

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

455 Hunter Avenue, West Islip, NY 11795

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Rev. Charles Mangano, Associate Pastor
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Chaplain at Good Samaritan Hospital
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Parish Office

Phone: 631.661.3224 (select option #2)
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SAGE (*Senior Advocates for Growth and Enrichment*)

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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.

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time • Sunday, January 22, 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
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Pam Gagliano
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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 22, 2023

Sunday: Is 8:23-9:3/ 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/ Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17
Monday: Heb 9:15, 24-28/ Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday: Heb 10:1-10/ Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/ Mk 16:15-18
Thursday: 2 Tim 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/ Mk 4:21-25
Friday: Heb 10:32-39/ Mk 4:26-34
Saturday: Heb 11: 1-2, 8-19/ Mk 4:35-41
Next Sunday: Zeph 2:3, 3:12-13/ 1 Cor 1:26-31/ Mt 5:1-12a

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 15, 2023

Weekly Collection	\$ 15,569.00
Weekly Budget	- \$ 17,800.00
+/- for the week	\$ (2,231.00)

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

We Are Called!

For the last two weeks, our readings have shown us a common theme of Evangelization. In last week's Gospel, we see John the Baptist point to Jesus and exclaim, "Behold the Lamb of God!" Unlike Luke's Gospel, which points out John and Jesus being related, John's Gospel tells us that Jesus' identity was revealed to John through the work he was sent to do. John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus. Throughout sacred scripture, we see how the prophets foretold the coming of our Savior, now John identifies Jesus as our Savior.

Matthew continues with this week's Gospel telling us of John the Baptist's arrest, as we see Jesus selecting His Apostles. Catherine Cory, in her reflection, points how Matthew is addressing the Jewish people. This is especially true by using the phrase "the kingdom of heaven is at hand". It is out of respect for the Jewish people that Matthew does not use "kingdom of God." The Jewish people do not speak the name of God aloud. Whether we consider it the kingdom of God or the kingdom of heaven, Jesus has come to preach the Good News.

The Apostles will accompany Jesus throughout his public ministry. The Great Commission of the disciples in Matthew 28:16-20, takes place on a mountain in Galilee after the Resurrection of Jesus. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age."

We too are called to spread the Good News. In last week's homily, Father Charles pointed to some ways we can accomplish this. He used the example of parents encouraging their children to go to Mass. It takes perseverance; Father Charles advised parents to continue to extend the invitation to attend Mass. You never know when your invitation will be accepted. The invitation to Mass should not be limited to one's children. There might be other friends or family members who have been away from the Church for a while.

Talking about our faith might be a little tricky. Perhaps we think of it as a daunting task, or maybe we are afraid we might offend someone. Maybe we are concerned about what people think of us, that we are out of touch with the real world. Father Charles warns us not to get into an argument over religion; it does not serve the mission. One way to combat this fear is to gain more knowledge of our faith, perhaps looking into Adult Faith Formation. Father Charles has some room left in his workshop on prayer in April; that might be a good place to start. You can also check the Diocesan website for additional opportunities to learn more about our faith.

Our Sunday Visitor's Editorial Board advises its readers not to sit on the sidelines when it comes to evangelization. The title of the article gives a sense of urgency; "Every Catholic is called to mission." One quote from the article that caught my attention was, "It can be tempting to think that others have a gift for evangelization or the duty to share the Faith, but the fact of the matter is that every Catholic is called to share in the Church's mission, to make Christ known and loved throughout the world." For many, they do not think they have what it takes to participate effectively in the life of the Church. Another quote from the article which resonated with me was, "Each baptized Christian, through prayer, works of service, presence at Mass and more, has something to offer the community of believers."

In *A Devotional Commentary on Matthew*, edited by Leo Zanchettin, we are reminded of Jesus' words after the commissioning of His disciples, "I am with you always, to the close of the age." Jesus' promise is for us as well. He will be with us as we carry out our call to mission. The commentary states, "He will help us to overcome fear, pride or anything else that deters us from preaching His word." There are other ways we can accomplish this. We can look at the Corporal Works of Mercy such as: feeding the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, visit the sick, clothe the naked, visit the imprisoned, and bury the dead. Along with our corporal works of mercy should be prayer. The McGrath Institute from Notre Dame reinforces the idea of integrating prayer and action, with the works of mercy.

