

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 John Teufel**

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Parish Office

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Liturgical Schedule

Daily Mass

8:30am

Weekend Masses

Saturday: 5:00pm

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

Reconciliation/Confession

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

Rosary

Daily at 8:00am

Miraculous Medal Novena

Monday at 8:00am

Sacraments

Anointing of the Sick

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

Baptism

Please contact the Parish Office to schedule an appointment.

Marriage

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

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

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

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord • Sunday, April 10, 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
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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 April 10, 2022

Sunday: Lk 19:28-40/ Is 50:4-7/ Phil 2:6-11/ Lk 22:14—23:56
or 23:1-49
Monday: Is 42:1-7/ Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/ Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/ Mt 26:14-25
Thursday: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/ 1 Cor 11:23-26/ Jn 13:1-15
Friday: Is 52:13—53:12/ Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9/ Jn 18:1—19:42
Saturday: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/ Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/ Ex 14:15—15:1/ Is 54:5-14/ Is 55:1-11/ Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/ Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/ Rom 6:3-11/ Lk 24:1-12
Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/ Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/ Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12

Parish Staff

Patti Anderson
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Parish Office

Carol Grillo
Parish Office

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Religious Education Office

Financial Summary

April 3, 2022

Weekly Collection	\$ 18,241.00
Weekly Budget	- \$ 17,800.00
+/- for the week	\$ (441.00)

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

Dear Friends:

Palm Sunday greetings from Our Lady of Lourdes! It is hard to believe that Holy Week is upon us. Palm Sunday is also called Passion Sunday. It is a somber and sobering day. I am always touched by the fact that the Gospel reading begins with Christ triumphantly entering Jerusalem, with the people shouting "Hosanna, hosanna." But three days later, that same crowd of people shouted out "Crucify him; crucify him!" I have often wondered what I would have done if I had been in Jerusalem at the time. Would I have had the courage to be present at the foot of the cross or would I have run away?

Pope Francis has said: *"Holy Week is a privileged time when we are called to draw near to Jesus: friendship with Him is shown in times of difficulty ... For a good Easter, Christians must do more than simply recall the passion of Jesus during Holy Week; they must enter into the mystery of the Easter Triduum and make Jesus' feelings and attitudes their own."*

One of the ways in which we "enter into the mystery of the Easter Triduum" is by participating in the various Holy Week liturgies. Please see the other areas of the bulletin for the **Holy Week and Easter schedule**. I urge you to come to some of the Holy Week services. We have something for everyone (young and old, morning, noon and night!). If you have never been to a Holy Thursday or Good Friday Service, you should come! These special services are very moving and powerful. Take this opportunity to walk with Christ from Holy Thursday through Good Friday to Easter Sunday. Open your heart up to the Lord and allow Him to touch your life. If you have never been to a Holy Week liturgy, you simply must come!

I highly encourage families with children to come to the various Children's Liturgies that are being offered during Holy Week. We need to slowly expose our children to the Holy Week experience and our Children's Liturgies are a most excellent way to do that. Please bring the kids and help them to walk with Jesus to Easter Sunday. We have special **Children's events for Holy Thursday (5:00pm) and Good Friday (12:00pm), as well as our Easter Egg Hunt on Holy Saturday at 11:00am on the Great Lawn.**

I especially would like to point out what is taking place in every Catholic Church on Long Island: Suffolk, Nassau, Queens and Brooklyn and Manhattan. On **MONDAY, APRIL 11, from 2:00pm – 9:00pm**, every parish in the tri-state region will offer the opportunity to go to Confession, the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Maybe you have not gone in 6 months; maybe you have not gone in 30 years. Take advantage of this opportunity or next year it will be 31 years! God loves us and one of the ways in which God shows His love for us is by forgiving us. Allow God to love you! Allow God to forgive you! Please note that Confessions will be available at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish at other times during Holy Week as well. See the Bulletin for these confession times. If none of these times is convenient for you, simply call the rectory and we can arrange for a private confession.

