

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

455 Hunter Avenue, West Islip, NY 11795

Msgr. Brian McNamara, Pastor
Rev. Charles Mangano, Associate Pastor
Rev. Sylvester Chukwumalume, in Residence
Chaplain at Good Samaritan Hospital
Rev. Saji Jose, CM, in Residence
Chaplain at Our Lady of Consolation Nursing

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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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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
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Liturgical Schedule

Daily Mass

8:30am

Weekend Masses

Saturday: 5:00pm

Sunday: 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am, 12:30pm
and 6:00pm.

Reconciliation/Confession

Saturday: 4:00pm-4:45pm or by appointment

Rosary

Daily at 8:00am

Miraculous Medal Novena

Monday at 8:00am

Sacraments

Anointing of the Sick

Throughout the liturgical year. If needed sooner, please call the Parish Office.

Baptism

Please contact the Parish Office to schedule an appointment.

Marriage

Arranged at least six months in advance, please call the Parish Office.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

A process to be embraced by the Catholic Church. For non-Catholics and for Catholics who have never received formal religious education. If interested, please call the Parish Office.

Third Sunday of Lent • Sunday, March 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
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 March 5, 2023

Sunday Ex 17:3-7/ Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/ Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42
Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/ Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/ Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/ Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/ Lk 11:14-23
Friday: Hos 14:2-10/ Mk 12:28-34
Saturday Hos 6:1-6/ Lk 18:9-14
Next Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/ Eph 5:8-14/ Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

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

March 5, 2023

Weekly Collection	\$ 18,057.00
Weekly Budget	- \$ 17,800.00
+/- for the week	\$ 257.00

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

Dear Parishioners:

As you may know, pastors are given a 6-year term of office as pastor. Here in the Diocese of Rockville Centre, the Bishop usually grants a Pastor two terms of office, totaling 12 years.

Coming this June, I will have completed 11 years as pastor at Our Lady of Lourdes; believe it or not, I arrived here in June 2012!

Having said that, I will be leaving Our Lady of Lourdes Parish this June to become the Pastor of St. Patrick Parish in Smithtown. The pastor of St. Patrick is retiring, and I was asked by Bishop Barres if I would consider becoming the Pastor of St. Patrick. I agreed.

I realize that I still would have had another year to serve as pastor here but many times when a pastor is in his 10th or 11th year, the bishop will approach a pastor to consider transferring to another parish. Having been the Vicar for Clergy Personnel, I can attest that this happens often enough. If I were in my 9th year or even 10th year, I may have said, "no" but since I will have completed 11 years as Pastor by June, I thought it was O.K. to go now.

I do NOT know who will be the new pastor here, but I will certainly let you know as soon as I know!

In addition, I will actually be leaving in late May. I am being deployed with the Air National Guard overseas to a desert location. I will be there until mid-October. I keep that in mind as well because even if I had stayed here for another year at OLL, I would be away for 5 of those months. At St. Patrick in Smithtown, the Pastor will remain there until I return stateside in mid-October.

We still have a few things to do before I go, at least facility wise: inner doors of the Church and the parking lot.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the privilege of serving you over these past 11 years. OLL has been a great blessing to me; I have served at OLL longer than any other assignment!

Remember: Together we can do something beautiful for God.

In Christ,

Fr. Brian

PS: The vote is in and has been certified. The winner, by a large margin, is the WOODTONE doors that are about 2/3 window and 1/3 door. Next weekend (March 18-19), we will vote on the designs of etched glass that will be placed in the windows.

Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Angela MacDermott*. 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, Richie Brooks, Annemarie Brooks, Samantha, Melissa and Ricky Brooks, Thomas J. Calogero III, Susan Dedes, Amanda DiTingo, Joanne Egan, 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, Vincent Marinelli, Joseph Marrone, Jr., Michele Carrano-McGee, John McMahan, Zachary Melengic, Edward Pauciullo, Steve Peterson, Mary Polik-Gunther, John Posanti, Louise Posanti, Clifford Proctor, Dina Rajotte, Joseph J. Schiavoni, Vita Scorcia, Celestine Stewart

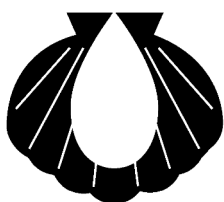
Names of the sick will be listed for **six weeks** for short-term requests and **six months** for long-term.



