Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

455 Hunter Avenue, West Islip, NY 11795

Msgr. Brian McNamara, Pastor Rev. Charles Mangano, Associate Pastor

Deacon Nilo DeLeon, Deacon Tom Lucie, Deacon Rich Maher, Deacon Jack Meehan, Deacon John Teufel

Sr. Nancy Campkin CSJ, Director of Religious Ed Trish Frodell, Director of Parish Social Ministry
Sr. Diane Liona CSJ, Director of Religious Ed
Debbie Meyer, Business Manager
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Vita Scorcia, Ministry Spiritual Director

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.

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time • Sunday, February 27, 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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Rita Spera 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 27,2022

Sunday:Sir 27:4-7/ 1 Cor 15:54-58/ Lk 6:39-45Monday:1 Pt 1:3-9/ Mk 10:17-27Tuesday:1 Pt 1:10-16/ Mk 10:28-31Wednesday:JI 2:12-18/ 2 Cor 5:20—6:2/ Mt 6:1-6, 16-18Thursday:Dt 30:15-20/ Lk 9:22-25Friday:Is 58:1-9a/ Mt 9:14-15Saturday:Is 58:9b-14/ Lk 5:27-32Next SundayDt 26:4-10/ Rom 10:8-13/ Lk 4:1-13

Financial Summary

February 20, 2022

Weekly Collection Weekly Budget +/- for the week \$ 16,453.00 <u>- \$ 17,800.00</u> \$ (1,347.00)

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

Dear Parishioners:

A few things:

The "vote" on the Stations of the Cross was overwhelming:

Keep the current Stations of the Cross: 40 Replace with the Convent Stations of the Cross: 290

As far as I could tell, there were no "hanging chads", etc.! Hopefully, we will be able to put them on the walls before Ash Wednesday.

I know that a few of the lights are out in the church. I recently had a representative from LIPA come to look at our lighting to put in energy efficient lighting. That means we will need to retrofit the current lights. I am waiting for a proposal. Stay tuned...

I also know there is a pothole on the main driveway into the Church property. However, we need a few days of dry, warm (over 40 degrees) weather in a row to do a repair– and we have not had that yet! If I can get some dry, warmer days in a row, we will fix the pothole. I am looking in to re-paving the entire back parking lot as well, but over the summer.

The Pope has called upon the entire Church to engage in a process of discussion on the parish level in anticipation of a Synod in 2023. Pope Francis has challenged the Church to journey together. To prepare for the Synod of 2023, each Diocese throughout the world will begin a pre-Synod phase. The Synod of 2023 is actually going to focus on the topic of synodality itself: in essence, a Synod focusing on the role of Synods in the Church. I have a meeting to attend this week concerning this Synod process on a Parish level and I will then bring to you how we will accomplish this task on a parish level. The two questions that will guide this process are:

How do we as a parish journey together to allow the church to proclaim the Gospel? What steps is the Spirit inviting us to take in order to grow as a Church?

Obviously, Lent is upon us! Ash Wednesday is this Wednesday. You should have received a letter in the mail highlighting the various *Lenten Opportunities* that will be available this Lent. Take advantage of these opportunities. Give God a chance to touch your life.

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

In Christ,

Fr. Brian

Altar Society

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

Members in the Military

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

Michael DiMatteo-US Marine Corps	Timo
Michael Fantauzzi-US Air Force	Melis
Christopher Florca-US Marine Corps	Patri
Dominick Gennaro-US Army	Andr
Patrick Harty-US Coast Guard	Bran
Ritchard Higham-US Army	Steph
Colby Matthew Kelly-US Army	Jack
Luke Loftsgaarden-US Army	James
Anthony Mannino-US Marine Corps	Jack
Msgr. Brian McNamara-US Air Force	Mich
Anthony Memoli-US Marine Corps	Peter

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, Sarah Franckowski, Nicolette Gebhardt, Ted Gladkowski, Patrick Anthony Heffron, Henry Kahn, Shena Kahn, George Mangels, Joseph Marrone, Jaime Munkwitz, Cynthia Nieves, Edward Pauciullo, William Pellegrino, John Posanti, Louise Posanti, Clifford Proctor, Catherine Randazzo, Stephanie Russo, Anthony San Filippo, Joseph J. Schiavoni, Vita Scorcia, Barbara Turnbull

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



Rest In Peace

Elaine Ann Abrahams Carmela D. Causeman Amy Lillis

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



Upcoming Marriages

Kayla O'Brien, OLL and Michael McCann, OLL



Joseph John Bacchi

Masses may be viewed via livestream on our Facebook page. Please join us directly on Facebook or by visiting our website at: <u>ollchurch.org</u>, where you will be redirected. You do not need a Facebook account.

