

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

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Parish Office

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Liturgical Schedule

Daily Mass

8:30am

Weekend Masses

Saturday: 5:00pm

Sunday: 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am, 12:30pm
and 6:00pm.

Reconciliation/Confession

Saturday: 4:00pm-4:45pm or by appointment

Rosary

Daily at 8:00am

Miraculous Medal Novena

Monday at 8:00am

Sacraments

Anointing of the Sick

Throughout the liturgical year. If needed sooner, please call the Parish Office.

Baptism

Please contact the Parish Office to schedule an appointment.

Marriage

Arranged at least six months in advance, please call the Parish Office.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

A process to be embraced by the Catholic Church. For non-Catholics and for Catholics who have never received formal religious education. If interested, please call the Parish Office.

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time • Sunday, October 31, 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
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Mission Statement

As stewards of all that God has given us, the Parish Family of Our Lady of Lourdes serves and ministers to all who come to this place.

Regardless of a person's history, ethnicity, gender, orientation, age or race, we commit ourselves to open wide the doors of our Parish to provide a place of welcome and hospitality.

Readings for the Week of October 31

Sunday: Dt 6:2-6/ Heb 7:23-28/ Mk 12:28b-34
Monday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/ 1 Jn 3:1-3/ Mt 5:1-12a
Tuesday: Any readings from no.668, or from Masses for the Dead, nos. 1011-1016
Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10/ Lk 14:25-33
Thursday: Rom 14:7-12/ Lk 15:1-10
Friday: Rom 15:14-21/ Lk 16:1-8
Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/ Lk16:9-15
Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:10-16/ Heb 9:24-28/ Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

Parish Staff

Patti Anderson
Parish Office/Bulletin Editor

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Michael Buonaspina
Parish Organist

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Parish Office

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Parish Office

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Parish Office

Rita Spera
Religious Education Office

Financial Summary

October 24, 2021

Weekly Collection	\$ 12,651.00
Weekly Budget	- \$ 17,800.00
+/- for the week	\$ (5,149.00)

World Missions	\$ 3,735.00
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The estimated weekly collection needed to maintain and operate our parish buildings, ministries, programs and salaries is \$17,800.

Dear Parishioners:

This week we celebrate All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day

All Saints' Day is a solemn holy day celebrated annually on November 1. The day is dedicated to the saints of the Church, that is, all those who have attained heaven. Although millions, or even billions of people may already be saints, All Saints' Day observances tend to focus on known saints - that is, those recognized in the canon of the saints by the Catholic Church. All Saints' Day is also commemorated by members of the Eastern Orthodox Church as well as some protestant churches, such as Lutheran and Anglican churches.

All Saints' Day was formally started by Pope Boniface IV, who consecrated the Pantheon at Rome to the Virgin Mary and all the Martyrs on May 13 in 609 AD. Boniface IV also established All Souls' Day, which follows All Saints Day.

Following the Protestant Reformation, many Protestants retained the holy day, although they dismissed the need to pray for the dead. Instead, the day has been used to commemorate those who have recently died, usually in the past year, and to remember the examples of those who lived holy lives.

Across much of Europe, the day is commemorated with offerings of flowers left on the graves of the dead. In Eastern Europe, candles are lit on graves instead of offerings of flowers. In some places, such as the Philippines, graves can be painted and repaired by family members. Many of these practices blur the distinction between All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day.

However, All Saints' Day should not be confused with **All Souls' Day**, which is observed on November 2, and is dedicated to those who have died and not yet reached heaven.

The Catholic Church holds that "all who die in God's grace and friendship but still imperfectly purified" undergo the process of purification which the Church calls purgatory, "so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven".

Thus, All Souls' Day is a day for the commemoration of all the faithful departed, those baptized Christians who are believed to be in purgatory because they died with the guilt of lesser sins on their souls. Roman Catholic doctrine holds that the prayers of the faithful on earth will help cleanse these souls in order to fit them for the vision of God in heaven.

