

# Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

455 Hunter Avenue, West Islip, NY 11795

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

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Deacon Rich Maher, Deacon Jack Meehan,  
Deacon John Teufel**

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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: 10:30am-2:30pm  
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.

**First Sunday of Lent • Sunday, March 6, 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

### 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 March 6, 2022

**Sunday:** Dt 26:4-10/ Rom 10:8-13/ Lk 4:1-13  
**Monday:** Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/ Mt 25:31-46  
**Tuesday:** Is 55:10-11/ Mt 6:7-15  
**Wednesday:** Jon 3:1-10/ Lk 11:29-32  
**Thursday:** Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/ Mt 7:7-12  
**Friday:** Ez 18:21-28/ Mt 5:20-26  
**Saturday:** Dt 26:16-19/ Mt 5:43-48  
**Next Sunday** Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/ Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1 / Lk 9:28b-36

### Parish Staff

**Patti Anderson**  
Parish Office/Bulletin Editor

**Michael Buonaspina**  
Parish Organist

**Rosemary Cannarella**  
Parish Office

**S. Kathleen Carberry, CSJ**  
Parish Office

**Carol Grillo**  
Parish Office

**Rita Spera**  
Religious Education Office

### Financial Summary

#### February 27, 2022

Weekly Collection	\$ 15,962.00
Weekly Budget	- \$ 17,800.00
+/- for the week	\$ (1,838.00)

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



DIocese OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE  
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Lent 2022

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Lent is a journey from the desert of death to the springs of new life. We follow Jesus into the wilderness of the desert to renew our baptismal covenant with the Father. During this sacred time, we die to sin, and washed from our self-centeredness and attachments to the world, rise to divine Grace and love. As we enter this privileged season, let us reflect once more on the three means we employ during this forty-day journey of penance and conversion : prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

*Prayer.* Prayer is most simply a conversation with God, and St. Paul reminds us that this conversation must be continual. The Apostle to the Gentiles enjoins us to “pray at all times” (Eph 6:18), “pray without ceasing” (1 Thess 5:17), and “be constant in prayer” (Rom 12:12). To pray this way requires effort. It demands silence, artful listening and remaining in the presence of God. This Lent we remember two powerful ways to enter into this holy conversation: by sitting in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament and through *lectio divina*, a prayerful reading of Sacred Scripture.

*Fasting.* The Church Fathers speak extensively on the power of fasting to break sin and open our hearts to the grace of God. Saint Peter Chrysologus writes: “Fasting is the soul of prayer, mercy is the lifeblood of fasting. So if you pray, fast; if you fast, show mercy; if you want your petition to be heard, hear the petition of others. If you do not close your ear to others, you open Good’s ear to yourself.” (*Sermo 43: PL 52 320, 322*). Let us remember, too, that bodily fasting is useless unless it is joined with spiritual fasting, that is, fasting from our passions.

*Almsgiving.* Scripture brings three marks of our Lenten journey together and puts the emphasis on the last: “Prayer and fasting are good, but better than either is almsgiving accompanied by righteousness... it is better to give alms than to store up gold; for almsgiving saves one from death and expiates every sin. Those who regularly give alms shall enjoy a full life” (Tob 12:8-9). Almsgiving is better because it points to charity. We remember we are not only to give materially to those in need but also give of ourselves as we love God and neighbor.

Last October, Pope Francis invited the Church into a synod on Synodality. The Holy Father wants the Church to journey together in a multi-year process listening to each other, hearing the Word and celebrating the Eucharist. As we journey towards Easter, let us be united in mind and spirit. May the spiritual exercises of prayer, fasting and almsgiving prepare us for Easter an an experience of the power of God, which “dispels wickedness, washes faults away, restores innocence to the fallen , and joy to mourners, drives out hatred, fosters concord, and brings down the mighty” (*The Easter Proclamation - Exsultet*). Then, alive in Christ, we can go forward evangelizing, as Pope Francis would want, with *parrhesia*: “Boldness, enthusiasm, the freedom to speak out, [and] apostolic fervor” (Gaudete et Exsultate 129).

