

# 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

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Saturday: 9:00am-3:00pm

Sunday: 9:00am-2:00pm

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**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*)

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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.

*Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time • Sunday, October 24, 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 October 24

**Sunday:** Jer 31:7-9/ Heb 5:1-6/ Mk 10:46-52  
**Monday:** Rom 8:12-17/ Lk 13:10-17  
**Tuesday:** Rom 8:18-25/ Lk 13:18-21  
**Wednesday:** Rom 8:26-30/ Lk 13:22-30  
**Thursday:** Eph 2:19-22/ Lk 6:12-16  
**Friday:** Rom 9:1-5/ Lk 14:1-6  
**Saturday:** Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29/ Lk 14:1, 7-11  
**Next Sunday:** Dt 6:2-6/ Heb 7:23-28/ Mk 12:28b-34

### 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

#### October 17, 2021

Weekly Collection	\$ 13,368.00
Weekly Budget	- \$ 17,800.00
+/- for the week	\$ (4,432.00)

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

Dear Parishioners:

Everyday we get blasted with bad news; so, let us celebrate some good news: Catholic Hospitals!

The American Nurses Credential Center (ANCC) has awarded Catholic Health's **Good Samaritan Hospital** one of the most coveted and prestigious honors a hospital and its nurses can achieve—Magnet® recognition for excellence in nursing care. This recognition highlights exceptional clinical outcomes and patient satisfaction, as well as nursing professionalism, collaboration and teamwork. **Good Samaritan** is the only hospital on the south shore of Suffolk County to earn this distinction, which is held by less than nine percent of hospitals nationwide.

In addition, **Good Samaritan Hospital** was ranked #28 (tie) in New York State and tied for #27 in the New York Metro Area. "**Good Sam**" earned recognition as high performing for aortic valve surgery, COPD, colon cancer surgery, diabetes, heart attack, heart failure, kidney failure and stroke. Catholic Health President & CEO Patrick M. O'Shaughnessy, DO, MBA said, "We are also moving forward with strategic plans to expand services at Good Samaritan Hospital to make it the hospital of choice along the South Shore."

Catholic Health's **St. Francis Hospital & Heart Center** (Roslyn) has again been ranked one of the top hospitals in the country in the latest U.S. News & World Report results. The hospital is nationally ranked in five adult specialties—Cardiology & Heart Surgery, Gastroenterology & GI Surgery, Geriatrics, Neurology & Neurosurgery and Orthopedics. **St. Francis** was also rated among the top 10 hospitals in the region, ranking #6 in New York State and #6 in the New York Metropolitan Area. **St. Francis** was also recognized by U.S. News as high performing nationally in three adult specialties: cancer, pulmonology & lung surgery and urology.

The Roslyn hospital was ranked as high performing in 15 common adult procedures and conditions: abdominal aortic aneurysm repair, aortic valve surgery, back surgery (spinal fusion), heart attack, heart bypass surgery, heart failure, colon cancer surgery, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), hip fracture, hip replacement, kidney failure, knee replacement, pneumonia, stroke and transcatheter aortic valve replacement (TAVR).

**St. Catherine of Siena Hospital** in Smithtown earned high-performance ratings for COPD, heart failure and kidney failure. St. Catherine of Siena Nursing & Rehabilitation in Smithtown was rated by U.S. News in its 2020-2021 survey as high performing for short-term rehabilitation. **St. Joseph Hospital** in Bethpage was ranked as high performing for heart failure, COPD and kidney failure. **Mercy Hospital** in Rockville Centre earned high-performance ratings for COPD and kidney failure.

In Christ,

Fr. Brian

PS: A special "thank you" to all those who help to spruce up the Parish grounds: Thank you to: Clara Nam, Ed Terribile, Jacob Errico, Patricia Coady, Peggy Kapalko, Dottie Perdue, Tom Gilbride, Jerry & Alex Sampogne, Thomas & Danielle Gallagher, Remo Rossi, Frank Alosa, Kira Grunenber, Bill Davis and Fr. Charles. In addition, I want to thank the **i-Delizia Deli**. They are located on the corner of Hunter Avenue and Udall Road. Every time we have a "clean-up" party, they generously donate egg sandwiches and drinks for all the volunteers. When you stop by, make sure to thank them for their constant and continual generosity to the Parish!

## Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Rita Spera*. 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*

**Michael Fantauzzi**-*US Air Force*

**Christopher Florca**-*US Marine Corps*

**Dominick Gennaro**-*US Army*

**Patrick Harty**-*US Coast Guard*

**Ritchard Higham**-*US Army*

**Colby Matthew Kelly**-*US Army*

**Luke Loftsgaarden**-*US Army*

**Anthony Mannino**-*US Marine Corps*

**Msgr. Brian McNamara**-*US Air Force*

**Anthony Memoli**-*US Marine Corps*

**Timothy Milligan**-*US Marine Corps*

**Melissa Mockler**-*US Navy*

**Andrew Perniciaro**-*US Army*

**Brandon Ranzie**-*US Army*

**Stephen Rolston**-*US Army*

**Jack Shires**-*US Navy*

**James Stultz**-*US Army*

**Jack Taffner**-*US Marine Corps*

**Michael Wilkinson**-*US Army*

**Peter Zaccaria**-*US Navy*

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



## Pastoral Care of Our Sick

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

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

## Pray for Our Sick

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

*Connie Ambrosino, Thomas Anderson, Patricia Blanch, Morgan Brennan, Christina Cafarelli, Thomas J. Calogero III, Joseph Dreher, Dcn. John DeGuardi, Amanda DiTingo, Paula Edwards, Anna Ferrante, Mike Ferrante, Kasey Gagliano, Patricia Guinta, Patrick Anthony Heffron, Henry Kahn, Shena Kahn, Anne Kerrigan, Martin Kerrigan, Rosemary LeConte, Christopher Lennon, James Leung, Michael F. Maher, Aidan Miller, Michael Moskowitz, Robert J. Olenik, Edward Pauciullo, Barbara Perino, Stephen Piccolo, Clifford Proctor, Joseph J. Schiavoni, Natalie Stone*

Names of the sick will be listed for **six weeks** for short-term requests and **six months** for long-term.



## Rest In Peace

C. Peter Cunningham  
Donald Joseph Horne Sr.  
Jeanette "Jean" M. Jorgensen  
Carmela Y. Luongo

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



## Upcoming Marriages

Giselle Ramirez, OLL  
and  
Adam Sicilia,  
St. Anne Brentwood

## Baptism

Madden Paul Hojnacki  
Emilia Rodriguez  
Madeline Lillian Russell

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, October 25**  
8:30am Mary Zarcone

**Tuesday, October 26**  
8:30am Valerie Moscarelli

**Wednesday, October 27**  
8:30am James O'Brien

**Thursday, October 28**  
Sts. Simon and Jude  
8:30am Leo F. Karl

**Friday, October 29**  
8:30am Dolores Lazarich

**Saturday, October 30**  
8:30am August Medeiros, Pat & Bridget Keane (Living),  
McCarthy, Manzo & Muccio Families, Mary Muccio  
and Helen McCarthy

5:00pm James & Lelia Maher  
Msgr. Brian McNamara

**Sunday, October 31**  
Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time  
8:00am William Doutney  
Msgr. Brian McNamara

9:30am Marie Monico  
Msgr. Brian McNamara

11:00am Linda Francavilla  
Fr. Charles Mangano

12:30pm Paulina & Ryszard Gajda  
Fr. Charles Mangano

6:00pm People of the Parish, Minnie Alessi, Carmine Rozzo,  
Benjamin D. Mezza  
Fr. Charles Mangano

## 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

## World Mission Sunday

Today is World Mission Sunday. We celebrate this day by remembering our baptismal call – to bring the Gospel to all! The collection today for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith supports the work and witness of the Mission Church, as it provides for priests, religious and lay leaders who offer the Lord's mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope's missions.