As a child, my mother would tell me to offer something up "for the abandoned souls in purgatory". On her deathbed, St. Monica, the mother of St. Augustine, said to her son, "I only ask one thing: that you always remember me at the Eucharist." Every time we receive Holy Communion at Mass and we go back to our seats, I would encourage you to pray for your deceased loved ones: Remember your deceased loved ones at the Eucharist! On Tuesday, All Souls Day, come to one of the Masses to pray for your deceased loved ones.

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

In Christ,

Fr. Brian

Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Rosemary Kaste*. 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* **Patricia Mockler**-*US Navy*
Dominick Gennaro-*US Army* **Andrew Perniciaro**-*US Army*
Patrick Harty-*US Coast Guard* **Brandon Ranzie**-*US Army*
Ritchard Higham-*US Army* **Stephen Rolston**-*US Army*
Colby Matthew Kelly-*US Army* **Jack Shires**-*US Navy*
Luke Loftsgaarden-*US Army* **James Stultz** -*US Army*
Anthony Mannino-*US Marine Corps* **Jack Taffner**-*US Marine Corps*
Msgr. Brian McNamara-*US Air Force* **Michael Wilkinson**-*US Army*
Anthony Memoli-*US Marine Corps* **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, John Posanti, Louise Posanti, Clifford Proctor, John Sanchez, Joseph J. Schiavoni, Natalie Stone, Louise Sturgeon

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



Rest In Peace

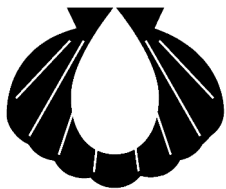
Robert C. Harvey
Virginia Wulff

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

Gianna Lena Bradley
Avery Grace Sierra
Sophia Margaret Sierra

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, November 1

All Saints' Day

- 8:30am James Accetta & Family
- 12:10pm Cosimo Ciocia & Gradia Ciocia
- 7:30pm Annalisa Kae Krick

Tuesday, November 2

The Commemoration of All the Faithfully Departed (All Souls' Day)

- 8:30am Rose Grant
- 12:10pm Viola Schneider
- 7:30pm All the Faithfully Departed

Wednesday, November 3

St. Martin de Porres

- 8:30am John Farrell

Thursday, November 4

St. Charles Borromeo

- 8:30am Marie & Sam Piazza

Friday, November 5

- 8:30am Joseph Bittarelli

Saturday, November 6

- 8:30am Cornelius J. Peterson, Anna & John Lauria,
Joseph Caporicci

- 5:00pm Sweeney & LaRocca Families
Msgr. Brian McNamara

Sunday, November 7

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00am Dolores O'Dea & Patricia O'Dea Rist
Msgr. Brian McNamara

- 9:30am Edward Cameron
Fr. Charles Mangano

- 11:00am Tony Squeo, Jean Sullivan & John Sullivan, Jr.
Fr. Charles Mangano

- 12:30pm Frank & Franklin Edwards
Fr. Charles Mangano

- 6:00pm People of the Parish, Gerald Cronin, Joseph Spiezio,
Eileen & Walker Vollmuth, Tom Postel,
Jeanette Jorgensen
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.

SAGE

The SAGE Group (*Senior Advocates for Growth and Enrichment*) will meet on **Tuesday, November 2 in the Parish Center at 9:30am.**

Please bring along a copy of a Favorite Holiday Recipe and a Holiday Tradition.

Rosary Christian Mothers

The Rosary Christian Mothers meet on the first Monday evening of each month. The next meeting will be on **Monday, November 1. We will begin with Rosary at 7:45pm in the Parish Center, followed by our business meeting at 8:00pm.**

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 (11/6 and 11/7) 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.

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 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.



Canned Mixed Vegetables
Canned Beets
Canned Carrots
Canned Fruit
Hot Chocolate



All Saints' Day

Monday, November 1 is All Saints' Day.
We will celebrate Mass at 8:30am, 12:10pm and 7:30pm.

All Souls' Day

Tuesday, November 2 is All Souls' Day, the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed.
We will celebrate Mass at 8:30am, 12:10pm and 7:30pm.



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 this weekend and also at the Parish Office (Rector) 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 6th.

