Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

455 Hunter Avenue, West Islip, NY 11795

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Parish Office

Phone: 631.661.3224 (select option #2)

Monday-Thursday: 9:00am-7:30pm Friday: 9:00am-5:00pm

Saturday: 9:00am-3:00pm Sunday: 9:00am-2:00pm

E-mail: ParishOffice@ollchurch.org

Fax: 631.661.7143

Website: www.ollchurch.org

Religious Education Office

Phone: 631.661.5440 (select option #3)

Monday-Friday: 9:00am-Noon, 1:00pm-5:00pm, 7:00pm-9:00pm E-mail: ReligiousEd@ollchurch.org

Parish Outreach Office

Phone: 631.661.9262 (select option #4)

Monday-Friday: 9:30am-3:30pm

SAGE (Senior Advocates for Growth and Enrichment)

Phone: 631.661.3224, Ext. 122 E-mail: Sage@ollchurch.org

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.

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time • Sunday, February 20, 2022



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

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Parish Office

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Parish Office

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Religious Education Office

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 February 20, 2022

Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/1 Cor 15:45-49/ Lk 6:27-38

Monday: Jas 3:13-18/ Mk 9:14-29 1 Pt 5:1-4/ Mt 16:13-19 Wednesday: Jas 4:13-17/ Mk 9:38-40 Jas 5:1-6/ Mk 9:41-50 Jas 5:9-12/ Mk 10:1-12 Saturday: Jas 5:13-20/ Mk 10:13-16

Next Sunday Sir 27:4-7/ 1 Cor 15:54-58/ Lk 6:39-45

Financial Summary

February 13, 2022

Weekly Collection \$ 12,526.00 Weekly Budget - \$ 17,800.00 +/- for the week \$ (5,274.00)

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

Forgiveness, sometimes a most challenging task

At the time of drafting this article, Russia has not yet invaded Ukraine. I, along with other people around the world, hope that this never happens. However, if it has already started or will happen, the people of Ukraine are sure to suffer devastating consequences, not only to the loss of property but to the suffering and loss of life that will be inflicted on the people of this beautiful country. One may ask that if this happens, how are the citizens of Ukraine who will invariably suffer and lose the life of loved ones supposed to react? If we were to listen to the words of our gospel today, Jesus tells His disciples and us to:

"Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. To the person who strikes you on one cheek, offer the other as well, and from the person who takes your cloak, do not withhold even your tunic."

Is this what the people of Ukraine are supposed to do? Love the Russians as they are annihilating people and taking over their country? How about the families that have lost children in the horror of mass shootings at schools around our country and around the world? Among the most newsworthy are the 2018 Parkland, Florida, 2012 Newtown, Connecticut and 1999 Littleton, Colorado shootings. Or how are the people in our own parish and community that have suffered through marriage breakups, failed business dealings and other hurtful relationships supposed to react when they were harmed? Although, due to our human nature, our first reaction (and strong one) may be toward revenge, in our readings today, Jesus proposes a different way of dealing with those that have inflicted harm on us.

First, nowhere does Jesus tell us to forget the harm that has been inflicted on us. This can include bodily, emotional, and financial harm among other things. Jesus also does not excuse the actions of those who have harmed us. Instead, we hear two things. First is the message and reminder of who our God is: Our God is a God of mercy, a God of love, a God of forgiveness and a God of light. In Baptism, we are called to mirror God's image. Another way to think about this is that we are aligned with God, grafted onto the life of Jesus, and therefore are invited to share in His divinity as He shares in our humanity. By doing this, we can transform our anger and pain instead of transmitting it. We can share in the light and life of Jesus instead of remaining in the oppressive darkness. Is it easy? No. This is the reason we are challenged to love and to forgive those who have done us wrong. None of us are perfect or claim to be the Messiah. Instead, by forgiving others (and ourselves!), we reflect the treatment that we receive from God. In other words, forgiving others is our response to God's treatment toward us. Jesus has given us the new commandment, the new way of living, "love one another as I have loved you." Jesus also said to trust Him. Although this is not always easy and understood, God does not judge and condemn us if we do not judge and condemn. "Forgive and you will be forgiven."

