

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

455 Hunter Avenue, West Islip, NY 11795

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Parish Office

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Monday-Thursday: 9:00am-7:30pm
Friday: 9:00am-5:00pm
Saturday: 9:00am-3:00pm
Sunday: 10:30am-2:30pm
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Religious Education Office

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Monday-Friday: 9:30am-3:30pm

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Phone: 631.661.3224, Ext. 122
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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.

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time • Sunday, February 12, 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
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Lisa Cantalino
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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 12, 2023

Sunday: Sir 15:15-20/ 1 Cor 2:6-10/ Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-24a, 37
Monday: Gr 4:1-15, 25/ Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/ Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/ Mk 8:22-26
Thursday: Gn 9:1-13/ Mk 8:27-33
Friday: Gn 11:1-9/ Mk 8:341—9:1
Saturday: Heb 11:1-7/ Mk 9:2-13
Next Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/ 1 Cor 3:16-23/ Mt 5:38-48

Parish Staff

Patti Anderson
Parish Office/Bulletin Editor

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Parish Organist

Rosemary Cannarella
Parish Office

S. Kathleen Carberry, CSJ
Parish Office

Carol Grillo
Parish Office

Rita Spera
Religious Education Office

Financial Summary

February 5, 2023

Weekly Collection	\$ 16,561.00
Weekly Budget	- \$ 17,800.00
+/- for the week	\$ (1,239.00)

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

Dear Parishioners:

This Tuesday will be Valentine's Day; interestingly enough, in the Church, it is the feast day of Saints Cyril and Methodius, not the most romantic names that I have heard! So, I thought I would dwell a little bit on the topic of love and marriage, and the state of marriage in the Church.

Nowadays, as you know, many couples do not get married but simply co-habitate for years. When the couple finally decides to get married, many times the couple chooses not to get married in the Church. I am surprised by the number of young people who act surprised when I tell them that I am not allowed to officiate at their wedding unless it takes place in a Church building. When I ask the couple why they wouldn't consider getting married in the Church building, they say, "But I think it would be more meaningful to get married at the beach or at the vineyard. The setting is so perfect!" Or, I am told, "It would be so much more convenient for our guests to have everything, the wedding and the reception, in one single place." Or I am told, "God is everywhere, isn't He?"

So, here is my attempt to explain why the marriage of two Christians ought to take place in the Church building. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church states:

Since marriage establishes the couple in a public state of life in the Church, it is fitting that its celebration be public, in the framework of a liturgical celebration, before the priest, the witnesses, and the assembly of the faithful.

The sacrament of Matrimony signifies the union of Christ and the Church... The presence of the Church's minister visibly expresses that marriage is an ecclesial (Church) reality.

Sacramental marriage is a liturgical act. It is therefore appropriate that it should be celebrated in the public liturgy of the Church.

Marriage is the celebration of a covenant of love, the promise of life-long sacrificial love where, as Jesus says in the gospel, "they are no longer two but one flesh." Do the bride and groom really know the full impact of what they are saying on the day of their marriage? Well, they do if they have been in the school of sacrificial love, a divine love pronounced and celebrated in the Church each and every day. In the Church we hear the words, "This is my body, given for you. This is my blood poured out for you." The covenant love of Calvary is re-presented in every Eucharistic celebration. Those who are getting married are promising to love in that same self-sacrificing way, making a total and sincere gift of self to the other for the rest of their lives.

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

In Christ,

Fr. Brian

Altar Society

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

... 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, Mary Polik-Gunther, John Posanti, Louise Posanti, Clifford Proctor, Dina Rajotte, Ida Schiavoni, Joseph J. Schiavoni, Vita Scorcia, Celestine Stewart

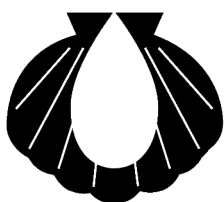
Names of the sick will be listed for **six weeks** for short-term requests and **six months** for long-term.



Rest In Peace

*Thaddeus "Ted" Gladkowski
Francis X. Rimmel
Paul Rimmel
Gloria Susan Rushton*

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



Baptism

*Aria Nicolette Cucci
Hayley Elizabeth Hodgkinson*

*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, February 13
8:30am John Flynn

Tuesday, February 14
St. Cyril and St. Methodius
8:30am Rocco J. Izzo

Wednesday, February 15
8:30am Antonia Martino

Thursday, February 16
8:30am Dcn. Jack Teufel

Friday, February 17
The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order
8:30am Joseph A. Kelly, Jr.

Saturday, February 18
8:30am Dcn. John DeGuardi, Anthony Vlancich (Living)

5:00pm Deceased Members of Coppelli & Ferland Family,
Marguerite and Sylvester Caramico,
Dcn. John DeGuardi, Joseph Brincat
Fr. Charles Mangano

Sunday, February 19
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00am Victor Cusumano
Fr. Charles Mangano


9:30am Marie DeLuca
Fr. Charles Mangano

11:00am Eddie Mariarossi
Msgr. Brian McNamara

12:30pm Mr. & Mrs. Frank Swiadski
Msgr. Brian McNamara

6:00pm People of the Parish, Giustina Giannantonio,
Charles Busch, Victoria Wider Sassone,
Joseph DeSimone
Msgr. Brian McNamara

Gabriel's Courage

at  Catholic Health

A program of comfort and support for families who receive a life-limiting prenatal diagnosis.

