Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

455 Hunter Avenue, West Islip, NY 11795

Msgr. Brian McNamara, Pastor Rev. Charles Mangano, Associate Pastor Rev. Saji Pathrapankal, CM, Chaplain at Our Lady of Consolation Nursing

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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.

Feast of Christ the King • Sunday, November 20, 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

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Parish Office

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Parish Office

Carol Grillo

Parish Office

Rita Spera

Religious Education Office

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 November 20, 2022

Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3/ Col 1:12-20/ Lk 23:35-43

Monday: Rv 14: 1-3, 4b-5/ Lk 21:1-4 Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19/ Lk 21:5-11 Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4/ Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23,19:1-3, 9a/ Lk 21:20-28

Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2/ Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Rv 22:1-7/ Lk 21:34-36

Next Sunday: Is 2:1-5/ Rom 13:11-14/ Mt 24:37-44

Financial Summary

November 13, 2022

Weekly Collection \$ 14,800.00 Weekly Budget - \$ 17,800.00 +/- for the week \$ (3,000.00)

CMA \$ 3,791.00

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

Dear Parishioners:

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. Pope Pius XI instituted the Feast of Christ the King in 1925 for the universal church in his encyclical Quas Primas. He connected the increasing denial of Christ the King to the rise of secularism. At the time of *Quas Primas*, many Christians (including Catholics) began to doubt Christ's authority and existence, as well as the Church's power to continue Christ's authority. Pius XI, and the rest of the Christian world, witnessed the rise of non-Christian dictatorships in Europe, and saw Catholics being taken in by these earthly leaders. These dictators often attempted to assert authority over the Church. Just as the Feast of Corpus Christi was instituted when devotion to the Eucharist was at a low point, the Feast of Christ the King was instituted during a time when respect for Christ and the Church was waning.

Pope Pius hoped the institution of the feast would have various effects. They were: 1) That nations would see that the Church has the right to freedom, and immunity from the state. (Quas Primas, 32). 2) That leaders and nations would see that they are bound to give respect to Christ (Quas Primas, 31). 3) That the faithful would gain strength and courage from the celebration of the feast, as we are re-

minded that Christ must reign in our hearts, minds, wills, and bodies.

Thanksgiving is this Thursday, November 24. I would like everyone to make an effort to come to Mass on Thanksgiving Day. Mass will be at 9:30am. While it is not a holy day, Thanksgiving Day is a wonderful opportunity as a parish family to come and thank God for all His tender mercies.

While President George Washington proclaimed the first National Day of Thanksgiving, it took some time before Thanksgiving became a national holiday. In September 1863, Sarah Joseph, a newspaper editor, wrote to President Abraham Lincoln imploring him to set aside a National Day of Thanksgiving. President Lincoln agreed immediately.

President George Washington proclaimed:

It is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will and to be grateful for all His benefits and humbly to implore His protection and favor.

President Lincoln proclaimed:

I do, therefore, invite my fellow citizens... to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next as a day of Thanksgiving and praise to our beneficent Father who dwells in the heavens.

President Lincoln proclaimed Thanksgiving Day in the middle of the Civil War! The Civil War killed so many people and maimed even more. In the midst of a very dark, deadly time in America, President Lincoln saw a reason for the nation to give thanks to God. Even in similar dark times, the light of God's grace is always present. Let us thank God for his small, tender mercies that he showers upon us each day.

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

In Christ,

Fr. Brian

Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Margaret Lehmann*. 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 Harty-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
Raymond Sgambati-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 ...

Jon Ackerman, Connie Ambrosino, Baby Ellis, Thomas J. Calogero III, Michele Carrano-McGee, Marykate Cavanagh, Maria Clark, Susan Dedes, Dcn. John DeGuardi, Amanda DiTingo, Frank Dobias, Paula Edwards, Joseph Feminella, Nicolette Gebhardt, William Hacker, Patrick Anthony Heffron, Henry Kahn, Shena Kahn, Anne Kerrigan, James Leung, Bill Libasci, Vincent Marinelli, Joseph Marrone, Jr., John McMahon, Zachary Melengic, Glenn Meyer, Richard Meyer, Edward Pauciullo, Bob Petersen, Mary Polik-Gunther, John Posanti, Louise Posanti, John Principe, Clifford Proctor, Melissa Rogan, Ida Schiavoni, Joseph J. Schiavoni, Vita Scorcia, Kathy Shaddock, Richard Shaddock,