Mass Intentions

Monday, February 28 8:30am Salvatore Grazino

Tuesday, March 1Shrove Tuesday8:30amThomas Dowling, Marie & John Kelly

Wednesday, March 2Ash Wednesday8:30amSr. Diane & Sr. Nancy (Living)12:10pmIris Scarpa7:30pmMarion Masella

Thursday, March 3St. Katherine Drexel8:30amAnthony Fenice12:10pmJamie Storoshenko

Friday, March 4St. Casimir8:30amFlorencia & Carlos Delfin12:10pmFr. Charles Mangano (Living)

Saturday, March 5 8:30am Bernadette Gaetan

5:00pm Mario Domenicone Msgr. Brian McNamara

Sunday, March 6 First Sunday of Lent 8:00am Salvatrese Gambardella Fr. Charles Mangano

- 9:30am Salvatore Pinello Fr. Charles Mangano
- 11:00am Ines & Mark Polito Msgr. Brian McNamara
- 12:30pm Charlotte Sweeney Msgr. Brian McNamara
- 6:00pm People of the Parish, Trinidad Gasata, Elizabeth McGann, Anthony Sarno Fr. Charles Mangano

ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE



8:30am	Mass	Distribution of ashes during Mass
12:10pm	Mass	Distribution of ashes during Mass
2:00pm	Prayer Service	Distribution of ashes during the Prayer Service
3:00pm	Prayer Service	Distribution of ashes during the Prayer Service
4:00pm	Prayer Service	Distribution of ashes during the Prayer Service
5:00pm	Prayer Service	Distribution of ashes during the Prayer Service
6:00pm	Prayer Service	Distribution of ashes during the Prayer Service
7:30pm	Mass	Distribution of ashes during Mass



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!

The Miraculous Holy Face Image and Presentation on the Holy Shroud The Remedy for Today's World - All are Welcome

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Monday, March 14, 2022 at 7:30pm

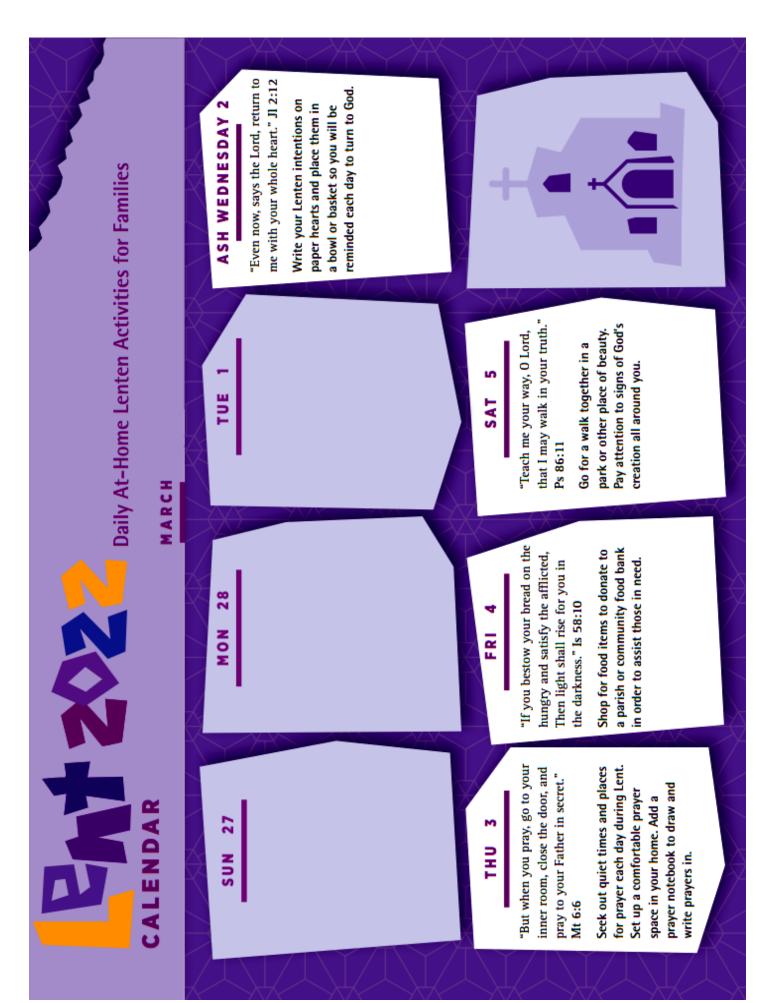
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In 1950 this image of the Holy Face of Jesus shed blood in a convent in Italy. The blood type is determined to be blood type AB. This is the same blood type as found on the Holy Shroud, the Sudarium of Jesus and many Eucharistic miracles. The image was brought to the United States in 1953.