Also, please see an "Examination of Conscience" and "How to Celebrate the Sacrament of Penance" aid in other parts of the bulletin to help you.

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

In Christ,

Fr. Brian

Monday of Holy Week

April 11

Mass **Mary Cox** **8:30 AM**

Daily Readings: Is 42:1-7/ Jn 12:1-11

Mass **Deceased Members of D'Antonio Family** **12:10 PM**



Sacrament of Reconciliation / Confession

2:00 PM - 9:00 PM

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a powerful way to experience God's grace and healing. Every parish on Long Island, including Our Lady of Lourdes, will be open between the hours of 2 PM and 9 PM for individual confessions. By making the sacrament so widely and easily available, we hope that everyone will take advantage of this opportunity. As a reminder, here at Our Lady of Lourdes, we also celebrate this Sacrament every Saturday from 4 - 4:45 PM in the Parish Center and always by appointment with a priest.

Tuesday of Holy Week

April 12

Mass **Mary Ann Swenson** **8:30 AM**

Daily Readings: Is 49:1-6/ Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Mass **Camille A. Watts** **12:10 PM**

Wednesday of Holy Week

April 13

Mass **Salvatore M. Pinello** **8:30 AM**

Daily Readings: Is 50:4-9a/ Mt 26:14-25

Mass **Mary Squicciarini** **12:10 PM**

Holy Thursday

April 14

Morning Prayer

8:30 AM

The Church comes together on this morning to seek God's blessing and to give praise to the Lord! Come and pray as we prepare to enter the Triduum together.

Children's Liturgy

5:00 PM

We invite our Parish's youngest members and their families to remember Jesus' loving service to his disciples. This service is a reminder of Jesus' love for His disciples and a parent's love for their child! Please come and pray with us.

Mass of the Lord's Supper

7:30 PM

Mass People of the Parish

Fr. Charles Mangano - Celebrant
Fr. Brian McNamara - Preaching

This Mass recalls for us the institution of the Sacraments of Eucharist and Holy Orders. During the Mass, Fr. Charles Mangano will wash the feet of some of the members of our parish community. The Washing of the Feet, *the Mandatum*, is a reminder that each of us – clergy, religious and lay people – is called to be a servant to one another. At the end of Mass, we will process to the Parish Center – led by some of the third graders who received the Eucharist for the first time last year. All are invited to come and pray before the Blessed Sacrament until Midnight when we will have our concluding prayer which ends Adoration.



Good Friday

April 15

Morning Prayer

8:30 AM

On this holy and solemn morning, we come together to hear God's Word, pray the psalms and unite as we prepare to recall the death of Jesus this day.

Confessions

8:45 AM - 9:30AM

Our priests will be available during this time for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Children's Good Friday Service

12 Noon

Once again, the children of our parish lead us in prayer as we recall Jesus' death and are reminded of His great love for us! During this service, we'll listen to the story of the Passion as led by our parish's third graders. There will be an opportunity to come forward and touch (or venerate) the cross.

Celebration of the Lord's Passion

3:00 PM

This solemn service focuses on the Passion of Jesus. We will listen to some of the most profound readings of the Church year. There will be an opportunity to venerate the cross individually. Finally, we will receive the Eucharist, the Bread of Life. Following this service, all are invited to remain in the Church for a time of prayer and reflection.



Stations of the Cross

7:30 PM

Meditate upon the Passion and Death of Jesus.

Holy Saturday

April 16

Morning Prayer

8:30 AM

On this holy and solemn morning, we come together to hear God's Word, pray the psalms and unite as we wait in joyful hope for the celebration of the Resurrection.

Confessions

8:45 AM - 9:30 AM

Our priests will be available during this time for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Easter Egg Hunt

11:00 AM

The Easter Egg Hunt will take place on the "Great Lawn" (on Hunter Avenue)
Please bring your own basket. Rain date: Saturday, April 23 at 11:00am

Blessing of the Family Easter Food

12:00 Noon

We invite all to bring their Easter food for this special prayer service and blessing in the Church.

