

# 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  
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Sunday: 10:30am-2:30pm  
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## Religious Education Office

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Monday-Friday: 9:00am-Noon,  
1:00pm-5:00pm, 7:00pm-9:00pm  
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## 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](mailto: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.

*First Sunday of Lent • Sunday, February 26, 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 26, 2023

**Sunday** Gn 2:7-9, 3:1-7/ Rom 5:12-19/ or 5:12, 17-19/ Mt 4:1-11  
**Monday:** Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/ Mt 25:31-46  
**Tuesday:** Is 55:10-11/ Mt 6:7-15  
**Wednesday:** Jon 3:1-10/ Lk 11:29-32  
**Thursday:** Est C 12, 14-16, 23-25/ Mt 7:7-12  
**Friday:** Ez 18:21-28/ Mt 5:20-26  
**Saturday:** Dt 26:16-19/ Mt 5:43-48  
**Next Sunday:** Gn 12:1-4a/ 2 Tm1:8b-10/ Mt 17:1-9

### 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 19, 2023

Weekly Collection	\$ 15,047.00
Weekly Budget	- \$ 17,800.00
+/- for the week	\$ (2,753.00)

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

**2023**  
**CATHOLIC**  
**MINISTRIES**  
**A P P E A L**  
 DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

*One Family - Journeying together in  
 Communion, Participation and Mission*



Dear Parishioners,

As we *Journey Together in Communion, Participation and Mission* this Lenten season, through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, we have a wonderful opportunity to grow together in faith.

Our prayers are joined with our community of faith who are the living Body of Christ. Fasting is spiritual and physical purification; the pangs of hunger remind us of our hunger for God. Through our support of the Catholic Ministries Appeal, we join with our brothers and sisters all across Long Island to hear the Lenten call to almsgiving. One of the central lessons of the cross is compassion; the heavy burdens we carry help us to appreciate the suffering in others. For this letter that I am writing you, I want to focus on almsgiving and the Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA).

Your support of the CMA ensures that the ministries will have the funds they need to spread God's love to all those they serve. Ministries that include Faith formation of our seminarians, deacons and lay leaders; Faith formation for our young adult and youth ministry and our children in religious education classes; Respect Life initiatives; Catholic Charities affordable housing for seniors and people with disabilities, substance abuse programs, food programs and parish social ministry support. All these ministries and more are so vital to the over 600,000 individuals they serve. It is thanks to people like you, that they can support so many in need. Even throughout the pandemic, donors still came together to ensure that these ministries remained alive and vibrant.

I ask you to please join me and all Catholics within our diocese to prayerfully consider making a gift to the CMA. Please do so to the best of your ability-- every gift matters, regardless of the size. **Please remember that 100% of every dollar raised is restricted to fund the objectives, programs, and mission supported by the Catholic Ministries Appeal.**

Finally, let me remind you, that if you are unable to make a gift as this time due to circumstances in your life — please reach out to the parish at any time, so that we may help you in any way that we can. You are never alone.

May God bless you, your loved ones and our parish as we begin our Lenten journey.

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

In Christ,

Fr. Brian

## Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Rosemary Kaste*. 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> - <i>US Marine Corps</i>	<b>Melissa Mockler</b> - <i>US Navy</i>
<b>Michael Fantauzzi</b> - <i>US Air Force</i>	<b>Patric Mockler</b> - <i>US Navy</i>
<b>Christopher Florca</b> - <i>US Marine Corps</i>	<b>Andrew Perniciaro</b> - <i>US Army</i>
<b>Dominick Gennaro</b> - <i>US Army</i>	<b>Brandon Ranzie</b> - <i>US Army</i>
<b>Patrick Harty</b> - <i>US Coast Guard</i>	<b>Stephen Rolston</b> - <i>US Army</i>
<b>Ritchard Higham</b> - <i>US Army</i>	<b>Jack Shires</b> - <i>US Navy</i>
<b>Colby Matthew Kelly</b> - <i>US Army</i>	<b>Raymond Sgambati</b> - <i>US Navy</i>
<b>Luke Loftsgaarden</b> - <i>US Army</i>	<b>James Stultz</b> - <i>US Army</i>
<b>Anthony Mannino</b> - <i>US Marine Corps</i>	<b>Alvaro Suarez</b> - <i>US Army</i>
<b>Msgr. Brian McNamara</b> - <i>US Air Force</i>	<b>Jack Taffner</b> - <i>US Marine Corps</i>
<b>Anthony Memoli</b> - <i>US Marine Corps</i>	<b>Michael Wilkinson</b> - <i>US Army</i>
<b>Timothy Milligan</b> - <i>US Marine Corps</i>	<b>Peter Zaccaria</b> - <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 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, Patrick Horne, Marie Ippolito, Henry Kahn, Shena Kahn, Margaret Kavoures, Michael Kegel, 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 Scorcica, Celestine Stewart*

