

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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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
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Religious Education Office

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Monday-Friday: 9:00am-Noon,
1:00pm-5:00pm, 7:00pm-9:00pm
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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.

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time • Sunday, August 21, 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 Scorgia

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 August 21, 2022

Sunday: Is 66:18-21/ Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/ Lk 13:22-30

Monday: 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12/ Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/ Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday: Rv 21:9b-14/ Jn 1:45-51

Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9/ Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25/ Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31/ Mt 25:14-30

Next Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/ Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/ Lk 14:1, 7-14

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

August 14, 2022

Weekly Collection	\$ 13,341.00
Weekly Budget	- \$ 17,800.00
+/- for the week	\$ (4,459.00)

Assumption	\$ 2,820.00
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The estimated weekly collection needed to maintain and operate our parish buildings, ministries, programs and salaries is \$17,800.

The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Last Monday, August 15th, the Church celebrated the Feast of the Assumption of Mary into heaven. On Monday, we will celebrate the Feast of the Queenship of Mary. This feast was instituted by Pope Pius XII in 1954, to be celebrated on May 31. However, in 1969 Pope Paul VI, promulgating the new General Roman Calendar, appropriately transferred the feast to August 22, the octave day of the Assumption.

The royal dignity of Our Lady is part of the mystery of her full glorification and perfect conformity with her Son, the King of all the ages. In the words of the Second Vatican Council, "the Immaculate Virgin... when she had completed her earthly life, was taken up body and soul into the glory of heaven and exalted as the queen of all creation, so that she might be more fully conformed to her Son, the Lord of lords (see Revelation 19:16) and victor over sin and death." (Lumen Gentium, no. 59)

Mary is rightfully called Queen, not only because of her Divine Motherhood of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, but also because God has willed her to have an exceptional role in the work of eternal salvation. Let's consider the following excerpt from *The Great Adventure Bible (RSVCE)* published by Ascension Publishing, LLC:

"In ancient Israel, the queen was not the king's wife but his mother. As wife of King David, for example, Bathsheba bows before her husband, but when her son Solomon becomes king, he bows to her; as queen mother, she sits on his right hand (1 Kings 2:19). Since the Davidic kingdom gives us an earthly blueprint of the kingdom of God, the office of queen mother illustrates in a veiled way Mary's role in the New Covenant. As the queen mother brought people's petitions to the king, interceding on their behalf (1 Kings 2:16-19), so Mary brings our needs to the King of Kings, Jesus, and intercedes on our behalf (see Jn 2:3)."

I came upon the Litany of Mary, Queen of Families, and I invite you to pray it for all the families in our parish and beyond.

The response to the invocations is: ***Mary, Queen of Families, we implore you!***

There are so many families in desperate need. They require your protection.

They need your guidance.

There are so many families who have become lax in their faith and even entangled in error. They need your clarity and security. They need your courage and strong faith.

There are so many families who lack spiritual and material possessions. They need your help. They need your intercession.

There are so many families who have become too weak in order to resist temptations. They need your strength. They need your purity.

There are so many families who experience difficulties in educating their children. They need your motherly love. They need your educative hand.

There are so many families torn apart through a loss of true love. They need your goodness. They need your loving understanding.

May we always have a special place for our Blessed Mother in our hearts... **To Christ through Mary!** And I pray for you and your families the blessings of the Holy Trinity.

Deacon Nilo

Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Nora Neshta*. 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 Hart - <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, Thomas J. Calogero III, Michele Carrano-McGee, Maria Clark, Susan Dedes, Dcn. John DeGuardi, 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, Joseph Marrone Jr., John McMahon, Kristina Messina, 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

Joan Acquaviva
Anthony Buchalski
Donna Fitzgerald

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

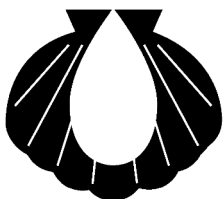


Upcoming Marriages

Sarah Choksi
and
Garrett Gorrasi, OLL

Ewelina Roszkowska,
St. Stanislaus, Brooklyn

and
Michael Kaponyas
St. Stanislaus, Brooklyn



Baptism

Sophia Marie Kelleher
Tala Josephine Price

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

Mass Intentions

Monday, August 22
The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8:30am Lorraine Morrissey