Confessions

4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Our priests will be available during this time for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

The Great Vigil

Mass Novena

7:30 PM

Fr. Charles Mangano

We will gather together at 7:30 PM in the Narthex and bless the new fire and Paschal Candle. We will be led by the light of the Paschal candle (*the symbol of the Risen Christ*) into the darkened Church spreading among us the Light of Christ. The Easter Vigil is one of the most beautiful ceremonies of the entire liturgical year.



During the Vigil, we celebrate the Paschal Mystery – Jesus Christ has gone through death to new life – in a most prayerful and spirit-filled way! The Easter Vigil is much more than just "Easter Mass" – it is the heart of who we are as the people of God. We are renewed because we hear God's Word, renew our Baptismal vows, celebrate the Easter sacraments with women and men of the RCIA and share in the gift of the Eucharist. Come and pray with our parish family.

Following the Great Vigil, we'll have light refreshments in the Parish Center as we celebrate with those who have been baptized and confirmed.

Easter Sunday

**8:00 AM
Church**

Novena

Fr. Charles Mangano

**9:30 AM
Church
Cafeteria**

Novena

Fr. Brian McNamara

Fr. Charles Mangano

**11:00 AM
Church
Cafeteria**

Novena

Fr. Brian McNamara

Fr. Charles Mangano

**12:30 PM
Church**

Novena

Fr. Brian McNamara

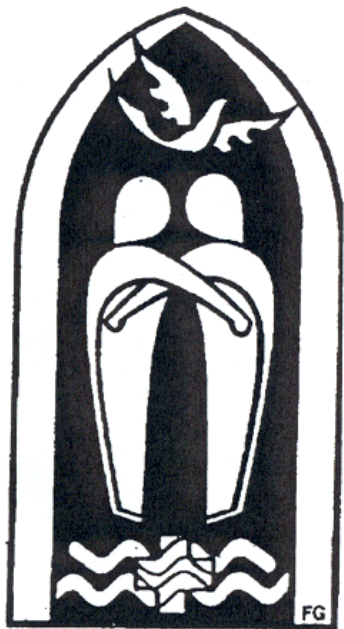
No 6:00 PM Mass on Easter Sunday

We will be live-streaming our Masses on our parish Facebook page.

You do not need a Facebook account to connect.

Please visit: ollchurch.org to be re-directed to our Facebook page.

How to Celebrate the Sacrament of Penance



When you go to celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation, this is what to do:

Prepare. Examine your conscience; Prayerfully recall your sins. Some will be specific actions. Some represent a more general pattern of behavior.

Go to the priest. You may either kneel anonymously behind a screen or sit in a chair where you may speak face to face.

Be welcome. You and the priest may greet each other. Make the Sign of the Cross. He may urge you to have confidence in God. You may indicate the interval since your last confession or anything else that will help. Just use common sense. Either you or the priest may read from Scripture.

Confess your sins. Some penitents begin with a formula like, "Bless me, Father, for I have sinned." But you don't have to. Let the priest know your sins. You may discuss the sins you confess so the priest can give you the best counsel.

Receive a penance. The priest will recommend some action after you leave to indicate to God the sincerity in your heart. Usually he suggests prayer or self-denial.

Pray for forgiveness. The priest invites you to say a prayer of sorrow aloud. If you remember the Act of Contrition, you may use it. But you may also speak simply from your heart.

One form of the Act of Contrition is:

My God,
I am sorry for my sins with all my heart.
In choosing to do wrong
And failing to do good
I have sinned against you
Whom I should love above all things.
I firmly intend, with your help,
To do penance,
To sin no more,

And to avoid whatever leads me to sin.
Our Savior Jesus Christ
Suffered and died for us.
In his name, my God have mercy.

Or

Lord Jesus, Son of God,
Have mercy on me, a sinner.

