

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

455 Hunter Avenue, West Islip, NY 11795

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

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Deacon Rich Maher, **Deacon Jack Meehan**,
Deacon John Teufel

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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

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.

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God • Sunday, January 1, 2023



Welcome to our Parish Family

New Parishioners are cordially invited to register as members of our Parish Family. Please call or visit our Parish Office.

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

- Saint Teresa of Calcutta

Pastoral Council

Msgr. Brian McNamara
Eileen Rega
Mary Borgs
Lisa Cantalino
Sonia DaSilva
Dcn. Nilo DeLeon
Jerry Esposito
Trish Frodell
Pam Gagliano
Deborah Lamb
Rosalie Mangels
John Muldoon
Dottie Perdue
Vita Scorcia

Mission Statement

As stewards of all that God has given us, the Parish Family of Our Lady of Lourdes serves and ministers to all who come to this place.

Regardless of a person's history, ethnicity, gender, orientation, age or race, we commit ourselves to open wide the doors of our Parish to provide a place of welcome and hospitality.

Readings for the Week of January 1, 2023

Sunday: Nm 6:22-27/ Gal 4:4-7/ Lk 2:16-21
Monday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/ Jn 1:19-28
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6/ Jn 1:29-34
Wednesday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/ Jn 1:35-42
Thursday: 1 Jn 3:11-21/ Jn 1:43-51
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/ Mk 1:7-11
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/ Jn 2:1-11
Next Sunday: Js 60:1-6/ Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/ Mt 2:1-12

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

December 25, 2022

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

Parish Ministry \$

**Financial information was not available at time of printing.
It will be published in a subsequent issue.**

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



A Prayer for 2023

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:

where there is hatred, let me sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek

to be consoled as to console,

to be understood as to understand,

to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Amen.

Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Pat Wissing*. 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, Susan Dedes, Dcn. John DeGuardi, Amanda DiTingo, Paula Edwards, Nicolette Gebhardt, Thomas Geraghty-USMC, William Hacker, Patrick Anthony Heffron, Henry Kahn, Shena Kahn, James Leung, Vincent Marinelli, Joseph Marrone, Jr., John McMahon, Zachary Melengic, Richard Meyer, Edward Pauciullo, Bob Petersen, Mary Polik-Gunther, John Posanti, Louise Posanti, Clifford Proctor, Dina Rajotte, Ida Schiavoni, Joseph J. Schiavoni, Vita Scorgia

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

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

Mass Intentions

Monday, January 2

St. Basil the Great, St. Gregory Nazianzen

8:30am LaRocca & Sweeney Families

Tuesday, January 3

The Most Holy Name of Jesus

8:30am Michael Keane

Wednesday, January 4

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

8:30am Doris Okula

Thursday, January 5

St. John Neumann

8:30am Louise Mangano

Friday, January 6

St. André Bessette

8:30am Holy Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, January 7

St. Raymond of Peñafort

8:30am Steve Demetrio, Melissa Sue Lombardo

5:00pm

**Matt & Anna Lattanzio, Barbara & Louie Argento
Alice Cullen, Janet & Richard Loehr, Catherine &
Carlos Perez, Lynn Coughlin, Martin Kerrigan**

Sunday, January 8

The Epiphany of the Lord

8:00am Helga McNulty

9:30am

Martin J. Kerrigan

11:00am

Carmela & Fortunato Maggi

12:30pm

Basillio Aquino & Family

6:00pm

**Anita Falabella, Jean Owsinski, Terence Bolin,
Vera Lombardo, Bob & Camille Watts,
Reneida Rivera**



Rest In Peace

*Joe Franzone
Valerie Joy Petito*

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



Upcoming Marriages

*Gabrielle Mescia, St. Joseph,
Babylon
and
Daniel Cameron, OLL*



Winter Clothing Drive



The Life Center is in desperate need of Gently Used and New Winter Clothes for Boys and Girls in sizes Newborn through 4T. *Please consider donating today!*

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

Prayer Shawl Ministry / Baby Blanket Bunch

Bring your prayer and creativity together in a gift of love.