Rest In Peace

Richard Francis Brennen
Annette Brooks
Anthony V. Pascone
Susan Trifoli

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



Baptism

Briella Ann Corbett
Blake Nicole Egarter

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, March 13

8:30am Ekaterini Vlassis
12:10pm Dcn. John DeGuardi

Tuesday, March 14

8:30am Salvatore & Antonia Martino
12:10pm Giovanna Artese, Pasquale Artese & Family

Wednesday, March 15

8:30am Charlphine Lanigan
12:10pm Gloria Spiezio

Thursday, March 16

8:30am William Leach
12:10pm Gaetana Novello

Friday, March 17

St. Patrick
8:30am Domenica Mae Palminteri
12:10pm James Reilly

Saturday, March 18

St. Cyril of Jerusalem
8:30am Dominick Vincent Zagardo, Norma G. Russell

5:00pm Helen & Joseph Lehmann, Patricia Heartt,
Francis X. & Paul A. Rimmel, Stephen Schneider,
Shirley & Thomas Vesey, Vera Lombardo
Msgr. Brian McNamara

Sunday, March 19

Fourth Sunday of Lent - Laetare Sunday

8:00am Clementine Mansbart
Fr. Charles Mangano

9:30am John & Anne DeGuardi (Living)
Fr. Charles Mangano

11:00am Raffaele DiMarco & Robert Ferruggiari
Msgr. Brian McNamara

12:30pm Tom Collins
Msgr. Brian McNamara

6:00pm People of the Parish, Isabella Jensen,
Alba T. Cuomo, Giovanna & Carmelo Bonanno,
Catherine Feeley, Randy Lambert
Fr. Charles Mangano



Now and at the Hour of Our Death Catholic Guidance for End-of-Life Decision Making

Illness and aging, coupled with rapid advances in medical technology, can lead to heightened anxiety when health care decisions must be made. For assistance in navigating the end-of-life challenges that you and/or your loved ones face, please visit: www.CatholicEndofLife.org. 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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

We will be having extended hours of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on this **Tuesday, March 14th** 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) to check if adoration has been canceled.

Men's Prayer Group

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

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 1st to July 7th. The next meeting will be on **March 16th** 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.



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.



Egg Noodles
Canned Chili
Spaghetti
Tomato Puree/ Crushed Tomatoes
Diapers- Size 2 & 4

Second Collection March 18-19 - Catholic Relief Services

The Second Collection next weekend (March 18-19) will be for Catholic Relief Services. The Catholic Relief Services Collection supports Catholic Church organizations that carry out international relief and solidarity efforts. Programs include relief and resettlement for victims of persecution, war, and natural disasters; development projects to improve living conditions for the poor; legal and support services for poor immigrants; peace and reconciliation work for people suffering from violence; and advocacy on behalf of the powerless. As always we thank you for your continued generosity.



Lent at OLL ... *“Lord, We are the Clay and You the Potter”*

“Yet, O Lord, you are our father; we are the clay and you the potter: we are all the work of your hands.” - Isiah 64:7

During this holy season of Lent, our Parish Family will focus on this “theme” of the *potter and the clay*. In scripture, Isiah says that God is the potter, and we are the clay. *We are his creation*. Sometimes, our life situations may allow us to feel broken, like a piece of shattered pottery... it is our hope, as we journey together this Lent, that we can open ourselves to God’s will in our lives... allow God to mold us, to transform us and to heal us as we strive to become more like Jesus.

Saint Patrick’s Day and the Obligation to Abstain from Eating Meat

Memo from DRVC (3/7/2023):

The holy Season of Lent is a time of spiritual preparation for the celebration of our Lord’s passion, death, and resurrection at Easter, the holiest of days. Through prayer, fasting and works of charity, we draw closer to the Lord, deepen our faith, and prepare for eternal life.

