

# 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.

*Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time • Sunday, February 5, 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 February 5, 2023

**Sunday:** Is 58:7-10/ 1 Cor 2:1-5/ Mt 5:13-16  
**Monday:** Gn 1:1-19/ Mk 6:53-56  
**Tuesday:** Gn 1:20—2:4a/ Lk 7:1-13  
**Wednesday:** Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/ Mk 7:14-23  
**Thursday:** Gn 2:18-25/ Mk 7:24-30  
**Friday:** Gn 3:1-8/ Mk 7:31-37  
**Saturday:** Gn 3:9-24/ Mk 8:1-10  
**Next Sunday:** Sir 15:15-20/ 1 Cor 2:6-10/ Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-24a, 37

### 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 29, 2023

Weekly Collection	\$ 17,213.00
Weekly Budget	- \$ 17,800.00
+/- for the week	\$ (587.00)

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

Dear Parishioners:

As you know, our Parish named after our Blessed Mother, Our Lady of Lourdes. Lourdes is located in southern France, at the foothills of the Pyrenees mountains.

On 11 February 1858, a 14-year-old peasant girl, Bernadette Soubirous, claimed a beautiful lady appeared to her in the remote Grotto of Massabielle. This lady later identified herself as "the Immaculate Conception". Bernadette experienced eighteen apparitions between February 11 and July 26 during 1858 from the Virgin Mary in the nearby grotto. It was only at the ninth apparition that the healing powers were revealed. As of February 2018, there are 70 authenticated miracles that have taken place at Lourdes.

Bernadette was preparing for her First Holy Communion. One of Bernadette's chores was to collect wood for the fire. On that cold day in February 1858, Bernadette and 2 companions headed off to the Gave River to collect pieces of wood. The 2 companions ran ahead and left Bernadette struggling to keep up. As Bernadette was taking off her shoes to make her way through the river, she was startled by a peculiar wind and rustling sound. Bernadette looked up towards the grotto and the caves on the riverbank. Near the opening of the grotto, Bernadette glanced and noticed the cave was suddenly filled with golden light. Lifting up her eyes, she saw a lady of great beauty, dressed in a pure white robe with a blue sash, a veil over her head, a rosary clasped in her hands and yellow roses at her feet. Bernadette fell involuntarily upon her knees, gazing enraptured at the lovely Lady, who smiled lovingly at Bernadette and then disappeared.

The mysterious Lady from heaven appeared in all, eighteen times to the little girl and among other things told her to drink the water from a mysterious fountain which was not yet observed. Bernadette scratched in the sand at a spot indicated, and water began to trickle through the earth; after a few days there gushed forth every day 27,000 gallons of pure, clear spring water, and this water still flows.

Bernadette was asked by Our Lady of Lourdes, who always showed her a sweet heavenly courtesy, to request the priest to have a church built on the spot, that processions should be made to the grotto, that people should drink of the water. The main emphasis of her message was that the faithful should visit the grotto in order to do penance for their sins and for those of the world.

Bernadette entered the convent and became a sister. She died at an early age; she was only 34 years old at her death. St. Bernadette is an "incorruptible". When her body was exhumed, her body was found to not have decayed. Her body can be seen today under glass in Nevers, France.

Today Lourdes is seen as a significant sight and a world center of pilgrimage and a special place of gathering between God and people. There is a wonderful movie, *The Song of Bernadette*, that I would encourage everyone to see. It won 4 Academy Awards, including Best Actress for Jennifer Jones. We will be showing the movie, this **Saturday, Feb. 11 from 1:00pm – 3:30pm in the Parish Center**. We will have refreshments!

