

# Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

455 Hunter Avenue, West Islip, NY 11795

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

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

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

## Parish Office

**Phone: 631.661.3224 (select option #2)**  
Monday-Thursday: 9:00am-7:30pm  
Friday: 9:00am-5:00pm  
Saturday: 9:00am-3:00pm  
Sunday: 10:30am-2:30pm  
E-mail: [ParishOffice@ollchurch.org](mailto:ParishOffice@ollchurch.org)  
Fax: 631.661.7143  
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## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

**Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy) • Sunday, April 24, 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 April 24, 2022

**Sunday:** Acts 5:12-16/ Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/ Jn 20:19-31  
**Monday:** 1 Pt 5:5b-14/ Mk 16:15-20  
**Tuesday:** Acts 4:32-37/ Jn 3:7b-15  
**Wednesday:** Acts 5:17-26/ Jn 3:16-21  
**Thursday:** Acts 5:27-33./ Jn 3:31-36  
**Friday:** Acts 5:34-42/ Jn 6:1-15  
**Saturday:** Acts 6:1-7/ Jn 6:16-21  
**Next Sunday:** Acts 5:27-32/ Rev 5:11-14/ Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

### 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

#### April 17, 2022

Weekly Collection	\$
Weekly Budget	- \$ 17,800.00
+/- for the week	\$

Financial information was unavailable at the time of printing; it will be included in a subsequent issue.

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

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

This weekend, as we continue celebrating Christ's glorious resurrection, we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday and remember in a special way God's unimaginable gift of mercy. In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus appears to His disciples, saying "Peace be with you" and showing them His wounds. Then He breathes on them, saying, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." The Church considers this as being the time Jesus gave the Apostles and their successors -- our priests and bishops -- the authority to forgive sins and thus instituted the Sacrament of Penance or Reconciliation. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are united to Christ, the Holy Spirit dwells among us and within us, stirring us to faith and allowing the Divine Life to take root in us. What great mercy this is! – that despite our sinfulness, we are drawn to our Triune God by an overflowing, never-ending love. Thus, the Sacrament of Confession is linked to the Divine Mercy.

When we approach the priest acting in the person of Christ (*in persona Christi*) for confession, we first humble ourselves to speak aloud our sins and shortcomings in true and honest repentance. In doing this, we meet Jesus who is waiting to immerse us in the unfathomable depths of His mercy. Through Jesus and in Jesus' name, the priest says at the end of confession: "*I absolve you.*" Sins are not only forgiven, but the penitent is free... free from the chains of sin that bind us and prevent us from loving God as we should.

Jesus knew our hearts long to hear those words: *I forgive you. I absolve you.* The image of Divine Mercy, based on Saint Faustina's visions, shows Jesus having His left foot slightly in front of the other. It seems as if He is stepping out toward us, to meet us wherever we are, just as He came to the Upper Room to meet the disciples in the Gospel story. The disciples were afraid, so the doors were locked. But Jesus came - bringing peace.

In one of his sermons, St. Augustine said "were there no forgiveness of sins in the Church, there would be no hope of life to come or eternal liberation. Let us thank God who has given His Church such a gift." Thank God indeed, for the gift of the Sacrament of Reconciliation! During Holy Week, our parish offered many opportunities for this sacrament and many went for confession. For anyone who had not, I implore you to do take the time to do so. Confessions are heard on Saturdays from 4:00pm-4:45pm or you can call the parish office for an appointment.

And so, whatever sin is locked in our hearts today — whatever sin is holding us down, binding us, and preventing us from loving God as we should – we need to invite Jesus into that space. Let us allow Him in...to come and say, "Peace be with you." And let us meet Him in the confessional, where He waits longing to immerse each of us in His Divine Mercy.

Peace and blessings,

Deacon Nilo

## Altar Society

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

## Members in the Military

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

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

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



## Pastoral Care of Our Sick

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

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

## Pray for Our Sick

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

*Connie Ambrosino, Joyce Berlangero, Morgan Brennan, Thomas J. Calogero III, Maria Clark, Susan Dedes, 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, Eileen Mitchell, 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.