Join us ... **Wednesday, January 4th at 9:30am in the Parish Center.** All you need to bring is scrap yarn, knitting needles or crochet hooks (patterns and instructions will be given to you) and your gifts of love and prayer.

Rosary Christian Mothers

The Rosary Christian Mothers normally meet on the first Monday evening of each month. The next meeting will be on **Tuesday, January 3rd**. (due to the observance of New Year's Day). Both the recitation of the Rosary and General Meeting will be held in the Parish Center..

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



Thank you from the OLL Knights of Columbus

Our Lady Of Lourdes Knights Of Columbus would like to thank our amazing Parish Family. We sold out of the Christmas poinsettias and still had parishioners calling to see if we had more.

The Council is very grateful and appreciative of the support. We were excited to hear how all the plants from our previous sales thrived throughout the season.

The Council is eager to continue helping our Parish with the money we raise. We are all blessed to be part of Our Lady Of Lourdes.

Save up for our Easter and Mother's Day plant sales.

Hope you had a Merry Christmas and the poinsettias are still looking great. The Knights hope you, your families, and the Parish enjoy a Happy and Healthy New Year!

May God continue to bless us and those we love !

Erik Pauze



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

We will be having extended hours of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on this **Tuesday, January 3rd 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.

Nocturnal Adoration

"Come to me all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest."

This is Jesus Christ's invitation every first Saturday of the month. The Blessed Sacrament is taken to the altar after the 5:00pm Mass and will be exposed up to 9:50pm. Everyone is invited to spend some time in front of the Blessed Sacrament to offer prayers, petitions and thanksgiving to Jesus. Nocturnal Adoration will follow the 5:00pm Mass on **Saturday, January 7th** concluding with Benediction at 9:50pm. Please come and pray with us. All are invited and welcome. Bring a friend!



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.

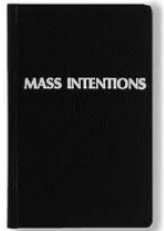
Our next meeting will be Monday, January 9, 2023 at 8:00pm in the Spiritual Life Center.

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.



In addition to our parish website (ollchurch.org), please visit us on *Facebook* at *The Parish Family of Our Lady of Lourdes*. Click "Like" and you will receive the latest news on upcoming parish events and information.

Christmas Raffle

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



The drawing will take place on **Sunday, January 15th in the All Purpose Room after the 12:30pm Mass.**

Hopefully, the Wise Men will bring you a gift of a winning ticket!

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Mark Your Calendar: Bible Study ***Do you want to hear God speak to you?***

For most of us, prayer becomes a source of frustration as we struggle to calm our minds to find even a few minutes to pray. In our busy lives, prayer is seen as a luxury, when in reality it is essential and fortifies the foundation of our lives. Do you pray and therefore have a healthy spiritual life? The good news is that you can overcome your difficulties with prayer, and it is easier than you might think. Therefore, join me as I will be leading an eight-week series entitled **Oremus** (*In Latin it means, "Let us pray"*). If you are feeling the Lord prompting you to be a part of this bible study, mark your calendar and call the parish office to register at (631) 661-3224 Ext. 2. We want to make sure there will be enough chairs and workbooks for everyone. The seating is limited to 108 people. Over the eight weeks, the Oremus Study program will teach you the essentials of an effective and fruitful prayer life. This is what Oremus can do for you:

- Become more deeply aware of God's presence in your life
- Discover the simple yet profound steps to Catholic prayer
- Learn how to respond to God and express yourself in prayer
- Discover how to hear God's voice in Scripture, in your heart, and in ordinary moments
- Learn how to overcome frustrations, distractions, and dryness in prayer
- Grow in your relationship with God and those around you, and much more....

