

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

455 Hunter Avenue, West Islip, NY 11795

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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.

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time • Sunday, January 15, 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 15, 2023

Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6/ 1 Cor 1:1-3/ Jn 1:29-34

Monday: Heb 5:1-10/ Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20/ Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/ Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: Heb 7:25-8:6/ Mk 3:7-12

Friday: Heb 8:6-13/ Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14/ Mk 3:20-21

Next Sunday: Is 8:23-9:3/ 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/ Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

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

January 8, 2023

Weekly Collection	\$ 19,093.00
Weekly Budget	- \$ 17,800.00
+/- for the week	\$ 1,293.00

Building & Maintenance	\$ 4,134.00
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The estimated weekly collection needed to maintain and operate our parish buildings, ministries, programs and salaries is \$17,800.

THANK YOU FROM THE PASTOR

On this past Monday, we celebrated the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord which marks the official end of the Christmas season. We are now in “Ordinary Time”. It takes a great deal of hard work, talent and time to make our Christmas here at Our Lady of Lourdes such a beautiful and prayerful experience. In a special way we should all thank the following:

..... our Liturgical Ministers: priests, deacons, lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, sacristans and ushers under the guidance of Robin Brennan, our Coordinator of Worship. They all helped to make our prayer come alive.

..... our Music Ministers: Michael Buonaspina, our Parish Organist, our Leaders of Song and our Adult Choir.

..... our “Art and Environment Committee” under the leadership of Jerry Esposito. A small army of volunteers spent many hours both in Advent and Christmas creating a wonderful, prayerful environment to help us render praise and thanks to God.

..... our Parishioners who gave so generously to our Giving Tree Gift Program. Under the leadership of Trish Frodell, your generosity brightened the lives of many people, both young and old, and highlighted the true meaning of Christmas: generous giving.

..... the Chapey Funeral Home and the Boyd-Spencer Funeral Home for their donation of the 2023 Wall Calendars.

I am most grateful to all those who constantly give of their time, talent and treasure each and every week, indeed, each and every day here at Our Lady of Lourdes! Your witness and commitment allows the parish family of Our Lady of Lourdes to come alive with God’s love.

I also encourage everyone to take this Christmas as a time to recommit yourself to Christ. If you are faithful to coming to weekly Mass, keep up the good work! If you find yourself not being as faithful to celebrating the Eucharist as you could be, come back to Christ and His family, the Church. Welcome Christ into your own heart and your family’s heart through the weekly celebration of the Eucharist. You’ll be glad you did!

In Christ,

Msgr. Brian

I also want to thank our “Advent people”. I would like to thank Cathy Danowski, Trish Frodell, Rob Natale and Nora Neshta for doing a great job with our **“Bethlehem Village” and our Christmas Fair**. Additionally, thanks go out to Sister Nancy and the 7th Grade classes who helped at all of the events. Cathy Danowski did a magnificent job of transforming the APR and it became a family affair. I especially want to highlight her husband, Rick, who constructed all the sets! There were many others who helped out, including our Knights of Columbus. Cathy is the creative force behind so much of the events we have for our children. In addition, Clara Nam, also was a great help; Clara is always serving: Altar Server, Leader of Song and any other time we need help.



Due to an internal glitch at the printer who provides our weekly parish donation envelopes, you may have received an additional set of envelopes labeled “Infant Jesus Parish” in Port Jefferson. Our Parish Office staff is aware of the problem and it is being rectified with the printing company. You can discard the Infant Jesus envelopes. Please contact the Parish Office with any questions.

Altar Society

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

Members in the Military

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

Michael DiMatteo-US Marine Corps
Michael Fantauzzi-US Air Force
Christopher Florca-US Marine Corps
Dominick Gennaro-US Army
Patrick 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, John Anitra, Baby Ellis, Thomas J. Calogero III, Susan Dedes, Dcn. John DeGuardi, Amanda DiTingo, Paula Edwards, Thomas Geraghty-USMC, William Hacker, Patrick Anthony Heffron, Henry Kahn, Shena Kahn, James Leung, Vincent Marinelli, Joseph Marrone, Jr., Michele Carrano-McGee, John McMahan, Zachary Melengic, Richard Meyer, Edward Pauciullo, Bob Petersen, John Posanti, Louise Posanti, Clifford Proctor, Dina Rajotte, Ida Schiavoni, Joseph J. Schiavoni, Vita Scorcia

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



Rest In Peace

Barbara Ann Turnbull

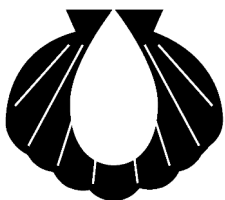
We extend our prayerful sympathy to the families and loved ones of those recently deceased.