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



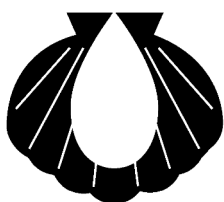
**Rest In Peace**

*Julia Foran  
Steven Arthur Polen*

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

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**Baptism**

*Isabella Grace Meyer  
Hailey Grace Suarez*

*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 27**

*St. Gregory of Narek*

**8:30am Marie & Steve Duncan (Living)**

**12:10pm Peter Lynaugh**

**Tuesday, February 28**

**8:30am Pietro Bruno**

**12:10pm Joseph Ferrara**

**Wednesday, March 1**

**8:30am Martin Moses**

**12:10pm Freddy Gallagher**

**Thursday, March 2**

**8:30am Seymore & Miriam Lichtenstein (Living)**

**12:10pm Dawn St. John**

**Friday, March 3**

*St. Katherine Drexel*

**8:30am George James Vlassis**

**12:10pm LaRocca & Sweeney Families**

**Saturday, March 4**

*St. Casimir*

**8:30am Florencia & Carlos Delfin, George Fallott  
Mr. & Mrs. Seymore Lichtenstein (Living),  
Ted Gladkowski, Deacon John DeGuardi**

**5:00pm Glen Beebe, Joseph Troy, Elizabeth McGann,  
Anne DeGuardi (Living), John Deniston,  
Paul & Francis Rimmel**

*Msgr. Brian McNamara*

**Sunday, March 5**

*Second Sunday of Lent*

**8:00am Salvatore Pinello**

*Fr. Saji Jose, CM*

**9:30am Louise Mangano**

*Fr. Sylvester Chukwumalume*

**11:00am Ines & Mark Polito**

*Fr. Charles Mangano*

**12:30pm Arthur Driscoll**

*Fr. Charles Mangano*

**6:00pm People of the Parish, Mario Domenicone,  
Gerard McQueeney, Alexander DeNapoli,  
Jutta Mariotti**

*Msgr. Brian McNamara*



## 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

### Prayer Shawl Ministry / Baby Blanket Bunch

*Bring your prayer and creativity together in a gift of love.*

Join us ... **Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:30am in the Parish Center.** All you need to bring is scrap yarn, knitting needles or crochet hooks (patterns and instructions will be given to you) and your gifts of love and prayer.

### 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.

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

We will be having extended hours of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on this **Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup> from 12:40pm 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.

**Note: Adoration will begin at 12:40pm during Lent due to the 12:10pm Mass preceding it.**

### Nocturnal Adoration

*“Come to me all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest.”*

This is Jesus Christ’s invitation every first Saturday of the month. The Blessed Sacrament is taken to the altar after the 5:00pm Mass and will be exposed up to 9:50pm. Everyone is invited to spend some time in front of the Blessed Sacrament to offer prayers, petitions and thanksgiving to Jesus. Nocturnal Adoration will follow the 5:00pm Mass on **Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup>** concluding with Benediction at 9:50pm. Please come and pray with us. All are invited and welcome. Bring a friend!



### Donations to Outreach

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



- Canned Fruit
- Spaghetti
- Bagged White Rice
- Cooking Oil
- Feminine Products

# 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 25<sup>th</sup> from 2:00pm – 10:00pm and continue through Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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.



**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.

## 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. Next weekend (3/4 and 3/5) 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.



## El Salvador Trip - Next meeting: March 16

We have had two informational meetings regarding our Mission Trip to El Salvador. Our trip is scheduled for July 1<sup>st</sup> to July 7<sup>th</sup>. The next meeting will be on **March 16<sup>th</sup>** 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](mailto: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](mailto:RCIA@ollchurch.org) or call the Parish Office at 631-661-3224, and we would be happy to help you.



A background image showing a person's hands shaping a piece of clay on a pottery wheel. The hands are positioned to guide the clay as it rotates, with one hand supporting the base and the other shaping the top. The clay is a light brown color, and the wheel is a darker shade. The overall scene is softly lit, emphasizing the texture of the clay and the skill of the potter.

## *You Are the Potter, We Are the Clay*

*You are the Potter.  
We are the clay.  
As handcrafted creation  
I've no right to say  
"Why hast thou made us thus?"  
It's not open for us to discuss.*

*You are the Potter.  
We are the clay.  
On your spinning wheel  
teach us to stay.  
Let your hands shape us in the right direction,  
yielding to pressure  
that works out imperfection.*

*You are the Potter.  
We are the clay.  
Perhaps we're not exquisite  
and put on display.  
Let us be content  
just by You to be used  
in the exact manner  
that You wisely choose.*

*You are the Potter.  
We are the clay.  
If you see part of us  
that's in disarray,  
to You, we make this earnest appeal,  
although it may hurt, put us back on the wheel.*

*You are the Potter.  
We are the clay.  
You know what's best.  
Dear Lord, have Your way.  
In your mercy and patience  
cease not to work on us  
till we're fit for a God-filled eternity.*

*Poem by Carol Connell*



## LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES

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 Minister, 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**