I would like to leave you with one more quote from the Editorial Board of Our Sunday Visitor; "Every baptized Catholic is, at one and the same time, a witness to and a living instrument of the Church." There's work to do; let's get to it.

God bless,
Deacon Rich

Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Ann Sipel*. 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	Melissa Mockler -US Navy
Michael Fantauzzi -US Air Force	Patric Mockler -US Navy
Christopher Florca -US Marine Corps	Andrew Perniciaro -US Army
Dominick Gennaro -US Army	Brandon Ranzie -US Army
Patrick Harty -US Coast Guard	Stephen Rolston -US Army
Ritchard Higham -US Army	Jack Shires -US Navy
Colby Matthew Kelly -US Army	Raymond Sgambati -US Navy
Luke Loftsgaarden -US Army	James Stultz -US Army
Anthony Mannino -US Marine Corps	Jack Taffner -US Marine Corps
Msgr. Brian McNamara -US Air Force	Michael Wilkinson -US Army
Anthony Memoli -US Marine Corps	Peter Zaccaria -US Navy
Timothy Milligan -US Marine Corps	

... 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, Mike Ferrante, Anna Ferrante, 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, Heather Paganica, Edward Pauciullo, Bob Petersen, John Posanti, Louise Posanti, Clifford Proctor, Dina Rajotte, Ida Schiavoni, Joseph J. Schiavoni, Vita Scorcica, Celestine Stewart

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



Rest In Peace

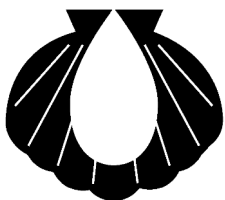
*Joseph J. Belmonte
Charlphine H. Lanigan
Barbara M. Schultz*

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



Upcoming Marriages

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



Baptism

Aubrey Rose Arnold

*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 23

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

8:30am Louise Mangano

Tuesday, January 24

St. Francis de Sales

8:30am Joseph & Amelia Moscarelli

Wednesday, January 25

The Conversion of St. Paul

8:30am Michael Sanfilippo

Thursday, January 26

St. Timothy and St. Titus

8:30am Patsy, Angelina & Dominick Libertelli

Friday, January 27

St. Angela Merici

8:30am Julia Hernandez

Saturday, January 28

St. Thomas Aquinas

**8:30am Martin Kerrigan, Donna Dressier, All the Souls
in Purgatory, Rene Santisteban Colon**

5:00pm

**Valerie Joy Petito, Charles Zdebski,
Michelle DiChiara-Cizan**

Fr. Charles Mangano

Sunday, January 29

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am Noreen Colgan

Fr. Charles Mangano

9:30am

Joseph & Mary Rizzo, Diane Cullen

Fr. Charles Mangano

11:00am

Concetta Lamberti

Fr. Sylvester Chukwumalume

12:30pm

Christina Wolf

Fr. Sylvester Chukwumalume

6:00pm

**People of the Parish, Carmelo Idone,
Francis Joseph Franzone, Mary V. Elie,
Michelle DiChiara-Cizan**

Fr. Saji Jose, CM

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

SAGE

Come join other mature parishioners as we walk through this chapter of our life journey. We share our experiences, our hopes, our laughter and our spirituality at our meetings. We will be meeting on January 24 at 9:30am in the Parish Center. (The Parish Center is across from the playground.)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

We will be having extended hours of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on this **Tuesday, January 24th 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.



Canned Mixed Vegetables
Crushed Tomatoes
Diced Tomatoes
Toothpaste
Shampoo

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. 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.



Congratulations to the following winners of our 50/50 Christmas Raffle:

FIRST PLACE:	Terence Moore
SECOND PLACE:	Helen Lipp
THIRD PLACE:	Kathleen Wichelns

Thank you to all those who participated! We appreciate your support of the Parish!

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/bsatroop179> or contact us at: troop179cc@yahoo.com.

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

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

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Choir, Play-Doh Club, Volleyball Club, Math Boot Camp, Lego Club,
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Saint Martin of Tours School



Join Us for Our Open House!