Tuesday, August 23
St. Rose of Lima
8:30am Clarence & Agatha Rice

Wednesday, August 24
St. Bartholomew
8:30am Gussie Casciola

Thursday, August 25
St. Louis, St. Joseph Calasanz
8:30am Iris Scarpa

Friday, August 26
8:30am Rosemary Ryan

Saturday, August 27
St. Monica
8:30am Mary, Vito & Maria Cinque, Thomas Ford, Domenica May Palminteri, Beverly Caparella, Violeta Sarmiento Salvador, Patricia Loretz

5:00pm Joseph & Helen Nolan
Msgr. Brian McNamara

Sunday, August 28
Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00am Dan Murphy (Living)
Msgr. Brian McNamara

9:30am Salvatore Pinello
Msgr. Brian McNamara

11:00am Giovanna Novara
Msgr. Brian McNamara

12:30pm Michael F. Maher
Fr. Anthony Akabogu

6:00pm People of the Parish, Dolores A. Naglieri, Gerry Fogarty, Joseph Trentacosta, Richard Frederick Loehr, Louis Schiano
Fr. Anthony Akabogu

Rosary for Life



JOIN the OFFICE of HUMAN LIFE, FAMILY and BIOETHICS in PRAYER

Every Friday - 3:00 PM

Via Zoom

Visit drvclife.org for link to Zoom meeting

Email dcrean@drvc.org

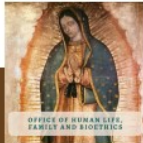
Meeting ID: 856 4708 7922

if you would like the link

Passcode: 677757

sent to you each month.

Call In #: 1 (646) 876-9923



www.drvc.org

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 23rd** 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.

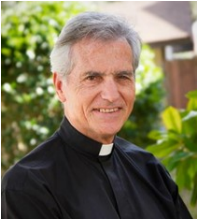


Hamburger Helper
Canned Stew
Boxed Milk
Tea
Conditioner

Fr. Frank Iacona - Cross Catholic Outreach



Last weekend we were blessed to have Father Frank Iacona from Cross Catholic Outreach. More than ever, poor families in developing countries are depending on Catholic missions for assistance with food, water, shelter, medical care and spiritual nourishment. **It's not too late to support Cross Catholic Outreach and the efforts of these vital international missions. To participate, please go to CrossCatholic.org/outreach, or 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!

SAGE

The SAGE group (Senior Members of the parish who are young in spirit) will meet this Tuesday, August 23. Bring your lunch along and we can have a nice visit together. Meet us in the Parish Center at Noon.

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 in the Parish Center.

There will be a VIRTUS class at OLL on Wednesday August 24th from 7:00-9:00pm. If you do not have VIRTUS certification, you must take the class and have a background check in order to volunteer. Sign up online at: VIRTUS.org.

The dates for this year's feast are Wednesday, September 14th through Sunday, September 18th. Mark your calendars!

Deacon Rich



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.





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 22, 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



Butterfly Memory Café - September 2nd 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.



Dementia Caregiver Support Group Thursday, September 15th, 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.

Hope House Ministries needs your help!

Contact your Elected Representatives in support of Hope House Ministries.

Hope House Ministries is eligible for a grant to support people in our area recovering from the long term effects of opioid addiction. Hope House has been serving men, women, teenagers and families in different ways for over 40 years. If you'd like to express in writing your support for Hope House's application for the grant, please go to: <https://www.hhm.org/local-representative-letter/>
Download the template letter, sign and send it to your local representative.



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.



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.



Called to Evangelize – How to Embrace the “Season of Creation”

It's August! For many of us here on Long Island, the arrival of the eighth month of the year signals that the traditional summer opportunities to get away from work and school are coming to a close. Only so many good beach days left!

As disciples of Dramatic Missionary Growth, even as we are enjoying the remaining days of August, let us commit to demonstrating our gratitude for the Lord's creation by marking our calendars to participate in the Pope's invitation and call for us to join with Christians throughout the world on **September 1st**, a day set aside as the "**World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation.**" And let us mark off, too, the subsequent days through **October 4th**, the **Feast of St. Francis of Assisi**, and join in exercising our four pillars of stewardship in various ways, such as those suggested below, in order to more fully and fruitfully love God, neighbor, and self during the days from **September 1st through October 4th** that have been designated by the Pope as the "**Season of Creation.**"

Let us consider preparing ourselves and others to be receptive to being fruitful, joyful emissaries of Dramatic Missionary Growth for the “Season of Creation” by first evangelizing ourselves, perhaps by using the remaining August days for open-minded and open-hearted prayerful **Formation**. Let us read—or *perhaps re-read*—the Pope's 2015 encyclical ***LAUDATO SI' (On Care for Our Common Home)***.