The image will be at Our Lady of Lourdes Church for one night only. A presentation will be given by Mr. Donald Nohs, Member of the Confraternity of the Passion and President of the Society of the Holy Face of Jesus. After the presentation, you will be able to venerate this miraculous image. There will be a Power Point presentation on the Holy Shroud of Jesus and on the Holy Face of Jesus. Contemplate the Passion of Jesus as revealed in His Holy Shroud.

For more information, or if you would like a presentation for your group or church: call, text, or e-mail: Donald Nohs Phone: 631-275-8487 E-mail: dnohs44@gmail.com



LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES

Friday, March 4: 12:45pm & 7:30pm in the CHURCH

Tuesday, March 8: 7:00pm in the PARISH CENTER

Friday, March 11: 12:45pm & 7:30pm in the CHURCH

Monday, March 14: 7:30 in the Church & on LIVESTREAM

Tuesday, March 15: 7:00pm in the PARISH CENTER

Friday, March 18: 12:45pm & 7:30pm in the CHURCH

Tuesday, March 22: 7:00pm in the PARISH CENTER

Friday, March 25: 12:45pm & 7:30pm in the CHURCH

Tuesday, March 29: 7:00pm in the PARISH CENTER

Friday, April 1: 12:45pm & 7:30pm in the CHURCH

Tuesday, April 5: 7:00pm in the PARISH CENTER

Friday, April 8: 12:45pm & 7:30pm in the CHURCH

Monday, April 11: 2:00pm – 9:00pm

Tuesday, April 12: 7:00pm in the PARISH CENTER **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** *Meditate upon the Passion and Death of Jesus.*

<u>MOVIE: THE CHOSEN</u> Join us as we watch this wonderful portrayal of the 12 Apostles: Episode 1 & 2

<u>STATIONS OF THE CROSS</u> Meditate upon the Passion and Death of Jesus.

SHROUD OF TURIN & HOLY FACE OF JESUS Join us for a presentation on these two relics.

MOVIE: THE CHOSEN Join us as we watch this wonderful portrayal of the 12 Apostles: Episode 3 & 4

STATIONS OF THE CROSS Meditate upon the Passion and Death of Jesus.

<u>MOVIE: THE CHOSEN</u> Join us as we watch this wonderful portrayal of the 12 Apostles: Episode 5 & 6

<u>STATIONS OF THE CROSS</u> Meditate upon the Passion and Death of Jesus.

<u>MOVIE: THE CHOSEN</u> Join us as we watch this wonderful portrayal of the 12 Apostles: Episode 7 & 8

<u>STATIONS OF THE CROSS</u> Meditate upon the Passion and Death of Jesus.

<u>MOVIE: THE CHOSEN</u> Join us as we watch this wonderful portrayal of the 12 Apostles: Episode 9 & 10

STATIONS OF THE CROSS Meditate upon the Passion and Death of Jesus.

RECONCILIATION MONDAY Confessors will be available throughout this time. Come and be reconciled to God through Confession.

<u>MOVIE: THE CHOSEN</u> Join us as we watch this wonderful portrayal of the 12 Apostles: Episode 11 & 12



Now and at the Hour of Our Death Catholic Guidance for End-of-Life Decision Making

Illness and aging, coupled with rapid advances in medical technology, can lead to heightened anxiety when health care decisions must be made. Go to <u>www.CatholicEndofLife.org</u> for assistance in navigating the end-of-life challenges that you and/or your loved ones face. Learn about the key principles of Catholic teaching in this area, and how to apply them in the complex world of medical advance directives.

Casa Project Update

In the past, the "Casa House" in the Narthex has provided housing, bedding and ecostoves for our friends in El Salvador. We couldn't do this without your support and generosity. Next weekend (3/5 and 3/6) we are asking you to give your loose change to our Casa Project. Place your donations in the wooden house located in the north vestibule by the Father Joe Garden. Thank you for your support. We truly appreciate your generosity.



Young Men's Ministry

The Young Men's Ministry continues to grow and thrive with now more than 30 members! We welcome all young men from 6th grade to high school seniors to join us Friday, March 4th at 7:00pm in the Parish Center. We meet on the first and third Friday of each month. Come see what you've been missing!

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, March 1 from 12:30pm to 6:30pm**. 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 (<u>ollchurch.org</u>) to check if adoration has been canceled.

Tuesday, March 22:adoration ending at 7:00pmTuesday, April 12adoration ending at 7:00pmTuesday, March 29:adoration ending at 7:00pmTuesday, April 12adoration 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.



Crackers Oil Canned Fruit Shampoo Conditioners

Second Collection - March 5-6 - Church in Need

The second collection next weekend (March 5-6) will be for the Church in Need. Under the guidance of the Holy Father, Aid to the Church in Need provides pastoral and humanitarian assistance to the persecuted Church around the world. For more than 74 years, our donors have reached out to the suffering, the distressed and the poorest of the poor in over 145 countries. As always, thank you for your continued generosity.

