

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

455 Hunter Avenue, West Islip, NY 11795

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Rev. Charles Mangano, Associate Pastor

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Parish Office

Phone: 631.661.3224 (select option #2)
Monday-Thursday: 9:00am-7:30pm
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E-mail: ParishOffice@ollchurch.org
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Religious Education Office

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Monday-Friday: 9:00am-Noon,
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Liturgical Schedule

Daily Mass

8:30am

Weekend Masses

Saturday: 5:00pm

Sunday: 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am, 12:30pm
and 6:00pm.

Reconciliation/Confession

Saturday: 4:00pm-4:45pm or by appointment

Rosary

Daily at 8:00am

Miraculous Medal Novena

Monday at 8:00am

Sacraments

Anointing of the Sick

Throughout the liturgical year. If needed sooner, please call the Parish Office.

Baptism

Please contact the Parish Office to schedule an appointment.

Marriage

Arranged at least six months in advance, please call the Parish Office.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

A process to be embraced by the Catholic Church. For non-Catholics and for Catholics who have never received formal religious education. If interested, please call the Parish Office.

Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday) • Sunday, March 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

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 20, 2022

Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12/ 2 Cor 5:17-21/ Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Monday: Is 65:17-21/ Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/ Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/ Jn 5:17-30
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/ Jn 5:31-47
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/ Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/ Jn 7:40-53
Next Sunday: Is 43:16-21/ Phil 3:8-14/ Jn 8:1-11

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

March 20, 2022

Weekly Collection	\$ 17,965.00
Weekly Budget	- \$ 17,800.00
+/- for the week	\$ 165.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 4,858.00

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

Dear Parishioners:

I wanted to highlight an issue that is becoming more and more of a problem in our society. That problem is the issue of pornography. I do not think that it is a stretch to say that “modesty” appears to be an outdated ideal; the Catholic ideal of sexuality and the place of sexuality in God’s plan is regularly mocked on T.V. and the like.

Pornography reduces the human person to an object for one’s selfish pleasure. This is in direct opposition to the beauty of the whole human person that God created in His image and likeness. People are never to be lusted after but to be loved as a whole person: *body, mind and soul*. Pornography leads the soul into sin. God says, “My saving power will rise on you like the sun and bring healing like the sun’s rays.” Malachi 4:2.

However, today, pornography is just as popular as baseball! Pornography is easily accessible on our computers, our smartphones, cable T.V., etc. Many people have found themselves suffering with an addiction to pornography. But help is available! Do not despair!

Overcome pornography and other unhealthy sexual behaviors with a professional, science-based Catholic program. Visit www.ReclaimsexualHealth.com. There is a Private and Anonymous Online Help 24\7. In 1 Corinthians 10:13 it says, “No trial has come to you but what is human, God is faithful and will not let you be tried beyond your strength; but with the trial He will also provide a way out, so that you may be able to bear it.” Pornography can be an addiction. Pornography enslaves the soul and the deep shame that is connected to it. However, healing and recovery is possible. If you or someone you know has a porn addiction, please log onto the website above.

Also, visit the website: www.IntegrityRestored.com. This site also is designed for those who struggle with pornography use and those who may know of someone who struggles. Here you will learn about the pornography epidemic in America and how porn affects men, women, children and teens. You will learn about the addictiveness of pornography and the recovery process. Wives will learn how to help their husbands as well as how to find healing for their own emotional pain (*feelings of hurt, betrayal, etc*). The website takes a unique approach by incorporating Catholic spirituality into the recovery process.

I also worry about our teen-aged children especially. Research has shown that the pre-frontal cortex of the brain controls judgement/common sense/impulse control and emotions. This crucial pre-cortex is not fully mature until a person reaches the age of 20-22 years. Therefore, the introduction of pornography to people younger than their early twenties can be devastating to this development. We need to protect our children from the terrible effects of pornography as well.

We do not have to be over-zealous Puritans, but we should not be naïve about the deleterious effects of pornography on adults and on children. Be vigilant especially of what your teens are watching on all types of media.