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



Rest In Peace

Louise Mangano Gene Sowinski

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



Upcoming Marriages

Lisa Ferraro, OLL
and
Patrick Dineen,
St. John Nepomucene, Bohemia

Alyssa Bilello, St. Patrick,
Smithtown
and
Christopher Kleva,
St. Andrew Avellino, Flushing



Baptism

Stella Rae Stone

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, November 21

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30am Clarence & Agatha Rice

Tuesday, November 22

St. Cecelia

8:30am Pasquale Sgambati

Wednesday, November 23

St. Clement I, St. Columban, Blessed Miguel Agustín Pro

8:30am Tom Collins

Thursday, November 24 - Thanksgiving

St. Andrew Düng-Lac and Companions

9:30am People of the Parish

Friday, November 25

St. Catherine of Alexandria

8:30am Anthony Rera

Saturday, November 26

8:30am Matthew Kuzmiak, Helen Lehmann, McCarthy,

Manzo & Muccio Families, Janet Loehr,

Ruth Schneider, The Riggio Family

5:00pm Bruce John Ferland, Sr.

Fr. Charles Mangano

Sunday, November 27

First Sunday of Advent

8:00am Yvonne Donnelly

Fr. Charles Mangano

9:30am Diane Cullen, Joseph & Mary Rizzo

Fr. Charles Mangano

11:00am Eddie Mariarossi

Msgr. Brian McNamara

12:30pm Salvatore Pinello

Msgr. Brian McNamara

6:00pm People of the Parish, Paul & Cynthia Breitfeller,

Patrice Davidson, Charles Mangano, Sr.,

Helen Lehmann, Karen Estelle, Martin Kerrigan,

Dorothy Ennis

Fr. Charles Mangano

Winter Clothing Drive





We are in desperate need of Gently Used and New Winter Clothes for Boys and Girls in sizes Newborn through 4T.

Please consider donating today!

Our four centers in **Hempstead**, **Massapequa**, **Deer Park**, and **Smithtown** will all gladly take donations. Thank you so much for all of the time, talent, and treasure you give us in our shared mission of protecting and cherishing every life, from the womb through eternity. For more information, please contact our Deer Park location at 631-273-2373.

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

Confirmation 2022

On **Thursday, November 3rd** the Sacrament of Confirmation was administered by Bishop Richard Henning in our Parish. Seven classes of grade 9 students, a total of 128 students were confirmed. They are sent forth now to live out their Catholic faith with even greater enthusiasm and conviction.



Please pray for our newly Confirmed as they embrace this very important commitment in their faith journey and that they will continue to be strengthened, loved and supported by YOU ... their Parish family.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

We will be having extended hours of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on this **Tuesday**, **November 22nd from 12:30pm to 7:30pm**. Come, spend some intimate time with Jesus during our 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.

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.

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.



Pancake Mix Pasta Sauce in Jars Canned Beets Cannellini Beans Hamburger Helper



The Parish Office will close on Wednesday, November 23 at 3:00pm in observance of Thanksgiving.

The office will re-open on Friday, November 25 at 9:00am.

Thanksgiving Day Mass - Thursday, November 24 at 9:30am

Thanksgiving Mass will also be live-streamed on our website: <u>ollchurch.org</u>
Come together to celebrate the goodness of the Lord at our Mass on Thanksgiving Day!

This is an opportunity to take time out to reflect on the many *good* things that have happened in our lives during the last year. However, we must also remember those who are in need. We ask that you bring a non-perishable food item to the Thanksgiving Mass to be a blessing to those in need. At the Offertory, you will be invited to process up and place your non-perishable food item in the baskets located in the sanctuary. A basket will also be available if you prefer to give a monetary contribution.

We will give thanks as God's holy and blessed people!



Thanksgiving at OLL

It's November.....

and Thanksgiving is fast approaching.

Once again, we ask our generous parish family and friends to help those less fortunate by making a donation to Outreach.

We would like to suggest that when you are shopping for your Thanksgiving dinner, you buy a duplicate item for one of our families in need and bring it to Parish Outreach for distribution.

Any donations of Thanksgiving food, including turkeys or hams or gift cards would be gratefully accepted. If your budget has room to donate a complete dinner, we are working with families of 2-8 members.

We'll be in the Parish Center on Sunday, November 20th from 1:00pm to 4:00pm to accept donations. We will also be accepting donations November 14th to November 18th at the Outreach office from 10:00am to 3:30pm.

Thank you for all you do!

