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
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Vita Scorcia, Ministry Spiritual Director



Parish Office

Phone: 631.661.3224 (select option #2)

Monday-Thursday: 9:00am-7:30pm

Friday: 9:00am-5:00pm Saturday: 9:00am-3:00pm Sunday: 10:30am-2:30pm

E-mail: ParishOffice@ollchurch.org

Fax: 631.661.7143

Website: www.ollchurch.org

Religious Education Office

Phone: 631.661.5440 (select option #3)

Monday-Friday: 9:00am-Noon, 1:00pm-5:00pm, 7:00pm-9:00pm E-mail: ReligiousEd@ollchurch.org

Parish Outreach Office

Phone: 631.661.9262 (select option #4)

Monday-Friday: 9:30am-3:30pm

SAGE (Senior Advocates for Growth and Enrichment)

Phone: 631.661.3224, Ext. 122 E-mail: Sage@ollchurch.org

Liturgical Schedule

Daily Mass

8:30am

Weekend Masses

Saturday: 5:00pm

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

and 6:00pm.

Reconciliation/Confession

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

Rosary

Daily at 8:00am

Miraculous Medal Novena

Monday at 8:00am

Sacraments

Anointing of the Sick

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

Baptism

Please contact the Parish Office to schedule an appointment.

Marriage

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

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

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

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time • Sunday, August 7, 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
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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 July 31, 2022

Sunday: Wis 18:6-9/ Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/ Lk 12:32-48

or 12:35-40

Monday: Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c/ Mt 17:22-27 **Tuesday:** Ez 2:8—3:4/ Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/ Jn 12:24-26 **Thursday:** Ez 12:1-12/ Mt 18:21—19:1

Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/ Mt 19:3-12 Saturday: Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32/ Mt 19:13-15 Next Sunday: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/ Heb 12:1-4/ Lk 12:49-53

Financial Summary

July 31, 2022

 Weekly Collection
 \$ 14,455.00

 Weekly Budget
 - \$ 17,800.00

 +/- for the week
 \$ (3,345.00)

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

Dear Parishioners:

On Monday, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) issued proposed revisions to its regulations implementing Section 1557 of the Affordable Care Act, which would <u>force</u> health care workers to perform gender transition procedures, require health insurance issuers to cover them, and entertain a mandate to perform elective abortions.

In a statement, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) said,

"Sadly, Monday's proposed regulations threaten our ability to carry out our healing ministries, and others to practice medicine. They mandate health care workers to perform life-altering surgeries to remove perfectly healthy body parts. Assurances that HHS will honor religious freedom laws offer little comfort when HHS is actively fighting court rulings that declared HHS violated religious freedom laws the last time they tried to impose such a mandate. This is a violation of religious freedom and bad medicine.

The proposed regulations announce that HHS is also considering whether to force health care workers to perform abortions against their will or lose their jobs. We call on HHS to explicitly disavow any such intent."

I bring this to your attention so you know that the federal government is actively forcing our Catholic hospitals to perform medical procedures against our moral teachings. I would certainly encourage everyone to contact our Congressman and Senators. Do not be silent in the face of these attacks on the Church.

As you may know, Fr. Charles will be away in August, largely taking care of his mom, especially after the death of his dad. So, you will seeing a lot of me! However, as I wrote earlier this month, Fr. Anthony, who is assigned to Our Lady of Consolation Nursing Facility for the next 2 months, will be able to help us out. Unfortunately, Fr. Anthony is limited on Sundays because he needs to celebrate Mass at 10:30am at Consolation.

I recently heard from Fr. Sylvester. He is waiting for an appointment with the American Embassy in Lagos, Nigeria. However, he has no idea when an appointment will be granted. Let us keep praying for a resolution of this problem. It would be great having Fr. Sylvester back with us.

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

In Christ,

Fr. Brian

PS: Don't forget the Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA)! I encourage everyone to make a donation/pledge to the important and vital work of the Diocese. As a Parish, we can only do so much. We need to assist the Diocese in Catholic Charities, seminaries, hospital chaplains, etc. No donation is too small. See page 11 of the bulletin for details.