The obligation of abstinence from meat on Fridays of Lent is an important element of the Church’s observance of the penitential nature of this holy season. However, if you choose not to abstain from meat on March 17th (St. Patrick’s Day), please substitute some other penance, prayer, and work of charity in its place.



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.

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.



A close-up photograph of a person's hands shaping a piece of clay on a pottery wheel. The hands are positioned to guide the clay as it rotates. The background is slightly blurred, showing other pottery items and a workshop setting.

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 10:

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

12:45pm & 7:30pm in the CHURCH *Meditate upon the Passion and Death of Jesus.*

"HOLY WEEK IN REVIEW"

A Docu-Drama - here at OLL!! Join us for this Special Live Edition



HOLY WEEK - FROM PALM SUNDAY TO EASTER

Sunday March 19 - All Purpose Room - After 8:00, 9:30, 11:00, 12:30 Masses

Friday, March 17:

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

12:45pm & 7:30pm in the CHURCH *Meditate upon the Passion and Death of Jesus.*

Friday, March 24:

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

12:45pm & 7:30pm in the CHURCH *Meditate upon the Passion and Death of Jesus.*

Tuesday, March 28:

PRESENTATION: THE EUCHARIST

7:30pm in the PARISH CENTER

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

Friday, March 31:

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

12:45pm & 7:30pm in the CHURCH *Meditate upon the Passion and Death of Jesus.*

Monday, April 3:

RECONCILIATION MONDAY

3:00pm – 9:00pm

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

Tuesday, April 4

MOVIE: JESUS OF NAZARETH: THE PASSION

7:30pm in the PARISH CENTER

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



R.C.I.A. – The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Sunday, Feb 26, 2023 *Audrey Leo, Stacy Minitello and Jennifer Parag* participated in the Diocese of Rockville Centre **Rite of Election at St. Anne's Brentwood with Bishop John Barres** as Presider and all Parishes in Suffolk County attending. Our RCIA is now called "The Elect" and no longer called Catechumen.



On **Sunday, Mar. 5, 2023** at 11am Mass here at Our Lady of Lourdes, we celebrated the **Call to Continuing Conversion** for our baptized candidate *Michael Boulanger*.

These are important steps in the journey of the R.C.I.A. It's a clear sign to the community that they are coming closer to receiving the Sacraments of Initiation and Reception into Full Communion of the Catholic Church, at our Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 8.

On **Sundays, March 12 March 19 and March 26, the Third Sunday of Lent, and continuing on the Fourth and Fifth Sundays of Lent, at the 11AM Mass** we will celebrate the "Scrutinies" – "The Elect" will continue to remain "united with Christ and make progress in their efforts to love God more deeply".

The Church gives us this public and life-giving process DURING LENT so that these good and holy people can be nourished and supported by our parish family. At the same time, we know that when we initiate others, we confront and renew our own identity as members of the Catholic Christian community.

Please continue to pray for our RCIA and our RCIA team.



You are cordially invited to a special Mass and Brunch in celebration and support of our senior priests who reside at St. Pius X Residence.

St. Pius X Residence was established in 2009 to help ensure that the retired Priests of the Diocese of Rockville Centre would always receive the care and attention that they so richly deserve in their time of need.

Our Church community is blessed and privileged to be able to care for its senior priests, men who have dedicated their lives to serving God and Community. Often devoting more than 60 years to ensuring that Christ could be present daily in all our lives, our priests have witnessed and celebrated with us life's great joys and its inevitable sorrows.

MARCH 26, 2023
Seminary of the Immaculate Conception
11:00am Mass followed by 12:00 Noon Brunch
Chance Auction
Seats: \$150.00

Fr more information and to register, call Kathy at: 516-678-5800, ext. 264

Fatima, Spain & Lourdes

Post Optional Tour to Lisieux, Nevers & Paris



SCAN ME

Pilgrimage with Spiritual Directors

Fr. Charles Mangano & Fr. Tony Stanganelli

Father Charles Mangano, a priest of the Diocese Of Rockville Center, New York, for 33 years and Fr. Tony Stanganelli, ordained as well for the diocese some 44 years ago, are our spiritual directors for this pilgrimage. Father Charles is presently the associate pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Church in West Islip and Father Tony serves as pastor of Saint Thomas the Apostle Church in West Hempstead. Together they have served as spiritual directors for numerous pilgrimages over the past 26 years and have made several trips to Fatima, Lourdes and the many other holy places we will be visiting. They joyfully look forward to serving you on this spiritual pilgrimage