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

In Christ,

Fr. Brian

Altar Society

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

Members in the Military

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

Michael DiMatteo - <i>US Marine Corps</i>	Timothy Milligan - <i>US Marine Corps</i>
Michael Fantauzzi - <i>US Air Force</i>	Melissa Mockler - <i>US Navy</i>
Christopher Florca - <i>US Marine Corps</i>	Patric Mockler - <i>US Navy</i>
Dominick Gennaro - <i>US Army</i>	Andrew Perniciaro - <i>US Army</i>
Patrick Harty - <i>US Coast Guard</i>	Brandon Ranzie - <i>US Army</i>
Ritchard Higham - <i>US Army</i>	Stephen Rolston - <i>US Army</i>
Colby Matthew Kelly - <i>US Army</i>	Jack Shires - <i>US Navy</i>
Luke Loftsgaarden - <i>US Army</i>	James Stultz - <i>US Army</i>
Anthony Mannino - <i>US Marine Corps</i>	Jack Taffner - <i>US Marine Corps</i>
Msgr. Brian McNamara - <i>US Air Force</i>	Michael Wilkinson - <i>US Army</i>
Anthony Memoli - <i>US Marine Corps</i>	Peter Zaccaria - <i>US Navy</i>

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



Pastoral Care of Our Sick

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

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

Pray for Our Sick

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

Connie Ambrosino, James Patrick Barrett, Jr. (infant), 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, Joseph Isoldi, Henry Kahn, Shena Kahn, George Mangels, Joseph Marrone Jr., Pat McKeefery, John McMahon, Jamie Munkwitz, Dan Murphy, Cynthia Nieves, Edward Pauciullo, William Pellegrino, John Posanti, Louise Posanti, Clifford Proctor, Catherine Randazzo, Stephanie Russo, Anthony San Filippo, Joseph J. Schiavoni, Vita Scorcio, 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

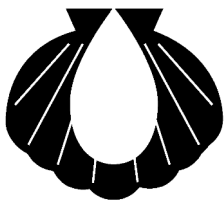
Lorraine Churillo
Theresa Gertrude Fackner
Marilyn J. Muller
Joyce Joan Reale
Olivia Vogler

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



Upcoming Marriages

Lisa Wamsley
First Presbyterian Church, Greenlawn
and
Alexander Mathe, OLL



Baptism

Raine Alise Dillman
Kristiano Anthony Fuina

*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, March 28

8:30am Susan Trifoli
12:10pm Louis & Sally Ann Cassiere (Living)

Tuesday, March 29

8:30am Ferenando Icamen
12:10pm Matthew J. Tibbe

Wednesday, March 30

8:30am Carmela Yolanda Luongo
12:10pm George Magliocco

Thursday, March 31

8:30am Jack Pagano
12:10pm Pat Hein, Arthur Wenzel

Friday, April 1

8:30am Bruce Schmid
12:10pm Helen Ferrara & Alphonso Ferrara

Saturday, April 2

St. Francis of Paola

8:30am Anthony Prinzo, Joseph Daniel, Edward Bulmer

5:00pm Lou & Barbara Argento

Msgr. Brian McNamara

Sunday, April 3

Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:00am Salvatore Pinello

Fr. Charles Mangano

9:30am Diane Cullen, Joseph & Mary Rizzo

Fr. Charles Mangano

11:00am Deceased Members of the Bronkhurst Family

Msgr. Brian McNamara

12:30pm LaRocca & Sweeney Families

Msgr. Brian McNamara

6:00pm

People of the Parish, Andrew Akroush,
Lillian, Chris & Anthony Brienza, Florence Miller,
Josefa Morales & Cecilio Rivera, Arthur Mayo

Msgr. Brian McNamara

DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

In the words of Pope Francis

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.

Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.

Fast from anger and be filled with patience.

Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.

Fast from worries and have trust in God.

Fast from complaints; contemplate simplicity.

