

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

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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.

Second Sunday of Advent • Sunday, December 5, 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
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Mission Statement

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

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

Readings for the Week of December 5

Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/ Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/ Lk 3:1-6
Monday: Is 35:1-10/ Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/ Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/ Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/ Lk 1:26-38
Thursday: Is 41:13-20/ Mt 11:11-15
Friday: Is 48:17-19/ Mt 11:16-19
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/ Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Next Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/ Phil 4:4-7/ Lk 3:10-18

Parish Staff

Patti Anderson
Parish Office/Bulletin Editor

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Parish Office

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Parish Organist

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Parish Office

Stacy Gordon
Parish Office

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Parish Office

Rita Spera
Religious Education Office

Financial Summary

November 28, 2021

Weekly Collection	\$ 14,855.00
Weekly Budget	- \$ 17,800.00
+/- for the week	\$ (2,945.00)

Thanksgiving \$ 4,735.00

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

Dear Parishioners:

It is hard to believe that we are at the 2nd Sunday of Advent already! I just wanted to highlight a few Advent Activities. This coming Wednesday, **December 8**, is the **Feast of the Immaculate Conception**. It is a holy day obligation. Masses are on Tuesday, December 7 at 5:00pm and Wednesday, December 8 at 8:30am, 12:10pm and 7:30pm. You may recall that when our Blessed Mother, Our Lady of Lourdes, appeared to St. Bernadette in Lourdes, France, she identified herself by saying, "I am the Immaculate Conception". Thus, this holy day carries special meaning for our parish.

We are starting a new spiritual opportunity here at Our Lady of Lourdes. Starting Tuesday, Dec. 14, we will begin **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every Tuesday from 12:30pm – 8:00pm**. In the past we have had the opportunity for Exposition/Adoration every 1st Saturday of the month. Now we will have the opportunity to encounter our Lord every Tuesday. Please stop by! So many of the saints have spoken about the importance of praying before the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Even if you are working, we now have the opportunity to spend time before the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

Also, on Tuesday, **December 14, at 7:00pm**, we will have a special prayer experience during Exposition: the **ADVENT STATIONS**. As you know, we pray the Stations of the Cross during Lent. The Stations of the Cross help us to focus on the suffering and death of Jesus for our sins. Likewise, these **ADVENT STATIONS** are a meditative prayer focusing on the coming of Christ at Christmas, the fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecies. In the midst of all the hustle and bustle of Christmas, spend some time in prayer to prepare for the coming of the Savior.

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 20 from 3:00pm – 8:00pm**, a priest will be available to hear confessions. Stop by to receive the grace of that sacrament.

In November 2013, Pope Francis published a pastoral exhortation, *Evangelii Gaudium (The Joy of the Gospel)*. In the pastoral exhortation, Pope Francis wrote: "I invite all Christians, everywhere, at this very moment, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ, or at least an openness to letting Jesus encounter them; I ask all of you to do this unfailingly each day." Let that be your Advent resolution: to have a personal encounter with Jesus Christ.

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

In Christ,

Fr. Brian

PS: Don't forget our holiday raffle. Tickets are \$25 each or 6 tickets for \$100. You should have received tickets in the mail but if you did not, look just in the Bulletin or stop the Parish Office. Give them as Christmas gifts to your adult children!

Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Patti Rosen*. 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, David Gilbride, 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.

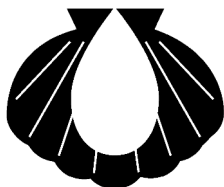
All of our Masses may be viewed via live-stream on our parish website. Please join us by visiting our website at: ollchurch.org.



Rest In Peace

*Marie "Lucille" Inserro
Maryann Kenna*

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



Baptism

*Peter Salvatore Hanlon
Annabella Rose Hock*

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 6

St. Nicholas

8:30am David Michael Calogero

Tuesday, December 7

St. Ambrose

8:30am Patricia Neshta

5:00pm Walter Vollmuth

Wednesday, December 8

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30am Nicholas Trupia

12:10pm Ida Zocchia

7:30pm Peter Yasinowski

Thursday, December 9

St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

8:30am Joseph Rocarro

Friday, December 10

Our Lady of Loreto

8:30am Joseph Rocarro

Saturday, December 11

St. Damasus I

8:30am Eugene Langan, Frank Provenzano, Terrance White, Rosele Neill (Living), Josephine Falotico

5:00pm Edmund Lee
Msgr. Brian McNamara

Sunday, December 12

Third Sunday of Advent

8:00am Thomas Di Orio
Msgr. Brian McNamara

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

11:00am Richard Woolsey
Fr. Charles Mangano

12:30pm Thomas & Ellen Shay
Fr. Charles Mangano

6:00pm People of the Parish, Marie Wilson, Steve McGrath, Leonard Nicholas Pastore, Susan Cullity, Benny Adams
Fr. Charles Mangano

National Night of Prayer for Life December 8, 2020 - 8:30pm - 10:30pm



It was on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception (then celebrated on December 9th) that Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of the Americas and the unborn, first appeared to St. Juan Diego. The National Night of Prayer for Life bridges these two feasts to honor Our Blessed Mother and to pray for the sanctity of all human life.