Receive absolution. The priest proclaims absolution, and God forgives your sins.
The prayer of absolution:

God the Father of mercies,
Through the death and resurrection of his Son
Has reconciled the world to himself
And sent the Holy Spirit among us for the forgiveness of sins;
Through the ministry of the church
May God give you pardon and peace,
And I absolve you from your sins
In the name of the Father, and of the Son (+)
And of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Conclude. The priest may say, "Give thanks to the Lord for he is good." If so, answer, "His mercy endures forever." Or he may conclude informally.

With God's help, begin to live a new life of freedom from the slavery of sin!

An Examination of Conscience

The Rite of Penance contains a form of the Examination of Conscience (Appendix III). Another form follows below:

Some thoughts on examination of conscience for adults...

For too long, we have looked at examination of conscience as a mere exertion of effort necessary to come up with a grocery list of sins. Rather, it should be part of the rhythm of our daily lives on our way toward maturity. It is not so much a looking at the things we do, but rather, at the person who does them. For each of us is a relational and responsible person, and it is within this context that we grow further toward or away from our goal – Christ.

THINK OF YOURSELF AS A PERSON

Do you accept yourself with your good and bad points? Do you share yourself with others?
Do you realize you have been called by, loved by God in a unique way?
Do you treat others with dignity and respect? Do you use your sexuality irresponsibly or selfishly?
Do you exploit others for your own pleasure?

THINK OF YOURSELF AS A HUSBAND OR WIFE

Do you strive for understanding and communication with your spouse in order to be one spirit as planned by God?

THINK OF YOURSELF AS A FATHER OR MOTHER

Do you give your children yourself, your time, your abilities?
Do you correct them when they're wrong, praise them when you should, instruct them with gentleness and patience?
Are you aware of your responsibility to guide them in the Faith by your words and actions?
Do you apologize and admit when you're wrong and they've been right?

THINK OF YOURSELF AS AN ADULT CHILD

Do you realize that this command to "honor your father and mother" applies to you, if you are blessed to still have your parents as it does to your children?

THINK OF YOURSELF AS A NEIGHBOR

Do you realize that your neighbor is your brother and sister?
Do you try to be helpful when you know there is a need?
Do you respect their rights and allow them to be persons?
Do you make judgments about people based upon their appearance or color?
Do you harbor prejudice in your heart?

THINK OF YOURSELF AS AN EMPLOYEE, AS AN EMPLOYER

Do you give your employer all of your time during the hours he is paying you, realizing that "stealing time" is the same as stealing?
Do you give your employer your full efforts and concentration during working hours?
Do I pay a just wage? Do I provide adequate working conditions?

THINK OF YOURSELF AS A MEMBER OF THE WORLD COMMUNITY OF THE FAMILY OF GOD

Do you sufficiently reflect on the responsibility you have to be concerned about the other members of this family who are suffering from poverty, prejudice, unfair labor practices, unjust housing laws, and other various causes?
Do you take it as a responsibility to consider the morality involved in issues like abortion, euthanasia, denial of rights to migrant workers, corruption in political or economic structures?
Do you take it as your responsibility to be informed about current events and to listen with open minds and hearts to those holding different positions?

THINK OF YOURSELF IN YOUR DIRECT RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

Do you make the effort to spend some time with Him each day even if it's just to say "good morning" or "thanks?"
Do you seek to know Him better in whatever way fits you best?
Do you allow Him to give Himself often to you in the gifts of His sacraments of Eucharist and Penance?

PRAYER
FASTING
ALMSGIVING

We've missed you.
Come home
at Easter.



RECONCILIATION MONDAY

April 11

2:00 pm—9:00pm

Visit a Catholic church near you during our extended Confession hours. To find a church and continue your Lenten journey, visit:

Archdiocese of New York
ArchNY.org/Lent

Diocese of Brooklyn
DioceseofBrooklyn.org/Lent2022

Diocese of Rockville Centre
drvc.org

EASTER FLOWER SALE

Palm Sunday Weekend after all Masses



OUR LADY OF LOURDES KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #17379



ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

SATURDAY, April 16

11:00am on The Great Lawn



Come join our parish family in our Easter Egg Hunt.