May the loving presence of the Blessed Virgin Mary, who remained faithful to her son at the foot of the cross, protect and sustain us in our Lenten journey.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend John O. Barres

Bishop of Rockville Centre

## 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.



<b>Michael DiMatteo</b> - <i>US Marine Corps</i>	<b>Timothy Milligan</b> - <i>US Marine Corps</i>
<b>Michael Fantauzzi</b> - <i>US Air Force</i>	<b>Melissa Mockler</b> - <i>US Navy</i>
<b>Christopher Florca</b> - <i>US Marine Corps</i>	<b>Patric Mockler</b> - <i>US Navy</i>
<b>Dominick Gennaro</b> - <i>US Army</i>	<b>Andrew Perniciaro</b> - <i>US Army</i>
<b>Patrick Harty</b> - <i>US Coast Guard</i>	<b>Brandon Ranzie</b> - <i>US Army</i>
<b>Ritchard Higham</b> - <i>US Army</i>	<b>Stephen Rolston</b> - <i>US Army</i>
<b>Colby Matthew Kelly</b> - <i>US Army</i>	<b>Jack Shires</b> - <i>US Navy</i>
<b>Luke Loftsgaarden</b> - <i>US Army</i>	<b>James Stultz</b> - <i>US Army</i>
<b>Anthony Mannino</b> - <i>US Marine Corps</i>	<b>Jack Taffner</b> - <i>US Marine Corps</i>
<b>Msgr. Brian McNamara</b> - <i>US Air Force</i>	<b>Michael Wilkinson</b> - <i>US Army</i>
<b>Anthony Memoli</b> - <i>US Marine Corps</i>	<b>Peter Zaccaria</b> - <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, Thomas J. Calogero III, Maria Clark, Dcn. John DeGuardi, Robin Delisola, Amanda DiTingo, Paula Edwards, Sarah Franckowski, Nicolette Gebhardt, Ted Gladkowski, Patrick Anthony Heffron, Joseph Isoldi, 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, Jennifer Stoop, 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**

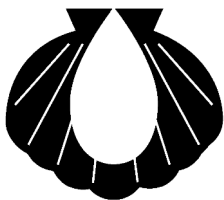
Frederick H. Gallagher  
 Scott Keegan  
 Peter Lynaugh

*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



**Baptism**

Carter Reid Melnyk  
 Emma Rose Storoshenko

*Masses may be viewed via livestream on our Facebook page. Please join us directly on Facebook or by visiting our website at: [ollchurch.org](http://ollchurch.org), where you will be redirected. You do not need a Facebook account.*

**Mass Intentions**

**Monday, March 7**

*Sts. Perpetua and Felicity*

**8:30am Anita Falabella**

**12:10pm La Rocca & Sweeney Families**

**Tuesday, March 8**

*St. John of God*

**8:30am Frances Ferrante**

**12:10pm Molly Sweeney**

**Wednesday, March 9**

*St. Frances of Rome*

**8:30am Ed Wiczorek**

**12:10pm Joseph Tessitore**

**Thursday, March 10**

**8:30am Gordon Glavan**

**12:10pm Nancy Bencivinni**

**Friday, March 11**

**8:30am Bryan Bonin**

**12:10pm Nancy Bencivinni**

**Saturday, March 12**

**8:30am David McCarthy & Vincent, Sarah Keane (Living)  
 Mr. & Mrs. Nandy Afurong, Ann McAndrew (Living),  
 Patrick & Bridget Keane (Living)**

**5:00pm Lou & Barbara Argento**

*Fr. Charles Mangano*

**Sunday, March 13**

*Second Sunday of Lent*

**8:00am Salvatore Pinella**

*Msgr. Brian McNamara*

**9:30am Diane Cullen, Joseph & Marie Rizzo**

*Msgr. Brian McNamara*

**11:00am Raffaele DiMarco and Robert Ferruggiari**

*Fr. Charles Mangano*

**12:30pm Carmela Triolo & Family**

*Fr. Charles Mangano*

**6:00pm People of the Parish, Elaine Duca Abrahams,  
 Giovanna & Carmelo Bonanno, Amy Lillis**

*Fr. Charles Mangano*

**Let us pray for peace...**

**Let us pray for peace in Ukraine...**

**Let us pray for an end  
to terrorism, violence and bloodshed...**

**Let us pray for an end to war,  
to all war...**

**Let us pray for those in whose hands  
rest the terms of war and peace...**

**Let us pray for the safe return of those who are in  
harm's way, who are away from home and family and  
friends...**

**Let us pray for those who have died in war  
and for those who will die in war  
and for their loved ones who grieve their loss...**