Every class meets from 7:30pm to 9:15pm in the Parish Center. The eight dates are: **Tuesday**, April 25, May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, June 6 & 13. The evening will consist of an opening prayer, a song and watching an excellent 30 minute video presentation by Fr. Mark Toups, a wonderful speaker from Louisiana. Then there will be a group discussion through small sharing groups with the workbook provided, closing announcements and a closing prayer. There is no set fee for the course but a free-will offering would be graciously accepted to help defray the cost of the workbooks. We will also be using the bible during this study. If you need a Catholic bible, the owner of the Advent Religious Store in Massapequa, Sarah Ryan, will bring bibles to Oremus for purchase.

As Fr. Mark has assisted me in my own prayer life through Oremus, I know he can assist you with yours. I highly recommend Oremus. I have been blessed to have been on several retreats where Fr. Mark was my spiritual director. He is the best at what he does. Fr. Mark was ordained in 2001 and is a priest for the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux, Louisiana. He is presently the Pastor of Our Lady of the Isle parish in Grand Isle, Louisiana. He is also Vicar General and Director of the Office of Parish Support in his diocese and an adjunct faculty member for the Institute of Priestly Formation, specializing in communications, development and spiritual direction. Fr. Mark served for several years as Chancellor of his Diocese, the Pastor of two other parishes and Director of Seminarians. He received his Masters of Divinity degree from Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans. Fr. Mark is the author of Ascension Press resources: Oremus: A Catholic Guide to Prayer \ Rejoice! Advent Meditations with Mary \ Rejoice! Advent Meditations with Joseph. He brings a wide range of experience to this bible study.

I hope you will prayerfully consider joining me.

Calling all facilitators: we need facilitators for our small sharing groups during the 8 weeks of the Oremus bible study. It's not difficult, I will train you. The facilitator helps the sharing group to remain on topic during the time of discussion. The training session is set for Tuesday, April 18th at 7:30pm in the Parish Center. Please RSVP to the parish office so we can make sure we have enough facilitators. Thank you so much.

I am looking forward to this time of journeying with you through Oremus.

Peace and blessings,

Fr. Charles Mangano

Thank You

We would like to extend a heartfelt **Thank You** to the wonderful “Mailing Team” that answers the call and/or email to help with our Christmas mailing. We would like to thank *John Amabile, Marilyn Barthel, Filomena Cantone, Eileen Clifford, Connie Cristaudo, Marie Davidson, Tammy Davies, Rosetta Fragola, Liz Gorassi, Joanne & Ed Guiffre, Sara Iannaccone, Peggy Kapalko, Steve MacQuade, Kay Manley, Nora Neshta, Josephine Pastore, Bob Petersen, Michael Poveromo, Ralph Sciaruto, Nancy Sisson, Laura Skinder, Dona Teague, Bill Young, and Marie Zito.*

We would also like to give a big shout out to *Rita Spera*, Religious Education Office, who prints ALL the letters-front and back, raffle tickets, etc. It is a monumental task, and we thank you, so much, for your time and talent. We could not get these mailings done without you!

- Fr. Brian and Debbie Meyer, Business Manager

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.

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 (www.Virtus.org), 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

Are You Being Called to Serve as a Deacon?

Come to any one of these meetings prepared
to LISTEN - to PRAY- to REFLECT- to DISCERN where God is calling you!

EVENINGS are being offered conveniently at THREE LOCATIONS:

7:00pm, Tuesday, January 10th

St. Joseph Ronkonkoma, 45 Church Street

7:00pm, Wednesday, January 11th

Maria Regina Seaford, 3945 Jerusalem Avenue

7:00pm, Thursday, January 19th

St. Aidan Williston Park, 505 Willis Avenue

EARLY WEEKEND option to be held at

1:00pm, Sunday, January 15th

St. John the Evangelist Center Moriches, 25 Ocean Avenue

RSVP by Friday, January 6th to 631-423-0483 ext.179 or by e-mail to diaconateformation@drvc.org

We thank you and look forward to being with you



Butterfly Memory Café - January 6th 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, January 6th 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, January 19, 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.



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/bsatrop179> or contact us at: troop179cc@yahoo.com.