Altar Society

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

Members in the Military

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

Michael DiMatteo-US Marine Corps
Michael Fantauzzi-US Air Force
Christopher Florca-US Marine Corps
Dominick Gennaro-US Army
Patrick Hart-US Coast Guard
Ritchard Higham-US Army
Colby Matthew Kelly-US Army
Luke Loftsgaarden-US Army
Anthony Mannino-US Marine Corps
Msgr. Brian McNamara-US Air Force
Anthony Memoli-US Marine Corps

Timothy Milligan-US Marine Corps Melissa Mockler-US Navy Patric Mockler-US Navy Andrew Perniciaro-US Army Brandon Ranzie-US Army Stephen Rolston-US Army Jack Shires-US Navy James Stultz-US Army Jack Taffner-US Marine Corps Michael Wilkinson-US Army Peter Zaccaria-US Navy

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



Pastoral Care of Our Sick

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

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

Pray for Our Sick

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

Connie Ambrosino, Thomas J. Calogero III, Michele Carrano-McGee, Maria Clark, Susan Dedes, Dcn. John DeGuardi, Robin Delisola, Amanda DiTingo, Xavier DiPalm, Frank Dobias, Paula Edwards, Joseph Feminella, Anna Ferrante, Mike Ferrante, Nicolette Gebhardt, Patrick Anthony Heffron, Betsy Johnson, Henry Kahn, Shena Kahn, Margaret Kavoures, Anne Kerrigan, Marty Kerrigan, Bill Libasci, George Mangels, Joseph Marrone Jr., John McMahon, Glenn Meyer, Richard Meyer, Kenneth Monroe, Dan Murphy, Edward Pauciullo, Joseph Pepe, Mary Polik-Gunther, John Posanti, Louise Posanti, John Principe, Clifford Proctor, Daniel Ramaikus, Melissa Rogan, Stephanie Russo, Joseph J. Schiavoni, Vita Scorcia, Kathy Shaddock, Richard Shaddock, Jennifer Stoop, Larry Sturgeon, Louise Sturgeon

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



Rest In Peace

Diane Verna Belliveau George Cavallaro Mary C. Coppola Susan Jane Ladika Helen T. Lehmann

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



Upcoming Marriages

Kelly Scheid, OLL and Anthony Saenz, OLL Masses may be viewed via livestream on our Facebook page.

Please join us directly on Facebook or by visiting our
website at: <u>ollchurch.org</u>, where you will be redirected.

You do not need a Facebook account.

Mass Intentions

Monday, August 8

St. Dominic

8:30am James Van Meter

Tuesday, August 9

St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross
8:30am Patrice Davidson

Wednesday, August 10

St. Lawrence

8:30am John Keane

Thursday, August 11

St. Clare

8:30am Gerard Francavilla

Friday, August 12

St. Jane Frances de Chantal

8:30am Charles Garoklanian

Saturday, August 13

St. Pontian & St. Hippolytus

8:30am James O'Brien & Evelyn Wessels, Gerry Fogarty,

Barbara Blaskey & Barbara Mancuso (Living),

Noelle Kuchler, Charles Mangano, Sr.,

Marylou Arangio

5:00pm John Patrick Lilly, William & Kathleen Hermance

Fr. Anthony Akabogu

Sunday, August 14

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am Paul Sovack

Msgr. Brian McNamara

9:30am Diane Cullen, Joseph & Mary Rizzo

Msgr. Brian McNamara

11:00am All Souls of the Maggi Family

Fr. Visitor

12:30pm Robert Beck & Patrick Sweeney

Fr. Anthony Akabogu

6:00pm People of the Parish, Russell Dececk,

Thomas Michael Newman, Katherine Burzotta,

Sr. Marguerite Torre, John Dempsey

Msgr. Brian McNamara



Gabriel's Courage Perinatal Support Program

Gabriel's Courage—Catholic Health's family-centered perinatal program- assists expectant parents who have received a prenatal diagnosis of a life-limiting illness such as an encephaly, severe chromosomal anomalies, inoperable cardiac abnormalities or Potter's syndrome. Obstetricians, registered nurses, social workers, chaplains, child life specialists and bereavement specialists work together to offer compassionate support, education and birth planning services.

Through the development of a birth plan, parents are able to determine the care they want for their baby and make decisions for their newborn prior to birth. An important component of the program is taking memory-building photos, footprints and handprints, reaffirming the precious life of this special infant. For more than a year after the child's birth, the team will remain in contact with the family to help bridge the feelings of loss while validating the role of the parents. Call 631-465-6363 for more information.

Pregnant? Need Help?

