

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

455 Hunter Avenue, West Islip, NY 11795

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Rev. Charles Mangano, Associate Pastor
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Chaplain, South Shore University Hospital (Southside)

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Deacon Rich Maher, **Deacon John Teufel**

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Parish Office

Phone: 631.661.3224 (select option #2)

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

Friday: 9:00am-5:00pm

Saturday: 9:00am-3:00pm

Sunday: 9:00am-2:00pm

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Religious Education Office

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Monday-Friday: 9:00am-Noon,

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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.

Feast of Christ the King • Sunday, November 21, 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
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Dcn. Nilo DeLeon
Jerry Esposito
Trish Frodell
Pam Gagliano
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Rosalie Mangels
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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 21

Sunday: Dn 7:13-14/ Rv 1:5-8/ Jn 18:33b-37
Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/ Lk 21:1-41
Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45/ Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/ Lk 21:12-19
Thursday: Dn 6:12-28/ Lk 21:20-28
Friday: Dn 7:2-14/ Lk 21:29-33
Saturday: Dn:7:15-27/ Lk 21:34-36
Next Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/ 1 Thes 3:12—4:2/ Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

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

November 14, 2021

Weekly Collection	\$ 13,848.00
Weekly Budget	- \$ 17,800.00
+/- for the week	\$ (3,952.00)

Catholic Ministries Appeal \$ 4,963.00

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

Dear Parishioners:

Next Sunday, Fr. Eric Kasongo, a priest from the Diocese of Kikwit in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, will be speaking at all the Masses. As you may recall, each year our Parish assists in the work of a Missionary Congregation or Missionary Diocese. Fr. Kasongo has **two priorities** regarding this missionary appeal:

Means of transportation for priests:

Our parishes are for the most part rural parishes with the Catholic mission at the center and 45 to 100 villages around. There are 2 or 3 priests assigned to the parish; and throughout the year they must go from village to village to celebrate the Eucharist and other Sacraments and monitor various social projects. Those priests lack any means of transportation and must walk to villages sometimes from 30 to 45 miles.

With your help, we can help our missionary priests to buy some 4X4 vehicles or motorcycles. A 4x4 SUV costs \$20,000 to \$35,000 and motorcycle costs about \$5,000. The local parishes really need those kinds of means of transportation because they resist the rough conditions of the unpaved roads, often washed away during a rainy season (The Congo has 8 months of rain throughout the year!).

Education: providing poor students from elementary and high schools with tuition and supplies:

As we all know, education is a passport to a brighter future. Education transforms lives, breaks the cycle of poverty, and provides a pathway to a better future. Unfortunately, education is not free at any level. In a country where more than 87% of the population lives on less than a dollar a day, parents cannot afford to send their children to school; nor can parents construct appropriate school facilities. It costs about \$150 a year to send a child to an elementary school, and \$200 to a high school. Costs for an appropriate school facility of 6 classrooms costs \$18,500.

The Diocese of Kikwit is working to provide learning opportunities that begin in early childhood and to provide every child with the knowledge and skills needed to thrive. Please help us give a chance to so many children who want to be educated and change their lives. Your gift today will make a big difference in the difference in the work of God within the Diocese of Kikwit. Please, be generous as much as you can.

Thank you for your generosity. May God continue to bless you and your family!

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

In Christ,

Fr. Brian

PS: Please make out checks to "Our Lady of Lourdes"; that way we can write one check for the great work of Fr. Eric. If you forget to bring something for this great endeavor, you can drop off a donation at the Parish Office anytime during the week.

Dear Parishioners:

This weekend we are publishing the annual Financial Report of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish. In addition, there is a Statement of our Parish Ministries which reflects our sacramental and ministerial activity over the past year. Our Parish Fiscal year goes from September 1, 2020 – August 31, 2021. I recently met with the Parish Finance Council to go over and discuss these figures. The Financial Statement reflects broad categories. If you have more specific questions, please feel free to contact me. We can meet and I will answer any more specific questions you might have.

I wish I could simply talk about all the wonderful spiritual and ministerial programs of our parish and all the great things that have happened in the parish over the past year, even in the midst of the pandemic. However, we are able to accomplish these things precisely because of the financial component. I am very aware of the common complaint that “the Church is always talking about money”. But we always need to talk about money in terms of **mission**. The only reason for fund-raising, etc. is to further the **mission** of our Parish. Unfortunately, we can't be a community of welcome unless we have the finances to do so. Money pays the utilities, the salaries/benefits of our employees, the maintenance of our parish buildings, etc.

Overall, the Parish is in decent shape and we ended the year “in the black”. On the “**expense side**” of the ledger, we have kept expenses in check. However, we have had some “extraordinary” expenses (boilers, as all our buildings are over 60 years old) that needed to be done. Looking ahead for this current year, I hope to repave the parking lots.