One of the most noteworthy acts of forgiving occurred back in 2007 in Elizabethtown, PA. This was the sight where five school age girls were shot to death. Within hours, the Amish community did the most unheard of and extraordinary act. The Amish community forgave the killer and his family. The news, as reported by the Christine Science Monitor, stunned the family and the world. Although forgiveness normally comes at the end of a long and emotional journey, to the Amish it was an act of faith grounded in the teachings of Jesus to love our enemies and to reject revenge. By forgiving in this way, the Amish started on the path to recovery, rejecting the evil and the darkness. As the father of a daughter lost in the shootings said, "forgiveness means giving up the right to revenge." Father Bob Warren, SA said it best. "This type of forgiveness is hard to understand because we make God in our image and likeness, we think He judges like us. When we do this, He becomes a very small God.

Deacon Tom

Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Gayle Mazzo*. If you would like to help care for our altar needs, please call the Parish Office at 631-661-3224.

Members in the Military

We ask that you pray especially for those in our parish that are on active duty.

Michael DiMatteo-US Marine Corps
Michael Fantauzzi-US Air Force
Christopher Florca-US Marine Corps
Dominick Gennaro-US Army
Patrick Harty-US Coast Guard
Ritchard Higham-US Army
Colby Matthew Kelly-US Army
Luke Loftsgaarden-US Army
Anthony Mannino-US Marine Corps
Msgr. Brian McNamara-US Air Force
Anthony Memoli-US Marine Corps

Timothy Milligan-US Marine Corps Melissa Mockler-US Navy Patric Mockler-US Navy Andrew Perniciaro-US Army Brandon Ranzie-US Army Stephen Rolston-US Army Jack Shires-US Navy James Stultz -US Army Jack Taffner-US Marine Corps Michael Wilkinson-US Army Peter Zaccaria-US Navy

... and remember those of our parish family that are in the armed services, listed in our Parish Book of Intentions.



Pastoral Care of Our Sick

Please call the Parish Office at 631-661-3224 to leave the names of parishioners who:

- Are homebound and would like to receive the Eucharist.
- Are in Good Samaritan Hospital and/or a local nursing home and would like to be visited by a member of our Pastoral Care Ministry.
- Would like to receive the Sacrament of the Sick.

Pray for Our Sick

Please remember to keep in your thoughts and prayers ...

Connie Ambrosino, Joyce Berlangero, Morgan Brennan, Thomas J. Calogero III, Maria Clark, Dcn. John DeGuardi, Robin Delisola, Amanda DiTingo, Paula Edwards, Anna Ferrante, Mike Ferrante, Sarah Franckowski, Nicolette Gebhardt, Ted Gladkowski, Patrick Anthony Heffron, Henry Kahn, Shena Kahn, Amy Lillis, George Mangels, Cynthia Nieves, Robert J. Olenik, Edward Pauciullo, William Pellegrino, John Posanti, Louise Posanti, Clifford Proctor, Catherine Randazzo, Stephanie Russo, Anthony San Filippo, Joseph J. Schiavoni, Vita Scorcia, Louise Sturgeon, Barbara Turnbull

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



Mary Polera Katherine Tulipan

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



Antonio Michael Morena

Masses may be viewed via livestream on our Facebook page.

Please join us directly on Facebook or by visiting our
website at: ollchurch.org, where you will be redirected.

You do not need a Facebook account.

Mass Intentions

Monday, February 21 St. Peter Damian 8:30am Tom Collins

Tuesday, February 22
The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle
8:30am Franki Pomatico (Living)

Wednesday, February 23
St. Polycarp
8:30am Genevieve Garoklanian

Thursday, February 24 8:30am Ann Batt

Friday, February 25 8:30am Thomas J. Calogero

Saturday, February 26 8:30am Paula Pagano, Rod Bowman, Victor Pons, Miriam Lichtenstein (Living)

5:00pm Cornelius J. Guider

Msgr. Brian McNamara

Sunday, February 27

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:00am Edward Cameron III

Msgr. Brian McNamara

9:30am Scott Keegan Fr. Charles Mangano

11:00am Pietro Bruno
Msgr. Brian McNamara

12:30pm Robert Beck Fr. Charles Mangano

6:00pm People of the Parish, Robert Boyd, Arthur Russo, Rosa & Vito Mastrorocco, Frank Raia

Fr. Charles Mangano

Life Center Winter Clothing Drive

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



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

Pregnant? Need Help?

