

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.

Fourth Sunday of Advent • Sunday, December 19, 2021



DIocese OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Christmas 2021

To the People of God of the Diocese of Rockville Centre:

On December 1, 2019, Our Holy Father Pope Francis issued *Admirabile Signum*, an Apostolic Letter *On the Meaning and Importance of the Nativity Scene*. It is a beautiful reflection that I draw on every Christmas season and one which I urge you to read and pray.¹

In it, the Holy Father reminds us that the simple act of arranging our Nativity set links us to the past, opens questions for the present, and orients the future. It is an act that has an existential impact.

Pope Francis says: “Setting up the Christmas creche in our homes helps us to relive the history of what took place in Bethlehem. Naturally, the Gospels remain our source for understanding and reflecting on the event. At the same time, its portrayal in the creche helps us to imagine the scene. It touches our hearts and makes us enter into salvation history as contemporaries of an event that is living and real in a broad gamut of historical and cultural contexts.”

The beautiful scene of parents and grandparents setting up creches together with children and grandchildren is a powerful multi-dimensional experience of catechesis – the teaching and passing on of our Catholic faith and our belief in the Incarnation of Jesus Christ to the next generation.

Parents and grandparents have that wisdom of teaching children and grandchildren how to assemble and situate the creche, but at the same time, they also have the catechetical and relational sensitivity to let children and grandchildren make choices about where the shepherds, the sheep, the three kings are to be placed.

Children are encouraged to place the Holy Family – Mary, Joseph and the Prince of Peace – with their own hands into the center of the creche. How often children then enjoy, sometimes on their own and sometimes with brothers and sisters and family members, moving and interacting with the figurines. How often their biblical imaginations and souls are set on fire with God’s love as they play with their family Nativity sets.

The Holy Father continues: “I would like now to reflect on the various elements of the nativity scene in order to appreciate their deeper meaning. First, there is the background of a starry sky wrapped in the darkness and silence of night. We represent this not only out of fidelity to the Gospel accounts, but also for its symbolic value. We can think of all those times in our lives when we have experienced the darkness of night. Yet even then, God does not abandon us, but is there to answer our crucial questions about the meaning of life.

¹ https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_letters/documents/papa-francesco-lettera-ap_20191201_admirabile-signum.html

Who am I? Where do I come from? Why was I born at this time in history? Why do I love? Why do I suffer? Why will I die? It was to answer these questions that God became man. His closeness brings light where there is darkness and shows the way to those dwelling in the shadow of suffering (cf. Luke 1:79).”

We can drift through life dodging and repressing these critical existential questions of life. We can live blindly and superficially.

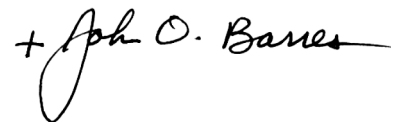
Our Catholic belief in the unity of the Nativity and the Crucifixion, the Creche and the Cross, Bethlehem and Golgotha keeps our lives centered and focused on the things that really count in our short time on earth – the Last Things (Death, Judgment, Heaven and Hell) and a belief in the Eternal Joy of Heaven, our true home. The Holy Father continues to press the existential questions: “The presence of the poor and the lowly in the nativity scene remind us that God became man for the sake of those who feel most in need of his love and who ask him to draw near to them. Jesus, ‘gentle and humble in heart’ (Matthew 11:29), was born in poverty and led a simple life in order to teach us to recognize what is essential and to act accordingly. The nativity scene clearly teaches that we cannot let ourselves be fooled by wealth and fleeting promises of happiness. We see Herod’s palace in the background, closed and deaf to the tidings of joy. By being born in a manger, God himself launches the only true revolution that can give hope and dignity to the disinherited and the outcast: the revolution of love, the revolution of tenderness. From the manger, Jesus proclaims, in a meek yet powerful way, the need for sharing with the poor as the path to a more human and fraternal world in which no one is excluded or marginalized.”

May our prayer, silent contemplation and creative family catechesis of the Nativity scene help us to be instruments of a Gospel revolution of humility, charity, mercy, tenderness, and solidarity with the sick, the poor and the suffering.

May our commitment to “holiness and mission” bless our contemplative Synodal listening and our Eucharistic Revival and Evangelization.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and your families!

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "+ John O. Barres". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial 'J'.

Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

The Governor of New York State has included houses of worship in her recent directives. Therefore, since the Church does not require parishioners to present proof of vaccination in order to worship God, we ask that all parishioners (two years of age and older) comply with the requirements to wear masks when participating in any activities on parish grounds. This State requirement is currently in effect through January 15, 2022.

We will continue to adapt accordingly as new information becomes available.