Also, as disciples of Dramatic Missionary Growth, if we sense any reluctance or hesitation in our offering of **Prayers** of praise, thanksgiving, petition, and repentance on September 1st to God, or if we find it hard to imagine ourselves joyfully entering into stewardship activities throughout the weeks that comprise the “Season of Creation,” let us pray for the Lord’s Grace for the conversion of our hearts, as the Pope counsels us to do concerning our laxities, indifferences, and other sins that violate the moral imperative of caring for our common home.

During the Season of Creation, when we perform environmental-friendly acts of renewing, reducing, recycling and reusing our material resources, we might consciously strive to undertake those activities as matters of missionary **Service** toward those who will benefit materially and spiritually from our being less wasteful and less self-directed with our time, talent, and treasure. To help us to elevate the motivations for our conservation efforts, we might recall that as Psalm 34 says, “*The Lord hears the cry of the poor.*” ... *Do we?*

Yes! We do hear their cry when we extend our **Hospitality**, existent in the outpouring of our extra--*as well as our re-focused--* time, talent, and treasure, generously offered for love of God and neighbor to our family, friends, and strangers in need. Thus, we show them how great is God’s love for them and how faithful He is to hearing and answering their cry, providing for their needs—both spiritual and material.

If we prepare now to live the upcoming “Season of Creation” in humble awareness of our privileges and responsibilities to be disciples of Dramatic Missionary Growth by exercising our four stewardship pillars as guideposts for finding ways of respecting and reflecting the goodness of God's Creation, how much more joyfully will we hear *and perhaps even sing* the words of the “Canticle of St. Francis” in connection with his feast day—a feast that culminates the “Season of Creation.” ... After all, Pope Francis chose the words “Praise be to You, my Lord” from his namesake’s *Canticle of Brother Sun and Sister Moon* as the title for his encyclical upon which the call to live the “Season of Creation” was widely promulgated.

“Praise be to You, my Lord.” Having convinced ourselves of the need to pray and to work for the care of our common home, which includes justly seeing and meeting the material and spiritual needs of ourselves and others for love of God, may each one of us disciples of Dramatic Missionary Growth inspire many others to join us in wholeheartedly praising our Creator in word and deed, before, during, and after this upcoming “Season of Creation.”

Please check out the **Caring for Creation** blog from the DRVC Stewardship website!

And click **here** for Pope Francis' Laudato Si'!

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.** 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.



Every day, people in our community are helped because of support from funds raised through the Catholic Ministries Appeal. Our hope is that each family will make a gift. We cannot ask everyone to consider the same size gift, but after prayer and reflection, each family is invited to make a gift in response to God's generosity in their lives. **No gift is too small and all gifts make a difference in the lives of others!**



Make checks payable to:
Catholic Ministries Appeal

Parish _____

Pledge: \$ _____

Name _____

Down payment: \$ _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

Thank you, and for more information or to donate online, please visit: www.drvc.org/CMA



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

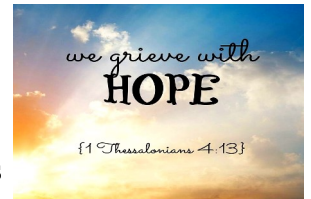
Eight Week Group beginning Tuesday, September 13th at 7:00pm

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.



Grief Support Group

Westminster Presbyterian Church

109 Udall Road, West Islip

Call: 631-482-2033

E-mail: pastorkerry@optonline.net

Register at: griefshare.org



Help and encouragement after the death of a loved one. GriefShare is a special weekly seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life. We know it hurts, and we want to help.

Meets for 12 weeks on Thursdays from 3:00pm-4:30pm beginning on September 8th

Registration required

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.

Retrouvaille 

(Retro vi – French for rediscover)

Because No Marriage is Beyond Hope

Father Mychal Judge 911 Walk of Remembrance

All are invited to attend the Father Mychal Judge 911 Walk of Remembrance in NYC.

Held the Sunday before 9/11, the walk was started in 2002 by Det. Steven McDonald in Honor of his friend who perished in his role as Fire Dept. Chaplain. It remembers all civilians, police and fire fighters who were victims of that day. Join us as we retrace Fr. Mychal's steps beginning at St. Francis of Assisi Church where Father lived and ending at St. Peter's in lower Manhattan where Father was brought, the first identified victim of 9/11. Stops will be made along the way to honor police and fire department units. Join us as we come together to pray and never forget.