Birthright, Inc. 24 Hour Helpline 1-800-550-4900

Islip: 631-277-3888 - Hampton Bays: 631-728-8900 - Rocky Point: 631-821-9727 Southold: 631-876-5138 - Wantagh 516-785-4070

SAGE

Our next SAGE meeting will be Tuesday, February 22th at 9:30am in the Parish Center.

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.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

We will be having extended hours of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on this **Tuesday**, **February 22**nd **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, March 1: adoration ending at 6:30pm Tuesday, March 29: adoration ending at 7:00pm Tuesday, March 22: adoration ending at 7:00pm adoration ending at 7:00pm

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.



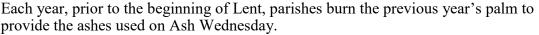
White Rice Bagged Black and Kidney Beans Canned Fruit Oil Toilet Paper



The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, February 21 in observance of Presidents' Day.

The Parish Office will re-open at 9:00am on Tuesday, February 22.

Last Year's Palm Becomes This Year's Ashes





We invite you to return the blessed Palm branches you received at Mass last Palm Sunday so that we can include them in the ashes we will use this year on Ash Wednesday, March 2nd. Please deposit your palm in the baskets near the doors as you enter the church.

Deadline for returning palm is Sunday, February 20th.



Ushers Needed!

Ushers are needed for Ash Wednesday (March 2) for all services and Masses. Sign up sheets will be in the sign-in room prior to Ash Wednesdays. Volunteers are welcome and encouraged to participate!



Girl Scout Sunday - March 6, 2022

March 6th is Girl Scout Sunday. All girls are encouraged to wear their uniforms to the 9:30am Mass. There will be light refreshments after Mass in the Parish Center. Any girl who has completed the "My Promise, My Faith" requirements will receive their pins at that time. (Please make sure to communicate with your Troop Leader to arrange for the pins.)

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.



Lectio Unveiling Scripture and Tradition: Eucharist

"The Lamb of God," "The Bread of Life," "The Body and Blood of Christ"... These are phrases we know from the Mass. Do you know where they come from? Do we understand what they mean in the greater and deeper context of Scripture and Church teaching?



Join Adult Faith Formation to watch a new Bible study called "Lectio: Eucharist, Discovering the Mass in the Bible." Experience Dr. Brant Pitre leading us to a greater and deeper understanding of the Scripture and discover God's wondrous plan for our salvation.

This is a wonderful way to journey through Lent in preparation for the Triduum. We'll celebrate the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday evening with renewed faith and thanksgiving. Hope to see you there!

Day /Time Mondays 9:00am-11:00am

Place Parish Center

Dates February 21, 28, March 7, 14, 21, 28

April 4, 11, and 14 (Holy Thursday morning)

Contact Carol Paprocky: 631-666-4312 or Vita Scorcia: 631-669-4717



Butterfly Memory Café - March 4th 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, March 4th from 1:30pm-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 e-mail: michele@agentletouchseniorcare.com.



Dementia Caregiver Support Group Thursday, March 17, 2022

Caregiving for someone with Alzheimer's or a related dementia can cause frustration, fear, anger, sadness and other emotions. Our support group can provide emotional, social, and educational help to caregivers whose lives are affected by dementia.

Join us on the 3rd Thursday of each month from 5:30pm-7:00pm in the Parish Center There is no charge to participate, but please contact Michele at 631-647-7622, ext. 2006 or via email at: michele@agentletouchseniorcare.com to reserve your place.



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.

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 and fourth Monday of each month in the Parish Center. The fourth Monday is an Officers' meeting, but members are welcome to attend. 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. *Everyone is encouraged to wear a mask.*

Our next meeting will be Monday, February 28, 2022 at 8:00pm in the Parish Center.



Girl Scout Cookie Season

It's Girl Scout Cookie Season again! Look for the girls selling cookies outside in front of the Rectory/ Parish Office on most Sundays between 9:00am-1:00pm and please support their Troops!