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

What's it all about?

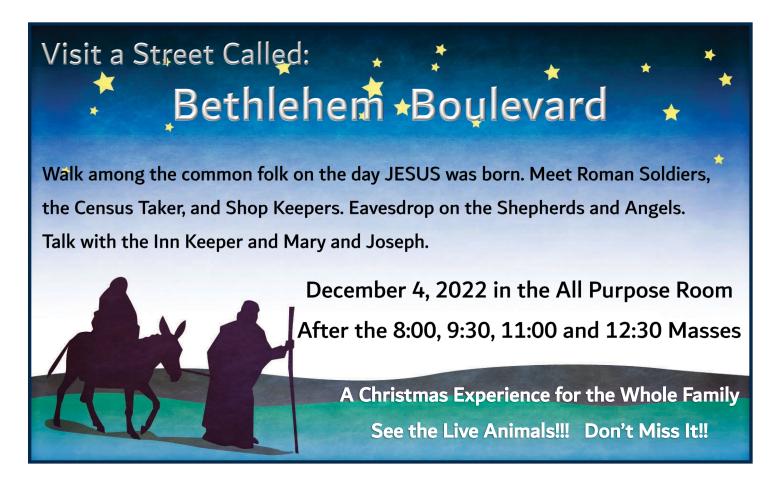
IF you are an adult AND

- ... 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.







Book of the Names of the Deceased

Beginning November 2, and continuing throughout the month of November, a special book will be placed in the Sanctuary, inscribed with the names of all who have died in our Parish Family over the past year.

In prayer, let us remember all of these men and women who have gone before us, "marked with the sign of faith." May our united prayers help us to better understand and appreciate our faith in Christ, our risen Lord, who conquers sin and death and brings new life to all!



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 visit our website: https://witroop179.wixsite.com/bsatroop179 or contact us at: troop179cc@yahoo.com.

2023 Mass Intention Reminders

As in the past, we will not be accepting individual Mass intentions for Easter, Christmas, Mother's Day or Father's Day. These days will be part of a novena of Masses.

Due to the overwhelming requests for Mass intentions throughout this past year, we have found it necessary to change a few things:

- * Only 7 Mass requests can be made at one time per person.
- * The Saturday 5:00pm Mass has been changed from a "single intention" Mass to a "multiple intention" Mass.
- * Saturday 8:30am Mass and Sunday 6:00pm Mass will continue to be multiple intention Masses.



Warm Winter For All Clothing Drive

In the spirit of giving and helping others the Vitello boys, Joseph and Johnathan, are collecting winter weather wear to give to those in need. Help those who may be struggling to stay warm this winter by donating your used or new cold weather gear (hats, gloves, scarves, coats, snowsuits, boots etc.). We will have a drop box set up at our home 66 Penney St. West Islip, N.Y. 11795 until December 1st if you would like to donate. Thank you for helping with anything you can give. Warm Wishes, The Vitello Family





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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.

Our next meeting will be Monday, November 28, 2022 at 8:00pm in the Parish Center.

Catholic Ministries Appeal DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE God's love calls us to move beyond fear. We ask God for the courage to put on falth, hope and love as use go out into the world and become the World in body as well as spirit.	One Family is	h Mission - Building a C	a Love
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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, Diocese of Rockville Centre, PO Box 4000, Rockville Centre, NY 11571-4000				
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

Louise Mangano

July 23, 1924 -November 12, 2022

Well done good and faithful servant... enter into the joy of the Lord

-Matthew 25:21



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Our hearts are aching as we write to tell you that our dear loving mother, Louise Mangano, passed away yesterday, November 12, 2022.

On a human level, we are extremely heartbroken and feel a tremendous loss as our mother was an exceptional human being. She loved her family so deeply and so passionately. At 98 years old, even though she suffered with dementia, she looked for us to hold her hand and be with her. Her gratitude for us was extraordinary.

On a spiritual level our mother has not passed but has gone home to her Lord. We are amazed that our mother is with the very Jesus we place on our tongue during Holy Mass. We are so happy that our mother is seeing our Blessed Mother whom she loved so dearly and witnessing the fulfillment of heaven. We are in awe just thinking of her meeting all the saints and her earthly mother and father, for even in her old age she cried with longing for them. Oh, how she longed for that reunion. We rejoice in her reunion with her husband and our dad!

We believe, we believe! Our mother is in the midst of the communion of saints, and she is now living the LIFE she lived for. Even though our tears flow and our hearts truly ache for the loss of this great love in our lives, we have faith in all God's promises.