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

In Christ,

Fr. Brian

## Altar Society

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

## Members in the Military

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

<b>Michael DiMatteo</b> -US Marine Corps	<b>Melissa Mockler</b> -US Navy
<b>Michael Fantauzzi</b> -US Air Force	<b>Patric Mockler</b> -US Navy
<b>Christopher Florca</b> -US Marine Corps	<b>Andrew Perniciaro</b> -US Army
<b>Dominick Gennaro</b> -US Army	<b>Brandon Ranzie</b> -US Army
<b>Patrick Harty</b> -US Coast Guard	<b>Stephen Rolston</b> -US Army
<b>Ritchard Higham</b> -US Army	<b>Jack Shires</b> -US Navy
<b>Colby Matthew Kelly</b> -US Army	<b>Raymond Sgambati</b> -US Navy
<b>Luke Loftsgaarden</b> -US Army	<b>James Stultz</b> -US Army
<b>Anthony Mannino</b> -US Marine Corps	<b>Jack Taffner</b> -US Marine Corps
<b>Msgr. Brian McNamara</b> -US Air Force	<b>Michael Wilkinson</b> -US Army
<b>Anthony Memoli</b> -US Marine Corps	<b>Peter Zaccaria</b> -US Navy
<b>Timothy Milligan</b> -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 Maya, Michael Battista, Baby Ellis, Thomas J. Calogero III, Susan Dedes, Amanda DiTingo, Paula Edwards, Mike Ferrante, Anna Ferrante, Thomas Geraghty-USMC, Tom Grogan, William Hacker, Patrick Anthony Heffron, Henry Kahn, Shena Kahn, James Leung, Vincent Marinelli, Joseph Marrone, Jr., Michele Carrano-McGee, John McMahon, Zachary Melengic, Richard Meyer, Heather Paganica, Edward Pauciullo, Steve Peterson, John Posanti, Louise Posanti, Clifford Proctor, Dina Rajotte, Ida Schiavoni, Joseph J. Schiavoni, Vita Scordia, Celestine Stewart*

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



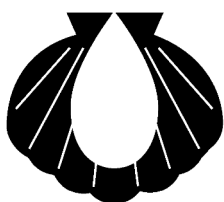
**Rest In Peace**

Deacon John DeGuardi  
 Colleen Kane  
 Jackie Kennedy  
 Helen V. Nicholson  
 Agostino Pellati Jr.  
 Judy Testoro

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

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**Baptism**

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

**Mass Intentions**

**Monday, February 6**

*St. Paul Miki and Companions*

**8:30am Msgr. Brian McNamara (Living)**

**Tuesday, February 7**

**8:30am Leila Monica Venture**

**Wednesday, February 8**

*St. Jerome Emiliani, St. Josephine Bakhita*

**8:30am John P. Caparella, Sr.**

**Thursday, February 9**

**8:30am Grazia & Giuseppe Ciocia**

**Friday, February 10**

*St. Scholastica*

**8:30am Michael Tampio**

**Saturday, February 11**

*Our Lady of Lourdes*

**8:30am Sylvester J. Caramico, Massimo Ferro (Living), Michael Reilly, Ralph Krause, The Quinn Family**

**5:00pm**

**Dcn. John (Deceased) & Anne (Living) DeGuardi, Diana Ottomano, Sarah Keane (Living), Bridget Keane**

*Msgr. Brian McNamara*

**Sunday, February 12**

*Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**8:00am Noreen Colgan**

*Msgr. Brian McNamara*

**9:30am Daniel Shields II**

*Msgr. Brian McNamara*

**11:00am Joseph Celentano**

*Fr. Charles Mangano*

**12:30pm Richard & Paulina Gayda (Both Deceased), Emma Musial (Living)**

*Fr. Charles Mangano*

**6:00pm**

**People of the Parish, Terence Bolin, Peter Zuzolo**  
*Fr. Charles Mangano*



## Now and at the Hour of Our Death

### Catholic Guidance for End-of-Life Decision Making

Illness and aging, coupled with rapid advances in medical technology, can lead to heightened anxiety when health care decisions must be made. For assistance in navigating the end-of-life challenges that you and/or your loved ones face, please visit: [www.CatholicEndofLife.org](http://www.CatholicEndofLife.org). Learn about the key principles of Catholic teaching in this area, and how to apply them in the complex world of medical advance directives.

## 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

Our next SAGE meeting will be **Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>** at 9:30am in the Parish Center.

## Rosary Christian Mothers

The Rosary Christian Mothers meet on the first Monday evening of each month. The next meeting will be on **Monday, February 6<sup>th</sup>**. We will begin with Rosary at 7:00pm in the Church, immediately followed by our business meeting in the Parish Center.

## 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 (1<sup>st</sup> 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.



