

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
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Religious Education Office

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Monday-Friday: 9:00am-Noon,
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Monday-Friday: 9:30am-3:30pm

SAGE (*Senior Advocates for Growth and Enrichment*)

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.

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time • Sunday, February 19, 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 19, 2023

Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/ 1 Cor 3:16-23/ Mt 5:38-48
Monday: Sir 1:1-10/ Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11/ Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/ 2 Cor 5:20—6:2/ Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/ Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a/ Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58: 9b-14/ Lk 5:27-32
Next Sunday: Gn 2:7-9, 3:1-7/ Rom 5:12-19/ or 5:12, 17-19/ Mt 4:1-11

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

February 12, 2023

Weekly Collection	\$ 15,074.00
Weekly Budget	- \$ 17,800.00
+/- for the week	\$ (2,726.00)

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

Can you believe it's Lent already?

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

Yes, the season of Lent is upon us! It starts this Wednesday - Ash Wednesday. Indeed, the earth has almost (*short by about a week*) completely revolved around the sun since the last time we had ashes imposed on our foreheads. Lent is a season where we set our minds and hearts more intently on the suffering and death of our Lord Jesus Christ, so that we will be ready to welcome and embrace the good news of his Resurrection. It is a time to unite our own suffering with the suffering of Christ and the suffering members of the Church through fasting, abstinence, prayer, and almsgiving - the pillars of Lent. In addition to our individual observances of these pillars, there will be many opportunities of Lenten observances that our church will be offering. I encourage you all to participate in one or some of them, particularly the weekly Stations of the Cross on Fridays.

As we journey through these coming 40 days of Lent, we may find ourselves stumbling or losing our way. But let's not be discouraged, let's pick ourselves up, get back on the road - let's call on our Blessed Mother to pray for us. Below are a few quotations that might help us as we navigate through the journey of this season.

St. Augustine:

"Do you wish your prayer to fly toward God? Make for it two wings: fasting and almsgiving."

Dallas Willard, American philosopher:

"Fasting confirms our utter dependence upon God by finding in Him a source of sustenance beyond food."

St. Catherine of Siena:

"Nothing great is ever achieved without much enduring."

Pope Francis:

"Lent comes providentially to awaken us, to shake us from our lethargy."

Catherine Doherty, spiritual writer:

"Lent is a time of going very deeply into ourselves... What is it that stands between us and God? Between us and our brothers and sisters? Between us and life, the life of the Spirit? Whatever it is, let us relentlessly tear it out, without a moment's hesitation."

St. Francis de Sales:

"Have patience with all things, but first of all with yourself."

Henri Nouwen:

"O Lord, make this Lenten season different from the other ones. Let me find you again. Amen."

Father Mike Schmitz:

"Seek a relationship when you pray, not answers. You won't always find answers, but you will always find Jesus."

Bishop Robert Barron:

"The bodily aches of fasting and abstinence give way to virtue. Although it may feel like we are taking something away from ourselves, it is better understood as a reorienting of our appetites in order to answer the call to holiness."

Matt Fradd, Byzantine Catholic writer:

"You could say that prayer without fasting is like boxing with one hand tied behind your back and that fasting without prayer is, well, dieting."

My hope and prayer are that you will have a very fruitful Lenten experience... and I will see you around.

Peace and blessings,

Deacon Nilo

Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Rita Spera*. 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	Alvaro Suarez -US Army
Msgr. Brian McNamara -US Air Force	Jack Taffner -US Marine Corps
Anthony Memoli -US Marine Corps	Michael Wilkinson -US Army
Timothy Milligan -US Marine Corps	Peter Zaccaria -US Navy

... and remember those of our parish family that are in the armed services, listed in our Parish Book of Intentions.



Pastoral Care of Our Sick

Please call the Parish Office at 631-661-3224 to leave the names of parishioners who:

- Are homebound and would like to receive the Eucharist.
- Are in Good Samaritan Hospital and/or a local nursing home and would like to be visited by a member of our Pastoral Care Ministry.
- Would like to receive the Sacrament of the Sick.

Pray for Our Sick

Please remember to keep in your thoughts and prayers ...

Jon Ackerman, Connie Ambrosino, John Anitra, Baby Ellis, Baby Maya, Michael Battista, Thomas J. Calogero III, Susan Dedes, Amanda DiTingo, Paula Edwards, Mike Ferrante, Anna Ferrante, Martin Finn, Thomas Geraghty-USMC, Tom Grogan, William Hacker, Patrick Anthony Heffron, Marie Ippolito, Henry Kahn, Shena Kahn, Margaret Kavoures, James Leung, Vincent Marinelli, Joseph Marrone, Jr., Michele Carrano-McGee, John McMahan, 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

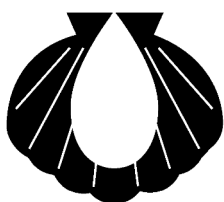
Names of the sick will be listed for **six weeks** for short-term requests and **six months** for long-term.