Thank you for your generosity.

## Attention: Parents of Children in Kindergarten Special K Program

A wonderful program introducing the children to Jesus is held in the Solarium Room on Fridays from 4:30 till about 5:15pm on the following dates:

November 5  
December 17

January 21  
February 11

March 18  
April 29

May 20

There is no fee for the program. To register, e-mail Sister Diane at [sdiane@ollchurch.org](mailto:sdiane@ollchurch.org) It's a fun way to begin religious education!

## 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.



Ketchup  
Syrup  
Juice  
Hot Chocolate  
Toilet Paper



## All Souls Day Remembrance Candle

Once again, in memory of your deceased family and friends, we are offering a *Loving Memory Candle* which will be placed in the Tabernacle area and lit on Monday, November 1. This symbolic light will remain for the life of the candle (approximately a week). This is a beautiful way to remember our deceased loved ones.

The *Loving Memory Candles* will be available after all the Masses the weekends of October 24 and October 31 and also at the Parish Office (Rectory) during the week for a donation of \$10. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at 631.661.3224, ext. 121.

## All Souls Mass of Remembrance



### *We Remember - We Celebrate - We Believe*

During the past year at Our Lady of Lourdes, more than 100 Funeral Masses were celebrated for members of our Parish family who have died. Their families will be invited to participate in a special Mass of Remembrance on **Saturday, November 6 at 11:30am**. Let us remember in prayer on this day all who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith and for their families who mourn their passing - may they know of Christ's healing love.

***Please note: there was an error on the invitation recently sent out for the Mass of Remembrance. The correct time is 11:30am on Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup>.***

## An Invitation to Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet

Why do we pray the Chaplet for the Sick and Dying?

“God and Souls” is the motto of St. Maria Faustina of the Most Blessed Sacrament. One of the elements of the devotion is that Jesus desired St. Faustina to spread is called the **Divine Mercy Chaplet**. He wants it to be offered especially for sinners and for the dying. Jesus is quoted in St. Faustina’s Diary as saying:

*“Pray as much as you can for the dying. By your entreaties obtain for them trust in My mercy, because they have most need of trust, and have it the least. Be assured that the grace of eternal salvation for certain souls in their final moment depends on your prayer. You know the whole abyss of My mercy, so draw upon it for yourself and especially for poor sinners. Sooner would heaven and earth turn into nothingness than would My mercy not embrace a trusting soul.”*

**Beginning November 4<sup>th</sup>**, we will come together in the Church every **Thursday from 1:30pm-2:30pm** to **pray and reflect on the Divine Mercy**. We welcome anyone wishing to join us in this mission.

## 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 ...

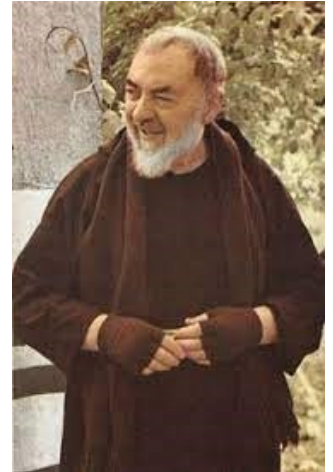
*IF* you feel you would like to become a baptized Catholic or become more fully initiated into your Catholic faith... Our email address is [RCIA@ollchurch.org](mailto:RCIA@ollchurch.org) or call the Parish Office at 631-661-3224, and we would be happy to help you.



## **Saint Padre Pio**

*The relics of Saint Padre Pio are coming to the parish the weekend of November 6-7<sup>th</sup>.*

The purpose is to give us an experience of the living God through an encounter with the relics of this holy Saint. In general, the relics of the saints can bring about a renewal of the Catholic faith for many people. Fr. Brian, our pastor, and Fr. Charles will be preaching on Padre Pio at all the weekend Masses and praying the beautiful and heartfelt prayer entitled, “*Stay with Me, Lord*”, written by Saint Padre Pio. Then, at the end of each liturgy, they will bless everyone with the relic of Saint Padre Pio. After the Masses parishioners will have an opportunity to venerate the relics. Then on Sunday afternoon, from 2:00-3:00pm, there will be an additional prayer service and veneration of the relics.