## 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.



- Knorr Pasta Sides
- Tomato Puree
- Juice
- Salad Dressing
- Ketchup

## Last Year's Palm Becomes This Year's Ashes

Each year, prior to the beginning of Lent, parishes burn the previous year's palm to provide the ashes used on Ash Wednesday.



We invite you to return the blessed Palm branches you received at Mass last Palm Sunday so that we can include them in the ashes we will use this year on Ash Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please deposit your palm in the baskets near the doors as you enter the church. **Deadline for returning palm is Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup>.**

## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

We will be having extended hours of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on this **Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup> 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](http://ollchurch.org)) to check if adoration has been canceled.



**A Car for Fr. Saji ??**

## Car Needed

As you know, Fr. Saji is a priest from India, living in our Rectory and working at Our Lady of Consolation Nursing facility. He is in need of a car. If anyone is able to donate a car or is willing to sell him a car at a really good price, please give me a call at the Rectory. Thank you for your consideration.

## El Salvador Mission Trip Meeting

There will be a informational meeting for our trip to El Salvador on **Thursday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm** in the **Media Center** of the school. This will be our first trip since 2018! Hope to see you at the meeting. Deacon Rich



## Casa Project Update

In the past, the "Casa House" in the Narthex has provided housing, bedding and ecostoves for our friends in El Salvador. We couldn't do this without your support and generosity. This weekend (2/4 and 2/5) we are asking you to give your loose change to our Casa Project. Place your donations in the wooden house located in the north vestibule by the Father Joe Garden. Thank you for your support. We truly appreciate your generosity.



## 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](mailto: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](http://www.KofC.org).

**Our next meeting will be Monday, February 13, 2023 at 8:00pm in the Parish 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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](mailto:cprotection@drvc.org)



# **Oremus Bible Study:      *Now offered in the Afternoon as well!!!!***

**Afternoon class:** 1:00pm to 2:45pm in the Parish Center (limited seating – 72 people)

**Evening class:** 7:30pm – 9:15pm in the All Purpose Room (limited seating -160 people)

*If you already signed up for the evening session but want to switch to the afternoon, please call the rectory so they can make the change.* The eight dates of the bible study are: **Tuesday**, April 25, May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, June 6 & 13. The bible study will consist of an opening prayer, a song and watching an excellent 30 minute teaching video presentation by Fr. Mark Touns, 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 work-books and supplies. We will also be using the bible during this study for your daily prayer. If you need a Catholic bible, the owner of the Advent Religious Store in Massapequa, Sarah Ryan, will bring bibles to Oremus for purchase.

## ***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. 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....

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. This is to make sure there will be enough chairs, workbooks and supplies for everyone. The seating for the afternoon group is limited to 72 people and the evening group is limited to 160.

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 several years as Chancellor of his Diocese, the pastor of two other parishes and Director of Seminarians. He received his Master 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.

**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 18<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm for the afternoon group and 7:30pm in the Parish Center for the evening group. Please RSVP to the parish office so we can make sure we have enough facilitators. Thank you so much.

I hope you will prayerfully consider joining me. I am looking forward to this time of journeying with you through Oremus.

Peace and blessings,  
**Fr. Charles Mangano**

## U.S. Debut of the Film “Lourdes”

“LOURDES” is a film about six fragile pilgrims, each in search of a miracle at Our Lady of Lourdes grotto in the south of France. Premiering just in time for the 165<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Our Lady’s first apparition, the documentary also includes 15 minutes of bonus content on the miracles of Lourdes, only for the U.S. premiere! Nominated for Best Documentary at two international film awards.

Lourdes can be seen in French with English subtitles on February 8 and in Spanish with English subtitles on February 9 at theaters around the nation, including the Farmingdale Multiplex Cinema and the Regal Cinema in Deer Park. Visit <https://lourdesthemovement.com/> for tickets. Please help support this movie in the mainstream by seeing and sharing this powerful film!

The Diocese of Rockville Centre  
**GOLDEN WEDDING  
ANNIVERSARY MASSES**

Honoring Couples Married Fifty Years

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The Diocese of Rockville Centre would like to honor those couples who celebrated Fifty Years of Marriage in 2023 by inviting them to attend one of the Masses below for a special blessing.