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 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



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.)



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!

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 <u>*RCIA@ollchurch.org*</u> or call the Parish Office at 631-661-3224, and we would be happy to help you.





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.

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 <u>www.CFNtv.org</u> 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.





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.



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: <u>michele@agentletouchseniorcare.com</u>.



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: <u>michele@agentletouchseniorcare.com</u> to reserve your place.



Deepen Your Lenten Devotion

Join the Friends of the Seminary - Sunday, March 20, 2022 - "Reconciliation: An Encounter of Love" - Fr. Patrick J. Griffin, CM, will present a Lenten Day of Prayer at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, 440 West Neck Road, Huntington from 9:30am to 3:30pm. Talks by Fr. Griffin, Quiet Time, Confession, Lunch and Mass. Donation - \$50. Reservations required. Please contact Beverly at: 631.423.0483 ext. 102, e-mail Beverly at: bmalone@icseminary.edu, or visit our website: www.icseminary.edu



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: <u>https://witroop179.wixsite.com/bsatroop179</u> or contact us at: <u>troop179cc@yahoo.com</u>.

Sisters of St. Dominic of Amityville, NY

cordially invite you to

Irish Night

Saturday, March 5, 2022

OUR ANNUAL EVENT GOES VIRTUAL

We're Sending Luck and Love Your Way

Please join us virtually on SATURDAY, MARCH 5TH



This year's event will be an evening of entertainment and Irish festivities. Attire is whatever you're most comfortable in - as long as it's green!

Mass will be livestreamed at 6pm followed by the event program at 7pm.

\$40 PER EVENT TICKET INCLUDES:

- Virtual entrance to event program
 - 1 entry into door prize raffle
- 1 entry into the Irish Sweepstakes Raffle
- (3 chances to win a cash prize of \$2,500, \$1,000 or \$500)

You can register online at: www.sistersofstdominic.org/irishnight2022



West Islip Symphony Orchestra presents "Destined for Greatness" Paul Little, Conducting



Beethoven – Consecration of the House, Op.124 Themes from Leroy Anderson's Irish Suite, Parts 1 and 2 Schubert No 9 in C Major, D. 944 - "The Great"

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

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



The "Moving On" Group

An 'After- Bereavement' Group for Widows and Widowers Presents:

"Staying Safe"

Presented by: Jeanne Osias, of the Suffolk County Police Department Topics Include: Current Scams, Online Safety, Burglary Prevention, etc.

Friday, March 11, 2022 at 7:30pm St. Joseph Parish Center

39 North Carll Avenue, Babylon, NY 11702 For further information please call: Linda Sparaco at 631-225-9530

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.



Bereavement Support Group for Widows and Widowers 8 Week Program for Age 50 and Over

For losses that have occurred before December 31, 2022

St. Joseph Parish Center 39 North Carll Avenue, Babylon, NY

Begins Thursday, March 24, 2022 - 3:00pm-5:00pm

For more information and registration, please call: Terry Hoffman at: 631-669-0198 or Geri Olson at: 631-661-8994

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: <u>www.engagedencounterli.org</u>.

"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.

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: <u>Donna526@aol.com</u> or call Diane at: 631-587-0966 or Donna at: 631-589-3790. Website: <u>FamiliesAnonymous.org</u>.

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 "**Renewal**". To listen online or for more information, visit: <u>www.ReligionandRock.com</u>.



Sharing the Gospel

Let's pretend we're looking through a "blind" eye with a log stuck in it. You see how good you are compared to everybody else. You see other people stuck in sin, and you avoid them or hurt them with your words. Now let's take that log out and look through a good eye. You see your own sins, and you know you need God's kindness and forgiveness. You see other people stuck in sin, and you show God's kindness and forgiveness to them.



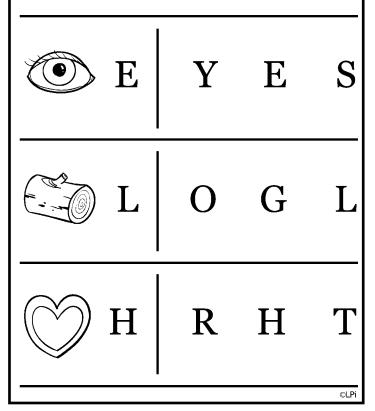
Mission for the Week



When you catch someone in sin (stealing, lying, using hurtful words) be kind. Remember your own sins, and show God's forgiveness.

္သြို Puzzle

What letter **begins** each picture name? Circle the beginning letter. Then color the pictures.



Prayer

Dear God,



Keep my eyes open to see my sins and Your kindness. Give me a good heart.

Amen.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of one good eye and one bad eye with a log in it.

