

# Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

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## Parish Office

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

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

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

Monday-Friday: 9:00am-Noon,

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## Parish Outreach Office

**Phone: 631.661.9262 (select option #4)**

Monday-Friday: 9:30am-3:30pm

**SAGE** (*Senior Advocates for Growth and Enrichment*)

**Phone: 631.661.3224, Ext. 122**

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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-second Sunday in Ordinary Time • Sunday, November 7, 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 Scorcia

### 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 November 7

**Sunday:** 1 Kgs 17:10-16/ Heb 9:24-28/ Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44  
**Monday:** Wis 1:1-7/ Lk 17:1-6  
**Tuesday:** Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/ 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/ Jn 2:13-22  
**Wednesday:** Wis 6:1-11/ Lk 17:11-19  
**Thursday:** Wis 7:22b—8:1/ Lk 17:20-25  
**Friday:** Wis 13:1-9/ Lk 17:26-37  
**Saturday:** Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/ Lk 18:1-8  
**Next Sunday:** Dn 12:1-3/ Heb 10:11-14, 18/ Mk 13:24-32

### Parish Staff

**Patti Anderson**  
Parish Office/Bulletin Editor

**Rosemary Cannarella**  
Parish Office

**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 31, 2021

Weekly Collection	\$ 17,104.00
Weekly Budget	- \$ 17,800.00
+/- for the week	\$ (696.00)

<b>All Saints' Day</b>	\$ 2,050.00
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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:

As you know, we celebrate **Veterans Day** on November 11. Veterans Day dates back to the end of World War I, the “war to end all wars”. World War I ended officially at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour of the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> month in 1918. It was originally known as “Armistice Day” since the war officially ended with the signing of the treaty or armistice. The actual signing of the treaty took place 7 months later, on June 28, 1919 in Versailles, France.

In 1938, a Congressional Act made November 11<sup>th</sup> a legal holiday: “a day to be dedicated to the cause of world peace and to thereafter to be celebrated and known as Armistice Day”. In 1954 the name was changed to Veterans Day. In 1971, in accord with the “*Uniform Monday Holiday Act*”, Veterans Day was moved to the fourth Monday in October. However, in 1978, Veterans Day was moved back to its original celebration on November 11.

In many churches, on Sunday, November 11, Veterans Day, our veterans are often asked to stand and to be acknowledged for their service to God and country. I am always very touched by the warm reception our veterans receive from our people. It is good to know that our veterans are appreciated here in our churches, synagogues and mosques. While I realize that far too many people see Veterans Day as a shopping day with special sales, I am very happy to see we do not do that at our places of worship.

Over the past few weeks (Nov 3 & 10), we celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation for 150 9<sup>th</sup> graders (over four separate ceremonies). One of the effects of Confirmation is that a confirmed person is now an “adult witness”. As a “witness”, you need to know things about “the case”, namely Christ and His Church. In addition, you need to testify on behalf of Christ. Being a confirmed Catholic means that you are not to remain silent about Christ and His Church; rather, you are to tell others about Christ.

Confirmation also completes the Sacraments of Initiation (along with Baptism and Eucharist). As a confirmed person, you are now eligible to be a godparent and a sponsor for Confirmation as well. And, perhaps most importantly, a confirmed person has received the fullness of the Holy Spirit, that same Holy Spirit that the candidate first received at his/her Baptism.

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

In Christ,

Fr. Brian

PS: Some Veteran Fun Facts:

- + 20.4 million living veterans in the U.S., representing less than 10% of the population
  - 771,000 World War II Veterans
  - 1,600,000 Korean-War Veterans
  - 6,800,000 Vietnam War Veterans
  - 7,100,000 Gulf War era Veterans (August 1990 – present)
  - 4,129,000 Veterans who served in peacetime (largely 1974 – 1990)
- + 7% of U.S. adults who are veterans (down from 18% in 1980)
- + 9% of veterans who are women, projected to increase to 18% by 2045

## Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Connie Lynch*. If you would like to help care for our altar needs, please call the Parish Office at 631-661-3224.

