

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.

First Sunday of Advent • Sunday, November 28, 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 28

Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/ 1 Thes 3:12—4:2/ Lk 21:25-28, 34-36
Monday: Is 2:1-5/ Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: Rom 10:9-18/ Mt 4:18-22
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/ Mt 15:29-37
Thursday: Is 26:1-6/ Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24/ Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: Is 30: 19-21, 23-26/ Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8
Next Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/ Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/ Lk 3:1-6

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 21, 2021

Weekly Collection	\$ 14,867.00
Weekly Budget	- \$ 17,800.00
+/- for the week	\$ (2,933.00)

Human Development/ Home Mission: \$3,224.00

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

Dear Parishioners:

Believe it or not, **Advent** begins this weekend. Advent is traditionally a time of preparation, not merely waiting. The Church teaches us that during Advent we prepare for the two “comings of Christ”. The first half of Advent focuses on the coming of Christ at the end of time. The second half of Advent focuses on the coming of Christ at Christmas. The lighting of the pink candle in the Advent wreath (which takes place on the third week of Advent) symbolizes the change in focus from the coming of Christ at the end of time to the coming of Christ at Christmas.

In either case, the theme of Advent is one of preparation. We prepare our homes for Christmas by cleaning the house, decorating the home (both indoors and outdoors), extra cooking and baking, sending Christmas cards, etc. We put in a great deal of time and effort to make Christmas one of the special times of the year for our families. I would like to challenge us to make Christmas a special time for our families spiritually. I encourage all of us to prepare the home of our heart for the coming of Christ. We have various activities for children and adults. Take advantage of them!

Planning ahead, don't forget to take advantage of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Our sinfulness can act as a weight which drags us down and prevents us from drawing closer to Christ. The Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession) allows the Lord to remove that weight (our sins) from us and helps us to draw closer to Christ. On **Monday, December 21 from 3:00pm – 8:00pm**, a priest will be available to hear confessions. Stop by to receive the grace of that sacrament.

Advent also marks the start of the new “Church” year. While the secular new year is January 1, the Church new year is the first Sunday in Advent. A very concrete change is that we read from a different Gospel. This past year, we read largely from the Gospel according to St. Mark. With the start of the new Church year, we will be reading largely from the Gospel of St. Luke. Luke, purported to be a doctor, also wrote the Acts of the Apostles. Luke emphasizes the Holy Spirit, prayer and, above all, forgiveness. Luke is often called the “Gospel of all pardons”. For example, the famous story of the Prodigal Son is only found in Luke's Gospel and the story of the good thief is only found on Luke's Gospel. Perhaps this year we could all focus on both our need to be forgiven and our mandate to forgive those who have hurt us.

Last year, I wrote “for most of us, we can't wait to get out of the year 2020”. Sadly, I think I can say the same about 2021. 2021 has been a year filled with much darkness for so many people. So, I am counting Advent as the beginning of the new year. I look forward to a new year filled with God's grace.

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

In Christ,

Fr. Brian

PS: We will re-introduce the Missalettes (with the readings) and the Music Issue books. This will help us with the singing and the responses. I am happy the books are returning!

Don't forget our Christmas raffle; you should have received chances in our Advent mailing which should have arrived this week. They will also be in the Church bulletin.

Altar Society

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

... 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, 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, Ted Gladkowski, 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

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

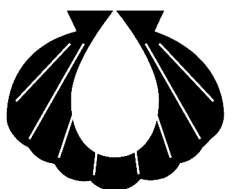
All of our Masses may be viewed via live-stream on our parish website. Please join us by visiting our website at: ollchurch.org.



Rest In Peace

Preston Morris
Carol M. Storz

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



Baptism

Sean Stephan Masiar
Isabella Joy Sinclair

Mass Intentions

Monday, November 29

8:30am Antoinette Retaco

Tuesday, November 30

St. Andrew

8:30am Dominick Sapraticone

Wednesday, December 1

8:30am James Cregan

Thursday, December 2

8:30am Ardem Prior

Friday, December 3

St. Francis Xavier

8:30am James Cregan

Saturday, December 4

St. John Damascene

8:30am Thomas Frascinella, Adriana Patino, Anna Chille, Chioma Nnanna, Steve Santarcangelo, Jack Wilson

5:00pm Sweeney & LaRocca Families

Fr. Charles Mangano

Sunday, December 5

Second Sunday of Advent

8:00am Nicholas LaGiglia

Fr. Sylvester Chukwumalume

9:30am James Palumbo

Fr. Sylvester Chukwumalume

11:00am Bill & Clair Thomson

Fr. Charles Mangano

12:30pm Larry Carlucci

Fr. Charles Mangano

6:00pm People of the Parish, Jeanette Jorgensen, Lena Vella, Constantine Dappio, Kim Marie Marcinka, Carl Kriegsman

Msgr. Brian McNamara

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.