Confirmation 2021

On **Wednesday, November 3 and Wednesday, November 10** the Sacrament of Confirmation will take place in our Parish. These Confirmation Candidates are the chosen members of this community who have studied, served and prepared with their Sponsors for this Sacrament. During the past few weeks, they have continued their journey towards Confirmation and even greater involvement in the life of our church. The Confirmation Candidates of our Parish have participated in "Spirit Nights" with their parents. These times together were an opportunity for them to experience how important it is to be active, faith-filled members of the church community. Please pray for our Confirmation Candidates as they embrace this very important commitment in their faith journey and that they will continue to be strengthened, loved and supported by YOU ... their Parish family.



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 ...

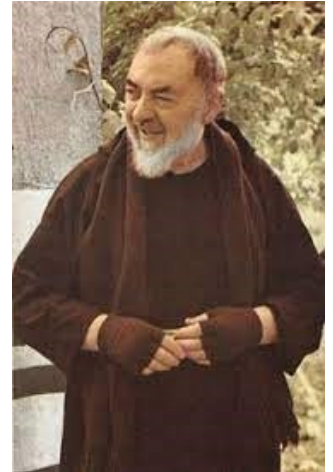
IF you feel you would like to become a baptized Catholic or become more fully initiated into your Catholic faith... Our email address is RCIA@ollchurch.org or call the Parish Office at 631-661-3224, and we would be happy to help you.



Saint Padre Pio

The relics of Saint Padre Pio are coming to the parish the weekend of November 6-7th.

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*)

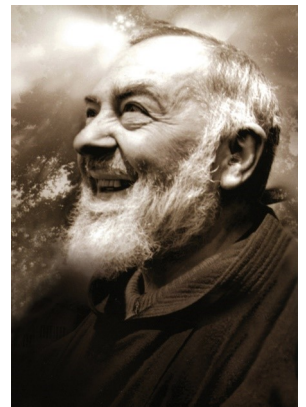
In each of these instances God has brought about a healing using a material object. The vehicle for the healing was the touching of that object. It is very important to note, however, that the cause of the healing is God; the relics are a means through which He acts. In other words, relics are not magic. 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 1st class relic of St. Padre Pio after all the weekend Masses of November 6th and 7th. 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*

Thanksgiving at OLL



It's November.....
and Thanksgiving is fast approaching.

Once again, we ask our generous parish family and friends to help those less fortunate by making a donation to Outreach.

We would like to suggest that when you are shopping for your Thanksgiving dinner, you buy a duplicate item for one of our families in need and bring it to Parish Outreach for distribution.

Any donations of Thanksgiving food, including turkeys or hams would be gratefully accepted. If your budget has room to donate a complete dinner, we are working with families of 2-8 members.

We'll be in the Parish Center on Sunday, November 21st, from 1:00pm to 4:00pm to accept donations. We will be also be accepting donations November 15th to November 19th at the Outreach office from 10:00am to 3:30pm.

Thank you for your help.

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, November 6**, concluding with Benediction at 9:50pm. Please come and pray with us. All are invited and welcome. Bring a friend!



Butterfly Memory Café - November 5th from 1:30-2:30pm

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 navigating through dementia's journey. Activities include crafts, music, reminiscing, art or movement. Light refreshments will be served. Our next event will take place on Friday, November 5th from 1:30-2:30pm. There is no charge to participate, but space is limited and reservations are required. For more information or to register, please call Michele at A Gentle Touch Senior Care at: 631-647-7622 or email: michele@agentletouchseniorcare.com.

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 4th, 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.

World Mission Sunday

THANK YOU for your generous response to the collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith last weekend on World Mission Sunday. Our parish raised \$3735.00. You may stay connected year-round to the Pope's missions, continuing the commitment of World Mission Sunday, by visiting: MISIO.org.



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, November 7 and November 14. Please stop by, select some tasty treats and support our Girl Scouts!



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 for contest rules and guidelines.



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



Daylight Saving Time ends at 2:00am on Sunday, November 7th.
Be sure to turn you clocks BACK ONE HOUR next weekend.



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/bsatroop179> or contact us at: troop179cc@yahoo.com.



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

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.