All children and families are welcome to a fun event as we hunt for eggs, play games and taste some goodies.

Please bring your own Easter Baskets. Rain date: Saturday, April 23 at 11:00am

Easter Raffle

Below, please find a set of 6 chances. It is a 50-50 drawing. Chances are \$25 each or 6 chances for \$100. 1st place winner will win 35% of the money, 2nd place will win 10% of the money and 3rd place will win 5% of the money. You have to be in it to win it!



The drawing will take place on **Pentecost Sunday, June 5th after the 12:30pm Mass.**

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Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Rita Spera*. 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, Betsy Johnson, Henry Kahn, Shena Kahn, George Mangels, Joseph Marrone Jr., Pat McKeefery, John McMahon, 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 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.

LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES



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*

Attention Ushers

Holiday Ushers are needed for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday
and Easter Sunday at all Masses.

Please note your availability in the “Sign In Room.”

Thank you for your service to our Parish family.



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.



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 weekend of 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.

Good Friday Collection ***A Pontifical Collection***



Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines. The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land.

As always, we appreciate your generosity!

For more information about Christian in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday.

Good Friday Silent Vigil on Behalf of Preborn Children



Long Island
Coalition for Life

The Long Island Coalition for Life is holding a Good Friday Silent Vigil on behalf of Preborn Children on April 15, 2022, from 10:30am to Noon, on the public sidewalk in front of Nassau University Medical Center (2201 Hempstead Turnpike, East Meadow.) Pro-life women, men and children are invited to take part in this peaceful Face the Truth event for the protection of life in the womb, and as a visible reminder that abortion is not healthcare. Signs provided (east end of hospital) or bring your own (no political signs). Stand 5-10 feet apart for better messaging to the public. Information: 631-243-1435; info@prolifeLI.org.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

We will be having extended hours of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on this **Tuesday, April 12th 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.



FRIENDS OF TROOP 179
West Islip, NY

ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER
SATURDAY, MAY 7, 2022

\$8.00 per person plus a \$1 raffle **or 2 for \$15.00** plus (2) \$1 raffles

ALL YOU CAN EAT
Spaghetti, Meatballs, Bread, Salad & Dessert

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH
455 Hunter Avenue (In the school cafeteria)
West Islip, NY 11795

4:00 PM – 7:30 PM

If you can't stay you can pre-order and choose a pick up time. Just fill out one of our spaghetti dinner order forms before 4/24/22. Any questions email troop179cc@yahoo.com.

PRIZES: We'll be selling raffle tickets to win many donated prizes as well as a 50/50 drawing. Tickets will be \$1.00 & \$5.00.

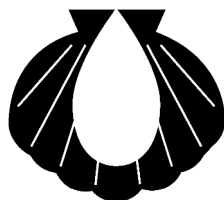
Troop 179 Website: <https://witroop179.wixsite.com/bsatroop179>

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.



Spaghetti
Black Beans
Hamburger Helper
Crackers
Juice



Baptism

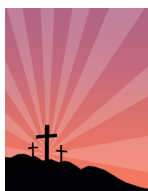
Noah George Fengler
Owen Louis Tessar



Rest In Peace

Marie E. Ahern
Maureen A. Byrne
Walter John Cichon
Carrie Marano
Vincent Otto Vela

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



Good Friday

The Parish Office will close at 3:00pm on Friday, April 15 in observance of Good Friday. There will be no evening hours on Good Friday. The Parish Office will re-open at 9:00am on Saturday, April 16.

Easter Sunday

The Parish Office will be closed on Sunday, April 17 in observance of Easter. The Parish Office will re-open at 9:00am on Monday, April 18.



LENT / 2022

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

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

Palm Sunday Apr. 10 **Grade 8** "Pray" as Holy Week begins

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.