Your patience and Christian charity towards one another during this difficult time is appreciated.



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 December 19

Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/ Heb 10:5-10/ Lk 1:39-45
Monday: Is 7:10-14/ Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/ Lk 1:39-45
Wednesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/ Lk 1:46-56
Thursday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/ Lk 1:57-66
Friday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a,16/ Lk 1:67-79
Vigil: Is 62:1-5/ Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/ Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25
Night: Is 9: 1-6/ Ti 2:11-14/ Lk 2:1-14
Saturday: **Dawn:** Is 62:11-12/ Ti 3:4-7/ Lk 2:15-20/ **Day:** Is 52:7-10/ Heb 1:1-6/ Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
Next Sunday: 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/ 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/ Lk 2:41-52

Parish Staff

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Parish Office

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Parish Office

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Parish Office

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Religious Education Office

Financial Summary

December 12, 2021

Weekly Collection	\$ 16,636.00
Weekly Budget	- \$ 17,800.00
+/- for the week	\$ (1,164.00)

Immaculate Conception \$ 3,067.00

Religious Retirement \$ 4,767.00

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 but Christmas is upon us. In the midst of the last-minute hustle and bustle, let us not forget the true meaning of Christmas: God loving us so much that God became one of us. Also, that means we are coming to the end of the Advent Season. As we come to the end of the Advent season, I wanted to take an opportunity to thank a number of people.

First, I want to thank all the parishioners who were so generous to Fr. Eric Kasonco. The Parish raised \$10,760 for his Diocese of Kitwit. That is an outstanding job by our parish. As you know the money will go to pay for the education of students and to purchase motorcycles for the priests to travel from parish to parish. Fantastic job!

I would also like to thank everyone for their generosity and kindness to the needy of our Parish. The Parish gave a wonderful response to the gift cards from the Giving Tree. I appreciate your thoughtful consideration to the needy of our community. You gave many families an opportunity to have a “very merry Christmas”!

I would like to thank **Cathy Danowski, Trish Frodell and Rob Natale** for doing a great job with the pictures with **St. Nicholas**. I think the children had a great time.

I also want to thank all those involved with the “Family Hunt to find the Christ Child” which took place last Sunday. **Cathy Danowski** did a magnificent job of transforming the APR and it became a family affair (adult children & grandchildren). I especially want to highlight **her husband, Rick**, who constructed all the sets! Cathy is the creative force behind so much of the events we have for our children. **Trish Frodell** also lent a huge hand and two of our catechists, **Kate Avella and Joyce Ronayne**, also kept everyone flowing on their hunt for Jesus. In addition, I want to thank **Ian Binning**, one of our 6th grade level students who just about single-handedly re-set up the All-Purpose Room. **Clara Nam**, who recently received the Sacrament of Confirmation, also was a great help; **Clara** really lives out her Confirmation. She is always serving: altar server, Leader of Song and any other time we need help, Clara is there.

Don't forget the **Sacrament of Reconciliation this Monday, December 20 from 3:00pm – 8:00pm**. We will have 2 priests hearing Confessions throughout that time period. Due to social distancing, confessions will be heard in the Parish Center and Parish Outreach Office. Let's prepare to welcome Christ with a grace-filled heart because Christ has removed our sinfulness from our souls. Just as we do a lot of cleaning for the holidays, let's “clean” our hearts and souls by receiving this great sacrament of peace.

As we know, Christmas is associated with gift-giving. Why not give someone the gift of faith! This Christmas would be a great time to personally invite someone you know who is in the situation of not going to Church to come back to Church. It does not have to be complicated or pushy! Just a simple “Why don't you come to church with my family this Christmas” can be a very powerful invitation. Give it a shot!

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

In Christ,

Fr. Brian

Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Ann Sippel*. 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, Morgan Brennan, Thomas J. Calogero III, John Drake, 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, Aidan Miller, Robert J. Olenik, Edward Pauciullo, William Pellegrino, Stephen Piccolo, John Posanti, Louise Posanti, Clifford Proctor, Anthony SanFilippo, Joseph J. Schiavoni, Natalie Stone, Louise Sturgeon