## Members in the Military

We ask that you pray especially for those in our parish that are on active duty.

**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, 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

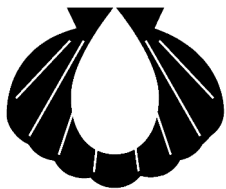
Jeanann Gilligan  
Mildred Plunkett  
Ronald William Ryan  
Lawrence Springstein

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



## Upcoming Marriages

Kristen Mace, OLL  
and  
Robert Jutchenko  
St. Peter the Apostle, NJ



## Baptism

Gianna Rose Moscola

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, November 8**  
8:30am Al Eppers

**Tuesday, November 9**  
*The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica*  
8:30am Henryka Wojno

**Wednesday, November 10**  
*St. Leo the Great*  
8:30am Santa & Frank Quevedo

**Thursday, November 11**  
*St. Martin of Tours*  
8:30am Lisa De Petro

**Friday, November 12**  
*St. Josaphat*  
8:30am Carole Gallagher

**Saturday, November 13**  
*St. Frances Xavier Cabrini*  
8:30am Robert B. Ferruggiari, Rosemarie Rodenberg

5:00pm Barbara & Lou Argento  
Msgr. Brian McNamara

**Sunday, November 14**  
*Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
8:00am Bobby & Bob Herr  
Msgr. Brian McNamara

9:30am Diane Cullen, Joseph & Mary Rizzo  
Msgr. Brian McNamara

11:00am Bruce Schmid  
Fr. Sylvester Chukwumalume

12:30pm Clem & Anna Massa  
Fr. Sylvester Chukwumalume

6:00pm People of the Parish, Patrick Manley, Robert Harvey,  
George M. McCabe, Rosemarie Perrazzo  
Msgr. Brian McNamara



## Gabriel's Courage Perinatal Support Program

Gabriel's Courage is a family centered program for families who receive a life-limiting prenatal diagnosis during their pregnancy. The program offers a multidisciplinary team approach to care and support throughout pregnancy, birth and post birth. Gabriel's Courage is a program of Catholic Health Services and Good Shepherd Hospice. This program offers hope, affirms life and provides an opportunity for the family to welcome their baby, as well as assisting in saying goodbye. Gabriel's Courage is seeking financial support to continue this important program. If you are interested in making a donation to Gabriel's

Courage, please contact Good Shepherd Hospice Development Office at 631-465-6350.

At times, infant burial can be challenging financially. Gabriel's Courage seeks to honor the lives of these babies and support parents in their wishes to bury their child. A burial is the last act of parenting for some of our families. We ask that you consider donating resources for burials which could include financial support or donation of an available grave. If you are interested in making a donation, please contact Peter Ryan, Director of Catholic Cemeteries, at 516-334-7990, ext.109. Thank you for your support of this special program and the recipients in its care.

## SAGE

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

## Book of the Names of the Deceased

Beginning November 2, and continuing throughout the month of November, a special book will be placed in the Sanctuary, inscribed with the names of all who have died in our Parish Family over the past year.

In prayer, let us remember all of these men and women who have gone before us, "marked with the sign of faith." May our united prayers help us to better understand and appreciate our faith in Christ, our risen Lord, who conquers sin and death and brings new life to all!



## 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:

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.



- Canned Beets
- Canned Mixed Vegetables
- Canned Fruit
- Hamburger Helper
- Rice

# 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 21<sup>st</sup>, from 1:00pm to 4:00pm to accept donations. We will be also be accepting donations November 15<sup>th</sup> to November 19<sup>th</sup> at the Outreach office from 10:00am to 3:30pm.

Thank you for your help.

## Extended Hours of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Currently, we celebrate Nocturnal Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on the first Saturday of the month, following the 5:00pm Mass.