**Sunday, May 21, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.**  
Church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Patchogue  
Celebrant: Most Reverend John O. Barres

**Sunday, June 4, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.**  
Church of St. James, Seaford  
Celebrant: Most Reverend Robert J. Coyle

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**Register online at [drvc-faith.org](http://drvc-faith.org)**

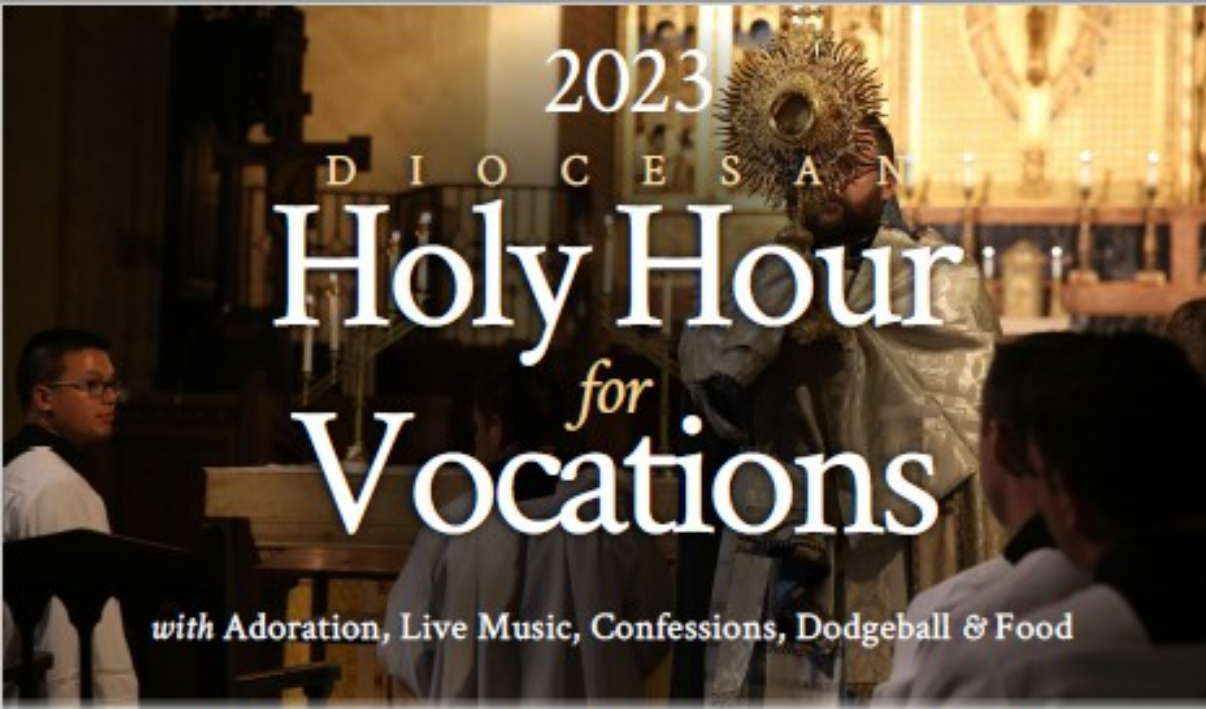
**Registration must be received by Friday, April 28, 2022**

For questions, please contact Lisette Robustelli, Associate Director at (516)678-5800 ext. 200 or via email at [lrobustelli@drvc.org](mailto:lrobustelli@drvc.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>.




2023  
D I O C E S A N  
**Holy Hour**  
*for*  
**Vocations**

*with Adoration, Live Music, Confessions, Dodgeball & Food*


**Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup>**  
*at 7:30 P.M.*

**AT THE SEMINARY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION IN HUNTINGTON**



*with Guest President*  
**Father Daniel Griffin, SM**

*Reflection by*  
**Brother Stephen Balletta, SM**



**drvcvocations.com**  
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The Society of Mary is a religious congregation of brothers and priests who seek to grow in holiness as sons of Mary and to serve the Church as brothers in Christ. The Province of Meribah runs three retreat centers, two high schools on Long Island— Chaminade High School and Kellenberg Memorial High School — and St. Martin de Porres Marianist School (pre-K—8th grade). Following in the footsteps of their Founder, Blessed William Joseph Chaminade, they aim to nurture in students an informed and vibrant faith.