On the “**income side**” of the ledger, collections have increased from last year BUT that was the year that the COVID-19 shut down the Churches, etc.; as a result, income fell greatly. In addition, as you may recall, the COVID-19 pandemic led to cancelling our Feast in September 2020, so that was a significant loss of revenue. We also we down about \$100,000 in our Auxiliary Revenue. This was because in the 2019-2020 Fiscal year, we received some monies from the Payroll Protection Plan. That was not available in the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year. On the positive side, rental from the *HEADSTART* program has greatly helped our “bottom line”.

As you may recall, in the Fall of 2019, we engaged in an Increased Offertory Stewardship Campaign. We were doing well and then the pandemic struck. If you are able, I ask that you continue your financial support for our Parish Family. Compared to the year before the pandemic year (2019-2020), we are lower in collections.

Perhaps our families are more financially stressed and have cut back on their donations to the parish. Perhaps fewer people are attending Mass. As you look at the Spiritual Report, we have less First Holy Communions and Confirmations. Nation-wide, families have been having fewer children since the financial crisis in 2008. But we still have a significant number of children in our parish. How can we encourage them to return to Mass and to our Parish? Our parish is well-known for being very welcoming. Whenever friends of mine from outside the parish come to Mass here, they always comment on how welcoming Our Lady of Lourdes Parish is. Having said that, is there anything else we can do to make people feel more valued, more welcomed, or more loved?

Please take home a copy of the Financial and Spiritual Report. Please discuss it as a family. We need to educate our children about these matters as well. If you have any ideas or suggestions, feel free to call, write or email me to let me know how we can work together to resolve this challenge. Our Lady of Lourdes Parish is **our** Parish and together **we** need to take responsibility for the parish's financial and spiritual health.

Thank you for your generosity to the parish over the years; for some of you that has been from the very start of the Parish (in the “old Korvettes!”), 65 years ago! I am confident you will continue to respond to the needs of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish.

In Christ.

Fr. Brian

SPIRITUAL/MINISTERIAL REPORT

9/1/2020 - - 8/31/2021

9/1/2019 - -8/31/2020

Infant Baptisms:	137	121
First Communion:	111	120
Confirmations:	168	165
Marriages:	18	11
Funerals:	161	121

PARISH OUTREACH helped approximately 1,750 families in need.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM educated/catechized 1,070 children (kindergarten through 9th grade).

We have a multitude of groups that meet and provide concrete and spiritual care for many people: Self-help groups/Boys Scouts/Girl Scouts/Knights of Columbus/Men's Prayer Group/3rd Order Franciscans/etc., etc.

Glossary of Terms

Income

Collection Revenue:	Includes Sundays, Holy Days, Christmas, Easter, Christmas Flowers, Easter Flowers
Fundraising (net):	Normally, this Includes our annual Italian Family Feast but this past fiscal year, the Feast was cancelled due to the COVID pandemic (September <u>2020</u>) It does include the various raffles during the year (Super Raffle, Christmas and Easter)
Parish Programs:	Religious Education fees, Parish Social Ministry donations, CYO, etc.
Auxiliary Revenue:	Perquisites, candles, poor box, CD rack, convent rent, HeadStart rent, bulletin commission, donations (Perquisites are the monies collected for weddings, funerals, baptisms, multiple Mass intentions)
Diocesan Collections:	The “second collections” that are taken up for various needs in the country or the diocese. (The parish does not keep these monies.)

Expenses

Salaries:	Includes salaries and religious stipends of all employees-full time and part time.
Fringe Benefits:	Medical insurance, dental insurance, FICA taxes, worker’s compensation, pension, etc.
Parish Programs:	Includes Religious Education, Parish Social Ministry expenses, CYO expenses, Ministry of Consolation, etc.
School Subsidy:	All parishes are mandated to give a percentage of their collection income to help support Catholic Education in the Diocese. Normally, this is 12% - 15% of the regular collection.
Printing/Office Supplies:	Includes postage, printing, computer fees and support, bank fees, telephone, internet, contracted services, professional fees, equipment
Auxiliary:	Candles, liturgical expenses, missalettes, Diocesan Assessment, etc.
Rectory Household:	Food, laundry, supplies
Diocesan Collections:	This is money received from the “Second Collections” that are taken up for various needs in the country or diocese. (It is equal to the money in Income section: Diocesan Collections).
Buildings/Utilities Maintenance:	Gas, water, electric, contracted maintenance services, ordinary maintenance supplies, building insurance, landscaping