Beginning on December 14, the Blessed Sacrament will also be exposed every Tuesday from 12:30pm to 8:00pm in the Church. *(except for the few Tuesdays where there is a conflict and adoration will be ending earlier. Those dates will be listed in the bulletin.)*



All are welcome to come and adore the Lord in the Holy Eucharist. We want to make sure that we have at least 2 people always adoring the Lord in the Church so that He is never left alone. Feel free to stop by anytime on Tuesdays (12:30-8:00pm) to pray. If you have a specific time or hour you want to do adoration each week, please call Josephine at 631-214-9736 and inform her so that she can schedule you. This will ensure that we will definitely have someone covering that hour. Most people usually come at about the same time each week so, if that is the case, please call Josephine.

## Confirmation 2021

On **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 ...

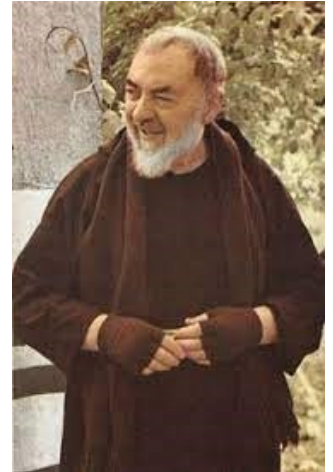
*IF* you feel you would like to become a baptized Catholic or become more fully initiated into your Catholic faith... Our email address is [RCIA@ollchurch.org](mailto:RCIA@ollchurch.org) or call the Parish Office at 631-661-3224, and we would be happy to help you.



## ***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*)

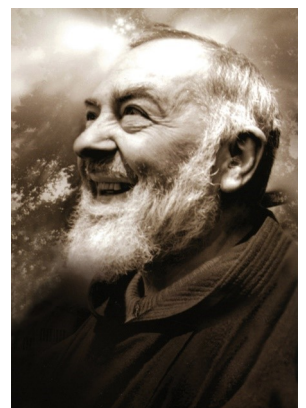
In each of these instances God has brought about a healing using a material object. The vehicle for the healing was the touching of that object. It is very important to note, however, that the cause of the healing is God; the relics are a means through which He acts. In other words, relics are not magic. 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*



## *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 Monday, November 8, 2021  
at 8:00pm in the Parish Center.**



## **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!



## **Butterfly Memory Café - November 19<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.”*

We 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.

## 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 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his declaration as Patron of the Universal Church. Pope Francis has said that COVID-19 “has helped us see more clearly the importance of ordinary people who, though far from the limelight, exercise patience and offer hope every day.” St. Joseph is the epitome of the quiet, ordinary person moving behind the scenes – and yet he shapes all of human history with his quiet guidance, protection, holiness, and acceptance of God’s will. Let us remember and pray for those in our lives who offer support and gentle guidance to us on our journey.

## St Joseph - Patron of the Dying and Solace of the Afflicted

During this month of November, when we remember all who have passed from this life, let us reflect upon the end of Joseph’s life. Tradition has it that Saint Joseph died with Mary and Jesus at his side. What a blessed way to pass from this life to the next, and Joseph has since been made the patron of a happy death. This was Joseph’s gift from Jesus, who would hand his father over to His Father and therefore entrusting Joseph to have particular intercessory power for those nearing the moment of death. Joseph was chosen by God to be a trustworthy guardian and protector of his greatest treasures, namely his divine Son and Mary, Joseph’s wife. He carried out this vocation with complete fidelity until at last God called him, saying “Good and faithful servant enter into the joy of your Lord.”



## Pope Francis’ St Joseph Prayer

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,  
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
To you God entrusted his only Son;  
in you Mary placed her trust;  
with you Christ became man.*

*Blessed Joseph, to us too,  
show yourself a father  
and guide us in the path of life.*

*Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,  
and defend us from every evil. Amen.*