Upcoming Marriages

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

*Barbara Ryan, OLL
and
Sebastian Montalvo,
OLL, Queens Village*



Baptism

Carter William Fernandez

*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 16 - Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
8:30am Louise Mangano

Tuesday, January 17
8:30am Paul Moore Calogero

Wednesday, January 18
8:30am Domenica Fedele

Thursday, January 19
8:30am Ron Boily & Patricia

Friday, January 20
8:30am Peter Rooney & John Maher

Saturday, January 21
8:30am Peter Lynaugh

5:00pm John Miller, Joseph Franzone
Msgr. Brian McNamara

Sunday, January 22
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00am Salvatore Pinello
Msgr. Brian McNamara

9:30am Jerry DiPrima
Msgr. Brian McNamara

11:00am Dorothy Evans
Fr. Charles Mangano

12:30pm Jerzy & Danuta Musial, Emilia Regucki and
Ela Sikorski
Fr. Charles Mangano

6:00pm People of the Parish, Rizio "Ricky" Cervini,
Massimo Ferro (Living), Peter Iacovelli
Fr. Charles Mangano

Face the Truth Event - January 22, 2023

Pro-lifers are invited to help restore the right to life for preborn children in NYS by joining the Long Island Coalition for Life for the Roe v. Wade Anniversary Memorial Face the Truth pro-life event on Sunday, January 22, 2023, from 2:00pm to 3:30pm. This peaceful public witness will be held on the sidewalk in front of Nassau University Medical Center (NuHealth, 2201 Hempstead Tpke., E Meadow). Be a positive sign for LIFE! Signs provided. Rain or shine. Sponsored by: LICL 631-243-1435, info@prolifeLI.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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

We will be having extended hours of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on this **Tuesday, January 17th from 12:30pm to 4:00pm**. 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.

Men's Prayer Group

The Men's Prayer group will meet on Wednesday, January 18th from 9:00am-11:00am in the Parish Center. All men are welcome to join us for prayer, conversation and fellowship.

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.

El Salvador Mission Trip Information Session

On Friday, January 20th, there will be an information session to discuss a Mission Trip to El Salvador. The trip has been tentatively scheduled for July 1st - July 7th, 2023. This will be our first trip since 2018 due to COVID, and other issues beyond our control. The meeting will take place in the **Media Center** in the school; it will start at 7:00pm, and conclude by 9:00pm at the latest.



Donations to Outreach

If you would like to make a donation to Parish Outreach in memory of a loved one, please call Trish Frodell, Director of Parish Social Ministry at 631-661-3224, option 4.



Canned Mixed Vegetables
Crushed Tomatoes
Diced Tomatoes
Toothpaste
Shampoo



The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, January 16 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

The Parish Office will re-open on Tuesday, January 17 at 9:00am.

Nativity Sets From Around the World

If you haven't had a chance, we invite you to stop by the parish Center and enjoy a collection of Nativity Sets from around the world. The nativities will remain on display through January 15th



Needed - Soft White Yarn

The Baby Blanket Bunch, who create the beautiful white blankets given to our newly baptized babies, needs donations of soft white yarn. Lion Brand "Pounds of Love" (White) would be greatly appreciated. It is available at Michael's, JoAnn's, Walmart, Hobby Lobby and on [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com). We are grateful for your generosity in assisting us to welcome our newly baptized babies into our parish and faith community. If you can help with a donation, the yarn can be dropped off at the Prayer Shawl meeting (1st Wednesday of the month, 9:30-11:30am in the Parish Center) or you can bring donations of yarn to the Parish Office at any time during business hours.



Volunteers Needed at Maria Regina Residence!

Maria Regina Residence, at 1725 Brentwood Rd., Brentwood, currently a sponsored ministry of 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?

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 23, 2023 at 8:00pm in the Spiritual Life Center.



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/bsatroup179> or contact us at: troop179cc@yahoo.com.

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.

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

FRIENDS OF TROOP 179

West Islip, NY

Annual Spaghetti & Dinner Fundraiser

Date: 1/21/2023 **Snow Date:** 2/4/2023

Time: 4 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Location: Our Lady of Lourdes Church
455 Hunter Avenue, West Islip, NY 11795

Cost: \$8.00 per person plus a \$1 raffle or
2 for \$15.00 plus (2) \$1 raffles

All You Can Eat

Spaghetti, Meatballs, Bread, Salad & Dessert

Tickets Can Be Purchased At The Door

If you can't stay you can pre-order and choose a pick up time.

Just fill out one of our spaghetti dinner order forms before 1/15/23.

Any questions email friendsoftroop179@gmail.com.

Prizes: Friends Of Troop 179
will be selling raffle tickets
to win many donated prizes
as well as a 50/50 drawing.
Tickets will be \$1.00 & \$5.00.