SUNDAY · JANUARY 29, 2023

9:00am Mass

10:00am-1:00pm Open House

At the Saint Martin of Tours School Open House, you will get a chance to speak with Alumni who attended SMT, current students, teachers and staff. All are welcome!


Why Choose St. Martin of Tours School?

- For over 100 years, SMT has offered academic excellence, which fosters individual growth and development according to time-tested, Catholic faith-based models of teaching and learning.
- Believing in the worth and uniqueness of each child, SMT has established guidelines to help all students grow spiritually, mentally, physically, and emotionally.
- SMT cultivates a robustly Catholic culture centered on the spiritual, intellectual, sacramental, and liturgical life of the Church.
- SMT provides a safe and supportive community that recognizes the dignity of every person and promotes a loving family atmosphere.



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Amityville, NY

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 30 Union Ave, Amityville, NY

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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.



Chaminade High School Honor Roll

Congratulations to **Andrew T. Rao** who has maintained an Honor Roll Average during the first trimester at Chaminade High School. We're very proud of your accomplishments, Andrew!

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
Live Chat through our Website

Dementia Caregiver Support Group Thursday, February 16, 2023



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 - February 17th 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, February 17th 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!

Employment Opportunity - St. Kilian, Farmingdale

St. Kilian Parish in Farmingdale is seeking a part-time sacristan to work 10-15 hours per week, primarily on weekends.

The Sacristan would need to be available weekday mornings, with occasional additional hours later in the day as needed. Flexibility in scheduling is important.

Responsibilities:

- Open and close the church
- Setting up for and assisting the Presider during daily Masses, funerals, and weddings
- Care of the sacred vessels.
- Assist in monitoring necessary supplies for the Church
- Assist with the upkeep & maintenance of all church areas
- Effectively manage time and complete all tasks as assigned by the Pastor

Training provided. Please email your resume in Word format as an e-mail attachment to: johnr@stkilian.com and note "Sacristan" in subject of e-mail.



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.saffrinunited.org.



**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.

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!**

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.

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.



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 "Spirituality". To listen online or for more information, visit: www.ReligionandRock.com.

Sharing the Gospel

Today's Gospel talks about people living in darkness. When you think about darkness, you may also think about stumbling, falling, or even being afraid. That's what your life could be like without God. You could stumble around trying to find love or happiness, but without God you will only fall. Jesus brings light into a dark, unhappy world. With Jesus, you no longer need to fall, and you don't need to be afraid. God loves you.



Mission for the Week

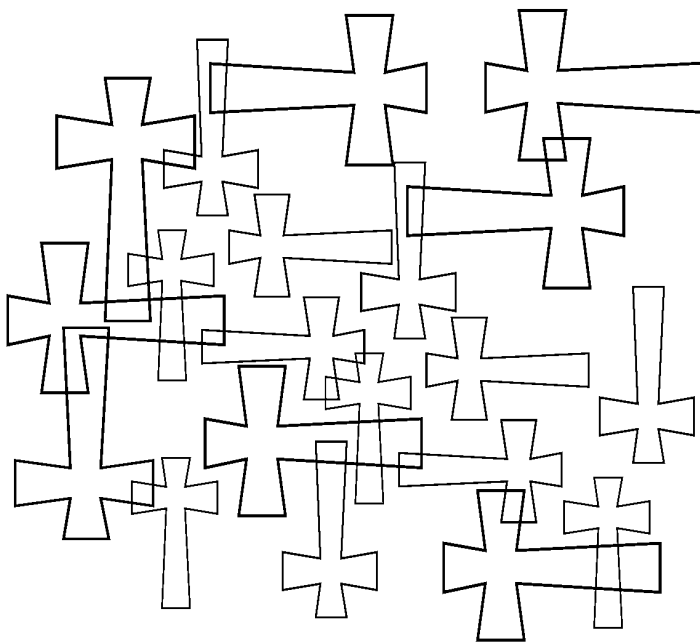


Sing the song, "This Little Light of Mine."



Puzzle

How many crosses can you count?



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THE ANSWER IS TWENTY CROSSES

Prayer

Dear God,

Thank You
that, with
Jesus, I don't
need to be afraid.



Something to Draw

Draw a picture
of Jesus bring-
ing light and
love into
a dark world.