## 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](mailto:troop179cc@yahoo.com).



## 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.

## ***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).

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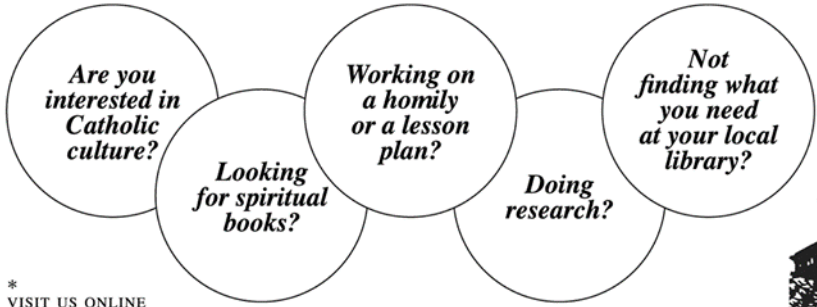
# Adult Enrichment Course

## 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

*Cost per course: \$25.00 per person For more information or to register visit [drvc-faith.org](http://drvc-faith.org)*



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## ***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

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### **“Moving On” Group**

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

### **“Grief and the Holidays”**

presented by: Lisa Strahs-Lorenc, Author and Bereavement Specialist

**Friday, November 12, 2021 at 7:30 pm**

Church of St. Joseph Parish Center

39 North Carll Avenue, Babylon, NY 11702

For further information please call:

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

### **Families Anonymous VIRTUAL Meetings**

12-Step support group giving Hope & Strength to parents, family and friends concerned with a loved one’s destructive behavior caused by Alcohol, Drugs or Related Behavioral Problems will meet virtually until further notice. For additional 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-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](http://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.



**November 12-14, 2021**

**Seminary of the Immaculate Conception**

440 W Neck Rd, Lloyd Harbor, NY 11743

Apply at: [www.WWME.org](http://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 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/>.

Do we put our trust in God and allow him to be Lord in every area of our life like the widow did? Sign up today to attend one of the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experiences.



## 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 “Responsibility”. To listen online or for more information, visit: [www.ReligionandRock.com](http://www.ReligionandRock.com).



# Sharing the Gospel

God wants us to be humble, and He wants us to share our blessings. So many people Jesus met were proud, and they thought they deserved special treatment. Other people were rich, but they took what they wanted first and gave God what was left. The poor widow in today's Gospel got it right. She quietly gave to God all she had.



## Mission for the Week

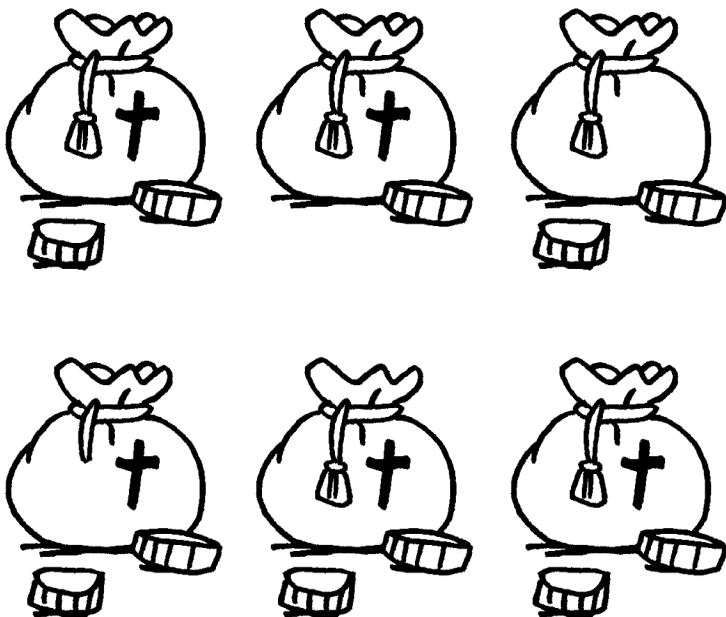


If you have a piggy bank, take money out and give it to God next Sunday. Shhhh! Remember to give it to God quietly.



### Puzzle

Find the matching pair.



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## Prayer



Dear God,  
 Help me to quietly give You the best of all that You have given me.  
 Amen.

## Something to Draw

Draw a picture of the poor widow who trusted God with her whole heart.