*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.*



## ***Rest In Peace***

*Jerilyn Kaich  
Eileen Lewis  
Anastasia Matthews  
Christina Montesanto  
Maria Orto  
Thomas Schmidt*

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

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## ***Upcoming Marriages***

*Kayla Walsh, OLL  
and  
Armand Giroux, OLL*

## ***Mass Intentions***

**Monday, April 25**

*St. Mark*

**8:30am Luis S. Bonanno**

**Tuesday, April 26**

**8:30am Karen Ann Epp**

**Wednesday, April 27**

**8:30am Pasquale Mastrantuono**

**Thursday, April 28**

*St. Peter Chanel, St. Louis Grignon de Montfort*

**8:30am Antonio & Victoria Delfin**

**Friday, April 29**

*St. Catherine of Siena*

**8:30am Mildred Karl**

**Saturday, April 30**

*St. Pius V*

**8:30am Paula Pagano**

**5:00pm Pasquale Sgambati**

*Fr. Charles Mangano*

**Sunday, May 1**

*Third Sunday of Easter*

**8:00am Salvatore Pinello**

*Msgr. Brian McNamara*

**9:30am Joseph Boykin**

*Msgr. Brian McNamara*

**11:00am Carmella Capparelli**

*Fr. Charles Mangano*

**12:30pm LaRocca & Sweeney Families**

*Fr. Charles Mangano*

**6:00pm People of the Parish, Kenneth Breitfeller,**

**Margaret T. Donnelly, Linda Capuano,**

**Mary Nellany, Timothy Deegan & Nancy Kotz,**

**Peter Lynaugh**

*Msgr. Brian McNamara*



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

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

## Casa Project Update

In the past, the "Casa House" in the Narthex has provided housing, bedding and ecostoves for our friends in El Salvador. We couldn't do this without your support and generosity. Next weekend (4/30 and 5/1) 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.

**Please note: the CASA house is now in the north vestibule by the Father Joe Garden.**



## 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.

## 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@allchurch.org](mailto:RCIA@allchurch.org) or call the Parish Office at 631-661-3224, and we would be happy to help you.



## 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 Fruit
- Tomato Puree
- Oil
- Mayonnaise
- Toothpaste



## Invest in the Future of Our Church!

Create scholarships for students to attend our Catholic Elementary Schools!

100% of your parish's collection goes to scholarships for students throughout Long Island attending our Catholic schools!



Give to the Second Collection next Sunday during Mass!  
Saturday, April 30th | Sunday, May 1st

## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

We will be having extended hours of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on this **Tuesday, April 26<sup>h</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! 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.



*Mr. & Mrs. Antonio Castro  
John & Jennifer Gordon*

*Lawrence Monaco  
Eric Bass*



## 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. 1<sup>st</sup> place winner will win 35% of the money, 2<sup>nd</sup> place will win 10% of the money and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> after the 12:30pm Mass.**

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## *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, April 25, 2022 at 8:00pm in the Parish Center.**

## **Don't Forget Your Baby Bottle!**

On Sunday, **May 1<sup>st</sup>**, the **Knights of Columbus** (Our Lady of Lourdes Council) will be **hosting a Baby Bottle Fundraiser to benefit the Life Center of Long Island.**

The Life Center is a pregnancy care center that consults with women and men who are experiencing an unplanned pregnancy. Did you know the many services they provide?



Free pregnancy test kits  
Free sonogram  
Maternity housing with eligibility requirements referrals  
Medical care referrals  
Material aid including car seats, cribs, clothing, diapers, and many other needed baby items  
Male advocates available to speak with fathers



We are asking that you pick up a baby bottle as you leave and fill it with your donation.

**(Please make checks payable to the Life Center of L.I.)**

**PLEASE RETURN THE BOTTLES ON  
Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Most importantly, we are asking you to recite the prayer attached to the baby bottle. Prayers bring about something very powerful at the Life Center... a change of a mother's heart! We believe these prayers lead abortion-minded women to reach out to the Life Center in the beginning of their pregnancy. Prayers also spiritually equip our consultants at the Life Center to say just the right words a mother or father may need to hear with hope of choosing the gift of life for their baby.

**Let us pray for the conversion of a mother's heart to give the gift of life to her preborn baby!**



# Father Charles and Laurie Mangano

+ a brother & sister +

## *Present a Night of Recollection*

*An evening of song, inspiration and reflection*

### **Our Lady of Lourdes Church**

455 Hunter Avenue, West Islip, NY

**For information call: (631) 661-3224**

**Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup>**

**7:30pm - 9:30pm**

**+ free will offering +**



## ***TOPIC: Heart to Heart***

*How to grow in intimacy with Our Father who loves us*



Do you desire to enter more deeply into prayer, to hear God speak to you, to freely relate all the concerns of your life to your Creator? Then this is the night for you!

