

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.

Third Sunday of Advent • Sunday, December 12, 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

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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 12

Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/ Phil 4:4-7/ Lk 3:10-18
Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/ Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/ Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday: Is 45: 6b-8, 18, 21c-25/ Lk 7:18b-23
Thursday: Is 54:1-10/ Lk 7:24-30
Friday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/ Mt 1:1-17
Saturday: Jer 23:5-8/ Mt 1:18-25
Next Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/ Heb 10:5-10/ Lk 1:39-45

Parish Staff

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Financial Summary

December 5, 2021

Weekly Collection	\$ 18,430.00
Weekly Budget	- \$ 17,800.00
+/- for the week	\$ 630.00
 Christmas Flowers	 \$ 5,009.00

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

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we continue our Advent journey together, I was reflecting on what I could put into this week's bulletin to inspire you in the faith. What came to mind was a letter that my sister Laurie and I wrote in 2004 from the perspective of Santa Claus. It is something very beautiful to also read to your children. It focuses our hearts on the true meaning of Christmas. I pray it touches your hearts as it did ours when we were inspired to write it many years ago for one of our Christmas Shows.

Dear Children of the World,

I feel compelled to write to you because of the many letters I have received requesting gifts beyond my power to give. I wish I could heal broken hearts but I cannot. I wish I could unite friends or stop wars but I cannot. However, I can point you to our God whose grace in our lives can do all things. That has been my purpose for bringing gifts to you all these years. My desire has always been to spread God's greatest commandment of loving one another, thinking of others before ourselves. When I came to understand God's intimate love for me, I could not help but share my joy by giving to you.

Yet, as the years have passed, I have been so broken hearted to see what the world has done to distort the Holy Day of Christmas. Many are more concerned about the size, value and quantity of gifts than with the spirit of giving as a way of celebrating the birth of our only Savior. It frightens me to see how people have replaced the name of Jesus Christ with my name, Santa Claus, because I am not the true gift giver. Christmas is about God so loving us that He sent His only Son to save us.

I ask for your forgiveness if in some way I have distracted you from the true meaning of Christmas. It was never my intention. But now, I ask something of you. As you open your gifts this Christmas, please consider opening them in front of your nativity to help you remain focused on the one true gift giver, for there is no other name by which we shall be saved other than the name of Jesus Christ.

You will forever be in my prayers.

Love,
Santa Claus

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Have a blessed week walking with your God and remember, with God, you can do the unthinkable, the unimaginable and forgive what you think is unforgivable.

Peace and blessings,
Fr. Charles Mangano

Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Claire McLoughlin*. 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, 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.

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 13

St. Lucy

8:30am James Smith & Family

Tuesday, December 14

St. John of the Cross

8:30am Marianna Galati

Wednesday, December 15

8:30am Al Eppers & Martha Sapraicone

Thursday, December 16

8:30am Angelina Pascarelli

Friday, December 17

8:30am Marlene Pfeiffer

Saturday, December 18

8:30am Thomas Brando, Anne McNulty, Cosimo Ciocia & Grace Ciocia, John & Josephine Guerin

5:00pm Barbara & Lou Argento

Fr. Charles Mangano

Sunday, December 19

Fourth Sunday of Advent - Laetare Sunday

8:00am Frank Aparo

Fr. Charles Mangano

9:30am John Patrick Lilly

Fr. Charles Mangano

11:00am Thomas Brando & Anne McNulty

Msgr. Brian McNamara

12:30pm Richard Jensen

Msgr. Brian McNamara

6:00pm

People of the Parish, Anthony Irene,
Jeanann Gilligan, Hans Mahler, Carl Kriegsman

Msgr. Brian McNamara



Baptism

Alessia Victoria Gonzalez

Ethan Michael Gorin

Selena Rae Relevo Rosas

Julianna Rae Trione

Emilia Mary Werner



Gabriel's Courage Perinatal Support Program

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

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

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

Evangelization Ministry

The Evangelization Ministry meetings have been cancelled for the remainder of the year. Meetings will resume on Thursday, January 13, 2022.

SAGE

The SAGE Group (*Senior Advocates for Growth and Enrichment*) will meet on **Tuesday, December 14 in the Parish Center at 9:30am.**

Divine Mercy Prayer Group

We come together in the Church every Thursday from 1:30pm-2:30pm to pray and reflect on the Divine Mercy. We welcome anyone wishing to join us in this mission.

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 this week's second collection helps provide care, medicine, and more. As always, thank you for your generosity.



Thank You from the Knights

The OLL Knights of Columbus would like to thank our great parish family for supporting our Christmas poinsettia sale. We sold out in one weekend because of your kindness and good wishes. It was wonderful to listen and share memories of Christmas in your families. We are very grateful and blessed to all be a part of this special parish. We are excited and committed to helping our parish.

- Erik Pauze

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.

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 16th after the 12:30pm Mass.**

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

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

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ADVENT OFFERINGS



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.



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 7:30pm.

If you are interested in learning more about Boy Scouts and our Troop, please check out our website: <https://witroop179.wixsite.com/bsatroop179> or contact us at: troop179cc@yahoo.com.