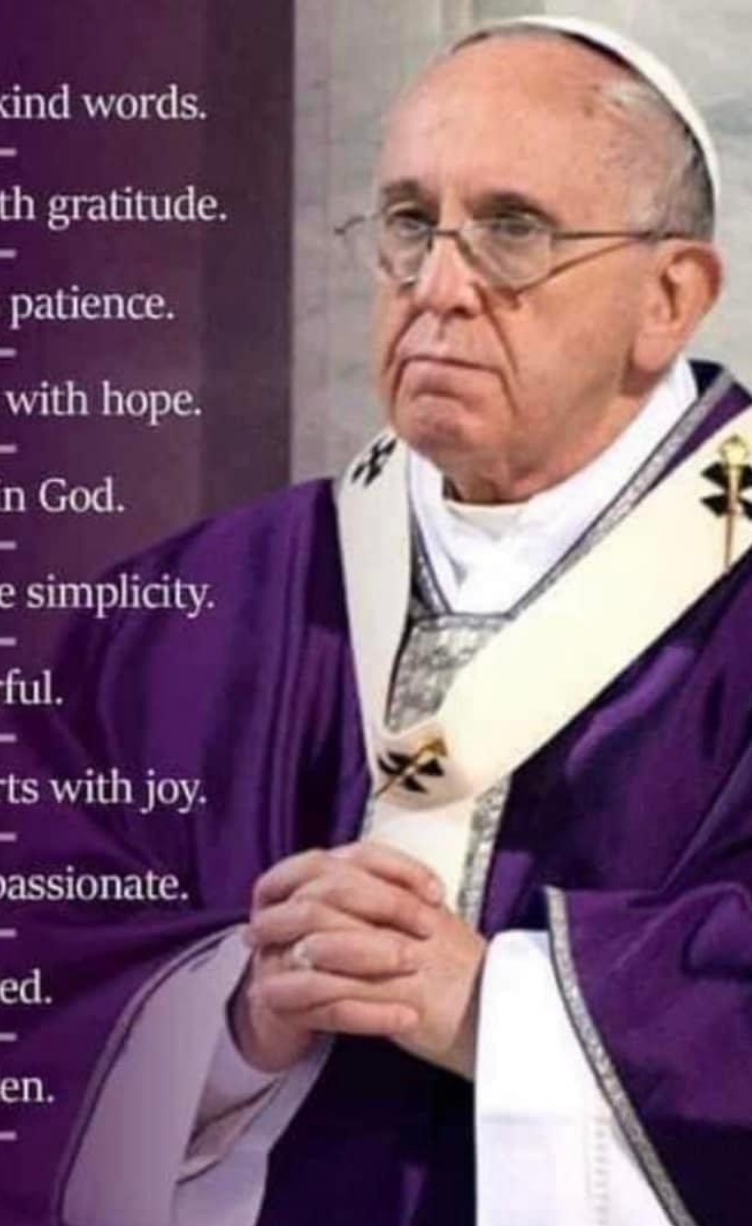
Fast from pressures and be prayerful.

Fast from bitterness; fill your hearts with joy.

Fast from selfishness and be compassionate.

Fast from grudges and be reconciled.

Fast from words; be silent and listen.



Catholic Relief Services Collection – March 27, 2022

This weekend (March 26-27) our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. As always, thank you for your generosity and for helping to reveal Christ's Love to those most in need. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.



Easter Candles

Once again, we are offering the *Loving Candles* which will be lit on Holy Saturday. This symbolic light is a beautiful way to remember our loved ones - both living and deceased - and will remain lit throughout the life of the candle (approximately a week). The *Loving Candles* will be available after all weekend Masses on the weekends of April 2-3 and April 9-10, and will also be available at the Parish Office (Rectory) during the week for a donation of \$10. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at 631-661-3224, ext. 121.

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	March 28, April 4, 11
Contact	Carol Paprocky: 631-666-4312 or Vita Scorcia: 631-669-4717



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, March 28, 2022
at 8:00pm in the Parish Center.**

Lent 2022

CALENDAR

Daily At-Home Lenten Activities for Families

MARCH AND APRIL

SUN 27

"But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God." Jn 3:21

Thank someone today who has been the light of Christ for you.

MON 28

"You changed my mourning into dancing; O Lord, my God, forever will I give you thanks." Ps 30:12

Send a card offering cheer and comfort to someone who is sad or lonely.

TUE 29

"Jesus said to him, 'Rise, take up your mat, and walk. Immediately the man became well, took up his mat, and walked.'" Jn 5:8-9

Offer a family prayer for all of those who need healing. Look for ways to bring God's merciful love to others.

WED 30

"And lying at his door was a poor man named Lazarus." Lk 16:20

Read the parable of the rich man and Lazarus (Luke 16:19-31). Decide on a way your family can reach out to someone who needs comfort and healing.

THU 31

"Pray without ceasing." 1 Th 5:17

Discuss as a family how you can follow Saint Paul's command.

How will you keep Jesus in your minds and hearts each day of the Lenten season and always?

FRI 1

"Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son." Lk 15:21

Check your parish bulletin for dates and times of a Lenten Reconciliation service. Make plans to attend, in person or virtually.

SAT 2

"Yet I, like a trusting lamb led to slaughter, had not realized that they were hatching plots against me." Jer 11:19

Pray the Stations of the Cross together and of thanks to Jesus for offering his life for us.





LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES

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



Gabriel's Courage Perinatal Support Program

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

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

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

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 29th from 12:30pm to 7:00pm**. 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, April 12 adoration ending at 7:00pm

Nocturnal Adoration

"Come to me all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest."

