

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

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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.

Fourth Sunday of Lent “Laetare Sunday” • Sunday, March 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
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Mission Statement

As stewards of all that God has given us, the Parish Family of Our Lady of Lourdes serves and ministers to all who come to this place.

Regardless of a person's history, ethnicity, gender, orientation, age or race, we commit ourselves to open wide the doors of our Parish to provide a place of welcome and hospitality.

Readings for the Week of March 19, 2023

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
Monday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/ Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/ Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/ Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/ Jn 5:17-30
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/ Jn 5:31-47
Friday: Wis 2:14,12-22/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday Is 7:10-14, 8-10/ Heb 10:4-10/ Lk 1:26-38
Next Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/ Rom 8:8-11/ Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Parish Staff

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Financial Summary

March 12, 2023

Weekly Collection	\$
Weekly Budget	- \$ <u>17,800.00</u>
+/- for the week	\$

Financial information was not available at the time of printing.
It will be published in a subsequent issue.

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

Dear Brothers and Sisters,
 Today, Sunday, March 19th would normally have been the Feast Day of St. Joseph, the foster father of Jesus Christ. Because it fell on a Sunday this year, the celebration of the feast is moved to tomorrow, Monday, March 20th. Sundays are always reserved for the celebration of the Lord.

St. Teresa of Avila was a great mystic and theological doctor of the church who lived 1515-1582. Teresa was a Spanish Carmelite Nun and exercised an immense devotion to Saint Joseph. Here is something she wrote about her relationship to him: *“I took for my patron the glorious St. Joseph... I cannot call to mind that I have ever asked him, at any time, for anything he has not granted. I am filled with amazement when I consider the great favors God has given me through this blessed saint.”*

Next to Mary, the mother of Jesus, St. Joseph is the greatest and holiest of all the saints. God the Father deemed him worthy to raise His Son, trusting that Joseph would be a role model for Jesus in true manhood and mirroring for Jesus the tender love of God the Father. The Father granted Joseph extraordinary graces to be an earthly father to Jesus and a pure and chaste husband to Mary. Let us pray for all fathers, step-fathers, grandfathers and all the men of our parish that St. Joseph obtain for them the grace of purity, humility and courage to model the tender love of God the Father to our world.

Here is a prayer to St. Joseph you could pray on his Feast Day:

Saint Joseph, you are the faithful protector and intercessor of all who love and venerate you. You know that I have confidence in you and that, after Jesus and Mary, I come to you as an example for holiness, for you are especially close with God. Therefore, I humbly commend myself, with all who are dear to me and all that belong to me, to your intercession. I beg of you, by your love for Jesus and Mary, not to abandon me during life and to assist me at the hour of my death. Glorious Saint Joseph, spouse of the Immaculate Virgin, pray for me to have a pure, humble, charitable mind, and perfect resignation to the divine Will. Be my guide, my father, and my model through life that I may die as you did in the arms of Jesus and Mary. Loving Saint Joseph, faithful follower of Jesus Christ, I raise my heart to you to implore your powerful intercession in obtaining from the Divine Heart of Jesus all the graces necessary for my spiritual and temporal welfare, particularly the grace of a happy death, and the special grace I now implore: (Mention your request). Guardian of the Word Incarnate, I feel confident that your prayers on my behalf will be graciously heard before the throne of God. St. Joseph Most Strong, Pray for us! Amen.

As we continue our Lenten journey, let us allow the Father to mold and shape our hearts to look more like Jesus' heart. God the Father is the Potter and we are the clay. How can this third Sunday of Lent shape our hearts to be more like Jesus? In the gospel we see how Jesus, through His mercy, heals the man who was born blind. Let us take some time to reflect today on the ways in which we may be blind.

Do we fail to see our own value and worth and that of others?
 Do we fail to see and acknowledge our own selfishness, laziness, pride, our sinfulness?
 Do we fail to see the many ways God is loving us, helping us throughout each day?
 Do we fail to see our need for Him?
 Do we fail to see how we compromise our values and morals in our Godless world?
 Do we fail to see or respond to the needs of others around us?
 Do we fail to see our lack of generosity, patience and love?

We can be blinded in many ways so let us come to the Lord today in humility, asking him to heal our blindness so our hearts can be more like His. The goal of this Lent is to become more like Jesus.

Have a great week walking with the Lord. With Him, you can do the unthinkable, unimaginable and forgive what you think is unforgivable.