**First, let's answer the questions:**

- 1. Who is Padre Pio?**
- 2. What are relics? Is it based in scripture?**
- 3. Which relic of Padre Pio is coming to the parish?**
- 4. Why do we venerate relics?**

Padre Pio was born on May 25, 1887 in Pietrelcina, southern Italy. He was tutored privately until his entry to the novitiate of the Capuchin Friars at the age of 15. Of feeble health but strong will, with the help of grace, he completed the required studies and was ordained a priest in 1910.

On September 20, 1918 the five wounds of our Lord's passion appeared on his body, making him the first stigmatized priest in the history of the Catholic Church. The wounds were in both his hands, both feet and in his side. Countless persons were attracted to his confessional as he heard confessions for hours each day. He had the gift of reading people's souls. Many more received his saintly counsel and spiritual guidance through correspondence.

His whole life was marked by long hours of prayer and continual austerity. His letters to his spiritual directors reveal the ineffable suffering, physical and spiritual, which accompanied him all through his life. They also reveal his deep union with God, his burning love for the Blessed Eucharist and Our Blessed Lady.

On January 9, 1940, Padre Pio announced his grandiose plans to develop a Home for the Relief of Suffering (the Casa Sollievo della Sofferenza). The Casa opened its doors on May 5, 1956 as a 300 bed facility, built on the small, sincere and spontaneous donations and prayers of his followers. He also developed an international network of prayer groups for the support of the Casa and its ministry that continues to live on and grow today.

Padre Pio considered the Casa Sollievo Della Sofferenza (Casa) his “Work”, inspired and blessed by God, to be a haven of relief from suffering for all of God's children in pain in body or soul. It is a model community of Catholic Christian health delivery, and has grown into a regional referral center of international renown. Today, with over 1,000 beds and services comparable to most academic research centers of excellence, the Casa is thriving by God's graces in one of the most remote, desolate and poorest areas of Italy...atop Mount Gargano, four hours from Rome.

Worn out by over half a century of intense suffering and constant apostolic activity in San Giovanni Rotondo, Padre Pio was called to his heavenly reward on September 23, 1968. After a public funeral, which attracted over 100,000 mourners, his body was entombed in the crypt of Our Lady of Grace Church. Increasing numbers flock to his tomb from all parts of the world and many testify to spiritual and temporal graces received through his intercession.

On December 18, 1997, by the reading of the decree on the heroic virtues, the Holy Father John Paul II declared Padre Pio “Venerable.” and, on June 16, 2002, over 500,000 Padre Pio devotees gathered in Rome to witness Pope John Paul II proclaim Padre Pio, “Saint Pio of Pietrelcina”.



## What are Relics?

Relics are physical objects that have a direct association with the saints or with Our Lord. They are usually broken down into three classes. First class relics are the body or fragments of the body of a saint, such as pieces of bone or flesh. Second class relics are something that a saint personally owned, such as a shirt or book (or fragments of those items). Third class relics are those items that a saint touched or that have been touched to a first, second, or another third class relic of a saint.

Scripture teaches that God acts through relics, especially in terms of healing. In fact, when surveying what Scripture has to say about sacred relics, one is left with the idea that healing is what relics “do.”