**Let us pray for our enemies,  
for all who hate us and persecute us...**

**Let us pray for the poor,  
the first and the last to suffer war's hardships...**

**Let us pray for peace,  
for the peace the world cannot give or make for itself...**

**Let us pray, too, for an end to the little (and larger)  
wars we wage in our own lives, families and neighbor-  
hoods, at work, at school and in our parish...**

**Let us pray for those who have been harmed  
by our jealousy, belligerence and grudges...**

**Let us pray for those we make our personal enemies...**

**Let us pray for those who make enemies of us...**

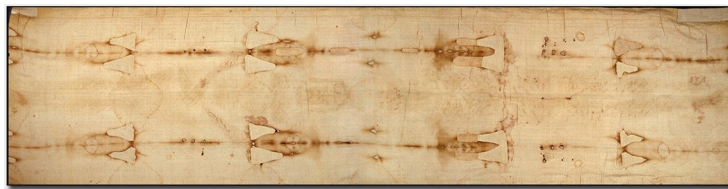
**Let us pray for an end to the wars we fight within  
ourselves...**

**Let us pray for peace...  
for the peace we cannot give or make for ourselves...**

**Amen.**



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



**Monday, March 14, 2022 at 7:30pm**

## **Our Lady of Lourdes Church**

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](mailto:dnohs44@gmail.com)**

# Lent 2022

## CALENDAR

### Daily At-Home Lenten Activities for Families

#### MARCH

**SUN 6**

"The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days." Mk 1:12

The season of Lent lasts for forty days. Use this or another calendar to count how many 40 days is with younger children. Consider how you will use this time to pray, to ask God for his forgiveness, and to help those in need.

**MON 7**

"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." Mt 25:40

Look for ways to treat each person you encounter today as you would treat Jesus.

**TUE 8**

"This is how you are to pray: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name." Mt 6:9

Offer an Our Father together. Pray it slowly and pay attention to each word and phrase.

**WED 9**

"A clean heart create for me, O God, and a steadfast spirit renew within me." Ps 51:12

Be aware of your words and actions today. How can you make each one more loving and kind?

**THU 10**

"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." Mt 7:7

What does your family need to be happy and holy? Offer a prayer together and bring those needs to God.

**FRI 11**

"Go first and be reconciled with your brother, and then come offer your gift." Mt 5:24

Talk about any ways in which your family members need to forgive and reconcile with one another. Offer words of forgiveness to one another.

**SAT 12**

"But I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you." Mt 5:44

Make an effort to be kind and patient today with someone who is difficult to love.





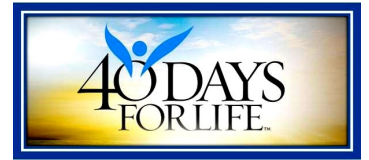
## LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES

- Tuesday, March 8:**  
7:00pm in the PARISH CENTER
- MOVIE: THE CHOSEN**  
*Join us as we watch this wonderful portrayal of the 12 Apostles: Episode 1 & 2*
- Friday, March 11:**  
12:45pm & 7:30pm in the CHURCH
- STATIONS OF THE CROSS**  
*Meditate upon the Passion and Death of Jesus.*
- Monday, March 14:**  
7:30 in the Church & on LIVESTREAM
- SHROUD OF TURIN & HOLY FACE OF JESUS**  
*Join us for a presentation on these two relics.*
- Tuesday, March 15:**  
7:00pm in the PARISH CENTER
- MOVIE: THE CHOSEN**  
*Join us as we watch this wonderful portrayal of the 12 Apostles: Episode 3 & 4*
- Friday, March 18:**  
12:45pm & 7:30pm in the CHURCH
- STATIONS OF THE CROSS**  
*Meditate upon the Passion and Death of Jesus.*
- Tuesday, March 22:**  
7:00pm in the PARISH CENTER
- MOVIE: THE CHOSEN**  
*Join us as we watch this wonderful portrayal of the 12 Apostles: Episode 5 & 6*
- Friday, March 25:**  
12:45pm & 7:30pm in the CHURCH
- STATIONS OF THE CROSS**  
*Meditate upon the Passion and Death of Jesus.*
- Tuesday, March 29:**  
7:00pm in the PARISH CENTER
- MOVIE: THE CHOSEN**  
*Join us as we watch this wonderful portrayal of the 12 Apostles: Episode 7 & 8*
- Friday, April 1:**  
12:45pm & 7:30pm in the CHURCH
- STATIONS OF THE CROSS**  
*Meditate upon the Passion and Death of Jesus.*
- Tuesday, April 5:**  
7:00pm in the PARISH CENTER
- MOVIE: THE CHOSEN**  
*Join us as we watch this wonderful portrayal of the 12 Apostles: Episode 9 & 10*
- Friday, April 8:**  
12:45pm & 7:30pm in the CHURCH
- STATIONS OF THE CROSS**  
*Meditate upon the Passion and Death of Jesus.*
- Monday, April 11:**  
2:00pm – 9:00pm
- RECONCILIATION MONDAY**  
*Confessors will be available throughout this time. Come and be reconciled to God through Confession.*
- Tuesday, April 12:**  
7:00pm in the PARISH CENTER
- MOVIE: THE CHOSEN**  
*Join us as we watch this wonderful portrayal of the 12 Apostles: Episode 11 & 12*