Peace and blessings,
 Father Charles

Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Pat Wissing*. 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, Patricia Eastwood, 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 McMahon, Zachary Melengic, Edward Pauciullo, Steve Peterson, Mary Polik-Gunther, John Posanti, Louise Posanti, Clifford Proctor, Dina Rajotte, Joseph J. Schiavoni, Vita Scorcia, Celestine Stewart

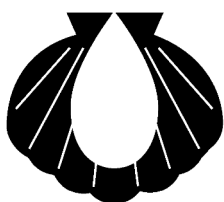
Names of the sick will be listed for **six weeks** for short-term requests and **six months** for long-term.



Rest In Peace

Rolando Castro
Nunzio Diamante
Claire Hansen

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



Baptism

Scarlett James Cunningham

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 20

St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30am Jackie Kennedy
12:10pm Deacon John DeGuardi

Tuesday, March 21

8:30am Jackie Kennedy
12:10pm Thomas & Evelyn Lynaugh

Wednesday, March 22

8:30am Martin Kerrigan
12:10pm Deacon John DeGuardi

Thursday, March 23

St. Turibius of Mogrovejo
8:30am John Varley
12:10pm Andrew John Hueer

Friday, March 24

8:30am Mary Jockel
12:10pm Salvatore Graziano

Saturday, March 25

The Annunciation of the Lord
8:30am Cheryl Nappo, Nancy Bencivinni

5:00pm Vera Lombardo, Andrew A. Antonawich
Msgr. Brian McNamara

Sunday, March 26

Fifth Sunday of Lent
8:00am Clifford Joseph
Msgr. Brian McNamara

9:30am Deacon Jack Teufel
Msgr. Brian McNamara

11:00am Baby Nicholas Polini
Msgr. Brian McNamara

12:30pm People of the Parish
Msgr. Brian McNamara

6:00pm People of the Parish, Paul Breitfeller, Ellen Shay
Msgr. Brian McNamara

Good Friday Silent Vigil on Behalf of Preborn Children



The Long Island Coalition for Life is holding a Good Friday Silent Vigil on Behalf of Preborn Children on April 7, 2023 from 10:30am to NOON, in front of Nassau University Medical Center, 2201 Hempstead Tpke., East Meadow (on the public sidewalk)

Pro-life women, men and children are invited to take part in this peaceful Face the Truth event for the protection of life in the womb and as a visible reminder that abortion is not healthcare. Your participation for even part of the time is important. Signs provided (east end of hospital) or bring your own (no political signs) Please stand 5-10 feet apart for better messaging to the public. Information: 631-243-1435; info@prolifeLI.org.



Easter Candles

Once again, we are offering the *Loving Candles* which will be lit on Holy Saturday. This symbolic light is a beautiful way to remember our loved ones - both living and deceased - and will remain lit throughout the life of the candle (approximately a week). The *Loving Candles* will be available after all weekend Masses on the weekends of March 25-26 and April 1-2, and will also be available at the Parish Office (Rectory) during the week for a donation of \$10. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at 631-661-3224, ext. 121.

Easter Flower Offering

Easter Flower Offerings received by March 12 will appear in the Easter Sunday bulletin. Flower Offerings received after this date will appear in a subsequent bulletin. It would be helpful if you could **clearly PRINT** the name of your loved one and drop the envelope, along with your donation, in the collection basket.

SAGE

Our next SAGE meeting will be **Tuesday, March 21** at 9:30am in the Parish Center.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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

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

EASTER FLOWER SALE

March 25th and March 26th after all Masses



OUR LADY OF LOURDES KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #17379

Annual Parish Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 8th on the Great Lawn

11:00am to 12:00 Noon

Egg Hunt, Games, Prizes

Open to all Parish Families Bring Your Own Baskets

There is NO RAIN DATE so pray for sun!!



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 pieces and the workshop environment.

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

“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 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.

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.” - Isaiah 64:7*



During this holy season of Lent, our Parish Family will focus on this “theme” of the *potter and the clay*. In scripture, Isaiah 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.



Brochure: Choosing a Catholic Elementary School

Our Catholic schools cultivate a robustly *Catholic culture* centered on the spiritual, intellectual, sacramental, and liturgical life of the Church.

Visit the **DRVC Department of Catholic Education** website at:

<https://www.licatholicelementaryschools.org/choosing-a-catholic-school-2/>

to access a helpful brochure that highlights the richness and diversity of our Catholic Schools on Long Island.