This is Jesus Christ's invitation every first Saturday of the month. The Blessed Sacrament is taken to the altar after the 5:00pm Mass and will be exposed up to 9:50pm. Everyone is invited to spend some time in front of the Blessed Sacrament to offer prayers, petitions and thanksgiving to Jesus. Nocturnal Adoration will follow the 5:00pm Mass on **Saturday, April 2**, concluding with Benediction at 9:50pm. Please come and pray with us. All are invited and welcome. Bring a friend!



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 Carrots
- Canned Beets
- Juice
- Hamburger Helper
- Feminine Products



Easter Flower Offering

Easter Flower Offerings received by March 20th will appear in the Easter Sunday bulletin. Flower Offerings received after that date will appear in a subsequent bulletin. It would be very helpful if you would **CLEARLY PRINT** the name of your loved one and drop the envelope, along with your donation, in the collection basket.

Young Men’s Ministry

The Young Men’s Ministry will gather Friday, April 1st at 7:00. This ministry is growing rapidly and we have capacity to add more! We look forward to seeing you there for a night of spiritually, sports, fun, and other guy stuff.

LENT / 2022

Come and pray this Lent - Sunday, 6:00pm Mass

All 6th, 7th and 8th graders and their families: Please join the 6:00pm Mass with your grade...

4th Sunday of Lent	Mar. 27	Grade 6	<i>“See” be open to God’s love</i>
5th Sunday of Lent	Apr. 3	Grade 7	<i>“Serve” our Parish Family</i>
Palm Sunday	Apr. 10	Grade 8	<i>“Pray” as Holy Week begins</i>

R.C.I.A. – The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Sunday, March 6, 2022, *Teresa Carlson, Haley Newberg and Mike Rashwan* participated in the Diocese of Rockville Centre **Rite of Election at St. Anne’s Brentwood with Bishop Andrzej Zglejszewski** as Presider and all Parishes in Suffolk County attending. Our R.C.I.A. is now called “The Elect” and no longer called Catechumen.

These are important steps in the journey of the R.C.I.A.. It’s a clear sign to the community that they are coming closer to receiving the Sacraments of Initiation at our Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 16.

On **Sundays, March 20, March 27 and April 3, the Third Sunday of Lent, and continuing on the Fourth and Fifth Sundays of Lent, at the 11:00am Mass** we will celebrate the “**Scrutinies**” – “The Elect” will continue to remain “united with Christ and make progress in their efforts to love God more deeply”.

The Church gives us this public and life-giving process DURING LENT so that these good and holy people can be nourished and supported by our parish family. At the same time, we know that when we initiate others, we confront and renew our own identity as members of the Catholic Christian community.

Please continue to pray for our R.C.I.A. and our R.C.I.A. team.

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.



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 (4/2 and 4/3) 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.



Thank you for all your support!

Girl Scout Gold Award

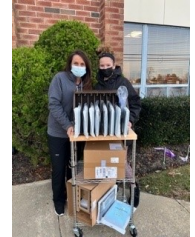
ISSUED TO
Kristen Arena



Issued on 02 MAR 2022 | Issued by: Girl Scouts of the USA
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I just wanted to give you an update on my Gold Award. I received my Gold Award on March 2. I was able to buy eleven iPads, cases and build a charging cart for Our Lady of Consolation. Thank you again for letting me have the candle sale. I want to thank all of the parishioners, as well.

*Thank you,
Kristen Arena*



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/bsatroop179> or contact us at: troop179cc@yahoo.com.

All Volunteers - VIRTUS TRAINING

Are you aware that the Diocese of Rockville Centre requires that ALL volunteers (18 years or older) must attend the Virtus class? CYO Coaches, Religious Education Catechists, Cantors, Ushers, Youth Ministry workers, Eucharistic Ministers, Parish Volunteers (feast workers, mailing team, etc.) are required to attend Virtus training course, if they have not yet done so. You must register online by visiting www.Virtus.org, then click the link for first time registrants. You can 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.



Butterfly Memory Café - April 1st 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, April 1st 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, April 21, 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.

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.

Is the Holy Spirit calling YOU? Volunteers Needed.

Maria Regina Residence, at 1725 Brentwood Rd., Brentwood, is a 188-bed Skilled Nursing Facility, currently under the care of the Sisters of St. Joseph. We are seeking compassionate, dedicated men and women who are willing to volunteer their time and talent in various service areas (usually for one or two mornings or afternoons per week.) Current priority needs include: transporting residents in their wheelchairs within the building, serving as visitors or Eucharistic ministers, helping in the gift shop and more. Is the Holy Spirit calling YOU? For more information, please contact Sister Mary Sheppard, CSJ and leave your contact information at 631-299-3288. Prayerfully and thankfully, we look forward to hearing from you and will respond on the next scheduled office day.