Rest In Peace

*Michael Dennehy
William Patrick Morris
John L. Sullivan*

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



Baptism

*Jack Robert Iannelli
Makenna Marie McCorvey*

*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 20
8:30am Donald Peterson

Tuesday, February 21
St. Peter Damian
8:30am Tom Collins

Wednesday, February 22
Ash Wednesday
8:30am Joseph Montesanto Sr.
12:10pm Dcn. & Mrs. Rich Maher (Living)
7:30pm Jackie Kennedy

Thursday, February 23
St. Polycarp
8:30am David & Vincent McCarthy
12:10pm Joseph Tessitore

Friday, February 24
8:30am Ann Batt
12:10pm Grace Ciccarello (Living)

Saturday, February 25
8:30am Dcn. John DeGuardi, Benedetto Cucinella

5:00pm Edward M. & Thomas J. Calogero,
Cornelius J. Guider, Beverly Caparella,
Daniel J. Golden, Ted Gladkowski, Francis X. and
Paul A. Rimmel
Fr. Charles Mangano

Sunday, February 26
First Sunday of Lent
8:00am Noreen Colgan
Msgr. Brian McNamara

9:30am Louise Mangano
Msgr. Brian McNamara

11:00am Robert Beck
Fr. Charles Mangano

12:30pm Paula Pagano
Fr. Charles Mangano

6:00pm People of the Parish, Dorothy Primm, Rae Gaeta,
William Anzick, Eleanore Matechick, Anna Baran
Fr. Charles Mangano

Emily's Gift

Every
Moment
I
Love
You
Still

Perinatal
Bereavement Program

at  Catholic Health
for miscarriage support



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Gabriel's Courage

at  Catholic Health

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



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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 February 21st at 9:30am in the Parish Center. (The Parish Center is across from the playground.)

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.

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.

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.



Juice
Bagged White Rice
Tomato Puree
Cookies
Laundry Detergent

Second Collection: February 25-26 - Church in Need

The Second Collection next weekend, February 25-26, will be for the Church in Need which includes Central and Eastern Europe, Latin America and Africa. As always, thank you for your continued generosity.



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.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

We will be having extended hours of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on this **Tuesday, February 21st 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.

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.

El Salvador Trip

We have had two informational meetings regarding our Mission Trip to El Salvador. Our trip is scheduled for July 1st to July 7th. The next meeting will be on March 9th from 7:30pm – 8:30pm in the Media Center located in the school. In the meantime, if you would like any further information regarding our trip, please contact Deacon Rich at: RMaher@ollchurch.org.



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.



ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE



8:30am	Mass	Distribution of ashes during Mass
12:10pm	Mass	Distribution of ashes during Mass
2:00pm	Prayer Service	Distribution of ashes during the Prayer Service
3:00pm	Prayer Service	Distribution of ashes during the Prayer Service
4:00pm	Prayer Service	Distribution of ashes during the Prayer Service
5:00pm	Prayer Service	Distribution of ashes during the Prayer Service
6:00pm	Prayer Service	Distribution of ashes during the Prayer Service
7:30pm	Mass	Distribution of ashes during Mass



Ushers Needed!

Ushers are needed for Ash Wednesday (February 22nd) for all services and Masses. Sign up sheets will be in the sign-in room prior to Ash Wednesday. Volunteers are welcome and encouraged to participate!

LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES

Friday, February 24:

12:45pm & 7:30pm in the CHURCH

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Meditate upon the Passion and Death of Jesus.

Friday, March 3:

12:45pm & 7:30pm in the CHURCH

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Meditate upon the Passion and Death of Jesus.

PARISH MISSION: MARCH 6 - 9

Monday, March 6: 7:30pm in the CHURCH

TO BE DETERMINED

Tuesday, March 7: 7:30pm in the CHURCH

CHRISTIAN MURPHY: PORTRAITS OF MERCY

Christian Murphy, a parishioner and college Campus Minster, leads us on a visual and spiritual journey.

Wednesday, March 8: 7:30pm in the CHURCH

FR. CHARLES: FORGIVENESS

How to forgive? Why forgive? Begin to heal!

Thursday, March 9: 7:30pm in the CHURCH

MASS:

Let us conclude our Parish mission by celebrating the Eucharist.

Friday, March 10:

12:45pm & 7:30pm in the CHURCH

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Meditate upon the Passion and Death of Jesus.