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.

Liturgical Minister Training –Spring 2023

The Diocese of Rockville Center will offer training for those who wish to serve as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Lectors.

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Part A -This training is required for **all** those who are beginning as Ministers. This “**BASIC**” training is required for **all** Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Those who wish to minister in hospitals, nursing homes and to the homebound are required to attend Part B training in addition to BASIC training. One **must** attend Part A training prior to Part B training.

Lector Workshop is available for both new and experienced lectors.

Dates and Locations for Liturgical Minister Training

Tuesday, April 25 -St. Elizabeth / Melville -Msgr. Kane Hall; 7 pm -10 pm.

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Part A AND Lectors

Saturday, June 3 –St. Paul the Apostle / Brookville –Lower Level; 9 am –noon.

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Part A AND Lectors*

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Part B Presented in conjunction with Catholic Health

Tuesday, May 16 -St. Elizabeth / Melville -Msgr. Kane Hall; 6:30 pm -9:30 pm

Saturday, June 3 -St. Paul the Apostle / Brookville –Lower Level; 1:00 –4:00 pm.*

**We are offering Part A and Part B on the SAME day. Those who attend Part A in the morning are welcome to bring lunch or leave for lunch and return for the 1pm Part B session. Only those pre-registered for part B will be allowed to stay for this second session.*

A letter from your pastor will be required to reserve your space at any of these trainings and must be received at least five days prior to the session you wish to attend. To request registration for any of these sessions, please contact your rectory. Thank you for your interest!

Are You In Need of Mercy? Divine Mercy Prayer Service

April 16, 2023 - 3:30pm-5:30pm - in the Church

Are you familiar with the Divine Mercy of Jesus? On February 22, 1931, Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ appeared to a nun by the name of Sister Maria Faustina. She was from the Congregation of Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in Cracow, Poland. Jesus appeared to her bringing with Him a wonderful message of Mercy for all people. In the apparition she saw Jesus standing before her in a white robe. With His left hand He was pulling back his garment revealing His heart, out of which came white and red rays (*symbolic of the blood and water which flowed from His side when pierced with a lance on the cross. This image reminds us of the tender Mercy of God which was shed upon the world at Calvary*). It is in the heart of Jesus that we find love, mercy, strength, hope and healing. Jesus said to St. Faustina, the greater the sinner, the greater their right to My mercy. No matter what sin one commits, if their heart is truly repentant, God will forgive them.

This image of Jesus as He appeared to St. Faustina can be seen hanging on the wall in the area of the church where the tabernacle used to be.

In the year 2000, Pope John Paul II (now a Saint) canonized Sister Faustina a saint, making this apparition worthy of belief. The Holy Father also declared the Second Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday throughout the whole Church.

Therefore, as a parish, we will be celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday on **April 16, 2023**. We will praise God for His eternal love and abundant mercy. How? There will be a prayer service in the Church from 3:30pm to 5:30pm. The prayer service will consist of exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, readings from scripture, praying the chaplet of Divine Mercy (*which consists of various prayers which Jesus gave to Sister Faustina to give to the world. This chaplet is prayed on ordinary rosary beads*), the sorrowful mystery of the rosary, singing and the opportunity to venerate the image of the Divine Mercy and the first class relic of Saint Faustina. All are welcome to join us.

In the apparition of Jesus to St. Faustina, He also gives us the Divine Mercy Novena to pray and like all Novenas it is 9 days. The Novena begins on Good Friday and ends the day before Divine Mercy Sunday. The Novena is very unique because we are praying for God's intentions, not our own. Jesus gave St. Faustina the intentions that He would like us to pray for each day. It is a most beautiful and selfless prayer. There will be red Novena pamphlets at the doors of the church in case you need one.

A huge and merciful gift given us on Divine Mercy Sunday is that we can receive a plenary indulgence. Jesus promised this to us through St. Faustina when He reminded us of His great mercy. What is a plenary indulgence? It is the total remission (*washing away*) of temporal punishment due to sin. When I confess my sin with a sincere and contrite heart, I am totally forgiven but the temporal (*the here and now*) damage that was done to others (*and myself*) as a result of my sin remains. That's why we do penance to try to repair the damage we have done. That is what purgatory is about. That's why a plenary indulgence is a merciful gift from the Lord. How can one receive it? Here are the requirements: One must go to Mass and receive Holy Communion on the feast of Divine Mercy, April 15th - 16th. One must go to confession within 10 days of the feast (*either before or after*), pray the Apostles creed (*which is your profession of faith*), take a few moments to reflect on the mercy you have received in your life, pray one Our Father and Hail Mary for the Pope's intention and, lastly, have a desire to be freed from the attachment to sin.