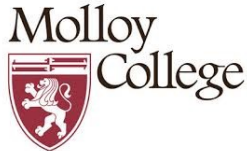


St. Anthony's High School Christmas Craft Fair

275 Wolf Hill Road, Melville, NY 11747

Saturday, November 6th from 10:00am till 4:00pm - Admission is Free

Featuring over 175 unique craft vendors
Fresh Baked Goods



Molloy College Fall Open House

Sunday, November 7, 2021 at 12:00pm

Register at: www.molloy.edu/admissions/open-house



Adult Enrichment Course

Vatican II

A historical and theological study of Vatican II, its documents and its impact on the Church

Date and Time: Fridays, Nov. 12, 19, Dec. 3, 10 and 17 from 7:00-9:00pm

Location: Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, 495 N Ocean Ave, Patchogue, NY 11772

Instructor: Rev. Henry Reid

Mary and the Saints

A study of Mary and her role in the Church. Also, an introductory look at the Saints.

Date and Time: Thursdays, Nov. 4, 18, Dec. 2, 9 and 16 from 7:00-9:00pm

Location: Sts. Cyril and Methodius, 125 Half Hollow Rd, Deer Park, NY 11729

Instructor: Ms. Amora Destina Laucella

Cost per course: \$25.00 per person For more information or to register visit drvc-faith.org

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.

November 7th

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

Sisters of St. Joseph, Brentwood - Employment Opportunities

We currently have an immediate opening for two Part-time positions as Sacristans.

Candidate should have a knowledge and love of the Catholic liturgy and be available for a consistent weekend and holiday work schedule. Must also have an ability to coordinate vacation and time off with the other member of the liturgical staff to ensure coverage of liturgical operations at the Convent 365 days a year. The qualified candidate will have several years of experience as an Altar Server or Sacristan and possess a sound foundational knowledge of Roman Catholic liturgical practice. This experience could include regularly serving at the altar at Masses for visiting priests, or Masses with multiple concelebrants.

Liturgical Responsibilities

Serve at daily and Sunday Mass on a set schedule

Prepares the vestments, Missal, lectionary, and sacred vessels for Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Vespers, and other liturgical services.

Prepares the sacristy, altar, and other liturgical spaces for Mass, Adoration, and special liturgies.

Coordinates liturgical volunteers, lectors, and gift-bearers for daily and Sunday Masses.

Assists the Liturgy Coordinator with planning liturgies and conducting liturgical rehearsals for significant Masses and events.

Sacristan Duties

Oversees the management of the sacristy under the supervision of the Liturgy Coordinator

Ensures that liturgical vessels and vestments are cleaned and stored appropriately after each Mass and conducts inventories of liturgical goods and supplies for review and places order for goods.

Prepares General Intercessions for weekday Masses.

We offer competitive benefits along with a positive, inspiring work environment. Becoming a member of the Sisters of St. Joseph team offers a rewarding future.

To learn more about this opportunity, please send resume.

Nancy Finley, Human Resources Manager, Sisters of St. Joseph

1725 Brentwood Road, Bldg. 4, Brentwood, New York 11717

Phone - 631-273-1187 ext. 127 Fax: 631-273-1345 E-mail: finley@csjbrentwood.org

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 marriage 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 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

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.

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



“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.



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440 W Neck Rd, Lloyd Harbor, NY 11743

Apply at: www.WWME.org. Click apply and search by zip code or address.

“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 second is this: You shall love your neighbor as yourself”. Your spouse is your closest ‘neighbor’. Learn how to love your spouse by participating in 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 “Family Life”. To listen online or for more information, visit: www.ReligionandRock.com.

Sharing the Gospel

The man in today's Gospel reading was a scribe. It was his job to write out copies of God's word. Many of the scribes did not care for Jesus, but this one man really understood the heart of God's law-love. To love God and to love others is more important than anything else.



Mission for the Week



Pretend you are a scribe.
Copy Mark 12:32-33 in your own handwriting.
Hang it up in a place where you will read it every day.



Puzzle

Count the objects in each group. Draw lines to **match** the groups with the right **number**. Then color in all the pictures.

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Prayer



Dear God,
Help us
to love You
and love others
the way You want us to.
Amen.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of the scribe talking to Jesus.