Nocturnal Adoration

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

This is Jesus’ 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, December 4**, concluding with Benediction at 9:50pm. Please come and pray with us. All are invited and welcome. Bring a friend!



Evangelization Ministry

The Evangelization Ministry meetings have been cancelled for the remainder of the year. Meetings will resume on Thursday, January 13, 2021.

SAGE

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

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 (12/4 and 12/5) we are asking you to give your loose change to our Casa Project. Place your donations in the wooden house located in the north vestibule by the Father Joe Garden. Thank you for your support. We truly appreciate your generosity.



Please note: the CASA house is now in the north vestibule by the Father Joe Garden.

Donations to Outreach

If you would like to make a donation to Parish Outreach in memory of a loved one, please call Trish Frodell, Director of Parish Social Ministry at 631-661-3224, option 4.



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

Christmas at Outreach

Once again, we will be requesting gift cards for Christmas this year. We are asking that you take a tag from the **Giving Tree** with a specific gift card request for one of the families we will be assisting. The families will be able to use the gift cards for Christmas. In order to have time to use them before Christmas, they will need them earlier, so we are requesting that **any donation of gift cards be brought in by December 12th**. We are requesting cards from **Target, Walmart, Amazon, Kohl's, Macy's and Old Navy**.

Thank you for all the support you have given to Outreach throughout the year. Your generosity is such a blessing to the families who come to us. Hopefully, their celebration of Christmas will be a bright spot in their lives that are so often filled with difficulty.



Advent Lawn Signs

The four weeks before Christmas is a time to prepare for the coming of Christ, *The Light of the World, at Christmas*. Let us share our light and hope for this season with everyone in the community. Please take an **ADVENT LAWN SIGN** after Mass today. Take it home and put it right on your front lawn. Let West Islip, North Babylon, Brentwood, Deer Park, and Babylon see that we are together in our hope for the future and for making room for the Christ Child in our hearts.

Please take only ONE PER FAMILY!



Our Knights of Columbus will be selling Advent Calendars after the Masses this weekend, November 27-28.

The Knights will be selling Christmas Poinsettias on the weekends of December 4-5 and December 11-12



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.



Jesus is inviting you! Will you come?

The church teaches that the Eucharist is the Summit and Source of the Christian's life. So, in addition to Holy Mass, a special way to spend time with Jesus in the most intimate of ways - one on one- is in Eucharistic Adoration. Besides having Nocturnal Adoration the first Saturday of each month from 6pm to 10pm in the church, we will be having extended hours of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesdays only. This will start Tuesday, December 14th from 12:30pm to 8:00pm each week in the Church. Some may say, why do I have to go to adoration, I can stay home and pray. You can pray at home but here is what Bishop Robert Barron says so beautifully about adoration in **Catholicism, A Journey to the Heart of Faith**: *"Adam, the first man, we hear walked in easy fellowship with God in the cool of the evening and spoke to Him as to a friend. This ordering of Adam to God meant that our first parent was effortlessly caught up in adoration. The term 'adoration' comes from the Latin adoratio, which in turn is derived from ad ora (to the mouth). To adore, therefore, is to be mouth to mouth with God, properly aligned to the divine source, breathing in God's life. When one is in the stance of adoration, the whole of one's life – mind, will, emotions, imagination, sexuality – becomes ordered and harmonized, much as the elements of a rose window arrange themselves musically around a central point."* This happens when seated in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

Eucharistic Adoration is when the Sacred Host is placed in a container called a monstrance and placed upon the altar. People come and pray before the Lord Himself, exposed on the altar, truly present in the Eucharist; body, blood, soul and divinity. Both the young and the old are being invited to adoration each week. We want to make sure that we have at least two people in the church at all times adoring the Lord so that He is never left alone. Feel free to stop by anytime on Tuesday to pray but if you have a specific time or hour between 12:30pm and 8:00pm that you want to do adoration each week, please call Josephine at 631-214-9736. She can put you down for that specific time so we know we definitely have someone for that particular hour. Most people usually come the same time each week to pray so if that is the case, please feel free to call Josephine.