Fiscal Year End Report: 2021

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
	9/1/2020-8/31/2021	9/1/2019-8/31/2020
	Actual	Actual
Income:		
Collection Revenue	958,291	\$ 893,067
Fundraising: Net	41,252	82,951
Parish Programs	200,008	218,573
Auxiliary Revenue	333,847	433,794
Diocesan collections	48,687	47,800
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE	1,582,085	\$ 1,676,185
 Expenses:		
Salaries	479,490	\$ 461,789
Fringe Benefits	177,124	171,903
Parish Programs	60,571	70,632
School Subsidy	107,168	115,666
Printing/office	70,255	79,447
Auxiliary	140,613	130,119
Rectory Household	3,328	4,647
Diocesan Collections	48,687	47,800
Buildings/Utilities/Maintenance	437,884*	385,568
NET OPERATING EXPENSES	1,525,120	\$ 1,467,571

* major heating/plumbing/mechanical repairs

Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Pat Wissing*. 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, Joyce Berlangero, Patricia Blanch, Morgan Brennan, Thomas J. Calogero III, John Drake, Joseph Dreher, Dcn. John DeGuardi, Amanda DiTingo, Paula Edwards, Anna Ferrante, Mike Ferrante, Kasey Gagliano, Nicolette Gebhardt, Patricia Guinta, Patrick Anthony Heffron, Henry Kahn, Shena Kahn, Anne Kerrigan, Martin Kerrigan, Rosemary LeConte, James Leung, Michael F. Maher, Aidan Miller, Robert J. Olenik, Edward Pauciullo, William Pellegrino, Stephen Piccolo, John Posanti, Louise Posanti, Clifford Proctor, John Sanchez, Joseph J. Schiavoni, Courtney Soper, 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

Marguerite Caramico
Margaret (Peggy) Flynn
Joseph Staniszewski
Margaret Sullivan

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

Peter Dominic Toscano

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 22

St. Cecilia

8:30am Pasquale Sgambati

Tuesday, November 23

St. Clement I, St. Columban, Blessed Miguel Augustin Pro

8:30am Edmund Lee

Wednesday, November 24

St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc & Companions

8:30am James O'Brien

Thursday, November 25 - Thanksgiving

St. Catherine of Alexandria

8:30am People of the Parish

Friday, November 26

8:30am Matthew Kuzmiak

Saturday, November 27

8:30am Susan Aviza, Michael Kotula

5:00pm Bruce Ferland, Sr. and Phyllis Coppelli
Fr. Charles Mangano

Sunday, November 28

First Sunday of Advent

8:00am Madeline Kenny

Msgr. Brian McNamara

9:30am Rose Montalbano & Mary Chimento
Msgr. Brian McNamara

11:00am Eddie Mariarossi
Fr. Charles Mangano

12:30pm John Meglino
Fr. Charles Mangano

6:00pm People of the Parish, Frank Olivieri, Doris Arzberger,
Louis Gambardella, Salvatore Sciortino,
Marie (Mickey) Veverka-Wolfe
Fr. Eric Kasongo (Missionary Priest)



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.



**The Parish Office will close on Wednesday, November 24 at 3:00pm
in observance of Thanksgiving.
The office will re-open on Friday, November 26 at 9:00am.**

OUR PARISH ADVENT WREATH

A family from the parish will be lighting a candle on our Parish Advent Wreath at the beginning of each Mass for each week of Advent. This is a meaningful way to be part of our preparation for Christmas during this Advent. If you wish to be one of the families to light a candle, please speak to Robin or one of the ushers at Mass.



Confirmation 2021

On **Wednesday, November 3rd and 10th** the Sacrament of Confirmation was administered by Fr. Brian in our Parish. Eight classes of grade 9 students, a total of 159 students were confirmed. They are sent forth now to live out their Catholic faith with even greater enthusiasm and conviction. 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

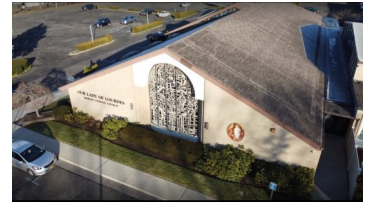
IF you are an adult *AND* one or more of the circumstances above apply to you ...

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.





65th Anniversary of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish



*We invite you and your family to join us at our Thanksgiving Day Mass
at 9:30am on November 25th.*

*We will be celebrating the 65th Anniversary of our Parish Family.
Please join us in thankful prayer for all the blessings bestowed upon us over the years.*

Thanksgiving Day Mass - Thursday, November 25 at 9:30am

Thanksgiving Mass will also be live-streamed on our website: ollchurch.org

Come together to celebrate the goodness of the Lord at our Mass on Thanksgiving Day!

This is an opportunity to take time out to reflect on the many *good* things (especially the marking of our 65th Anniversary!) that have happened in our lives during the last year. However, we must also remember those who are in need. We ask that you bring a non-perishable food item to the Thanksgiving Mass to be a blessing to those in need. At the Offertory, you will be invited to process up and place your non-perishable food item in the baskets located in the sanctuary. A basket will also be available if you prefer to give a monetary contribution.