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

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 20

8:30am Dolores Lazarich

Tuesday, December 21

St. Peter Canisius

8:30am Joseph Rocarro

Wednesday, December 22

8:30am Deceased Members of the Herr & McArdle Families

Thursday, December 23

St. John of Kanty

8:30am Anthony Treacy

Friday, December 24

Christmas Eve

8:30am Lillian LaRocca

4:00pm Christmas Novena Church Msgr. Brian

4:00pm Christmas Novena Cafeteria Fr. Charles

6:00pm Christmas Novena Church Fr. Charles

11:00pm Christmas Novena Church Msgr. Brian

Saturday, December 25

The Nativity of the Lord

8:00am Christmas Novena Church Fr. Sylvester

9:30am Christmas Novena Church Msgr. Brian

11:00am Christmas Novena Church Msgr. Brian

12:30pm Christmas Novena Church Fr. Charles

Sunday, December 26

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

8:00am Patrick Manley

Msgr. Brian McNamara

9:30am Robert Jelardi

Msgr. Brian McNamara

11:00am John Keane

Fr. Charles Mangano

12:30pm Mary Sauerland

Fr. Charles Mangano

6:00pm People of the Parish, Anna Petrone, Bob Williford, Carmela Luongo, Catherine La Femina & Julia Garguilo

Fr. Charles Mangano



Rest In Peace

*Grace Ann Kane
Michael F. Maher*

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

Share the gift of hope for couples experiencing infertility & miscarriage



Achieve pregnancy without the use of IVF/IUI.

During Advent we prepare and await the coming of Jesus as a baby in the manger. We have the gift of hope that Jesus is coming. We want to also share the gift of Hope for couples experiencing infertility and miscarriage by telling them about the Gianna Center services including restorative reproductive medicine. Achieve pregnancy naturally without the use of IVF or IUI.

Call today to learn more about restorative reproductive medicine.

Gianna Center Babylon: 631-376-3232

Gianna Center Rockville Centre: 516-705-1148 - Gianna Center Manhattan: 212-481-1219

Evangelization Ministry

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

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.



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.

Per N.Y. State mandate, everyone is required to wear a mask.

Our next general meeting is Monday, January 10, 2022

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.



Ketchup
Mustard
Cooking Oil
Cookies/Snacks
Laundry Detergent

Second Collection - December 24-25

The Second Collection on December 24-25 will be for Parish Ministry. As always, we thank you for your continued generosity in support of our Parish.



***The Parish Office will close at 3:00pm on Christmas Eve - Friday, December 24.
(No evening hours)***

***We will be closed on Saturday, December 25 in observance of Christmas,
and will re-open at 9:00am on Sunday, December 26.***

Thank You

We would like to extend a heartfelt **Thank You** to the wonderful “Mailing Team” that answers the call and/or e-mail to help with our Christmas mailing. We would like to thank *Eileen Clifford, Connie Cristaudo, Marie Davidson, Joanne & Ed Guiffre, Sara Iannaccone, Cousin Elizabeth, Peggy Kapalko, Steve MacQuade, Kay Manley, Rosalie Mangels, Josephine Pastore, Bob Petersen, Eileen Rega, Denise Yost, Pat & Bill Young, and Marie Zito.*

We would also like to give a big shout out to *Rita Spera*, Religious Education Office, who prints ALL the letters-front and back, raffle tickets, etc. It is a monumental task, and we thank you for your time and talent. We could not get these mailings done without you!

-Fr. Brian and Debbie Meyer, Business Manager

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

We will be having extended hours of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on this Tuesday, December 21st, from 12:30pm to 8:00pm. Come, spend some intimate time with Jesus during our new Extended Adoration. Invite a family member or friend along too! 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. In case of inclement weather, please call the parish office at 631-661-3224 ext.0, or log onto the parish website (ollchurch.org) to check if adoration has been canceled.

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

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.





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 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 Flower Offerings

Christmas Flower offerings received by **December 12th** will be published in the December 25th bulletin. Offerings received after that date will be published in subsequent bulletins.

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 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!

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ADVENT OFFERINGS



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.

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





Butterfly Memory Café - January 7th 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, January 7th 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.



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.

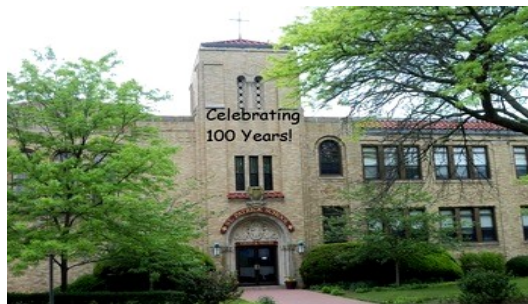
If you are interested in learning more about Boy Scouts and our Troop, please check out our website: <https://witroop179.wixsite.com/bsatrop179> or contact us at: troop179cc@yahoo.com.

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.



A New Dawn for Catholic Education on Long Island

In January 2020, the *Marianists*, *Tomorrow's Hope Foundation*, and the *Department of Education* launched the Morning Star Initiative (MSI) to revitalize Catholic education on Long Island through a robustly Catholic culture, academic excellence, safe and supportive communities, and fiscally sustainable schools.