### Scriptures:

- When the corpse of a man was touched to the bones of the prophet Elisha the man came back to life and rose to his feet. (*2 Kings 13:20-21*)
- A woman was healed of her hemorrhage simply by touching the hem of Jesus’ cloak. (*Matthew 9:20- 22*)
- The signs and wonders worked by the Apostles were so great that people would line the streets with the sick so that when Peter walked by at least his shadow might ‘touch’ them. (*Acts 5:12-15*)
- When handkerchiefs or aprons that had been touched to Paul were applied to the sick, the people were healed and evil spirits were driven out of them. (*Acts 19:11-12*)

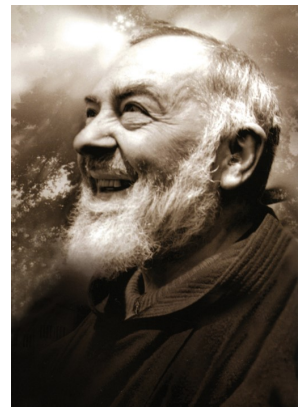
In each of these instances God has brought about a healing using a material object. The vehicle for the healing was the touching of that object. It is very important to note, however, that the cause of the healing is God; the relics are a means through which He acts. In other words, relics are not magic. They do not contain a power that is their own; a power separate from God. Any good that comes about through a relic is God’s doing. But the fact that God chooses to use the relics of saints to work healing and miracles tells us that He wants to draw our attention to the saints as “models and intercessors” (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 828). If one is not able to touch the relic, praying before the relic and venerating it from a distance with faith in our hearts, God’s blessing will come upon that person.

## What is the relic coming to the parish?

The relics of Padre Pio will be brought to our church from the Philippines. It will be the glove that St. Padre Pio wore over one of his hands that had the stigmata in it. This is considered a second-class relic because Padre Pio wore it, touched it. A First-class relic of Padre Pio is also coming. This relic will be a piece of the white gauze that wrapped the hand of Padre Pio before he put the gloves on. Because the stigmata in his hand often bled the gauze will be blood stained causing this to be the first-class relic because this is something from the body of the saint.

## Veneration of the relic:

As stated above, relics are our Spiritual heroes in the faith. They are men and women who have gone before us. They know what this journey of life is about and besides the fact that they kept the faith till the end of their lives, their love for God was proven by their virtuous life. Our act of veneration implores their holy intercession as well as acknowledging their fidelity and “Yes” to God throughout their life. We will be blessing everyone with the 1<sup>st</sup> class relic of St. Padre Pio after all the weekend Masses of November 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. The relic will be on display on a table in the sanctuary between the Altar and cantor’s podium. People will not be able to touch or handle the relic for concern of spreading Covid. Therefore, after each Mass parishioners will have the opportunity to stand at the base of the sanctuary step to offer their veneration from a distance. An act of veneration could be a genuflection before the relic, a bow before the relic or kneeling to say a short prayer.



## Prayer of St. Pio of Pietrelcina after Holy Communion

Stay with me, Lord, for it is necessary to have You present so that I do not forget You.  
You know how easily I abandon You.

Stay with me, Lord, because I am weak  
and I need Your strength,  
that I may not fall so often.

Stay with me, Lord, for You are my life,  
and without You, I am without fervor.

Stay with me, Lord, for You are my light,  
and without You, I am in darkness.

Stay with me, Lord, to show me Your will.

Stay with me, Lord, so that I hear Your voice  
and follow You.

Stay with me, Lord, for I desire to love You  
very much, and always be in Your company.

Stay with me, Lord, if You wish me to be faithful to You.

Stay with me, Lord, for as poor as my soul is,  
I want it to be a place of consolation for You, a nest of love.

Stay with me, Jesus, for it is getting late and the day is coming to a close, and life passes;  
death, judgment, eternity approaches. It is necessary to renew my strength,  
so that I will not stop along the way and for that, I need You.

It is getting late and death approaches,  
I fear the darkness, the temptations, the dryness, the cross, the sorrows.  
O how I need You, my Jesus, in this night of exile!

Stay with me tonight, Jesus, in life with all its dangers. I need You.

Let me recognize You as Your disciples did at the breaking of the bread,  
so that the Eucharistic Communion be the Light which disperses the darkness,  
the force which sustains me, the unique joy of my heart.