We will give thanks as God's holy and blessed people!

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.

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.



- Hamburger Helper
- Canned Stew
- Canned Chicken
- Cookies/ Snacks
- Laundry Detergent

The Year of St Joseph

Pope Francis has declared the period of time from December 8, 2020 through December 8, 2021 as the Year of St Joseph when we remember the 150th anniversary of his declaration as Patron of the Universal Church. 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.*

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!



Butterfly Memory Café - December 3rd 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, December 3rd 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 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.

Note: All COVID-19 guidelines are followed.

Anyone NOT vaccinated MUST wear a mask.

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

Life Center Winter Clothing Drive

The Life Center of Long Island is in great need of Gently Used and New Winter Clothes for Boys and Girls in Sizes 2T, 3T & 4T.

Please consider donating today! Our three centers in **Hempstead, Massapequa, and Deer Park, and our new center opening soon in Smithtown** will all gladly take donations. If you cannot travel, please contact us at 516-798-8746, and we can schedule a driver to pick up your donations. Thank you so much for all of the time, talent, and treasure you give us in our shared mission of protecting and cherishing every life, from the womb through eternity.



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.

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@csjbrewood.org



West Islip Symphony Orchestra Free Concert

Conductor - Paul Little

Friday, December 5, 2021 at 8:00pm

West Islip Senior High School

1 Lions Path, West Islip

Masks are required

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.



URSULINE SISTERS OF TILDONK

Joy of Giving

VIRTUAL SILENT AUCTION

November 21st - December 5th

www.tildonkursuline.org/auction2021

Something for everyone on your "nice" list!

Proceeds will go towards the Ursuline Sisters of Tildonk Retirement Fund as we face the extraordinary challenge of funding eldercare for our Sisters.

please contact awalsh@tildonkursuline.org with any questions

Christmas Fair

Sunday, November 28

8:30am-4:00pm

St. Cyril Auditorium

125 Half Hollow Road, Deer Park

Homemade gifts, Art, Crafts, Food & Drinks, Music

Proceeds benefit the Society of St. Vincent de Paul

For more information call: 917-705-5355

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.

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 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 **March 19-20, 2022**. For information please call Lenny & Pat Walker at: 631-563-1032 or visit: www.engagedencounterli.org.



“Virtual” Worldwide Marriage Encounter

To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences. Some are on weekends and 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/>. "Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." Listen to Jesus on the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience.



Religion and Rock

Tune into "Religion and Rock" with Msgr. Jim Vlaun on Sunday from 7:00am to 8:00am on WBAB 102.3 FM or 95.3 on the East End of Long Island. Listen on Saturdays at 11:00pm on Sirius Radio, Channel 159, the Catholic Channel and at 11:00pm on XM Satellite, Channel 117. Next Sunday's theme is "Sharing Our Gifts". To listen online or for more information, visit: www.ReligionandRock.com.

Sharing the Gospel

Today is Christ the King Sunday. Instead of using His power selfishly to get whatever He wanted, Jesus used his power to free people from sickness, from death, and from evil. Jesus came to tell us the truth about God. Now we need to listen to the voice of Jesus and follow His example.



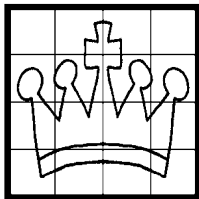
Mission for the Week



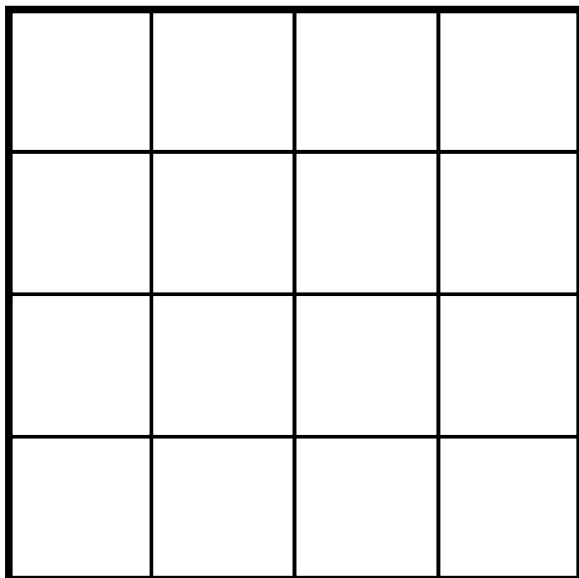
We "listen to Jesus" when we follow His example. This week, let others go first when you play a game.



Puzzle



Enlarge the picture square by square.



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Prayer

Dear God,
Thank you for
sending Jesus
to be our
loving king.
Amen



Something to Draw

Draw a picture of Jesus wearing a crown of thorns.