The National Night of Prayer for Life is a pro-life prayer service consisting of exposition and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 20 decades of the Rosary, prayer to St. Michael, silent prayer and hymns. Please join us in the Church as we join with other parishes throughout the nation for the Night of Prayer.

Evangelization Ministry

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

Rosary Christian Mothers

The Rosary Christian Mothers meet on the first Monday evening of each month. The next meeting will be on **Monday, December 6**. We will begin with Rosary at 7:30pm in the Church, followed by our business meeting at 8:00pm in the Parish Center.

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. This 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.

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 12**. 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.



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.



Laundry Detergent
Shampoo
Tissues
Feminine Products
Shaving Items

Special Collection for Religious Retirement - December 11-12

A donor to the Retirement Fund for Religious writes, "I still remember the lessons the sisters gave us and how they instilled in us the love of our faith." Show your thanks for the prayerful service of elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. Your gift to next week's second collection helps provide care, medicine, and more. As always, thank you for your generosity.



Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Wednesday, December 8th - Holy Day of Obligation

Mass Schedule:

Tuesday, December 7th - Vigil Mass at 5:00pm

Wednesday, December 8th - Mass at 8:30am, 12:10pm and 7:30pm

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



Needed: Eucharistic Ministers and Ushers for Christmas Masses

Additional Eucharistic Ministers will be needed to serve at the Christmas Masses. If you are an EM and would like to help, please add your name, contact information and the Mass you can assist with to the Christmas Eucharistic Minister sheet posted in the Sign-in Room.

Anyone who would like to assist as an Usher at Christmas Masses is requested to add their name, contact information and the Mass they will help with to the Volunteer Usher list, also in the Sign-in Room.



Christmas Flower Offerings

Christmas Flower offerings received by this **Sunday, December 5th** will be published in the December 25th bulletin. Offerings received after that date will be published in subsequent bulletins.

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.



Our Parish Advent Wreath

A family from the parish will be lighting a candle on our 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

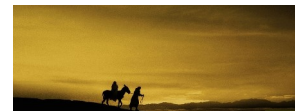
St. Nicholas will be visiting with us at each Mass on **Dec. 4-5** as we remember the **real history** of St. Nicholas. You can visit with St. Nicholas in the Solarium after the 5:00pm Mass on Dec. 4, and in the Parish Center after the 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 and 12:30 Masses on Sunday, Dec. 5. Bring your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



Christmas Candles

This year, we are once again offering a **Loving Candle**. This symbolic light is a beautiful way to remember our loved ones - both living and deceased - and will remain lit throughout the life of the candle (approximately a week). The candles will be available for a donation of \$10.00. They will be sold after all weekend Masses on December 11-12 and December 18-19, and will also be available in the Parish Office. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at 631-661-3224, ext.121.

Christmas Raffle

Below please find a set of 6 chances. It is a 50-50 drawing. Chances are \$25 each or 6 chances for \$100. 1st place winner will win 35% of the money, 2nd place will win 10% of the money and 3rd place will win 5% of the money. You have to be in it to win it!

The drawing will take place on **Sunday, January 16 after the 12:30pm Mass.**

Hopefully, the Wise Men will bring you a gift of a winning ticket!



CHRISTMAS RAFFLE
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Phone _____
1 Ticket for \$25; 6 Tickets for \$100

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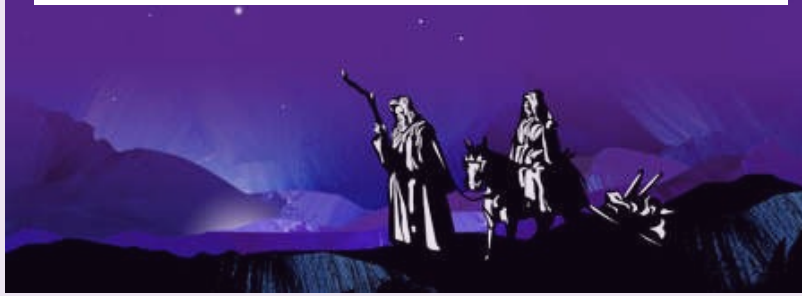
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ADVENT OFFERINGS



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4:

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5:

ST. NICHOLAS CELEBRATION

CHURCH: St. Nicholas will visit every Mass this weekend. Come and visit with St. Nicholas after Mass as well; bring your camera for a photo with St. Nicholas in the Parish Center. (Dec. 4th - photos are in the Solarium.)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7:

5:00pm

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8:

8:30am; 12:10pm; 7:30pm

HOLY DAY: FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

CHURCH: Masses for the Holy Day

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12:

3:00pm – 5:00pm

A FAMILY HUNT FOR THE NEWBORN KING

ALL PURPOSE ROOM: Come see the Nativity Story come alive as your family searches for the Christ Child.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14:

7:00pm

ADVENT STATIONS

CHURCH: Stop by and pray this series of meditations (similar to the Stations of the Cross) on the upcoming birth of Christ.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18:

4:00pm – 5:00pm

RECONCILIATION/CONFESSIONS

PARISH CENTER: Confessors will be available during this time.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 20:

3:00pm – 8:00pm

RECONCILIATION/CONFESSIONS

PARISH CENTER: Confessors will be available throughout this time.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21:

7:00pm

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT: "THE NATIVITY"

PARISH CENTER: A great family movie depicting the Christmas story.