Birthright, Inc. 24 Hour Helpline 1-800-550-4900

Islip: 631-277-3888 - Hampton Bays: 631-728-8900 - Rocky Point: 631-821-9727 Southold: 631-876-5138 - Wantagh 516-785-4070

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**, **August 9**nd **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) to check if adoration has been canceled.

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 Cannellini Beans Apple Sauce Canned Fruit Feminine Products

Feast of the Assumption - Monday, August 15th - Holy Day

There will be Mass on Monday, August 15th at 8:30am, 12:10pm and 7:30pm.



Fr. Frank Iacona - Cross Catholic Outreach

Please welcome Fr. Frank Iacona who will visit our parish next weekend. He comes to us from Cross Catholic Outreach and will share some touching stories about the amazing work Catholic missions are accomplishing worldwide. Since Cross Catholic Outreach empowers existing Catholic missions, its program are extremely cost-effective, and the majority of the resources it collects go into program services that help the poorest of the poor around the world. To learn more about Cross Catholic Outreach, please go to CrossCatholic.org/outreach, text BLESSINGS to 474747.



Fr. Frank Iacona was born in the hills of Montelepre, Sicily, near Palermo, but his family left for a better life; first to Canada then to the U.S. He grew up in Detroit where he began his professional career as a teacher, lawyer and CPA. His career path led to the "good life" but he hungered for more, which led him to the inner city of Indianapolis working with the poor, seniors and widows. Fr. Iacona was ordained on January 4, 2002 and is a priest in the Diocese of St. George's-in-Grenada. As an itinerant preacher, he strives to raise funds for the poor and to awaken the Christ in those in the pews. His guide and spiritual quest: Peace and joy, by

affirming and giving thanks for the blessings in each of us. As it is said, "No God, no peace. Know God, know peace." To know God, look for the good in you and others. It is a great joy to have Fr. Frank as a part of the Cross Catholic Outreach family serving the poorest of the poor!

Baby Blanket Bunch - Volunteer Opportunities

The Baptism Program and the Prayer Shawl Ministry recently introduced the Baby Blanket Bunch.

We are hoping to give a *blessed*, white baby blanket to each child baptized in the parish. This gift to the family will be a sign of this special day on which we welcomed our newest members into our parish family. We always need more people to knit or crochet the white baby blankets. The blankets can be brought to the Prayer Shawl Ministry meeting at 9:30am on the first Wednesday of each month in the Parish Center or dropped off at the Rectory. We



also need volunteers who will help by donating soft white yarn for the blankets. The yarn can be dropped off at the rectory or brought to the meeting as well. Please share your special creative talent, generosity and love with the youngest of our parish.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

What's it all about?

IF you are an adult AND

- ... you were never Baptized
- ... you were Baptized in another faith and would like to become a baptized Catholic
- ... you never received Holy Communion (Eucharist)
- ... you never received your Confirmation

IF you are an adult AND one or more of the circumstances above apply to you ...
IF you feel you would like to become a baptized Catholic or become more fully initiated into your Catholic faith... Our email address is <u>RCIA@ollchurch.org</u> or call the Parish Office at 631-661-3224, and we would be happy to help you.



An Invitation from the Knights of Columbus



Men of the Parish (18 years and older), are you interested in serving your Faith, your Church, and your Community? If so, then you are invited to join the Knights of Columbus, Our Lady of Lourdes Council 17379. Joining the Knights will make you part of a 129 year old Catholic Fraternal Order that exemplifies the high ideals of our faith and has contributed to our communities through charitable works and community outreach. We meet on the second and fourth Monday of each month in the Parish Center. The fourth Monday is an Officers' meeting, but members are welcome to attend. Meetings begin at 8:00pm. So begin your journey of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism by becoming a Knight! Online membership is also available at: www.KofC.org.

Our next meeting will be Monday, August 8, 2022 at 8:00pm in the Parish Center.



Secular Franciscan Order

The Secular Franciscan Order was established by St. Francis of Assisi more than 800 years ago. Our purpose is to bring the Gospel to life where we live and where we work. We look for ways to embrace the Gospel in our lives and try to help others to do likewise.

Secular Franciscans are men and women, married and single, living in secular life. We have jobs, homes, cars, hobbies and families. Francis founded our third order with the intention of having men and women who can evangelize in everyday life.

Would you like to become closer to Jesus through St. Francis of Assisi?

Come to one of our monthly meetings and discover how you can bring the Gospel to life every day!