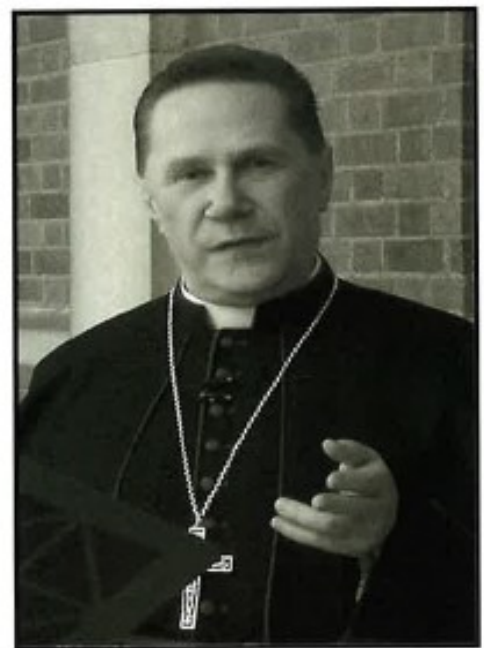
### **Join Bishop Andrzej**

10:00 am on Friday mornings during Lent:

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

**Our next meeting will be Monday, February 27, 2023 at 8:00pm in the Parish Center.**

## *Oremus Bible Study - Do you want to hear God speak to you?*

For most of us, prayer becomes a source of frustration as we struggle to calm our minds to find even a few minutes to pray. In our busy lives, prayer is seen as a luxury, when in reality it is essential and fortifies the foundation of our lives. Do you pray and therefore have a healthy spiritual life? The good news is that you can overcome your difficulties with prayer, and it is easier than you might think. 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....

There are very few seats left for the evening session (the afternoon session is full). If you are interested in participating, please call the Parish Office at 631-661-3224, ext.121 to register.

## *Thank You*

We would like to extend a heartfelt **Thank You** to our wonderful "Communication Specialists" that, once again, answered the call to help with our Lenten mailing. We would like to *John Amabile, Marilyn Barthel, Eileen Clifford, Connie Cristaudo, Rosetta Fragola, Liz Gorassi, Peggy Kapalko, Steve MacQuade, Judy Mahoney, Josephine Pastore, Bob Petersen, Michael Poveromo, Ralph Sciaruto, Laura Skinder, Dona Teague, and Bill Young*. Also, a huge thank you to *Rita Spera*, Religious Education Office, who prints ALL the letters, etc. It is a monumental task and we thank you for your time and talent. We could not get these mailings done without each one of you!

- Fr. Brian and Debbie Meyer, Business Manager



## **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](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)

## 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).



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.

## 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 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, March 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, 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 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.*



## Prom Dress Drive for Brentwood High School Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup> 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.)

## 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](mailto:Fitzpatrick@CSJBrentwood.org) or by phone at: 631-273-1187, ext. 155.



## Good Samaritan University Hospital Heart Healthy Cooking Lecture



Wednesday, March 1  
6:00pm - Parish Center

Good Samaritan University Hospital’s nutrition team will provide a cooking demonstration and latest tips on how you can keep your heart healthy. Food and refreshments will be available.

*To attend, please RSVP to 631-376-4444*

## The “Moving On” Group

An ‘After-Bereavement’ Group for Widows and Widowers Presents:

### How to Cope Holistically with Anxiety

presented by: Sara Patel

Friday, March 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



## Deepen Your Lenten Devotion – “Hope, and Working Through Fear.”

Join the Friends of the Seminary on Sunday, March 19, 2023 - “Hope, and Working Through Fear.”  
Fr. Patrick J. Griffin, CM presents a Lenten Day of Prayer at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception  
440 West Neck Road, Huntington - 9:30am to 3:30pm.

Talks by Fr. Griffin, Quiet Time, Confession, Lunch and Mass.

Donation - \$50. Reservations required

To register, call: 631-423-0483 ext. 102, e-mail: [bmalone@icseminary.edu](mailto:bmalone@icseminary.edu),  
or Visit: [www.icseminary.edu](http://www.icseminary.edu).



## 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](http://www.sistersofstdominic.org/irishnight2023). As always, thank you for your continued support of the Congregation. We hope you will join us on March 4<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](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. Lent has begun. Psalm 51: "Create a clean heart in me, O God, and a steadfast spirit renew within me." Renew and transform your relationship. How? Apply for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience: **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.



## 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 "Commitment". To listen online or for more information, visit: [www.ReligionandRock.com](http://www.ReligionandRock.com).



## Sharing the Gospel

After Jesus' baptism, Jesus went 40 days without eating. Imagine how weak, hungry, tired and cranky you could be if you went that long without eating. That was the moment the devil chose to try to trick Jesus into using God's power selfishly. But Jesus was still strong. Jesus had been praying those 40 days, getting ready to save you and the whole world from the devil's tricks. Jesus would never give in to His enemy.



## Mission for the Week



One really good way to fight the devil's tricks is to pray often. Pray in the morning, at noon, and at night.



### Puzzle

What letter **begins** each picture name? Circle the beginning letter. Then color the pictures.



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## Prayer

Dear God,  
Thank you for sending Jesus to save me from the devil's tricks.



## Something to Draw

Draw a picture of Jesus praying to God.