*****NOVEMBER 28 – DECEMBER 12: GIVING TREE GIFT PROGRAM FOR THE NEEDY*****

See the Bulletin for details on helping the needy.

DECEMBER 18 – JANUARY 24

PARISH CENTER: Come and visit Bethlehem as seen in Nativity sets from various countries around the world.

PLEASE SEE THE BULLETIN/WEBSITE (ollchurch.org) FOR DETAILED DESCRIPTIONS

Adoration - Extended Hours **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, December 28 adoration ending at 6:30pm
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
Tuesday, April 12 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 Liguori:

“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.

2021 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

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One Family in Mission
Creating Pathways to Faith

Thank you for your generous support of the 2021 Catholic Ministries Appeal.

Completing your 2021 pledge ensures that our Parish
will benefit by receiving our full rebate.



Kellenberg Memorial High School

Congratulations to the following young parishioners who have achieved Honor Roll status and who have been inducted into National Honor Society. We are very proud of your accomplishments.

Final Honor Roll:

Eryn Brodtman, Michaela Clifford, Miranda Clifford, Anna Heaton

National Honor Society

Eryn Brodtman, Anna Heaton



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, 2022
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.

Thank You

We would like to extend a heartfelt **Thank You** to the wonderful “Mailing Team” that answers the call to make our annual mailings happen. They are: *John Amabile, Marilyn Barthel, Eileen Clifford, Connie Cristaudo, Marie Davidson, Tammy Davies, Nancy DePetro, Rosetta Fragola, Diane Garretson, Joanne and Ed Guiffre, Sara Iannaccone, Peggy Kapalko, Steve MacQuade, Kay Manley, Ann Mannarino, Rosalie Mangels, Josephine Pastore, Bob Petersen, Michael Poveromo, Nancy Sisson, Dona Teague, Denise Yost, Pat and Bill Young, and Marie Zito.* Thank you, too, to those who are not listed, that I may have missed. Let us not forget, *Rita Spera*, Religious Education Office, who prints ALL the letters-front and back, raffle tickets, etc. We would also like to thank *Melissa Bell* who got the raffle tickets ready for us in record time. It is a monumental task and we thank you for your time and talent. We could not get these mailings done for Advent without each one of you!

*Fr. Brian, Pastor and
Debbie Meyer, Business Manager*

The Babylon Choral presents “Together Again”

Gather together and experience both traditional and new songs of the season.

Saturday, December 11, 2021 at 7:30pm

At Sacred heart Chapel—Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse

1725 Brentwood Road, Brentwood, NY

\$23 for adults, \$15 for students and seniors 60+, \$10 for children 12 and under.

For safety protocols and to purchase tickets online, visit: www.babylonchorale.org.

Tickets also available at the door.

For more information, call 516-799-4974 or 516-221-3211

or e-mail: info@babylonchorale.org



Butterfly Memory Café - December 17th 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 17th 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.

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.



Sisters of St. Joseph, Brentwood - Employment Opportunities

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

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

Liturgical Responsibilities

Serve at daily and Sunday Mass on a set schedule

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

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

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

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

Sacristan Duties

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

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

Prepares General Intercessions for weekday Masses.

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

To learn more about this opportunity, please send resume.

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

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

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



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.

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.

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/>. “Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.” Sign up today to prepare your marriage to follow the Lord by attending one of the upcoming 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 “Being Prepared”. To listen online or for more information, visit: www.ReligionandRock.com.

Sharing the Gospel


At a river close to your church, John the Baptist says, "Turn back to God and be baptized." After your baptism, he gives you a backpack that says, "I am a Forgiven Child of God." Inside it are wisdom, love, and forgiveness. Wisdom shows the difference between good and evil roads. Love makes you strong enough to say, "Yes" to good, and "No" to evil ways. Be happy. God's love and forgiveness will welcome you into heaven.







Mission for the Week



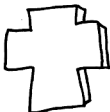







If I hurt others, I will say, "I am sorry. Please forgive me."

 **Puzzle**

Circle the picture that is the **same** as the **first** one. Then color in all the pictures.

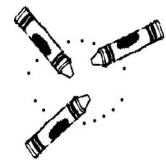
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Prayer



Father,
 thank You for
 wisdom, love,
 and forgiveness
 of Baptism.
 Amen

Something to Draw



Draw yourself with John the Baptist at your church wearing a backpack of Baptism.