 **Diocese of Rockville Centre**
Office of Human Life, Family and Bioethics

www.drvcclife.org
631-314-4562



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

Men's Prayer Group

The Men's Prayer group will meet on Wednesday, February 15th from 9:00am-11:00am in the Parish Center. All men are welcome to join us for prayer, conversation and fellowship.

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.



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.



Bagged White Rice
Knorr's Pasta Sides
Canned Fruit
Cookies
Laundry Detergent

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

We will be having extended hours of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on this **Tuesday, February 14th 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.

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 22nd. Please deposit your palm in the baskets near the doors as you enter the church. **Deadline for returning palm is Sunday, February 12th.**



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.

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/>

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, 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.

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

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 18th 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



COFFEE with JESUS

Lenten Series via Zoom

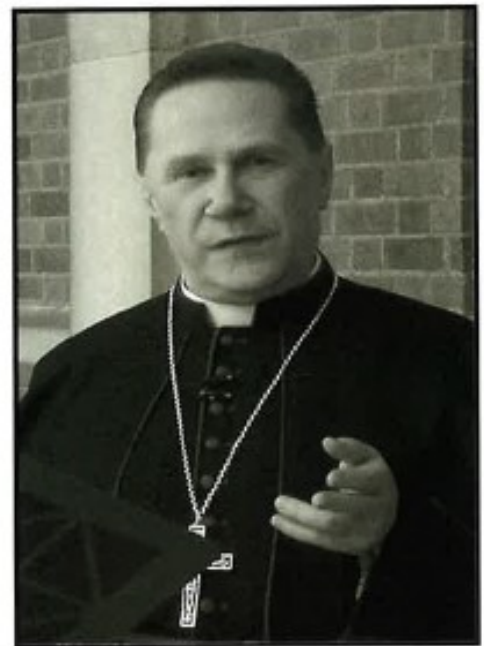
Join Bishop Andrzej

10:00 am on Friday mornings during Lent:

February 24, March 10 and March 24

Online Lenten reflections
on Scripture Readings,
with the special emphasis
on the Last Words of Jesus.

Great opportunity to prepare and nourish your mind, spirit and heart in preparation for Easter.



To register,
please call Suzanne 516-744-6850
or email westernvicariate@drvc.org.

Once you are registered, you will be emailed the ZOOM information prior to each session of this Lenten series.

Catholic Faith Network (CFN) - Annual Telethon

The Catholic Faith Network (CFN) will continue our immense Telethon tradition this year! This exciting event will commence on **Saturday, February 25th from 2:00pm – 10:00pm and continue through Sunday, February 26th from 12:00pm – 10:00pm**. Guaranteed to be the most engaging telethon to date, the entertainment will continue with many surprise guests along with our on-air family that you have come to know.

Please join the excitement and consider pledging! The process is easy, you can pledge securely online by visiting www.CFNtv.org or by scanning the QR Code, using a smartphone or any smart device. We know we can continue to count on you, as we always have! CFN is available throughout the Tri-State Area on Optimum, channel 29/137; Verizon FiOS TV channel 296; Spectrum, channel 162/471. Additionally, you can tune in nationwide on the following streaming services – Amazon Fire TV, Samsung Smart TV, Roku, Android TV, and Apple TV.



The Diocese of Rockville Centre GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Honoring Couples Married Fifty Years

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

Register online at 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



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2023

**CATHOLIC
MINISTRIES
APPEAL**

DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE



One Family - Journeying together in Communion, Participation and Mission



Please consider making a gift to the
2023 Catholic Ministries Appeal.

For more information, to watch our video
or to make a donation,
visit www.catholicministriesappeal.org
or call us at 516-678-5800 ext. 296



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.

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.



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 15th



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.



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.
or call: **1-800-470-2230** and you will be connected directly and confidentially to a couple from Long Island/Metro Retrouvaille who can help.

Weekend Location: Immaculate Conception Seminary
440 West Neck Road, Huntington, NY 11743



Preparing for Marriage?

Do you need to fulfill your Marriage Prep Requirement?

Engaged Encounter is an effective Pre-Cana program designed to provide you with the tools for a successful marriage. Couples are provided with social-distancing during this time. Our next 2-day weekend will be held at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington on **March 18-19, 2023**. For information please call Lenny & Pat Walker at: 631-563-1032 or visit: longisland.engagedencounter.com.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Attention married couples & Priests. Are you ready for more growth and happiness in your marriage or priesthood? Uncover the secrets to a lasting, supportive, transformational marriage on a World Wide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The scriptures say "Love on another." Valentine's Day is approaching. Give your spouse the gift of a loving relationship by applying for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. 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 or contact: Chuck & Maria Reiss at: 631-486-8607.



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.

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>.

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

Sharing the Gospel

God's rules stop you from hurting yourself and the people around you. God knows that if you really love Him, you will want to follow His rules. You will trust Him. You will want to be thoughtful and kind. You will want to love people the way God does.



Mission for the Week



Ask your parents to list three ways you can honor them.

Puzzle

Circle the picture that is the **same** as the **first** one. Then color in all the pictures.



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Prayer

Dear God,
Help me to
follow Your
rules with my
whole heart.



Something to Draw

Draw a picture of yourself cheerfully helping your parents dust and vacuum your house.