This powerful program is designed to help guide you into a richer, more intimate life with God. Father Charles and Laurie will be sharing the four steps of praying that will aid you in a more fulfilling encounter with your God who loves you dearly. During the night, there will be a powerful testimony, prayer and beautiful soul stirring songs. Come and enter into a Heart to Heart encounter with your God.

+ *This night includes a time of adoration before the Blessed Sacrament* +

***Father Charles and Laurie*** have united their gifts to praise God and minister to His people in a very special way. They have been singing for the Lord since childhood and, together, they have touched the hearts of thousands with their meditative and inspirational music. In addition to producing 13 albums, a DVD and music video, Father Charles and Laurie had co-hosted their own television show on Telecare for many years. They have sung at countless venues and their benefit concerts have raised \$458,590 for charity to date. This beautiful Night of Recollection on Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup> is ***guaranteed to be most uplifting!*** It is our hope that through this experience we will come to know, love and trust the Lord Jesus in a deeper and more intimate way, leading us to serve the Lord with gladness.

# Knights of Columbus - Council 17379 Mother's Day Plant Sale

After All Masses - April 30 and May 1

*Plan ahead and purchase a great gift for someone special...  
or even for yourself!*



## *Thank you for supporting our Easter Plant Sale!*

The Knights of Columbus OLL Council 17379 would like to thank our parish family for supporting our Easter plant sale. We were able to sell out and we were delighted to hear about how well everyone's Christmas poinsettias did. We are excited to be helping Monsignor Brian and Our Lady of Lourdes continue the great work of our amazing parish.



*The Knights will be selling beautiful plants on May 1st for Mother's Day. Plan ahead and purchase a great gift for someone special or even for yourself!*

## Grandparent Group

### Calling All Grandparents To Our Spring Gathering

Friday, May 13 at 7:30pm in the Parish Center

Join us as we share our special place in our families, whether we are near or far from our children and grandchildren. Meet new and old friends as we navigate this part of our life journey.

Call Cathy Danowski at the Rectory (631-661-3224) for further information.



## 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).



*Easter Flowers*



**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](mailto:troop179cc@yahoo.com).**

**PRIZES:**

**Friends of Troop 179**  
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>**



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.

**EVANGELIZATION**  
**WEDNESDAY, MAY 18**  
**7:30pm**

To receive the ZOOM link, please call Suzanne at 516-744-6850 or email [westernvicariate@drvc.org](mailto: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





*He is Risen! Alleluia!*

I pray you and your loved ones know the peace of our Risen Lord in these weeks of Easter!

Last Easter, Pope Francis reminded us of our call to go to the peripheries to find the Face of Jesus in those we meet and those in need. This Easter season, join me in going to the peripheries and helping those in need in our community by making a gift to the 2022 Catholic Ministries Appeal.

This year's CMA theme - ***Building a Community of Faith, Hope and Love*** - answers our Holy Father's invitation to love and support one another, and your commitment to the Catholic Ministries Appeal helps us build a community of faith, hope and love here on Long Island.

With your help, we serve more than 600,000 people each year: pregnant mothers in our Catholic Charities' Regina Maternity Services; seminarians in priestly formation who will one day serve God's people on Long Island; people who come to our food pantries; and our youth and young adults who desire a deeper relationship with our loving God.

Please remember that 100% of every dollar raised is restricted to fund the objectives, programs, and mission supported by the Catholic Ministries Appeal.

Thank you for prayerfully considering a gift to the 2022 Catholic Ministries Appeal and reaching out to those in need. Please pray for the success of this year's Appeal and for those who are supported by the Appeal.

You and your loved ones will be remembered in my prayers and Masses. May you and they know the love of our Risen Lord!

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend John O. Barres  
Bishop of Rockville Centre

## ***With Sincere Thanks***

We, The Sisters in Our Lady of Lourdes Convent, would like to thank all in our Parish Family for remembering S Jane Fritz and all of us in your prayers. You have extended your sympathy and love to us in so many ways. We appreciate all you have done and we have been strengthened by your support. S Jane loved being here at OLL, she was with us for 34 years. She also loved all her teaching experiences but especially St. Joseph's College in Patchogue, where she served for 38 years.