## 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?*



The poster is set against a dark background with a large, soft-focus image of a woman in a purple vestments clapping. On the right side, there is a vertical strip of colorful, patterned fabric. The text is arranged in a central column, with logos at the top and a church illustration at the bottom right.

 The Office of Vicariate for Black Catholic Concerns  
Diocese of Brooklyn

 The Office of Multicultural Diversity  
Diocese of Rockville Centre

*invites you to attend their annual*

# Black History Month Mass of Thanksgiving

**Principal Co-Celebrants:**  
Most Reverend John O. Barres &  
Most Reverend Robert J. Brennan  
*as well as concelebrating*  
*Auxiliary Bishops, Priests & Deacons from both Dioceses*



**Guest Homilist:**  
Reverend Anthony M. Bozeman, SSJ  
*Academic Dean of St. Joseph's Seminary,*  
*Josephite Seminary*  
*Washington, DC*



**Music Ministry by:**  
The Sr. Thea Bowman Mass Diocesan Gospel Choir  
*under the direction of Mrs. Darcel Whitten-Wilamowski,*  
*accompanied by Mr. Devin D. Olivias along with Musicians from both Dioceses*



## Saturday, February 11, 2023

2:00 PM

**The Cathedral of St. Agnes**  
29 Quealy Place • Rockville Centre, NY 11570

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:**  
[dwhitten@drvc.org](mailto:dwhitten@drvc.org) or [blackcatholicconcernsbk@gmail.com](mailto:blackcatholicconcernsbk@gmail.com)



## Same Sex Attraction and Gender Discordance Educational Resources

The Office of Human Life, Family and Bioethics website is a rich source of authentically and faithfully Catholic websites and educational resources all rich in beauty to educate, form, and transform all Catholics earnestly seeking clarity on these topics, but in particular, those who experience same-sex attraction, gender identity discordance, and a range of other experiences. In addition, the websites and resources will be helpful to those with loved ones who have conveyed these experiences to them. Most especially, Clergy, Religious, Educators, Lay Leaders, Health Care workers, etc. will find these an invaluable foundation for their ministries. Visit <https://drvclife.org/ssa-gendereducation/>



### Butterfly Memory Café - February 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:michele@agentletouchseniorcare.com).



### 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:michele@agentletouchseniorcare.com) to reserve your place.*



### Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians

#### St. Patrick Division Two - Annual Parish Outreach Fundraiser

Each year, the Ladies Division of the A.O.H. sponsors a dance to benefit nine Outreach Programs in our area, of which Our Lady of Lourdes is a designated parish. In 2022, we raised \$10,000.

### Open Your Heart for Parish Outreach Dance Sunday, February 19, 2023 3:00pm-7:00pm

Division Two Hall - 27 Locust Avenue, Babylon, NY

*Music by Ed Ryan*

**Tickets \$40 per person  
(reservations a MUST)**

Includes Open Bar, Buffet Dinner, Dessert, Irish Coffee Bar

**\*\*\* 50/50 \*\*\***

*Bring a bag of non-perishable food with you for inclusion in a special raffle.*

*For reservations, contact Ann Rolston at 631-220-5660 or Terry Whalley at 631-669-4978  
Reservations are a MUST, no later than February 15<sup>th</sup>*



## 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](mailto:parishoffice@ollchurch.org).

## 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](mailto:johnr@stkilian.com) and note "Sacristan" in subject of e-mail.

## One Church: Best Practices for Resisting Catholic Polarization Lecture

Thursday, Feb. 16, 2023 - St. Joseph's Seminary, Yonkers

St. Joseph's Seminary and College in Yonkers will be hosting an evening lecture entitled **One Church: Best Practices for Resisting Catholic Polarization**, with Dr. Charles Camosy, a nationally recognized Catholic moral theologian and the Seminary's Msgr. Michael J Curran, Fellow in Moral Theology.