The Diocese of Rockville Centre
**GOLDEN WEDDING
ANNIVERSARY MASSES**

Honoring Couples Married Fifty Years

The Diocese of Rockville Centre would like to honor those couples who have celebrated Fifty Years of Marriage between 2020 and 2022 by inviting them to attend one of the Masses below for a special blessing.

Sunday, May 1, 2022, at 2:00 p.m.

Church of Christ the King, Commack
Celebrant: Most Reverend Richard G. Henning

Sunday, May 15, 2022, at 2:00 p.m.

Church of St. Rosalie, Hampton Bays
Celebrant: Most Reverend John O. Barres

Sunday, May 22, 2022, at 3:30 p.m.

Church of St. James, Seaford
Celebrant: Most Reverend Luis Romero

Register online at drvc-faith.org

Registration must be received by Friday, April 22, 2022

For questions, please contact Lisette Robustelli, Associate Director at
(516)678-5800 ext. 200 or via email at LRobustelli@drvc.org



Are You In Need of Mercy?

Are you familiar with the Divine Mercy of Jesus? On February 22, 1931, Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ appeared to a nun by the name of Sister Maria Faustina. She was from the Congregation of Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in Cracow, Poland. Jesus appeared to her bringing with Him a wonderful message of Mercy for all people. In the apparition she saw Jesus standing before her in a white robe. With His left hand He was pulling back His garment revealing His heart, out of which came white and red rays (*symbolic of the blood and water which flowed from His side when pierced with a lance on the cross. This image reminds us of the tender Mercy of God which was shed upon the world at Calvary*). It is in the heart of Jesus that we find love, mercy, strength, hope and healing. Jesus said to St. Faustina, the greater the sinner, the greater their right to my mercy. No matter what sin one commits, if their heart is truly repentant, God will forgive them.



This image of Jesus as He appeared to St. Faustina can be seen hanging on the wall in the area of the church where the tabernacle used to be.

In the year 2000, Saint Pope John Paul II canonized Sister Faustina and made this apparition worthy of belief. The Holy Father also declared the Second Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday throughout the whole Church.

Therefore, as a parish, we will be celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday on **April 24, 2022**. We will praise God for His eternal love and abundant mercy. How? There will be a prayer service in the Church from 2:30pm - 4:30pm. The prayer service will consist of exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, readings from scripture, praying the chaplet of Divine Mercy (*which consists of various prayers which Jesus gave to Sister Faustina to give to the world. This chaplet is prayed on ordinary rosary beads*), the sorrowful mystery of the rosary, singing and the opportunity to venerate the image of the Divine Mercy and the first class relic of Saint Faustina. All are welcome to join us.

In the apparition of Jesus to St. Faustina, He also gives us the Divine Mercy Novena to pray and, like all novenas, is 9 days. The Novena begins on Good Friday and ends the day before Divine Mercy Sunday. The Novena is very unique because we are praying for God's intentions, not our own. Jesus gave St. Faustina the intentions that He would like us to pray for each day. It is a most beautiful and selfless prayer. There are red Novena pamphlets at the doors of the church in case you need one.

A huge and merciful gift, given us on Divine Mercy Sunday, is that we can receive a plenary indulgence. Jesus promised this to us through St. Faustina when He reminded us of His great mercy. What is a plenary indulgence? It is the total remission (*washing away*) of temporal punishment due to sin. When I confess my sin with a sincere and contrite heart, I am totally forgiven but the temporal (*the here and now*) damage that was done to others (*and myself*) as a result of my sin remains. That's why we do penance to try to repair the damage we have done. That is what purgatory is about. That's why a plenary indulgence is a merciful gift from the Lord. How can one receive it? Here are the requirements: One must go to Mass and receive Holy Communion on the day of the feast of Divine Mercy, April 24th. One must go to Confession within 10 days of the feast (*either before or after*), pray the Apostles Creed (*which is your profession of faith*), take a few moments to reflect on the mercy you have received in your life, pray one our Father and Hail Mary for the Pope's intention and, lastly, have a desire to be freed from the attachment to sin.