## Help Save Lives on Long Island!

Join our 2022 Lenten Campaign of Prayer and Fasting!

Your prayers can save lives and change hearts. 40 Days for Life is a life-saving prayer campaign that will take place throughout our Diocese across Long Island starting on March 2<sup>nd</sup> and concluding April 10<sup>th</sup>. 40 Days for Life is a peaceful initiative consisting of 40 days of prayer and fasting, peaceful vigil at abortion facilities, and educational outreach with the goal of protecting mothers and their children from abortion. More than 18,000 unborn children have been saved from abortion during 40 Days for Life campaigns. To learn more about the 40 Days for Life campaign, in your area visit: [www.40daysforlife.com](http://www.40daysforlife.com). Sign up for hours for each campaign.



DON'T FORGET  
TO CHANGE  
YOUR CLOCKS



## Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup>

Turn you clocks ahead one hour on Saturday night  
before going to bed.

## New Sunday Hours at the Parish Office

Please note: our Parish Office is now open from 10:30am – 2:30pm on Sundays.



## SAGE

Our next SAGE meeting will be **Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>** 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.

## Rosary Christian Mothers

The Rosary Christian Mothers meet on the first Monday evening of each month. The next meeting will be on **Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup>** We will begin with Rosary at 7:00pm in the Church, immediately followed by our business meeting at in the Parish Center.

## 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.



- Canned Kidney Beans
- Canned Carrots
- Canned Mixed Vegetables
- Crackers
- Shampoo

## Second Collection - March 5-6 - Church in Need

The second collection this 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!

<b>Day /Time</b>	<b>Mondays 9:00am-11:00am</b>
<b>Place</b>	<b>Parish Center</b>
<b>Dates</b>	<b>March 7, 14, 21, 28 April 4, 11, and 14 (Holy Thursday morning)</b>
<b>Contact</b>	<b>Carol Paprocky: 631-666-4312 or Vita Scorcia: 631-669-4717</b>

## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

We will be having extended hours of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on this **Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup> 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](http://ollchurch.org)) to check if adoration has been canceled.

Tuesday, March 22: adoration ending at 7:00pm      Tuesday, April 12      adoration ending at 7:00pm  
Tuesday, March 29: 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](mailto:RCIA@ollchurch.org) or call the Parish Office at 631-661-3224, and we would be happy to help you.



## Thank You

We would like to extend a heartfelt **Thank You** to our wonderful “Communication Specialists” that, once again, answered the call to help with our Lenten mailing. We would like to thank *John Amabile, Marilyn Barthel, Eileen Clifford, Connie Cristaudo, Rosetta Fragola, Joanne & Ed Guiffre, Sara Iannaccone and Elizabeth, Peggy Kapalko, Steve MacQuade, Ann and Bob Mannarino, Kay Manley, Linda Pagano, Josephine Pastore, Michael Poveromo, Tessie Reilly, Laura Skinder, Dona Teague, and Bill Young*. Also, a huge thank you to *Rita Spera*, Religious Education Office, who prints ALL the letters, etc. It is a monumental task and we thank you for your time and talent. We could not get these mailings done without each one of you!

-Fr. Brian and Debbie Meyer, Business Manager



### *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](http://www.KofC.org).

Note: All COVID-19 guidelines are followed.

*Everyone is encouraged to wear a mask.*

**Our next meeting will be Monday, March 14, 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!



### **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/bsatroup179> or contact us at: [troop179cc@yahoo.com](mailto:troop179cc@yahoo.com).