Let us continue to pray for one another – Love, S Edith Maher, S Nancy Campkin, S Diane Liona,  
S Isabelle Lonagan, S Marie Ross



## **Butterfly Memory Café - May 6<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, May 6<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, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 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.***

## ***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.



## Spring Open House

Sunday, April 24, 2022 at 1:00pm

1000 Hempstead Avenue  
Rockville Centre, NY 11571  
516-323-4000

For more information, visit: [www.molloy.edu/openhouse](http://www.molloy.edu/openhouse)



## St. Anthony's High School Honor Roll

Congratulations to the following young parishioners who have received Honor Roll certificates for the third quarter off the 2021-2022 school year at St. Anthony's High School. We are all very proud of your accomplishments!

*Brooke Berger  
Justin Cetero  
Nicole DeCnio  
Amanda Dolan*

*Chase Harmann  
Jillian Keogh  
Kelsey Mueller  
Gerard Healon*

*Jaclyn Piscola  
Eriq Polanco-DellaUniversita  
Joseph Walas  
Alyssa Woltmann*

## 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](http://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.

## 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

## 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](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 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/>. Thomas said, "My Lord and My God". Do you experience this in your relationship? 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](mailto:Donna526@aol.com) or call Diane at: 631-587-0966 or Donna at: 631-589-3790. Website: [FamiliesAnonymous.org](http://FamiliesAnonymous.org).

**Military Bridge**  
on  
**Cinco de Mayo**

May 5, 2022

6PM to 9:30PM  
Refreshments  
Raffles/Chances  
Tickets \$10.00

[You don't need to know how to play](#)  
O'Connell Room  
St. Joseph's Church  
39 Carll Ave., Babylon, NY  
Text to pay at the door  
631.804.0112  
or  
send a check/money order to  
CDA, PO Box 25, Babylon, NY 11702  
Sponsored by the Catholic Daughters of the Americas

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



## Sharing the Gospel

After Jesus died on the cross, the disciples were afraid people would want to hurt them, too. They stayed together in a room and locked the door. Then Jesus came to His friends, to show them He was really alive again. Jesus changed their fear into gladness. Have you ever been so afraid that you just wanted to hide? Remember that Jesus is with you when you are afraid, too.



## Mission for the Week

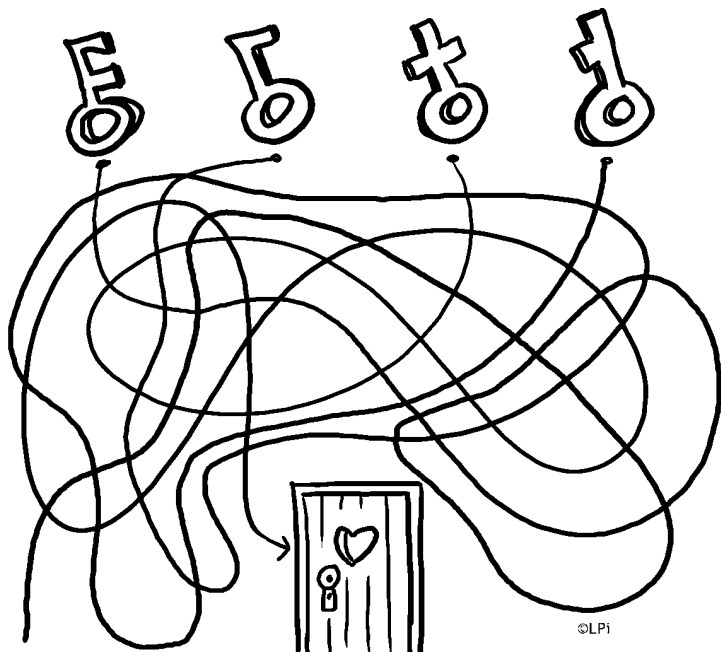


I will talk to God whenever I am afraid.



### Puzzle

Which key can unlock the Door?



## Prayer

Dear God,  
thank you  
for being  
with me  
when I am afraid.  
Amen.



## Something to Draw

Draw a picture  
of Jesus next  
to you when  
you are afraid.