What do we do if there is a snow storm? When we have inclement weather, please call the parish office at 631-661-3224 ext.0, or log onto the parish website to check if adoration has been canceled.

Our journey through this life is to lead us to a deep intimacy with God. He wants to prepare us for eternal life. What helps us tremendously in this is spending time before the Blessed Sacrament or, in other words, Eucharistic Adoration. One may say, I don't have time for this, I am too busy. Yes, we are all very, very busy but we all make time for the things we have to do and love to do. Christ, who is truly present in the Eucharist, touches our heart and soul and we never leave adoration of the Blessed Sacrament the same (*even if we feel we are getting nothing out of it*).

What happens during Adoration: Prayer brings us into union with God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. In prayer, we allow our Saviour to touch and fulfill the longing, desire, thirst and hunger in our hearts for love and acceptance. In prayer, the saints experienced this and so can we because we follow and love the same God. The Holy Scriptures remind us that Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever. The Jesus who said over 2000 years ago that He came to heal the broken hearted, set the captives free and bring recovery of sight to the blind is the same Jesus who is with us today in the Blessed Sacrament. Therefore, let us respond to the Lord's invitation and come to Eucharistic Adoration each week. Let us open our hearts fully to Him because, when we do, we fall more in love with the One who is in love with us, making our triune God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit, the center of our hearts and lives.

When we take time to sit, pray and gaze upon the Blessed Sacrament, we realize that the Eucharist is about humility. It is God almighty choosing to be a prisoner of love in the Eucharist for our sake. God longs for us to come to Him, sit before Him, be with Him and let Him love us. In the gospels, Jesus heals the blind. What is the blindness that exists in you and me? Sitting before the Blessed Sacrament in Adoration allows Jesus the time to surface our blindness and begin to heal it. The blindness of bias, prejudice, arrogance, lust, selfishness, self reliance, etc. Sometimes we don't see these things in ourselves but, the more we spend time with Jesus, He opens our eyes and then we can place these before him and allow Him to transform our hearts. St. John Vianney writes, *"When we go before the Blessed Sacrament let us open our heart; our good God will open His. We shall go to Him; He will come to us, the one to ask, the other to receive. It will be like a breath passing from One to the other. What delight we find in forgetting ourselves that we may seek God."*

Below are the Tuesday dates when adoration will end a little earlier because of other events happening in the church. Otherwise, all the other Tuesdays of the year will be 12:30pm to 8:00pm.

Tuesday, January 11: adoration ending at 3:30pm
Tuesday, January 18: adoration ending at 3:30pm
Tuesday, March 1: adoration ending at 6:30pm
Tuesday, March 22: adoration ending at 7:00pm
Tuesday, March 29: adoration ending at 7:00pm

Below are some quotes from the Saints regarding Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

St. Padre Pio:

“A thousand years of enjoying human glory is not worth even an hour spent sweetly communing with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.”

St. John Bosco:

“Trust all things to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and to Mary Help of Christians and you will see what miracles are.”

Blessed Archbishop Fulton Sheen:

“The only time our Lord asked the Apostles for anything was the night He went into agony in the garden. Not for activity did He plead but for an Hour of companionship.” Jesus said, Peter, could you not stay awake one hour with me?

St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta:

“The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time that you will spend on earth. Each moment that you spend with Jesus will deepen your union with Him and make your soul everlastingly more glorious and beautiful in heaven, and will help bring about an everlasting peace on earth.”

“The Eucharist is connected with the Passion...To make sure that we do not forget, Jesus gave us the Eucharist as a memorial of His love...When you look at the Crucifix, you understand how much Jesus loved you then, when you look at the Sacred Host you understand how much Jesus loves you now.”

“Every Holy Hour we make so pleases the heart of Jesus that it is recorded in Heaven and retold for all eternity”

St. Alphonsus Liqouri:

“Our Lord hears our prayers anywhere, but He has revealed to His servants that those who visit Him in the Eucharist will obtain a more abundant measure of grace.”