August 13 - 22, 2023

\$4,413 per person from New York, NY (JFK)

August 22 - 26

Optional Post Tour to Lisieux, Nevers & Paris

Additional \$1,689 per person

All Pricing Based On Double Occupancy

Pricing available from any airport: www.206tours.com/addon



Register Online, It's Safe & Easy! www.pilgrimages.com/frmangano



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, March 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/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



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.



Butterfly Memory Café - March 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, March 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.



Catholic Health

Good Samaritan Hospital

Good Samaritan University Hospital Town of Islip Nutrition Series

Thursday, March 23 -11:00am-1:00pm

Joyce Fitzpatrick Senior Center –50 Irish lane, East Islip

Includes Healthy Eating lecture and cooking demonstration as well as an open tabling and education format with information and representatives from Food & Nutrition Services (table assessing food insecurity and providing healthy giveaways and to-go bags of non-perishable food.), LI Cares/SNAP, Catholic Charities, BMI/Blood Pressure Screening, Light Food and Refreshments

To attend, please RSVP to 631-376-4444

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.



**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.)



**The Babylon Chorale presents
*Out of the Darkness – Through the Glass Ceiling***

A tribute to women composers in celebration of National Women's History Month

**Sunday, March 19, 2023 at 4:00 pm
St. Peter's By-The-Sea Episcopal Church
500 South Country Rd., Bay Shore, NY**

Advance Sale: \$20 / Adults; \$12 / Students & Seniors 60+
Door Sale: \$25 / Adults, \$15 / Students & Seniors 60+
\$10 / Children 10 and under at all times

For more information and to purchase tickets online, visit: www.babylonchorale.org
or email: info@babylonchorale.org

Holy Trinity's Reverse Raffle

March 18, 2023 6:30pm

\$100 ticket could become \$10,000

Dinner Tickets are \$25 per person. Must be over 21 yrs. old
(Includes dinner, beer, wine, soda and dessert)

For more info text: htverseraffle to 41444

Any questions, contact: ginny.ritter@holyltrinityhs.org or 516-433-2900 x177

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.

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>.

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,
or Visit: www.icseminary.edu.

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.



BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP FOR WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS

8 Week Program for Age 50 and Over

Starting Thursday, March 23, 2023

3:00pm – 5:00pm at St. Joseph Parish Center - 39 N. Carll Avenue, Babylon

For losses that have occurred before December 31, 2022.

For more information and registration, please call:

Terry Hoffmann 631-669-0198 or Geri Olson 631-661-8994



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





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.

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. 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 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 “Traditions”. To listen online or for more information, visit: www.ReligionandRock.com.

Sharing the Gospel

Instead of telling people He was the Savior, Jesus showed them. By raising Lazarus from the dead, Jesus sent a message loud and clear. Jesus was the Savior they had all been waiting for. He was filled with God's love and power, and many people believed in him.



Mission for the Week

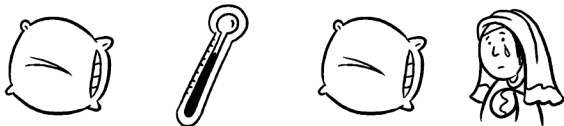
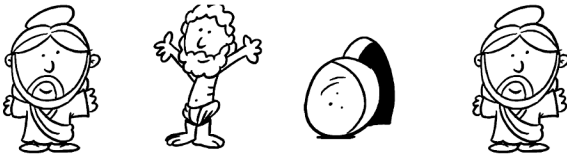


Write the words, "God can do anything" on a piece of paper. Read it every morning.



Puzzle

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



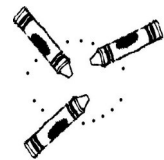
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Prayer



Dear God,
Thank You for showing me that You are my Savior, Jesus.

Something to Draw



Draw a picture of Lazarus wrapped up like a mummy, walking to Jesus.