Join Bishop Andrzej
for Liturgical Catechesis
SYNOD on SYNODALITY

Journeying Together
Communion + Participation + Mission

This lecture will be presented via **ZOOM**

All are Invited to Participate.

Monday, April 25

Participation

Wednesday, May 18

Evangelization

All at 7:30 pm

To receive the ZOOM link, please call Suzanne at 516-744-6850 or email westernvicariate@drvc.org. If you previously registered for prior ZOOM calls, there is NO need to register again – you will automatically receive the ZOOM link via email.



"The Synod calls the People of God, in all their diversity, to embark on a journey together toward a common mission to witness to the love of God at work in the world."

Synod Preparatory Document



Gather. Pray. Listen.

FOR A SYNODAL CHURCH

Let's Journey Together!



The “Moving On” Group

An ‘After- Bereavement’ Group for Widows and Widowers Presents:

“Socializing and Other Tips”

Friday, April 8, 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

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



Bookkeeping Position

Diocese of Rockville Centre is seeking a Bookkeeper for the Office of Parish Support. Full time and part time positions available. Individual will be expected to work with all Parish Support Managers and Associate Parish Support Staff, in providing financial services and administrative support to a select group of parishes and schools. Regular travel to assigned parishes and schools required. Some responsibilities include, processing payments, deposit cash receipts and tuition in a timely manner, process weekly and monthly ACH giving in G/L. Please e-mail your cover letter and resume in Word format as an email attachment. Please note Full-Time or Part Time Bookkeeper in subject line of e-mail to our Human Resources Department: Diocese of Rockville Centre, P.O. Box 9023, Rockville Centre, NY 11570 - E-mail: employment@drvc.org.

Nursing Positions - Full Time and Part Time

The Nursing Department for the Sisters of St. Dominic, located at their Motherhouse in Amityville, is looking for full-time/part-time Nurses and Aides to work with the Sisters. Our shifts are 12-hrs per day. We offer wonderful benefits and the opportunity to work in a home-like setting while providing quality care and service. For more information and to apply for positions, contact Tracey J. Jahrsdoerfer at: 631-842-6000 ext. 264. Resumés may be sent via e-mail at: tjahrsdoerfer@amityop.org.

Business Manager Opportunity - OLPH, Lindenhurst

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish is seeking to fill the position of Business Manager. Background in accounting, budgeting and finance (money management /analysis and payroll) required; business/management skills to oversee lease agreements, maintenance of buildings/grounds, and supervision of maintenance and secretarial staff. Ideal candidate would also possess, or be able to learn, the following: background in operations procedures and controls; basic technology skills: troubleshooting hardware and software; MS Word, Excel, Power Point, with Parish Data Systems (PDS) and QuickBooks; familiarity with employment law and human resources. Part-time, three full days a week, 9:00am–5:00pm - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday – with flexibility for attendance at occasional evening or weekend meetings. Send resumé to: Msgr. Joseph DeGrocco, Pastor at: msgrio@oloph.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 **July 16-17, 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 virtual 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/>. Commit to strengthening your marriage this Lent. Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experiences.



Families Anonymous VIRTUAL Meetings

12-Step support group giving Hope & Strength to parents, family and friends concerned with a loved one’s destructive behavior caused by Alcohol, Drugs or Related Behavioral Problems will meet virtually until further notice. For additional information e-mail: Donna526@aol.com or call Diane at: 631-587-0966 or Donna at: 631-589-3790. Website: FamiliesAnonymous.org.

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.

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 “Issues in Life”. To listen online or for more information, visit: www.ReligionandRock.com.

Sharing the Gospel

When Jesus saw the blind man, He did not just walk by. Jesus stopped. He knew He could help the man, and honor God at the same time. Showing all of God's love and power, Jesus healed the blind man's eyes. For the first time in his life, the man could see Jesus and believe in Him.



Mission for the Week



Draw a cross and put it in a place where you can see it and think of Jesus every day.



Puzzle

Find the right shadow!







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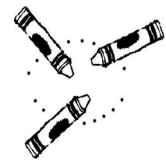
Prayer



Jesus,
Thank You
for helping
the blind man
believe in You.

Amen.

Something to Draw



With your eyes closed, try to draw a picture of Jesus.