St. John Vianney’s Nine Reasons to sign-up for a Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration:

St. John Vianney, the Patron Saint of all the world’s Priests, would spend long hours in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Below are some of his quotes about the importance of Eucharistic Adoration in our lives:

- When Our Lord sees pure souls coming to visit Him in the Blessed Sacrament He smiles on them. They come with the simplicity that pleases Him so much.
- Our Lord is hidden there in the Blessed Sacrament, waiting for us to come and visit Him, and make our requests to Him.
- When we speak to Jesus during our adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with simplicity and with all our heart, He does like a mother who holds her child’s head with her hands and covers it with kisses and caresses.
- If we really love the good God, we should make it our joy and happiness to come a few minutes to adore Him, and ask Him for the grace of forgiveness. We should regard those moments as the happiest in our lives.
- Have a Holy Hour every week. Start praying. Pray for guidance and trust in God.
- What happiness do we not feel in the presence of God, when we find ourselves alone at His feet (in Adoration)! We should want to stay always at His feet; it would be a foretaste of heaven; everything else would become insipid to us. Re-double your fervor; you are alone to adore your God; His eyes rest upon you alone
- When we awake in the night, transport yourself quickly in spirit before the Tabernacle, saying: “Behold, my God. I come to adore You, to praise, thank, and love You, and to keep You company with all the angels...”
- How sweet and full of comfort are the moments spent before the Blessed Sacrament! Are you in trouble? Come and throw yourself at His feet.
- You will always find a friend in Jesus in the Holy Eucharist to console you in your moment of need. He will never fail to help you.



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.



Chaminade High School Academic Awards Presentation

Congratulations to the following young parishioners for their Academic Award Pins and National Honor Society induction. We are very proud of your accomplishments!

Gold Pin Academic Award:	Matthew S. Stueber	(Senior)
	Thomas L. Stueber	(Senior)
Silver Pin Academic Award:	Andrew T. Rao	(Junior)
National Honor Society Induction:	Andrew T. Rao	(Junior)



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, January 10, 2021
at 8:00pm in the Parish Center.**



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/bsatroup179> or contact us at: troop179cc@yahoo.com.

Advent Season 2021

We are all coming out of a difficult time. The Pandemic and its ramifications... sickness, loss, unemployment, isolation, family and community division... have affected us all. The four weeks before Christmas is a time of waiting and anticipation. Waiting for, and longing for, the Christ child to come into our hearts and lives at Christmas. **THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD is born to us!!** Join with us for the many activities we are having over the next four weeks as we prepare ourselves, our parish and community for the joy and light of Christmas. Check the bulletin for the many events happening each week.

On Your Mark! Get Set! Go! For A Great Advent and Christmas

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.



The Feast of St. Nicholas

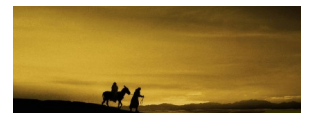
St. Nicholas will be visiting with us at each Mass on **Dec. 4-5** as we remember the **real history** of St. Nicholas. You can visit with St. Nicholas in the Solarium after the 5:00pm Mass on Dec. 4, and in the Parish Center after the 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 and 12:30 Masses on Sunday, Dec. 5. Bring your camera along for a great photo opportunity.



There's a New Kid in Town

Join us For a Family Hunt to Find the New Born King

Join us on **Sunday, December 12 from 3:00pm-5:00pm** (enter by the Fr. Joe Garden) for a **Family Hunt to find the Christ Child** in Bethlehem. Along the way you will see a live nativity story with clues for the next place for you to visit. Follow the clues to a humble stable in Bethlehem and you find the New Born King. Come for as long as you want! Share refreshments! Meet other Families!



West Islip Symphony Orchestra Free Concert

Conductor - Paul Little

Friday, December 3, 2021 at 8:00pm

West Islip Senior High School

1 Lions Path, West Islip

Masks are required

Please note: the correct date of the concert is FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3

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



Volunteers Needed

Maria Regina Residence, at 1725 Brentwood Rd., Brentwood, is an 188 -bed Skilled Nursing Facility currently under the care of the Sisters of St. Joseph.