Troop 179 Website: <https://witroop179.wixsite.com/bsatroop179>

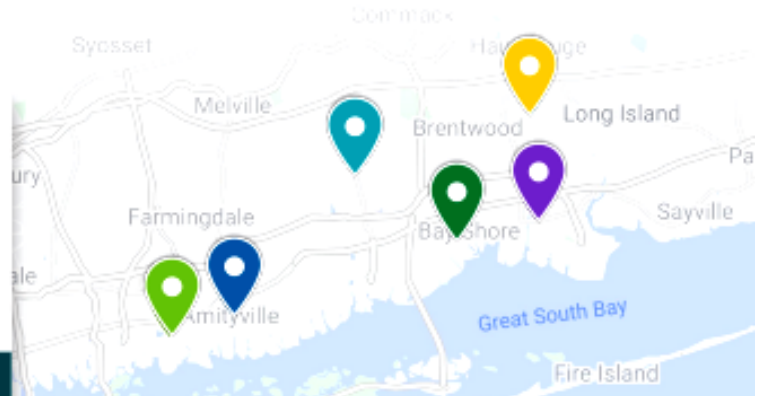
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Important Information for ALL Parish Volunteers

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

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.

Butterfly Memory Café - January 20th 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 20th 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.

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

HOPE

& 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.

Please remember that all pledges made by December 31, 2022
need to be **paid in full by January 31, 2023.**

St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School



PACK-OUT FOR THE TROOPS



St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School has kicked off its **2023 Pack Out for the Troops**. Donated items are assembled into Care Packages that are sent to those men and women serving our country. Items may be dropped off in the front lobby of SJB (Montauk Highway entrance) Mondays through Fridays 7:30am-3:30pm through January 23 (with the exception of January 16 as the school is closed for Martin Luther King Day).

Listed below are the suggested item to donate:

Toothbrushes, toothpaste, dental floss, travel-size mouthwash, disposable razors, shaving cream, Q-tips, bug wipes, Tylenol, feminine products, foot powder, shoe sole inserts, hand lotion, travel-size body wash, foot spray, baby powder, sunscreen (no aerosol please), lip balm, tissues, eye drops, deck of cards, notebooks, envelopes, blue or black ink pens, single-serve powdered drink mixes (Gatorade, Kool Aid, Crystal Light, etc.), Crossword puzzles, snacks (including gum, hard candy, nuts, cookies, beef jerky, Slim Jim, sunflower seeds, Twizzlers, pretzels, protein bars, granola bars, etc.). **Please NO aerosol sprays or hand sanitizers.**

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Joanne Jones at 631-587-8000 ext.176 or via e-mail at: jones@sjbahs.org. Thank you for your support of SJB's **2023 Pack Out for the Troops!**



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 additional information. For more about us visit us at: www.saffrinited.org.

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 looking for a great Valentine's gift? A week-end away for just you and your spouse to help your good marriage be great!! 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 Every relationship is a journey the grind of everyday life can cause you to lose touch with your spouse. This experience will help you listen, share and connect more deeply. Sign up to attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience together on February 3-5, 2023 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 to register for the February weekend 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 "Searching for a Meaning". To listen online or for more information, visit: www.ReligionandRock.com.

Sharing the Gospel

Imagine how excited John the Baptist must have felt after he baptized Jesus. He knew without a doubt that Jesus was God's Son. The very next day John told the crowds that Jesus would take away the sins of the world. God's people had eaten a Passover lamb every year to remember how God saved them from death in Egypt. Jesus was the Lamb of God. He frees you from your old sins and offers you new life with God.



Mission for the Week

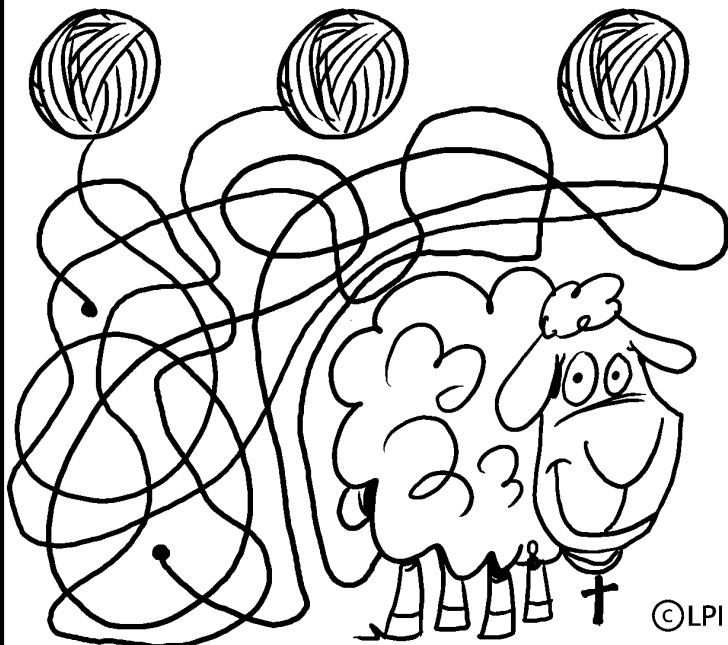


Read the story about the very first Passover, when God saved the Hebrews from the Angel of Death (Exodus 12).



Puzzle

Which ball of yarn leads to the Lamb of God?



Prayer

Dear God,
Thank you for
sending Jesus
to take away my sins.



Something to Draw

Draw a picture
of a lamb.