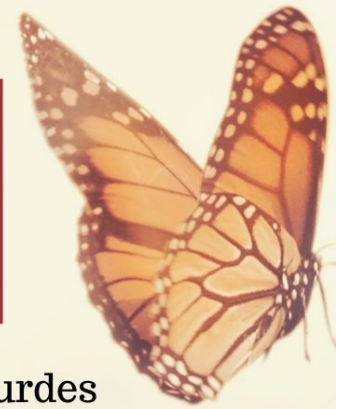
Stay with me, Lord, because at the hour of my death, I want to remain united to You,  
if not by communion, at least by grace and love.

Stay with me, Jesus, I do not ask for divine consolation, because I do not merit it,  
but the gift of Your Presence, oh yes, I ask this of You!

Stay with me, Lord, for it is You alone I look for, Your Love, Your Grace, Your Will, Your Heart,  
Your Spirit, because I love You and ask no other reward but to love You more and more.

With a firm love, I will love You with all my heart while on earth  
and continue to love You perfectly during all eternity. *Amen*

*Please join us for our*  
**Butterfly Memory Café**



To be held at: The Parish Center at Our Lady of Lourdes  
455 Hunter Avenue, West Islip, NY

### **What is a Memory Café?**

It is a program designed for persons with mild to moderate cognitive impairment and their caregiver to promote social engagement with others also navigating their way through dementia's journey. Activities include crafts, music, reminiscing, art, or movement.

*\*Light refreshments will be served\**

### **Program Dates 2021-2022 - Fridays 1:30 - 2:30 pm**

	<b>January: 7, 21</b>	<b>April: 1, 22</b>
<b>November: 5, 19</b>	<b>February: 4, 18</b>	<b>May: 6, 20</b>
<b>December: 3, 17</b>	<b>March: 4, 18</b>	<b>June: 3, 17</b>

There is no charge to participate, but space is limited. Please call to reserve your place.

RSVP to Michele at (631) 647-7622, ext. 2006 or

**[michele@agentletouchseniorcare.com](mailto:michele@agentletouchseniorcare.com)**

This program is designed to be enjoyed by those with memory loss and their caregiver.



344 Deer Park Avenue  
Babylon, NY 11702  
631.647.7622

[www.AGentleTouchSeniorCare.com](http://www.AGentleTouchSeniorCare.com)



## Girl Scout Nuts and Chocolates Sale

The West Islip Girl Scouts will be offering Nuts and Chocolate for sale following most of the daytime Masses on Sunday, October 24, November 7 and November 14. Please stop by, select some tasty treats and support our Girl Scouts!



## 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.*



## 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 exemplifies 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](http://www.KofC.org).

Note: All COVID-19 guidelines are followed.

**Anyone NOT vaccinated MUST wear a mask.**

**Our next general meeting is November 8 at 8:00pm in the Parish Center.**



## Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, Inc. National Irish History Writing Contest

The Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, Inc. sponsors a National Irish History Writing Contest for students in Grades 6-12. The contest is divided into two levels: Level 1 is for students in Grades 6, 7, or 8 and Level 2 is for students in Grades 9, 10, 11, or 12. Any students enrolled in parochial, private, public schools, or who are home schooled are eligible to participate. **You do not have to be Irish.**

**The topic for 2021-2022 (Level 1 and Level 2) Irish History Contest is:**

**On the 40th Anniversary of the Irish Hunger Strike of 1981: What was the impact on Irish History?**  
Monetary awards are given to each level and the deadline for entries is November 15, 2021.

Anyone interested, please contact: [laohdiv2historian@gmail.com](mailto:laohdiv2historian@gmail.com) for contest rules and guidelines.



## Boy Scout Troop 179

For 50 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/bsatrop179> or contact us at: [troop179cc@yahoo.com](mailto:troop179cc@yahoo.com).



## Attention all Health Care Professionals!

Consider joining the *Long Island Guild of the Catholic Medical Association* recently chartered by the national CMA and endorsed by Bishop Barres.