Friday, March 17:

12:45pm & 7:30pm in the CHURCH

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Meditate upon the Passion and Death of Jesus.

Friday, March 24:

12:45pm & 7:30pm in the CHURCH

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Meditate upon the Passion and Death of Jesus.

Tuesday, March 28:

7:30pm in the PARISH CENTER

PRESENTATION: THE EUCHARIST

Join Fr. Brian to explore the theology of the Eucharist.

Friday, March 31:

12:45pm & 7:30pm in the CHURCH

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Meditate upon the Passion and Death of Jesus.

Monday, April 3:

3:00pm – 9:00pm

RECONCILIATION MONDAY

Confessors will be available throughout this time. Come and be reconciled to God through Confession.

Tuesday, April 4

7:30pm in the PARISH CENTER

MOVIE: JESUS OF NAZARETH: THE PASSION

Watch this powerful movie depicting Christ's Passion and Death for us.



COFFEE with JESUS

Lenten Series via Zoom

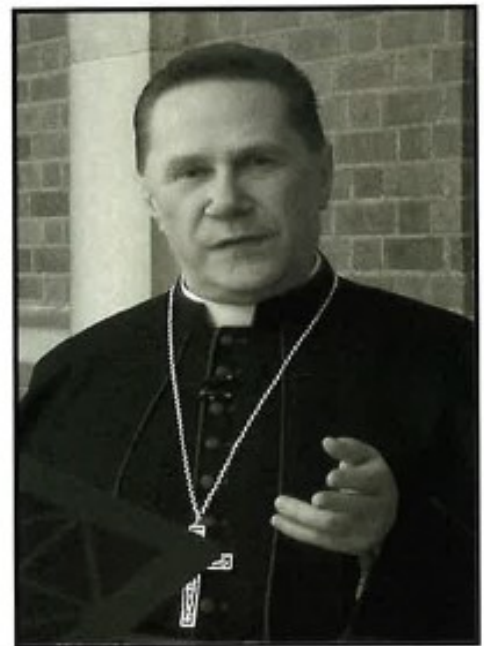
Join Bishop Andrzej

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.



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 27, 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/bsatrop179> 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

Girls CYO Basketball Team - CYO Sportsmanship Award

The OLL 7th Grade Girls CYO Basketball Team was recently awarded the CYO Sportsmanship Award at Molloy University. According to the Executive Director of CYO of Long Island, Carol Sciotto, “this award is considered the most important award given out at CYO.” The team was chosen for this honor by their peers, the other teams in their league. A true example of keeping the “C” in CYO!

Team members include: Kate Abbate, Ava Bianca, Marin Biggers, Ada Dejkanovic, Abigail Heron, Avery Heuer, Gianna Lanteri, Kailey O’Neill, Rosie Scavo, Charlotte Sefick, Maddie Sonnenberg, Lana Thompson, and Leah Tussie; managed by Luke Vizzi and coached by Christi Abbate and Ryan Heuer. Congratulations to all!



SEEKING “ROOM IN THE INN” FOR A REFUGEE FAMILY OF 3 FROM UKRAINE

In the Fall of 2021, the Sisters of Saint Joseph began accepting refugee families from both Afghanistan and Ukraine into their Motherhouse in Brentwood. The experience has been both enlightening and rewarding. At the moment, we have reached our capacity. Presently, we have a family of 3 that is looking for an apartment in the Bay Shore/Brentwood area that they could “rent” at least until June so that their 8 year old daughter might be able to finish the school year without further disruption in her life. (Needless to say, their funds are extremely limited – they are only able to pay about \$500-\$800 monthly). We are hoping (and praying) that someone might know of a basement apartment or a small unit in a two family home that they would be willing to rent to this refugee family. This family unit (Mother, Father, 8 year old daughter and a 2 pound Yorkie) are extremely independent. They speak English and they own a car. The father has a job (remote) and the mother is going to school to learn English. The little girl is in 4th grade.

If you wish to learn more about this family in need – please contact: Sister Annelle Fitzpatrick, CSJ at Fitzpatrick@CSJBrentwood.org or by phone at: 631-273-1187, ext. 155.



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>.



Butterfly Memory Café - March 3rd 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, March 3rd from 1:30pm-2:30pm. There is no charge to participate, but space is limited and reservations are required. For more information or to register, please call Michele at A Gentle Touch Senior Care at: 631-647-7622 or e-mail: michele@agentletouchseniorcare.com.



Dementia Caregiver Support Group Thursday, March 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.