Christmas

FLOWER OFFERING

Andrew L. Velten and
Drew Velten
Carol Samaniego
Mr. & Mrs. John Seylar
Edward & Kathryn Herger
Peter & John Herger
Joe Catuosco
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Cognato
Richard M. Devlin, Sr.
The Devlin & Peterson Families
Ann & Daniel Thompson

Fred N. Polik
Josephine & Carmine Barila
Fannie & Anthony Messina
Marie & John Hepworth
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Gallagher
Nancy & Jerry Esposito, Sr.
Anthony Zafferese
Marie Littlefair
Kathleen Wall
Charles Falco
Marie Ricigliano
Sr. Jane Fritz, CSJ
Eileen & Walter Vollmuth
Michael Varanelli
Frank Caccipolli
Deceased Members of Loscalzo
and Schmitt Families
Mrs. Encarnacion Culpepper
The Bolin Family
Jim & Mary Randazzo
Dorothy & Joseph Ennis
Nancy Bencivinni
Marion & Peter Schreiner
Mr. & Mrs. John C. Amabile
Lanfair & Ruvolo Families
Members of the Capoccia Family
Mrs. Mary Meyer
Mrs. Jane Lally

Mr. & Mrs. Martin Finn
Anne Gravelle
Mr. Andrew Nangano
Ms. Dolores Ryan
Deceased members of Hermance
and Lilly Families
Ms. Betty Trump



St. John the Baptist DHS First Quarter Honor Roll

Congratulations to the following young parishioners who have achieved Honor Roll status in the First Quarter at St. John the Baptist DHS.

We are all very proud of you and your accomplishments!

Magna Cum Laude

Daniella Allesandro
Kiera Davis

Sophia Lastorino
Gabrielle Mercurio

Lila Vivona
Shae Wallace

Summa Cum Laude

Katia Barnes
Emilie Bobrowski
Madison Erb

Allison Kenney
Jessica Manziak
Isabella Nieradko

Brandon Raber
Kevin Ryan
Anthony Spadolini

Volunteers Needed at Maria Regina residence!

Maria Regina Residence, at 1725 Brentwood Rd., Brentwood, currently a sponsored ministry of and the Sisters of St. Joseph, is an 188 -bed Skilled Nursing Facility. We are inviting compassionate, able and dedicated men and women who are willing to volunteer their time and talent in various service areas (usually for one or two mornings or afternoons per week.)

Current priority needs include: transporting residents in their wheelchairs within the building, serving as visitors or Eucharistic ministers and more. For more information, please contact Sister Mary Sheppard, CSJ and leave contact information at 631-299-3288.

Is "reaching out to others" one of your New Year's resolutions?





Birthright of Islip
533 Main Street, Islip, NY 11751
631-277-3888

“It is the right of every pregnant woman to give birth... and the right of every child to be born.”

Do you need help with baby items?
 (not including equipment)

Please contact Birthright in Islip at 631-277-3888
Monday - Friday 10:30am to 2:00pm

What is Birthright?

Birthright provides friendship, love, hope and listening ear and other help to girls/women who find themselves in and unplanned pregnancy. Our services are completely free, non-sectarian and confidential!

Information on:

Pregnancy
 Childbirth
 Adoption
 Prenatal Care
 Community Programs
 Parenting Skills

Child Care

Referrals for:

Medical Support
 Financial Resources
 Housing
 Legal
 Social Assistance

Professional Counseling

Free Resources:

Pregnancy Tests
 Maternity Items
 Baby Clothes and Items
 24/7 Free Hotline

24/7 HELPLINE WHERE YOU CAN SPEAK TO SOMEONE: 1-800-550-4900

islip@birthright.org

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>.

The Sisters of St. Dominic of Amityville Celebrate Irish Night

Many of you know the Dominican Sisters of Amityville through our ministry in schools, health facilities, parish affiliations, etc. This year, we are happy to announce that we will once again celebrate, in person, our annual Irish Night event. This year's festivities will take place on Saturday, March 4, 2023 at St. Brigid's in Westbury, NY and offer us an opportunity to gather together for liturgy, followed by a joyful evening of music, dancing, and Irish spirit!