DONOR IMPACT TO DATE

To date, fellow Catholics and foundations have pledged more than \$3 million to Tomorrow's Hope Foundation for vital MSI programs and local Catholic school needs, including:

- Tuition assistance for underserved students
- New learning devices for thousands of students and teachers
- Internet connectivity for 300 school families
- The launch of iReady, an innovative web-based student benchmarking tool, among all the Catholic elementary schools
- Vital startup investments in two MSI pilot schools

WHY GIVE?

By supporting MSI, donors can invest in a sustainable and robust educational model for our children and for future generations. Please help make that a reality by making a gift today.

"I am very confident in Brother Tom and the Marianist Brothers who are leading this [MSI] effort, and I am hopeful that other individuals and organizations will support this cause to help ensure our Catholic schools have a bright future."

— MICHAEL PASCUCCI, MSI DONOR

GET INVOLVED

Contact kbill@thfny.com or call (516) 745-7640



Morning Star Initiative



To make a tax deductible donation, please scan the QR code below or complete this form and mail your check to *Tomorrow's Hope Foundation* with "MSI" written in the memo line.

Tomorrow's Hope Foundation
50 Charles Lindbergh Blvd, Suite 500
Uniondale, NY 11553



First, Last Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ ST: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Parish: _____

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.

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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.



Retrouvaille Weekend - You Can Help Heal Your Marriage

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other?

Do you argue or have you just stopped talking to each other?

Does talking about it only make it worse?



The Retrouvaille Program is for married couples facing difficult challenges in their relationships. Primarily a practical program to improve communication, build stronger marriages and help couples reconnect.

Presenters are not trained marriage counselors, but rather couples sharing their personal stories of marital struggles and the tools they used to rediscover their love.

For confidential information about the Retrouvaille program, or to register for the upcoming weekend which begins on **Friday, January 21, 2022**, please visit our website at: www.helpourmarriage.org or call: **1-800-470-2230** and you will be connected directly and confidentially to a couple from Long Island/Metro Retrouvaille who can help.

Weekend Location: Immaculate Conception Seminary
440 West Neck Road, Huntington, NY 11743

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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/>.

“Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? Ask Mary to intercede for your marriage. Attend the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience.

There will also be an “In-Person” Marriage Encounter on January 28-30 at Immaculate Conception Seminary in Huntington. For more information, [visit: www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org), click on apply and search by zip code or address.



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 “**New Beginnings**”. To listen online or for more information, visit: www.ReligionandRock.com.

Sharing the Gospel

Mary couldn't wait to visit her much older cousin, Elizabeth, up in the hills of Judea. Both of them were expecting babies. Each of them knew that the birth of her child was a special event that could only happen because they trusted God. Your own mother trusted that God would give you life in this world. Both Mary and Elizabeth watched their children grow up to do good things. You can grow up to do good things too, if you trust in God.



Mission for the Week

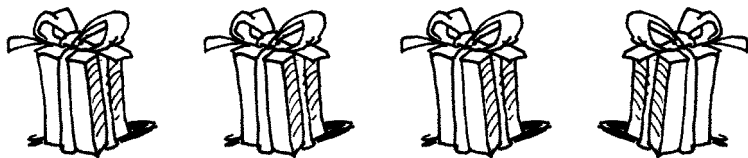
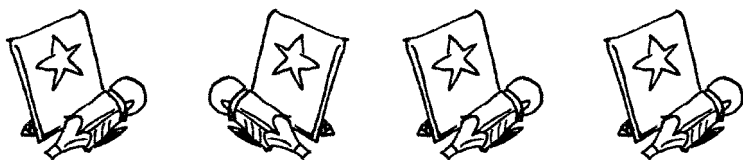
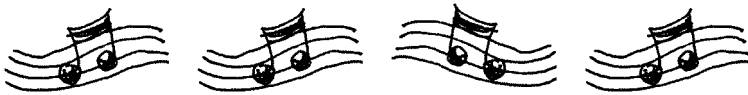


You belong to a larger family than just the people in your home. See how many of your relatives you can name before you visit them at Christmas. When you do see them, wish them "Merry Christmas!"



Puzzle

Circle the pictures that are **facing** the **same** way. Then color in all the pictures.



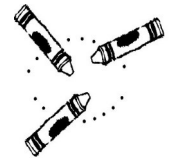
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Prayer



Dear Jesus,
 Help me to trust You and to remember that You are the reason we celebrate Christmas. Amen.

Something to Draw



Ask your mother who she visited while she was waiting for you to be born. Draw a picture of her visiting with a relative or friend.