Our mother loved us so very much. No sacrifice was too deep. No distance was too far to travel, no price was too much. Father Charles and I and all the Mangano family profess our thanks to our mother for the faith she taught us in all that she said and did. We rejoice in her life in paradise, we will carry her in our hearts forever.

Love always,

Laurie and Father Charles and the Mangano Family

FATHER CHARLES & LAURIE MANGANO

Celebrate 30th Anniversary

of Mater Dei Music Ministry



Please join with us as we celebrate the awesome love of God which we have experienced together over these past 30 years! In thanksgiving to Him, we offer a program to include:

- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Divine Mercy Chaplet, talk and reflection
- Celebration of Holy Mass (fulfilling our Sunday obligation)
- Refreshments and finger foods
- Concert

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11[™] + 2:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.

(Doors open at 1:00 p.m. Open seating, capacity 350)

At the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception

440 West Neck Road, Lloyd Harbor





A ticket charge is necessary to cover the cost of the Seminary rental fee and refreshments.

Tickets are now on sale and may be purchased by calling Alice at 203-970-7862.



COFFEE with JESUS

Advent Reflections

From the comfort of your home,
with a cup of coffee and ZOOM connection,
join Bishop Andrzej at 10:00 am
on Friday mornings during the Advent Season:

December 2, 9, 16 and 23, 2022

for Advent Scripture Reflections

...WORD made FLESH...

This is a great opportunity to prepare and nourish your mind, spirit and heart in anticipation of Christmas.





To register for Coffee with Jesus

please call Suzanne at 516-744-6850 or

email westernvicariate@drvc.org.

Once you are registered, you will receive the

ZOOM information prior to each session.



Butterfly Memory Café - December 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, December 2nd 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, December 15, 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.



Come enjoy an uplifting Christmas concert to benefit Hope House Ministries featuring Andy Cooney and the New York Tenors December 5, 2022 at Patchogue Theatre. Celebrate the spirit of Christmas as the New York Tenors team up with The Big Apple Ensemble, Adrianna Paz, The Hibernian Festival Singers and the HIMS & Her. All proceeds will benefit Hope House Ministries. Purchase tickets online at https://www.patchoguetheatre.org/events/2022-12-05-andy-cooney-s-christmas-celebration or by calling the box office at 631-207-1313.

Important DRVC Information

Information regarding a new deadline to file proofs of claim for victims of sexual abuse who were over 18 or older when the alleged conduct occurred and the forms to use, can be found by clicking on the following link to the Diocese's bankruptcy website and scrolling down the page: https://dm.epiq11.com/drvc.

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: <u>parishoffice@ollchurch.org</u>.

2022 Catholic Faith Network Award of Excellence

The Catholic Faith Network (CFN) will host the CFN Award of Excellence on Tuesday, November 22, 2022 at the Garden City Hotel. This year's honorees include: Archbishop Borys Gudziak, Religious Leader Award, David Newell, Broadcast Media Award, and Peter and Andrea Abruzzese, Business Leaders Award. Patrick L. Donnelly of Sirius XM and CFN board member will serve as Event Chair. For more information, please visit: www.cfntv.org.

Important Information for ALL Parish Volunteers

The Diocese of Rockville Centre requires all clergy, employees, and volunteers (18 yrs. or older) to participate in the Safe Environment Guidelines as established by the Charter for the Protection of Children/Young People (2002) and outlined in the Diocesan Child Protection Policy.

Note: If you already have a Virtus account (<u>www.Virtus.org</u>), have signed the Code of Conduct and attended the Class, all you need to do is initiate the updated background screening through Sterling Volunteers.

Requirements are as follows:

- 1. Attend a Virtus: Protecting God's Children class.
- 2. Undergo background screening.
- 3. Sign the Diocesan Code of Conduct.

Instructions to Complete the Safe Environment Requirements:

- Log into the Virtus website: www.Virtus.org.
- Begin the registration process by creating a Virtus account. The first screen requests the location: Please select Rockville Centre from the drop down list.
- Follow directions on each page.
- During the registration process you will receive a copy of the Code of Conduct and Pastoral Code of Conduct. Please sign each Code electronically.
- Select the class you wish to attend.
- Complete the background screening application provided. Background screening is conducted by Sterling Volunteers.