CFN Annual Telethon

The Catholic Faith Network (CFN) will continue our immense **Telethon** tradition this year! This exciting event will commence on **Saturday, February 26th from 2:00pm – 10:00pm** and continue through **Sunday, February 27th from 12:00pm – 10:00pm.** Guaranteed to be the most engaging telethon to date, the entertainment will continue with many surprise guests along with our on-air family that you have come to know. Please join the excitement, and consider pledging! There is no help too small or none too large, every bit does count tremendously. The process is easy, you can pledge securely online by visiting www.CFNtv.org or by scanning the QR Code below, using a smartphone or any smart device. We know we can continue to count on you, as we always have! CFN is available throughout the Tri-State Area on Optimum, channel 29/137; Verizon FiOS TV channel 296; Spectrum, channel 162/471. Additionally, you can tune in nationwide on the following streaming services – Amazon Fire TV, Samsung Smart TV, Roku, Android TV, and Apple TV.





Upcoming Bereavement Support Program St. Mary, East Islip Eight Week Group beginning Tuesday, March 15, at 7:00pm

Support Groups are open to anyone who has suffered a loss **at least three months prior** to the start of the group. Loss must have occurred prior to Dec 15, 2021. There is no cost, but a commitment to attend each meeting throughout the program is required. Groups are offered in a closed and confidential setting with highly trained facilitators and limited to 13 people. All CDC Covid guidelines will be followed. **Pre-registration is required** Call 631-581-4266 ext. 125 to register.





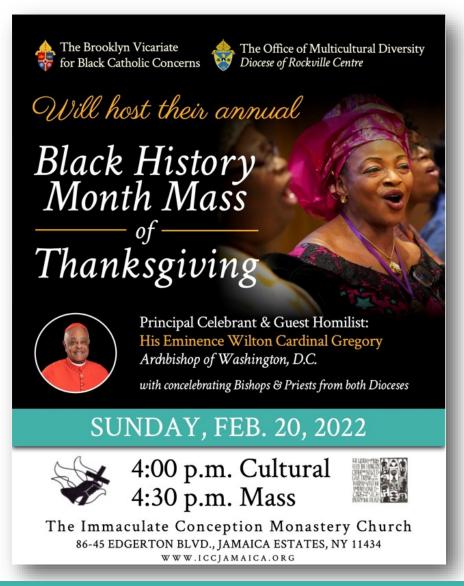
Anxiety Disorder Sufferers

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.

everyone is encouraged to wear a mask, regardless of vaccination status.

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.



Note: Mass of Thanksgiving may be viewed on: Optimum Channel 30, Fios Channel 48, CFN Channel 29, or livestreamed at: www.iccjamaica.org

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 May 13-15, 2022, please visit our website at: www.helpourmarriage.org

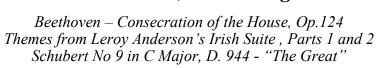
or call: 1-800-470-2230 and you will be connected directly and confidentially to a couple from Long Island/Metro Retrouvaille who can help.

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



West Islip Symphony Orchestra

"Destined for Greatness" Paul Little, Conducting





Friday, March 4, 2022 at 8:00pm - Beach Street Middle School, West Islip

Adults: \$10.00; Seniors: \$8.00; Students: free

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: Families Anonymous.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" and "In-Person" Worldwide Marriage Encounters

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. There will be an "in person" Marriage Encounter on June 24-June 26 at Immaculate Conception Seminary in Huntington. For more information or to apply, call Chuck & Maria Reiss at 631-486-8607 or visit them at: https://wwmenyli.org/. For those wishing to participate in a virtual experience, there is one beginning on March 9, 2022. It will be on seven Wednesday evenings (concluding on April 20) from 7:00pm to about 9:00pm. To apply, contact Jimmy & Bernice Acevedo at 877-697-9963 or visit: https://bq-wwme.org."Give, and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap." Give the gift of your love by attending an upcoming 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 "Sacrifice". To listen online or for more information, visit: www.ReligionandRock.com.

Sharing the Gospel

Treat others the way you want to be treated. God doesn't want us to treat other people the same way they treat you. Choose to be kind, even when other people are mean. Choose to forgive, even when someone has hurt you.



Mission for the Week



When someone hurts your feelings this week, instead of getting even, pray for that person.



Say the name of each picture name. Circle the picture that **begins** with this letter.









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Prayer

Dear God, Help me to love other people the way You love me.

Amen.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of yourself helping someone who has hurt your feelings in the past.