Please consider supporting our efforts by purchasing one or more of the following:

Take a chance book(s) and encourage many of your friends and family to buy chances. Booklets are \$10 each (12 chances per booklet). Please contact the Advancement Office at 631-842-6000 ext. 246 for more information.

Purchase a ticket online and attend the event. Tickets are \$45 per person or \$100 for 2 tickets & 1 raffle book.

For more information, please contact our Advancement Office at 631-842-6000 ext.246 or visit the event website: www.sistersofstdominic.org/irishnight2023. As always, thank you for your continued support of the Congregation. We hope you will join us on March 4th and raise a glass to good health this coming year. Sláinte!

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"God's love calls us to move beyond fear. We ask God for the courage to put on faith, hope and love as we go out into the world and become the Word in body as well as spirit."
- Pope Francis

One Family in Mission – Building a Community of

FAITH

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& LOVE



Thank you for your generous support of the 2022 Catholic Ministries Appeal.

Completing your 2022 pledge ensures that our Parish
will benefit by receiving our full rebate.

There's still time to make a gift.

If you have not yet had the opportunity to give, please prayerfully consider making a donation to the Appeal
To give securely online, please go to: <https://www.drvc.org/donate/cma/>

Please remember that all new pledges must be in by December 31, 2022
and paid in full by January 31, 2023.

Babylon Chorale Auditions

The Babylon Chorale will hold auditions on Monday, January 9, 2023, beginning with rehearsal at 7:30pm, at the Sisters of St. Joseph Brentwood Campus. All voice parts are welcomed. For further information and current protocols, visit www.babylonchorale.org or e-mail info@babylonchorale.org



Come Join the Band!

We're currently looking for new and experienced bagpipers and drummers (snare, tenor and bass) to join our ranks! We meet on Thursday nights at 7:00pm at the A.O.H. Hall at 27 Locust Avenue in Babylon, NY. Come down and say hello or e-mail us at : pmsupb@gmail.com for more information.

For more about us visit us at: www.saffrinunited.org

The "Moving On" Group

An 'After-Bereavement' Group for Widows and Widowers Presents:

Change Your Thinking/ Change Your Life

presented by: Glenn Poveromo

Friday, January 13, 2023 at 7:00pm

St. Joseph Parish Center

39 North Carll Avenue, Babylon, NY 11702

For further information please call:

Linda Sparaco at 631-225-9530 or Joyce Gangone at 631-813-9356



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.

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.

For confidential information about the Retrouvaille program, or to register for the next weekend on

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



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

Are you ready for more growth and happiness in your marriage or priesthood? Uncover the secrets to a lasting, supportive, transformational marriage on a **World Wide Marriage Encounter Weekend**. Make a New Year's resolution to commit to your spouse to have the best relationship you can. So sign up to attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience together on February 3-5, 2023 in Huntington or June 23-25, 2023 at Immaculate Conception Seminary in Huntington, NY . Register at: WWME.org or contact: Chuck & Maria Reiss at: 631-486-8607. Deadline for registration is January 20th.



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: al-anon.org.

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 "Life's Struggles". To listen online or for more information, visit: www.ReligionandRock.com.

Sharing the Gospel

Mothers think their babies are pretty special, and Mary was no different. She probably kissed His nose, snuggled His little cheeks, and sang songs to Him. But a lot of people thought her Baby was special. Mary had more than just curious relatives showing up to visit. Angels praised God, and shepherds came running to see the Baby, too. When it was time to name Him Jesus, Mary knew He was the Savior.



Mission for the Week



Ask your parents what they enjoyed about you as a little baby. You might also want to look at some baby pictures together.



Puzzle

What letter **begins** each picture name? Circle the capital and lowercase letters. Then color the pictures.



Ss

Aa

Ss

Dd



Hh

Tt

Oo

Hh



Tt

Ee

Tt

Rr

Prayer

Dear God,

Thank you for letting everyone know that Jesus was more than a special Baby. He was the Savior. In Jesus' name, Amen.



Something to Draw

Draw a picture of Mary giving baby Jesus snuggles.