When you complete the registration process, you will have a Virtus account and an account with Sterling Volunteers. Your Virtus account will contain the date you signed the Codes of Conduct; date you submitted the background screening application and date you will attend Virtus. Please keep your username and the password for both your Virtus account and Sterling account as these are required to access each account.

Please contact the Office for the Protection of Children/Young People if you have questions or require assistance. cprotection@drvc.org

Advent Events with the Sisters of St. Dominic in Amityville

The Sisters of St. Dominic welcome you to Study, Pray, Celebrate and Serve as we prepare to live into the full meaning of Christmas.

> PRAY: Wednesdays at 8:30 pm (Nov. 30, Dec. 7, 14, 21): Via zoom, pray the Liturgy of the Hours known as Compline.

> CELEBRATE: Sunday, December 11th at 3 pm: Come to Lessons and Carols at our Motherhouse, Queen of the Rosary Chapel, 555 Albany Ave., Amityville. Bring a bell.

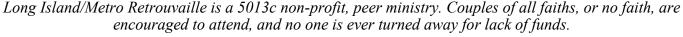
SERVE: Bring a supermarket gift card to Lessons and Carols to be distributed to those in need or mail cards to the Associates' Office at 555 Albany Ave., Amityville.

To Register, email: belsole1@fordham.edu

Retrouvaille Weekend - 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?

The Retrouvaille Program helps couples through difficult times in their marriages.



For confidential information about the Retrouvaille program, or to register for the next weekend **January 27-29, 2023**, please visit our website at: 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

Pronunciation: "retro vi" - French for rediscover Because No Marriage is Beyond Hope

Saint Joseph's Seminary

Earn Degrees and Certificates in Theology through Saint Joseph's Seminary **Spring Classes Have Been Announced!**



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Saint Joseph's Seminary

201 Seminary Avenue, Yonkers, New York, 10704 For more information go to: www.dunwoodie.edu/ma-in-theology



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 March 18-19, 2023. For information please call Lenny & Pat Walker at: 631-563-1032 or visit:

longisland.engagedencounter.com.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Attention Married Couples & Priests

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. 2nd and 4th Wednesday meetings are via Zoom. For more meeting info visit: <u>al-anon.org</u>.

Families Anonymous Meetings

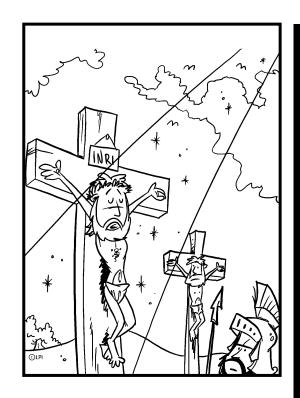
12-Step support group giving Hope & Strength to parents, family and friends concerned with a loved one's destructive behavior caused by Alcohol, Drugs or Related Behavioral Problems will meet virtually and in person. For additional information e-mail: Donna526@aol.com or call Diane at: 631-587-0966 or 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 "Sharing Our Gifts". To listen online or for more information, visit: www.ReligionandRock.com.

Sharing the Gospel

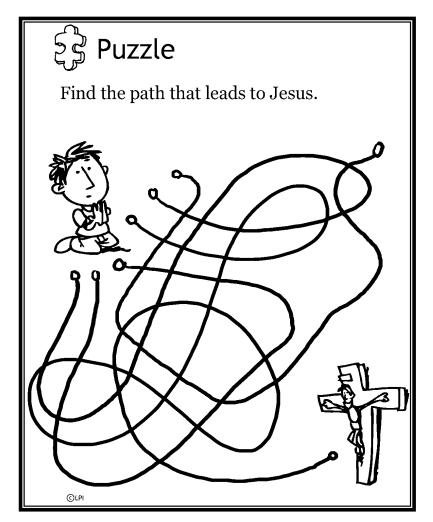
When the soldiers hurt Jesus, they were only doing their job. They did not understand that they were killing God's Son. Jesus saw into the hearts of those soldiers, and He forgave them. A man next to Jesus on the cross had done terrible things. He knew he deserved to die on a cross, and he was truly sorry. This criminal believed that Jesus was God's Son. Jesus saw into that criminal's heart, and Jesus forgave him, too.



Mission for the Week



Jesus forgave the people who killed Him. He expects you to forgive people who hurt you, too. Think of one person with whom you have been angry. Ask God to help you forgive that person, because Jesus forgives you.



Prayer

Dear God, thank you for sending Jesus to forgive my sins, too.



Something to Draw

Draw a picture of Jesus on the cross.