## Casa Project Update

In the past, the “Casa House” in the Narthex has provided housing, bedding and ecostoves for our friends in El Salvador. We couldn't do this without your support and generosity. This weekend (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.



### Butterfly Memory Café - March 4<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:michele@agentletouchseniorcare.com) to reserve your place.*

### Part-time Sacristan Position - St. Joseph's Brentwood

Sisters of St. Joseph, Brentwood, NY is looking for a part time Sacristan. The Sacristan role is highly visible and is responsible for providing a wide range of general support in a professional manner; overseeing day-to-day operations and procedures such as a welcoming presence and preparation for liturgical services. This position reports to The Director of Pastoral Care and will work every day including weekends. Confidentiality, excellent organizational skills and accuracy are key, along with good customer relations and the ability to communicate clearly. The ideal candidate for this position is outgoing, a skilled multi-tasker, accurate and reliable. Must be available to work on weekends and flexible hours as need arises (e.g., Holy Week, Christmas, etc.) We offer 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 resumé to [resume@csjbrentwood.org](mailto:resume@csjbrentwood.org)



### 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](mailto:bmalone@icseminary.edu), or visit our website: [www.icseminary.edu](http://www.icseminary.edu)

## All Volunteers - VIRTUS TRAINING

Are you aware that the Diocese of Rockville Centre requires all volunteers (18 years or older) to attend the Virtus class? CYO Coaches, Religious Education, Catechists, Cantors, Ushers, Parish Volunteers (feast workers, mailing team, etc.) are all required to complete the Virtus training course, if they have not yet done so. You MUST register online by visiting [www.Virtus.org](http://www.Virtus.org), then click the link for first time registrants. View the list of sessions to find a course, and then complete the registration online.

PLEASE NOTE: After completion of VIRTUS training, you will receive a certificate of completion. Please retain your certificate and training completion date for future use.

*If you have already taken the VIRTUS course you need not repeat it.*

## 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 marriages 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](http://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



**Come and meet others who share your faith! Join us for food, drinks, conversation, fun and games!**

**LONG ISLAND FAITH ON TAP**

**A Young Adult Catholic Event**

**Ages: 21+                      March 7, 2022**

**7pm - 10pm**

**Wantagh Inn, Second Floor**

**Contact: Charlene (516) 350-3306 [holy\\_jesus\\_1999@yahoo.com](mailto:holy_jesus_1999@yahoo.com)**  
**Thomas (516) 492-8003 [tquinn8945@gmail.com](mailto:tquinn8945@gmail.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](mailto:parishoffice@ollchurch.org).



### 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**

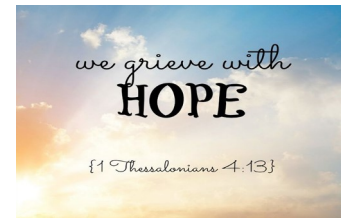
St. Joseph Parish Center

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 December 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

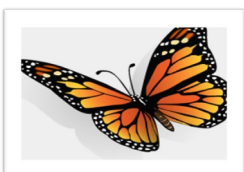
*For losses that have occurred before December 31, 2021*

**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



## **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.

## **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](http://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.



## **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](mailto:Donna526@aol.com) or call Diane at: 631-587-0966 or Donna at: 631-589-3790. Website: [FamiliesAnonymous.org](http://FamiliesAnonymous.org).

## **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 “**Commitment**”. To listen online or for more information, visit: [www.ReligionandRock.com](http://www.ReligionandRock.com).



## Sharing the Gospel

Jesus was powerful, and the devil knew it. Jesus could have used the power He had selfishly, to get whatever He wanted - food, land to rule, or even angels to come running. Instead, Jesus chose to save His power to do what God wanted.



## Mission for the Week

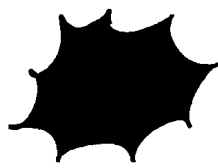
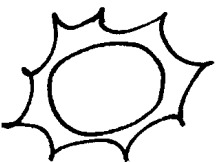


God has given you special talents to share with others. If you enjoy drawing, make a picture for someone else. If you enjoy singing, sing songs that make God smile.



### Puzzle

Draw a line to the matching shadow.



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### Prayer



Dear God,  
Help me not  
to be selfish.  
Help me to be  
more like Jesus.

Amen.

### Something to Draw

Draw Jesus  
praying to God  
in the desert.