The Secular Franciscans meet here at OLL on the **Second Sunday** of each month

from 1:30pm – 4:30pm in the **Parish Center**

For more information, please contact Dan at: 631-432-0453



Dementia Caregiver Support Group Thursday, August 18th, 2022

Caregiving for someone with Alzheimer's or a related dementia can cause frustration, fear, anger, sadness and other emotions. Our support group can provide emotional, social, and educational help to caregivers whose lives are affected by dementia.

Join us on the 3rd Thursday of each month from 5:30pm-7:00pm in the Parish Center *There is no charge to participate, but please contact Michele at 631-647-7622, ext. 2006 or via email at:* <u>michele@agentletouchseniorcare.com</u> to reserve your place.



Butterfly Memory Café - August 19th 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, August 19th 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.

Annual Italian Feast - Volunteers Needed

Volunteers needed for our Annual Parish Italian Feast. Whether you have volunteered in the past or would like to volunteer for the first time, we could use your help!

Our Volunteer Meeting will be Wednesday, August 17th at 7:00pm-9:00pm in the Parish Center. The dates for this year's feast are Wednesday, September 14th through Sunday, September 18th. Mark your calendars!



~Deacon Rich

Do you know a Senior, graduating from High School?

It is especially important to connect our graduating High School Seniors to the campus minister at their chosen college so they can connect with other Catholic students. As our teens move onto college, you can help them continue their journey of faith.



Many colleges, secular and parochial, provide a Newman Center for incoming Catholic students. These Centers provide pastoral support and ministry to students, in addition to providing a space to meet other Catholic students interested in growing in their faith. This year, students will be able to connect immediately by downloading our newly created "Newman Connection App" on their phone!

Please send the graduate's First & Last Name, e-mail address, and phone number as well as the Name of College, City/State they will be attending to Patti Anderson at: panderson@ollchurch.org.

The respective Newman Connection campus leader will be informed and will welcome the student when he or she arrives in the fall.



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.

Calling all Boy Scout Troop 179 Alumni!!!

OLL's own Troop 179 is celebrating its 50th Anniversary. There are many events being finalized for this Golden Anniversary. To ensure you don't miss out on any of our great upcoming events please email: troop179cc@yahoo.com to get on our alumni list.

Marriage Struggling?

- 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?
- Are you separated or divorced, or thinking about separation or divorce?

Another marriage-saving weekend is coming to the Metro/New York Area:

September, 9-11 2022

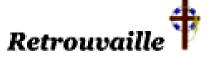
The Retrouvaille Program helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. To be connected directly and confidentially to someone who can help, or to register, contact:

1-800-470-2230

or

www.helpourmarriage.org

Long Island/Metro Retrouvaille is a 5013c non-profit, peer ministry. Couples of all faiths, or no faith, are encouraged to attend, and no one is ever turned away for lack of funds.



(Retro vi - French for rediscover)

Because No Marriage is Beyond Hope



Building a Community of Faith, Hope, and Love

"Let us pray for seminarians, that they may listen to the voice of the Lord and follow it with courage and joy."

-Pope Francis

Your gifts to the Catholic Ministries Appeal help to build a community of Faith by supporting the education of our seminarians as they prepare to become priests in our diocese. Meet Seminarian Hurley Mendez.

"I feel very blessed to be able to answer my call in the Diocese of Rockville Center. The CMA has supported me by providing the necessary resources to access formation programs where I can receive the knowledge and skills to experience and encounter Christ and serve and support the needs of our Diocese. I thank all those who join this noble campaign because they help not only in the formation of seminarians but also in programs that support the most vulnerable, giving fruits of charity and love, and thus, promote the mission of saving all the People of God."



"As a seminarian, my call is to mold my heart to the heart of Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd, who gave His life for his sheep. To be a seminarian is to be a friend of Christ and follow His Footsteps, carry on what He began, and spread it in every place, always, and to the entire world."

Please make check payable to the Catholic	Ministries Appeal		
Name:	Pledge:	Balance:	
Parish:			
Address:			_
City, State and Zip Code:			_
Telephone number: Home	Cell:		_
Signature:			

To make a donation, you can also visit https://www.drvc.org/CMA/ or call us at 516-678-5800 ext. 296. Thank You!



Altar Society Volunteers Needed!

Looking for volunteers to join the Altar Society. Pick up church linens, wash, iron and return them to the sacristy. We currently have eleven members, which means you would be responsible once every eleven weeks. The more members we have, the longer in between obligations.