Several years ago Fr. Charles and his sister recorded a Divine Mercy Album which consists of the Divine Mercy Chaplet presented in three different ways: scriptural, traditional and sung. It also has the Litany of the Divine Mercy and several reflection songs. The purpose of the CD is to help you pray and reflect more deeply on the love of our Lord, expressed in His Passion. The CDs are sold through their music ministry website: www.frcharleslaurie.com. Proceeds go to charity.



**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.

**NEW
DATE!**

Monday, April 25
Wednesday, April 13
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.



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Synod Preparatory Document



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Let's Journey Together!



Butterfly Memory Café - April 22nd 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 22nd 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.

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, April 11 2022
at 8:00pm in the Cafeteria.**



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.

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.



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. Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experiences.



Spring Concert at the Seminary

Celebrate Spring with some light entertainment! Sunday, April 24, 2022, 5:00pm to 7:00pm - enjoy a late afternoon of “Love and Friendship in Song and Story” in Borromeo Hall. Under the direction of Timothy Carl, three professional singers will offer a semi-Classical program of duets and arias speaking of love and friendship. Reception to follow with wine, cheese and hors d’oeuvres. Reservations required - \$90 per guest. Contact the Seminary Development Office, 631-423-0483 x 102; bmalone@icseminary.edu.

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.

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.

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

Sharing the Gospel

The friends of Jesus made a special parade just for Him. The people liked Jesus. He fed them. He healed them. They wanted to crown Him king. They were sure that with Jesus in charge, they could live in peace. When you praise God and you put Jesus in charge of your life, you really can live with peace in your heart!



Mission for the Week

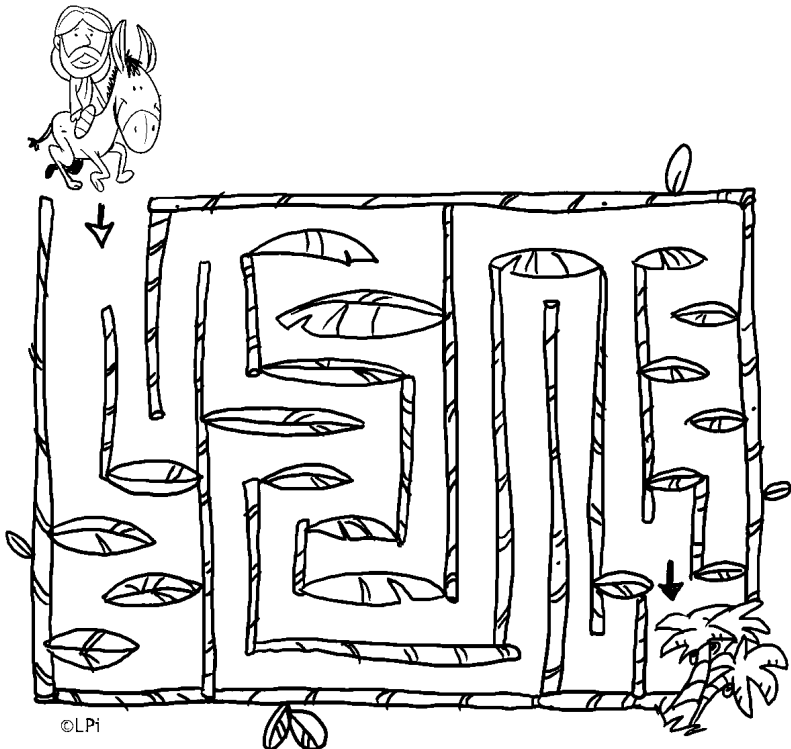


Make Jesus king of your life. Ask Him to help you spend your time doing the things that would make Him happy.



Puzzle

Complete the maze.



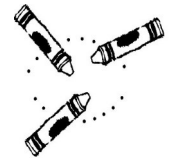
Prayer



Dear God,
thank You for
sending Jesus
to be my king.

Amen.

Something to Draw



Draw a picture
of Jesus as king
in your house.