**Date and Time:** Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm

**Location:** St. Joseph's Seminary Prayer Hall and online via Zoom

**Tickets:** \$25.00



**Additional Information and registration:** [OneChurchLectureSJSJDrCamosy-tickets.eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/one-church-best-practices-for-resisting-catholic-polarization-lecture-tickets-50123456789)

**Questions:** [sjsacademics@dunwoodie.edu](mailto:sjsacademics@dunwoodie.edu) or 914-968-6200 ext. 8145

## Upcoming Bereavement Support Program

Offered at St. Mary, East Islip

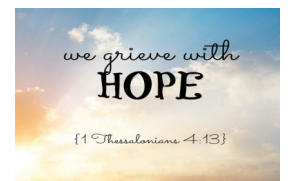
Eight Week Group beginning Tuesday, March 14, 2023

Support Groups are opened to anyone who has suffered a loss at **least three months prior** to the start of the group. (Loss must have occurred prior to December 14, 2022)

Each week the group meets for 90 minutes followed by ½ hour of refreshments and hospitality. There is no cost but a commitment to attend each meeting throughout the program is required. Groups are offered in a closed and confidential setting with highly trained facilitators and limited to 13 people.

**Pre-registration is required. Seating is limited.**

**Please call: 631-581-4266 ext.125 to register and reserve your seat.**



## The “Moving On” Group

An ‘After-Bereavement’ Group for Widows and Widowers Presents:  
“Senior Care”

presented by: Patrick Ryan

Friday, February 10, 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



## A Concert for My Valentine

*A concert of love songs performed by members of the Music Ministry*



Sunday, February 12 at 4:00pm  
Bay Shore United Methodist Church  
107 East Main Street, Bay Shore, NY 11706

*\$20 ticket donation benefits the Music Ministry Program*

## Handicapped Encounter Christ Volunteers Needed

Volunteers (18+ years) are needed for the HEC #39 Retreat taking place April, 2023 (Centerport, NY) HEC (Handicapped Encounter Christ) brings together adults with differing abilities for various events throughout the year learning from each other, enjoying the company of one another and establishing many beautiful friendships together as we all get to know our Lord. We are always looking for participants to join this ministry — those who are disabled and those who are not.

Please join our first planning meeting for our spring HEC #39 on Monday, Feb. 13, 2023 at 7:00 pm at St. Francis of Assisi Church, 29 Clay Pitts Road, Greenlawn. At the first meeting, there will be a HEC retreat overview and a review of the different jobs that need volunteers. Light refreshments will be served. Additional meetings will be Monday, March 14 and April 4.

All are welcome. Please join us. Any questions, call Diana at: 631-806-6213 or Bob at: 516-241-4122.

## *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

**April 21-23, 2023**, please visit our website at: [www.helpourmarriage.org](http://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](http://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. "You are the Salt of the earth. You are the light of the world." "A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden." "Your light must shine before others." Why not let your light shine by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. It can be the salt and light you need for your relationship. Sign up to attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience together on **June 23-25, 2023** at Immaculate Conception Seminary in Huntington, NY. Register at: [WWME.org](http://WWME.org) or contact: Chuck & Maria Reiss at: 631-486-8607.



In addition to our parish website ([ollchurch.org](http://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.

## 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.

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday meetings are via Zoom. For more meeting info visit: [al-anon.org](http://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](mailto:Donna526@aol.com) or call Diane at: 631-587-0966 or Donna at: 631-589-3790. Website: [FamiliesAnonymous.org](http://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 "Relationships". To listen online or for more information, visit: [www.ReligionandRock.com](http://www.ReligionandRock.com).



# Sharing the Gospel

When you love God, and you follow His example, it will show. You will be loving, patient, and kind. You will be honest and always do your best. You will work hard and share what you have. When you live for God, you make the world a better place.



## Mission for the Week



Do a taste-test with boiled eggs. Eat one bit plain. Eat the rest seasoned with salt. The salt makes a big difference. Your love for God should make a big difference in the world, too.

### Puzzle

Which picture name **begins** with this letter?  
Circle the picture that starts with that sound.

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## Prayer

Dear God,

Help me to  
make a  
difference in  
the world because  
I love You.



## Something to Draw

Draw a picture of  
yourself patiently  
helping a younger  
child play ball.