Walk begins at 9:30am Sunday, September 4, 2022 at FDNY 31st Street and 7th Avenue, directly across from St. Francis of Assisi Church, where the rosary will be said at 9:00am.

Walk concludes 12:00pm at St. Peter's RC Church, Barclay Street, NYC.

911WalkOfRemembrance@gmail.com

646-856-Walk

www.911WalkOfRemembrance.com

Seminary of the Immaculate Conception Annual Communion Breakfast

**Sunday,
September 18th**



**Mass Seminary Chapel
10:00am**

Rev. Msgr. Steven R. Camp

*Seminary Rector & Pastor, Church of St. Patrick, Huntington
Celebrant and Speaker*

(Mass followed by Brunch and Msgr. Camp's Presentation in Refectory)

Reserve online: www.icseminary.edu (Events) \$50.00 per person

Reserve by September 11th Walk-in Guests cannot be accommodated

Additional Information: 631.423.0483x102 bmalone@icseminary.edu

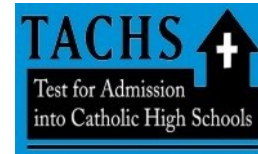
Employment Opportunity - St. John the Baptist DHS

Spanish Teacher needed to teach high school Spanish at St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School in West Islip. Candidate should have BA or MA in Spanish or related area. Please send resumé and cover letter to: principalsoffice@sjbdhs.org or fax to: 631-587-8996.



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 www.stjohnthebaptistdhs.net or call 631-587-8000 ext.117



St. Michael Academy, NYC - Reunion 2022 ALL ALUMNAE INVITED

The annual Reunion of the St. Michael Academy Alumnae Association (NYC) will be held this year at Noon on Saturday, September 24, 2022 at Connolly's Pub and Restaurant, 121 West 45th Street, New York City. It is open to ALL Alumnae but especially honors the Golden Anniversary Classes of 1970, 1971 & 1972 and the Silver Anniversary Classes of 1995, 1996 & 1997. We are honoring three years of classes due to the Covid epidemic cancellation of recent reunions. For further information and reservations please consult the website at: saintmichaelacademyny.com, or by email at: smaanyc@gmail.com or call: 631-667-8875. The cost is \$75 for the luncheon before August 29, 2022, \$85 thereafter. Cash bar. ALL SMA Alumnae (from any year) are welcome to attend.



Employment Opportunity - St. Kilian Parish, Farmingdale

Administrative Assistant needed for busy Parish Social Ministry/Outreach program. Hours are: Monday to Friday 8:30am-1:30pm.

Duties include ensuring efficient day-to-day office operations and assisting director and volunteers through a variety of tasks related to organization and communication Proficiency with computers (including Microsoft Outlook, Word, Excel, Publisher and Access), ability to multi-task, attention to detail and ability to work independently is required. Sensitivity to diverse cultures and backgrounds is necessary Must always maintain appropriate confidentiality. Bilingual (Spanish/English) a plus.

Please email resume to: jeanal@stkilian.com.

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

Do you have grandparents or older friends that danced and partied in the 1930s and 40s? Did they only listen to radio shows? If you answered YES please nominate that couple for the Longest Married Couple Project, sponsored by Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) starting today.

Go to: <https://wwme.org/community/sponsored-events/longest-married-couple/> to place your nomination or call 321-544-3440 or email: dick.diane.baumbach@wwme.org.

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://wwmenyli.org/>.

Go out to all the world and tell the Good News. Learn to proclaim the goodness of your marriage at a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. 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 "Being Excited". To listen online or for more information, visit: www.ReligionandRock.com.

Sharing the Gospel


Heaven will be wonderful. People from all over the world will be there to enjoy God's friendship. No matter how small you feel now, you will always be important to God in heaven. Once you accept the gift of love from Jesus, you will want to change your life. You will want to spend time with God, and you will want to show love to other people. Then you can look forward to heaven.







Mission for the Week











Pray to God with your family, and ask God to change your hearts so that you love God more than anything else.

 **Puzzle**

Circle the picture that is **different**. Then color in all the pictures.

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Prayer

Dear God,
 Help me to do
 all that I can
 to grow closer
 to You.



Amen.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture
 of yourself
 standing next to
 Jesus in heaven.