Butterfly Memory Café - December 17th from 1:30-2:30pm

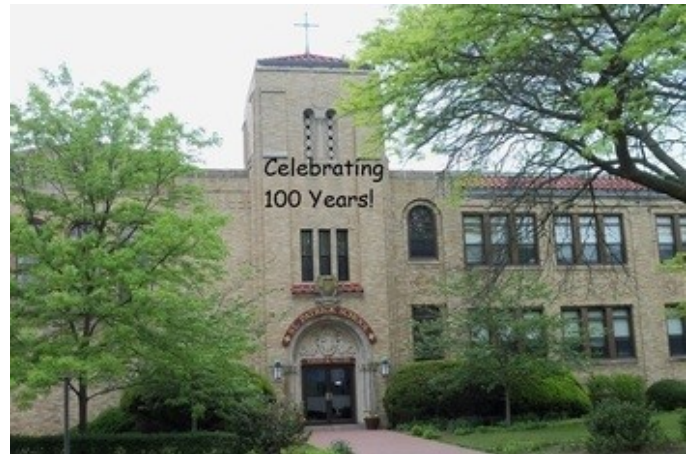
What is a Memory Café? It is a program designed for persons with mild to moderate cognitive impairment and their caregiver to promote social engagement with others navigating through dementia's journey. Activities include crafts, music, reminiscing, art or movement. Light refreshments will be served. 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.

Church Census Information

Has your contact information changed, or are you moving?

The process of updating our Parish Data System information is an ongoing process. We ask that you please submit any recent changes -- address, family members, phone numbers, etc. With your help, our parish data information will be more accurate, and receipt of Parish Offering Envelopes and other church information can be processed more efficiently.

Please mail the information to the Parish Office, or email to: parishoffice@ollchurch.org.



1921-2021

St. Patrick School Is Celebrating 100 Years of Academic Excellence!

*St. Patrick School Teachers are being honored
at our 100th Anniversary Cocktail Party on January 29, 2022*

Mass at 5:00pm (MPH)
Cocktail Party 6:00pm-8:00pm (School Gym)

Tickets: \$50.00 per Person
Come and be a part of the celebration!

To order tickets, visit: SPSBAYSHORE.ORG
Contact us at: 631-665-0569 for further information.

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.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Led by our dedicated Children's Liturgy Ministers, our young parishioners learn about and celebrate the season of Advent. The four Sundays preceding Christmas are recognized for four virtues. The candles on the Advent wreath symbolize hope, love, joy and peace.

Children's Liturgy is at the 9:30am Mass every Sunday. All children from 4 yrs. old through 4th grade are welcome.



St. Anthony's High School Honor Roll

Congratulations to the following young parishioners who have achieved Honor Roll status for the first quarter of the 2021-2022 school year. We are very proud of your hard work and accomplishments.

*Brooke Berger
Justin Cetero
Amanda Dolan
Chase Hartmann*

*Jillian Keogh
Gerard Nealon
Christian Oliva
Jaclyn Piscola*

*Eriq Polanco-DellaUniversita
Joseph Walas*

Saint Anthony's High School, South Huntington, NY Missed the Entrance Exam? Apply online!

Celebrating 88 years of Franciscan Academic Excellence on Long Island
Grades 9-12

Visit the Saint Anthony's website to apply! ("Admissions" tab)
275 Wolf Hill Road • South Huntington, New York 11747

Phone: 631-271-2020 ext. 226 • Website: www.stanthonyshs.org
E-mail: admissions@stanthonyshs.org

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/>. “He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.” Take time for your marriage by participating in the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience.



Religion and Rock

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

Sharing the Gospel

How can you show you love God? Instead of keeping all of your clothes and food, share some with people who don't have any. Be happy and thankful for all God has given you. When you love God more than money, you'll be happy to share.



Mission for the Week

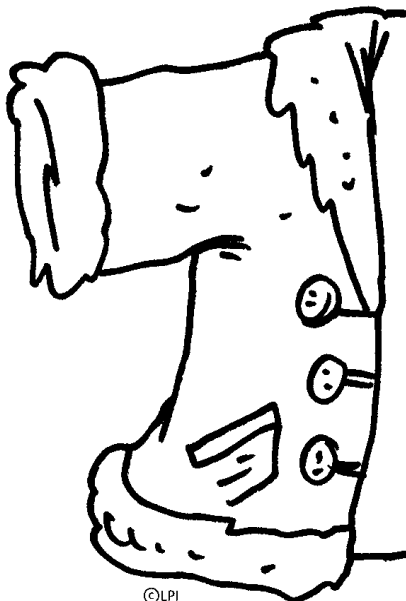


The next time you go grocery shopping with your parents, ask if you can pick out some foods to share with the poor. As a family, talk about how thankful you are for the many ways God takes care of you.



Puzzle

Complete the picture.



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Prayer

Dear God,
help me to
share happily
with others.
Amen



Something to Draw

Draw a picture of yourself sharing a snack with a classmate who has none.