If interested, please call the rectory and leave your name and number or call me direct - Joyce Petersen (631) 539-2917.

Upcoming Bereavement Support Program St. Mary's Parish, East Islip

Eight Week Group beginning Tuesday, September 13th at 7:00pm Support Groups are open to anyone who has suffered a loss at least three months prior to the start of the group. Loss must have occurred prior to June 13, 2021. There is no cost but a commitment to attend each meeting throughout the program is required.



Groups are offered in a closed and confidential setting with highly trained facilitators and limited to 13 people. All Covid CDC guidelines will be followed.

Pre-registration is required.

Please call 631-581-4266 ext. 125 to register.



Thank you

Outreach has received the following donations recently. Thank you to all for your continued support.

The Ladies AOH made a very generous donation of food to the food pantry.

Outreach received a donation from Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Gafforio.

Jennifer Arena made a donation.

A donation came from Connie Katsock in memory of *Florence Roache*.

Don & Laura Willis, Joanne & Marc Marquardt, and Roberto & Susana Bouza made donations to Outreach.

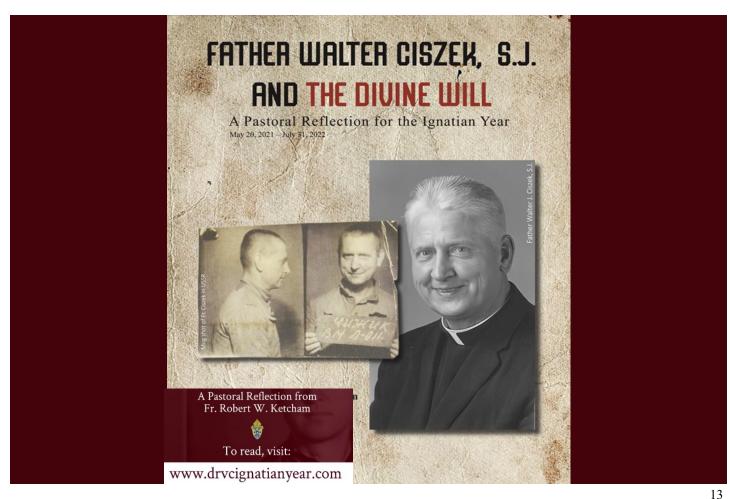
A donation was received from Aloisia Foote in memory of *Liselotte Kruger*.

Yvonne Nuttall made a donation in memory of Arthur Petrino.

Donations were received in memory of Helen Lehmann from the OLL Choir,

Marilyn Barthel & Beth Ann Corsentino and Mary & Jack Hulse.





SJB Offers Prep Course for TACHS Exam

St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School is offering a Prep Course to prepare students for the test for ADMISSION INTO CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS (TACHS EXAM). This course consists of five 2½ hour sessions beginning in September. A Test taking Strategies Class is also being offered





on the Friday evening before the exam. For additional information please visit <u>www.stjohnthebaptistdhs.net</u> or call 631-587-8000 ext.117



Chaminade High School Final Honor Roll

Congratulations to *Andrew T. Rao* who achieved Final Honor Roll status for the 2021-2022 School Year at Chaminade High School. We are all very proud of your accomplishments!



Kellenberg Memorial High School Final Honor Roll

Congratulations to the following young parishioners who have been named to the Final Honor Roll for the 2021-2022 School Year at Kellenberg Memorial High School. We are all very proud of your accomplishments!

Avery Beyrouty Eryn Brodtman Michaela Clifford Miranda Clifford

Anna Heaton

All Volunteers - VIRTUS TRAINING

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

Church Census Information

Has your contact information changed, or are you moving?

The process of updating our Parish Data System information is an ongoing process. We ask that you please submit any recent changes -- address, family members, phone numbers, etc. With your help, our parish data information will be more accurate, and receipt of Parish Offering Envelopes and other church information can be processed more efficiently.

Please mail the information to the Parish Office, or email to: parishoffice@ollchurch.org.

St. Patrick's Parish Mission with Sonja Corbitt

St. Patrick's Parish

280 East Main Street, Smithtown, NY 11787 Phone: 631-265-2271

Sunday, August 28th - 7pm - 8pm Monday, August 29th - 7pm - 9pm Tuesday, August 30th - 7pm - 8pm



Please join us and let's find out where God wants to begin loving and lifting you through the Scriptures!