**White Coat Mass for Health Care Professionals  
Sunday, November 7th at 11:00am**

**St. Agnes Cathedral - Presider will be Bishop Barres.**

Physicians, nurses, and healthcare professionals are all encouraged to attend.

Bring your white coats or healthcare garb to make a good showing for the participants--and bring a friend!

Our mission statement: To **see** Christ in our patients. To **be** Christ for our patients.

Goals: Fellowship, Educational and Spiritual Formation, Service. No dues for local membership.

*For more information, please contact us at: [cmaliguilid@gmail.com](mailto:cmaliguilid@gmail.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.

## **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.

## **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).

## 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](http://www.TACHSINFO.com).

**Registration deadline is October 24, 2021**

## “In Person” Marriage Encounter weekends are back!!!

Are you ready for more growth and happiness in your marriage or priesthood? Uncover the secrets to a lasting, supportive, transformational marriage! This weekend experience (Friday evening to late Sunday afternoon.) helps you listen, share and connect more deeply with your spouse. More information or questions? Call Chuck & Maria Reiss at: 631-486-8607.



**November 12-14, 2021**

**Seminary of the Immaculate Conception**

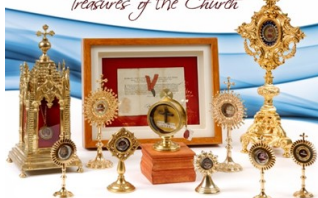
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Apply at: [www.WWME.org](http://www.WWME.org). Click apply and search by zip code or address.

Don't miss out - apply by October 20!

SACRED RELICS OF THE SAINTS

*Treasures of the Church*



The Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, 440 West Neck Road, Huntington, invites you to a teaching and exposition of more than 150 Sacred Relics. Among the treasures will be relics of St. Joseph, St. Mary Magdalene, St. Thérèse of Lisieux and many others. Also a fragment of Our Lady's Veil and pieces of the Wood of the True Cross. Presented by Fr. Carlos Martins of the Companions of the Cross.

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2021 - 7:00pm**

**631-423-0483**

[bmalone@icseminary.edu](mailto:bmalone@icseminary.edu)

## Sundays at the Seminary

*Sponsored by the Friends of the Seminary*

Viewing and Discussion of Dr. Brant Pitre's DVD Series

**Mary: The Bible and the Mother of God**



Dr. Brant Pitre, Distinguished Research Professor of Scripture at The Augustine Institute, received his Ph.D. in New Testament and ancient Judaism from Notre Dame University. Among his books are *Jesus and the Jewish Roots of Mary*, *Jesus and the Last Supper*, *The Case for Jesus*. With John Bergsma he co-authored *A Catholic Introduction to the Bible: The Old Testament*. He is the author of several CD and DVD Bible Studies, exploring the Jewish roots of Scripture and the Catholic Faith. *Mary – The Bible and the Mother of God* is one of his more popular DVD series.

October 24<sup>th</sup>

The Perpetual Virgin

Mother of Sorrows

November 7<sup>th</sup>

The New Rachel

Discussion

*Each session is from 2:00pm-4:00pm and will include two topics.*

For more information and to register, please contact the Development Office at 631-423-0483, ext. 102 or e-mail [bmalone@icseminary.edu](mailto:bmalone@icseminary.edu)

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*One Family in Mission*  
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Every day, people in our community are helped because of support from funds raised through the Catholic Ministries Appeal. Our hope is that each family will make a gift. We cannot ask everyone to consider the same size gift, but after prayer and reflection, each family is invited to make a gift in response to God's generosity in their lives. **No gift is too small and all gifts make a difference in the lives of others!**



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**Thank you, and for more information or to donate online, please visit: [www.drvc.org/CMA](http://www.drvc.org/CMA)**

## *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?

The Retrouvaille Program is for married couples facing difficult challenges in their relationships. Primarily a practical program to improve communication, build stronger marriages and help couples reconnect. Presenters are not trained marriages counselors, but rather couples sharing their personal stories of marital struggles and the tools they used to rediscover their love.

