and tour registration (if required).

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST DIOCESAN HIGH SCHOOL

OPEN HOUSE

SUNDAY OCTOBER 17TH 10:00AM - 1:00PM

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED TO ATTEND OPEN HOUSE

TO REGISTER FOR OPEN HOUSE, SCAN THIS QR CODE WITH YOUR MOBILE DEVICE'S CAMERA AND FILL OUT THE FORM IN YOUR WEB BROWSER!

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL OUR ADMISSIONS OFFICE: (631) 587-8000 x113

[HTTPS://STJOHNTHEBAPTISTDHS.NET/](https://stjohnthebaptistdhs.net/) | 1170 MONTAUK HIGHWAY - WEST ISLIP, NY 11795

Catholic High School Entrance Exam - November 6, 2021

Normally, application to attend one of the nine high schools in our Diocese is made through the Catholic High School Entrance Examination. **This year the test will be given through TACHS, an online testing program.** For more information and to register for the exam, please visit: www.TACHSINFO.com.

Registration deadline is October 24, 2021



“Only by loving, serving others, can people come to know God.”
 - Pope Francis



Your support of the Catholic Ministries Appeal helps our Parish Outreach and Catholic Charities Programs serve people in our community by providing food, clothing, shelter, counseling and care. And most importantly, it lets those we serve know that God loves them and is with them during the difficult times in their lives.

Please make check payable to the **Catholic Ministries Appeal**

Name: _____ Parish: 163 - Our Lady of Lourdes, West Islip

Address: _____

City, State and Zip Code: _____

Telephone number: Home _____ Cell: _____

Signature: _____

To make a donation, you can also visit: <https://www.drvc.org/CMA/>
 or call us at: 516-678-5800 ext. 296. Thank you!

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 or call Diane at: 631-587-0966 or Donna at: 631-589-3790. Website: FamiliesAnonymous.org.



Volunteers Needed

Maria Regina Residence, at 1725 Brentwood Rd., Brentwood, is an 188 -bed Skilled Nursing Facility currently under the care of the Sisters of St. Joseph. We are seeking compassionate, dedicated men and women who are willing to volunteer their time and talent in various service areas (usually for one or two mornings or afternoons per week.)

Options include: assisting to transport residents in their wheelchairs within the building, serving as visitors or Eucharistic ministers, acting as greeters, delivering newspapers, assisting with recreations, filing and more. Is the Holy Spirit calling YOU? For more information, please contact Sister Mary Sheppard, CSJ and leave contact information at 631-299-3288. Prayerfully and thankfully, we look forward to hearing from you and will respond on the next scheduled office day.



“Moving On” Group

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

“Decluttering Your Life”

presented by Debra Viniar, owner of Clutter Fix

Friday, October 8, 2021 at 7:30pm

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

For further information please call facilitators:

Linda Sparaco at 631-225-9530 or Joyce Gangone at 631-513-7889

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 provided with social-distancing during this time.

Our next 2-day weekend will be held at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington on November 13-14, 2021. For information please call Lenny & Pat Walker at: 631-563-1032 or visit: 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 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/>.

“The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.” Fill your hearts with joy by learning how to love your spouse to the fullest on the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience.

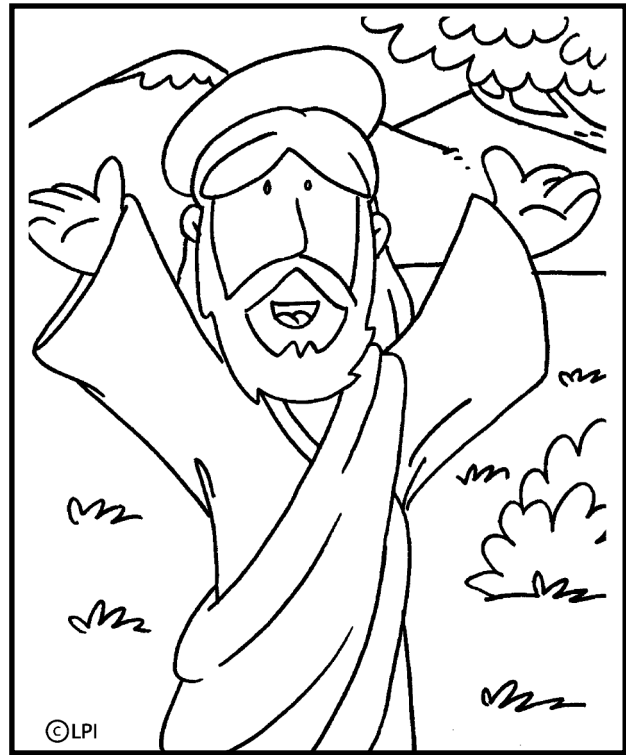


Religion and Rock

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

Sharing the Gospel

The disciples started to feel proud because they thought they were the "in" group of friends of Jesus. One day they saw a complete stranger working powerful miracles in the name of Jesus. The disciples told the stranger to stop because he was not part of their special group.



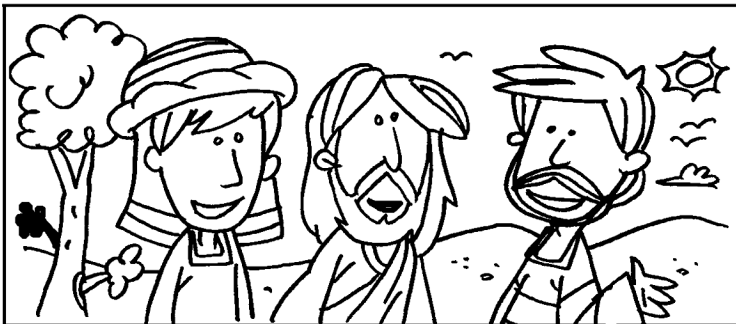
Mission for the Week



Pray for missionaries around the world who teach others about Jesus.

Puzzle

Find 10 differences.



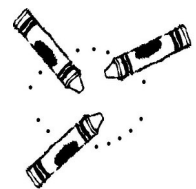
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Prayer



Dear God, help me to work side-by-side with other people who love Jesus, no matter who they are. Amen

Something to Draw



Draw a picture of yourself helping another Christian who does not belong to your church.