We are seeking compassionate, dedicated men and women who are willing to volunteer their time and talent in various service areas (usually for one or two mornings or afternoons per week.) Options include: assisting to transport residents in their wheelchairs within the building, serving as visitors or Eucharistic ministers, acting as greeters, delivering newspapers, assisting with recreations, filing and more. Is the Holy Spirit calling YOU?

For more information, please contact Sister Mary Sheppard, CSJ and leave contact information at 631-299-3288. Prayerfully and thankfully, we look forward to hearing from you and will respond on the next scheduled office day.

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

Annual Christmas Craft Fair

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church
800 Portion Road, Lake Ronkonkoma

Sunday, December 5th, 2021
9:00am to 4:00pm -Parish Hall

****Crafts, Gifts, Christmas Items, Raffles****
Come start your Christmas shopping early!

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.*



Celebration of Mary

Enrich your Advent devotion! Join the Friends of the Seminary for a Celebration of Mary at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, 440 West Neck Road, Huntington, on Saturday, December 11th. Journey to the heart of Mary through Theology, Spirituality, and the Arts. Program includes Mass celebrated by Msgr. Steven Camp (Seminary Rector) and presentations by Bishop Andrzej Zglejszewski; Bro. Timothy Driscoll, SM (Kellenberg Memorial High School); Theresa Bissex Volpe.

Advance registration required. \$50.00 per guest. Contact Seminary Development Office at: 631-423-0483 ext. 102, bmalone@icseminary.edu, or, Seminary website at: www.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.



SEND A ROSARY CARE PACKAGE TO YOUR FAVORITE COLLEGE STUDENT



Sometimes our college students need a little nudge to go to Church while away from home. Instead of nagging them, send them a Rosary Care Package. For only \$25, your student will receive a Rosary, an invitation to join the Catholic Ministry on their campus, and a special note from you telling them how much you love them. Statistics show the number one reason students get involved is because they are invited. Let's make sure your student gets that invitation to attend their campus ministry today!

To order your Rosary Care Package, please contact the Newman Ministry at: 1-866-815-2034 or e-mail info@newmanministry.com and ask for a Rosary Care Package application.

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 “**The Best Presents**”. To listen online or for more information, visit: www.ReligionandRock.com.

Sharing the Gospel


One day Jesus will come back to take us home to live with Him in heaven. So when scary things happen around us, we do not need to be afraid. We can stand up tall, because we know heaven will be so much better than this world.



Mission for the Week

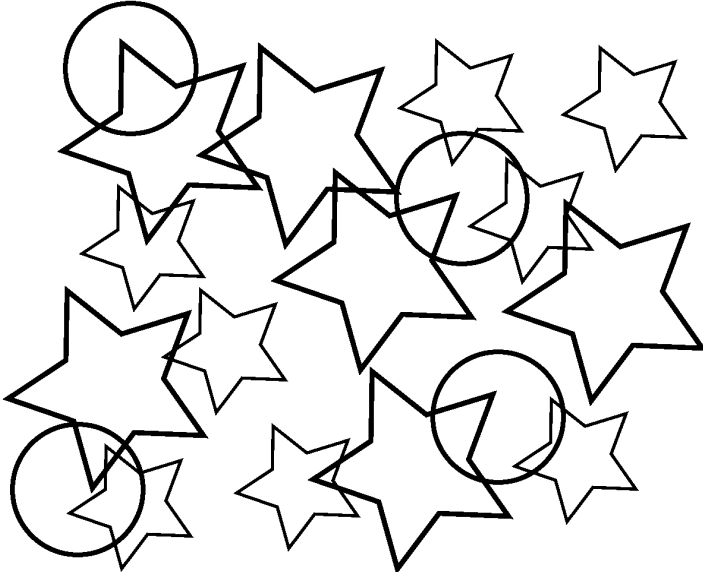


Write down one thing that scares you. Tell God about it, and ask Him to help you



Puzzle

Jesus is the star of life. How many stars can you count?



ANSWER: FOURTEEN

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Prayer



Dear God,
when I am
afraid, help
me to be brave and trust
in You. I know heaven
will be wonderful.
Amen

Something to Draw



Draw a picture
of Jesus
coming back in
the clouds,
ready to take you
to heaven.