For confidential information about the Retrouvaille program, or to register for the upcoming weekend that begins on Friday, November 5, 2021, please visit our website: [www.helpourmarriage.org](http://www.helpourmarriage.org) or call **1-800-470-2230** and you will be connected directly and confidentially to a couple from Long Island/Metro Retrouvaille who can help.

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



## Coping with Loss during the Holidays... “The Unwanted Gift of Grief”

Sponsored by Bereavement Ministry - Church of St. Mary, East Islip, NY 11730

**Wednesday, November 10, 2021 - 7:30pm to 9:00pm**  
**Sacred Heart Hall**

**Reservations are required.** Refreshments will be served.  
**Please RSVP to 631-581-4266 ext. 125 to reserve your seat**  
**Free will offering is appreciated.**

### Employment Opportunity-P/T Receptionist

St. Joseph's Church in Babylon is seeking a Part-Time Receptionist for Evenings and Saturdays. Hours are Tues.-Wed.-Thurs. from 6:00pm-8:00pm and Sat. from 10:00am-2:00pm. If interested, please call 631-669-0068, ext.107.

### 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).

### Preparing for Marriage?

#### Do you need to fulfill your Marriage Prep Requirement?

Engaged Encounter is an effective Pre-Canva 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](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/>. "Go your way; your faith has saved you." Deepen your communication, strengthen your relationship, rekindle your romance and renew your sacrament by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience.



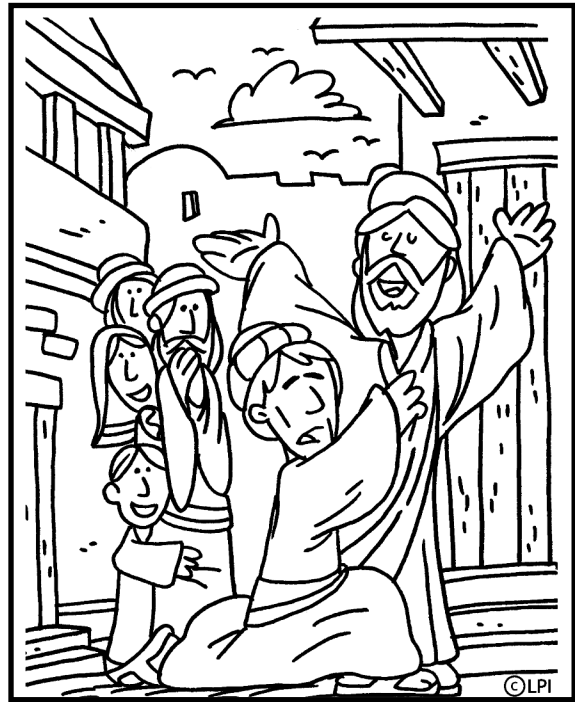
### Religion and Rock

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 “The Saints in Our Lives”. To listen online or for more information, visit: [www.ReligionandRock.com](http://www.ReligionandRock.com).



# Sharing the Gospel

Bartimaeus may have been poor and blind, but he sure was smart! He had the kind of faith that made Jesus smile. Bartimaeus knew exactly who Jesus was—the Messiah. And Bartimaeus knew Jesus had the power to make him see. When Jesus called him, Bartimaeus left everything behind—even his coat—just to follow Jesus.



## Mission for the Week



Wear a blindfold at home, and ask your family members to talk to you as usual. Just by the sound of each voice, you know who is talking, right? Talk about how being blind did not stop Bartimaeus from recognizing Jesus, either.

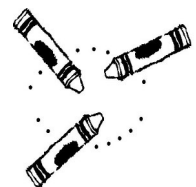
## Prayer



Dear God,  
 thank You  
 for helping  
 Bartimaeus see You  
 and follow You.  
 Help me to follow  
 his example.

Amen.

## Something to Draw



Draw a picture  
 of Bartimaeus  
 seeing Jesus  
 for the very first time.

## Puzzle

Find the matching pair.



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