Sonja erupted on the scene with her explosive best-selling book, "Unleashed", in which she shared how the Holy Spirit is freeing her from her patterns of toxic relationships, self-medicating habits, painful circumstances, and overwhelming desires. All but one of her books have gone on to be bestsellers.

Now she's everywhere. Her 13-episode "Unleashed" series aired weekly on Catholic TV, Focus TV, and Christian Associates TV. Soon after, "Fearless" also aired on Catholic TV stations across the country.

Her radio show "Bible Study Evangelista" launched on Real Life Radio, Breadbox Media, St. Gabriel Radio, the Discerning Hearts® website and is now available on the most popular Catholic app for iPhone and Android, "Laudate".

Sonja is thrilled to be part of the CatholicTV family with her own show, "Evangelista Bible Study", which airs weekly. She offers brief, topical Bible study series that are immediately and obviously relevant to contemporary life.

You can catch her current shows by subscribing to the Monday morning email, or listen via podcast on iTunes, TuneIn, GooglePlay, Podbean, or Stitcher. Look for her newest release, "Just Rest, Receiving God's Refreshment in the Deserts of Your Life, a Study of the Exodus" (Ave Maria Press) this fall, everywhere books are sold. Sonja is a regular guest on EWTN, writes for The Great Adventure Bible Study Blog, Catholic Digest, Catechist Magazine, and Magnificat magazine, and speaks around the world.

Long Island Women's Retreat Ministry - "Remain in Me" Retreat

You are invited to a women's weekend retreat on September 9-11, 2022 at St. Joseph's Villa in Hampton Bays. The Guest Speaker will be Patricia Molnar and Rev. Robert Kline (retired priest, also helps out on weekends at St. Jude Parish in Mastic Beach) will be the Celebrant. Patricia, a Third Order Carmelite since the mid-90's, takes a humble and spirit-filled way of bringing all of us into a deeper awareness of the Lord's presence in our lives.

How close do you want to get to God? As quickly as 2021 came, it passed in a fleeting moment. Is the earth moving faster or is it just the zillions of things going on in this ever-changing world of chaos? We all pray to the Heavenly father, waiting for answers with hope in our hearts. No doubt that our desire is to grow closer to God even through the distractions that are before us every day.

The "Remain in Me" retreat reminds us that, as long as we remain rooted in Jesus, believe in His Word, allow His Word to find a home in our heart and we obey it, we will "bear much fruit" and we will hear that "still small voice of God" Do you hear Him?

For more information and to register call: Yvonne Bracone at: 631-398-4086 or Nina McGee at: 516-449-6197. Cost is \$250.00 (single room, meals included) and space is limited.

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 Nov. 19-20, 2022. For information please call Lenny & Pat Walker at: 631-563-1032 or visit: longisland.engagedencounter.com.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring a variety of in-person and virtual marriage experiences, some on weekends and some on seven weekdays. Couples will explore their relationship with each other, God, and the Church. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call Chuck & Maria Reiss at 631-486-8607 or visit them at: https://www.enyli.org/.



Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own. Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter experiences on **September 23-25** or **November 11-13** at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington, NY.

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 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 and in person. 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 "Accepting Differences". To listen online or for more information, visit: www.ReligionandRock.com.

Sharing the Gospel

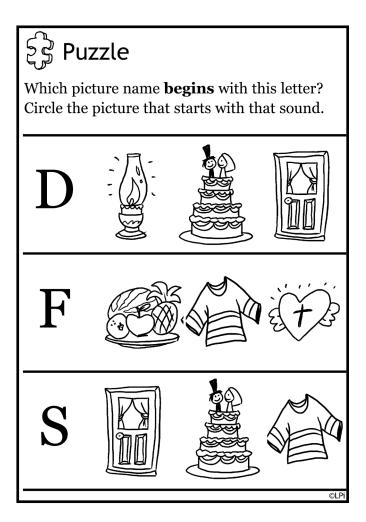
One day Jesus will come back from heaven. He could come back any day, nobody knows when. So, you and I need to be ready. Put God first in your life. Love God with your whole heart. Live every day in a way that will make Jesus smile. Be ready to go to heaven!



Mission for the Week



Every day I will read, play, and listen to things that make God happy.



Prayer

Dear God,

Help me to stay close to Jesus.

Amen.





Draw a picture of Jesus coming back in the clouds.