Prom Dress Drive for Brentwood High School

**Sunday, March 26th from 11:00am-3:00pm
in Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Center**

A variety of dresses in all sizes and dress shoes are needed.
(There are 1250 seniors, including 603 young women graduating this year.)





St. Anthony's High School - Second Quarter Honor Roll

Congratulations to the following young parishioners who have achieved Honor Roll status for the Second Quarter at St. Anthony's High School. We are very proud of you!

*Brooke Berger
Ava Bosco
Justin Cetero
Nicole DeCanio
Amanda Dolan*

*Chase Hartmann
Ava Higbie
Nicholas Kelly
Brian McPhail
Gerard Nealon*

*Grace Ratuszny
Martina Stannish
Grace Walas
Joseph Walas
Alyssa Woltmann*

Eriq Polanco-DellaUniversita



First Trimester Honor Roll - 2022-2023

Congratulations to the following young parishioners who have achieved Honor Roll status for the First Trimester at Kellenberg Memorial High School. We are very proud of you!

*Avery Beyrouy
Daniel Betrouy*

*Eryn Brodtman
Michaela Clifford*

Miranda Clifford

2023
CATHOLIC
MINISTRIES
A P P E A L
 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

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 drcv-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@drcv.org

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!

WEST ISLIP SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Good Samaritan Hospital Medical Center presents our

March Concert

Friday, March 3, 2023, 8 PM

Paul Little, conducting

Music of Scott Joplin, Duke Ellington

LOCATION: Beach Street Middle School
 Adults \$10.00, Seniors \$8.00, Students Free
 For more information: www.westislipsymphony.org

Concerts are made possible by:
West Islip Country Fair Committee

CONCERT SCHEDULE:
Spring Concert
Friday, May 5, 2023 @ 8pm
 Beach Street Middle School

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.



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. Leviticus says: "Be holy, for I, the Lord am holy." In Corinthians it says: "You are the temple of God, which is Holy, and the Spirit of God dwells in you." The Holy Spirit longs for you to have a loving nurturing relationship. Give your spouse the gift of a better relationship by applying for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience: **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

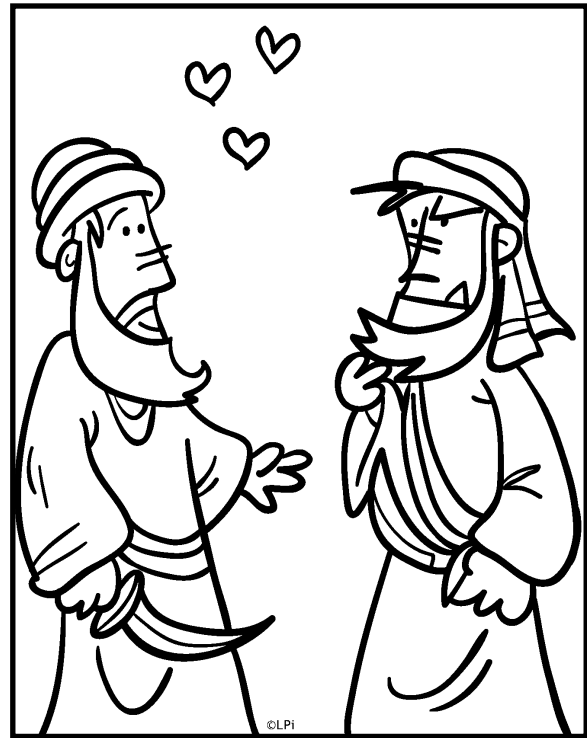
12-Step support group giving Hope & Strength to parents, family and friends concerned with a loved one's destructive behavior caused by Alcohol, Drugs or Related Behavioral Problems will meet virtually and in person. For additional information e-mail: Donna526@aol.com or call Diane at: 631-587-0966 or 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 "Sacrifice". To listen online or for more information, visit: www.ReligionandRock.com.

Sharing the Gospel

After you let God's love fill your heart you will act different. If someone at school is mean to you, you won't get even. You will pray for her instead, with love in your heart. If your parents ask you to make your bed, you will do it cheerfully. With God's help you can do a lot of good.



Mission for the Week

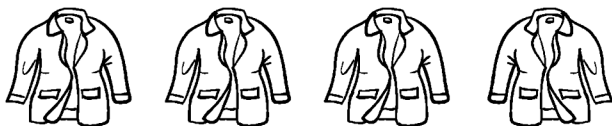


Pick up your toys and help with the dishes, without waiting to be asked.



Puzzle

Circle the picture that is facing the **wrong** way. Then color in all the pictures.



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Prayer

Dear God,
Help me to
love other
people the
way You do.



Something to Draw

Draw a picture of yourself praying for someone who hurt you.