Several years ago Fr. Charles and his sister recorded a Divine Mercy Album which consists of the Divine Mercy Chaplet presented in three different ways: scriptural, traditional and sung. It also has the Litany of the Divine Mercy and several reflection songs. The purpose of the CD is to help you pray and reflect more deeply on the love of our Lord expressed in His passion. The CDs are sold through their music ministry website: www.frcharleslaurie.com.



“With Him we are never alone, even at difficult moments, even when our life’s journey comes up against problems and obstacles that seem insurmountable, and there are so many of them!”

-Pope Francis

Catholic Charities Outreach Programs journey with all who come through their doors

Maria Ryan is the Director of the Parish Social Ministry (PSM) at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, Centerport, where she oversees 15 vibrant ministries. She introduced us to Sarah and her daughter, Belle.

“Shortly after we moved into the area, our daughter Belle was diagnosed with cancer. Out of sheer desperation I called our church to ask if Father could anoint her and that’s when I met Maria Ryan. Maria has taken us under her wing in more ways than we could ever imagine. It’s been over a year and she checks in with us just about every day. The church has helped us spiritually, emotionally, and financially. My husband had to quit work to help us with care for Belle. The parish has helped us to stay afloat by helping with medical bills and travel expenses incurred traveling into the city for Belle’s treatment.” shared Sarah.



Please make check payable to the **Catholic Ministries Appeal**

Name: _____ Parish: _____

Address: _____

City, State and Zip Code: _____

Telephone number: Home _____ Cell: _____

Signature: _____

To make a donation, you can also visit <https://www.drvc.org/CMA/> or call us at 516-678-5800 ext. 296.

To mail a donation: Catholic Ministries Appeal Office P.O. Box 4000, Rockville Centre, NY 11571-4000

Thank You!



An Invitation from the Knights of Columbus

Men of the Parish (18 years and older), are you interested in serving your Faith, your Church, and your Community? If so, then you are invited to join the Knights of Columbus, Our Lady of Lourdes Council 17379. Joining the Knights will make you part of a 129 year old Catholic Fraternal Order that exemplifies the high ideals of our faith and has contributed to our communities through charitable works and community outreach. We meet on the second and fourth Monday of each month in the Parish Center. The fourth Monday is an Officers' meeting, but members are welcome to attend. Meetings begin at 8:00pm. So begin your journey of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism by becoming a Knight!

Online membership is also available at: www.KofC.org.

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



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



Blood Drive!

Good Samaritan University Hospital

Blood Drive

Friday, March 24 – 7:00am-7:00pm

Patio Café



Catholic Health

Good Samaritan Hospital



St. John the Baptist DHS Mid-Year Honor Roll

Congratulations to the following young parishioners who have achieved Mid-Year Honor Roll status at SJB. We are all very proud of your accomplishments.

Summa Cum Laude

*Katia Barnes
Emilie Bobrowski
Madison Erb*

*Allison Kenney
Jessica Manziak
Isabella Nieradko*

*Brandon Raber
Kevin Ryan
Anthony Spadolini*

Lila Vivona

Magna Cum Laude

Daniella Allesandro

Kiera Davis

Sophia Lastorino

Cum Laude

*Seth Agoglia
Christian Daley*

*Nicholas D'Avanzo
Ava Davoult*

*Gabrielle Mercurio
Shae Wallace*



Coffee With Jesus - Lenten Series via Zoom

Friday, March 24 10:00am

Join Bishop Andrzej for online reflections on Scripture Readings with 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, call Suzanne at: 516-744-6850 or e-mail: westernvicariate@drvc.org.
Once you are registered. You will be e-mailed the ZOOM information before the presentation.

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.

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>.

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

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



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.)



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 **July 15-16, 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. Ephesians 5:8-14: "Live as a children of light, for light produces all kinds of goodness and righteousness and truth." Try to live and learn what is pleasing to the Lord. God will shed light into your relationship. Have faith and allow the Holy Spirit to transform your relationship. 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

When Jesus saw the blind man, He did not just walk by. Jesus stopped. He knew He could help the man, and honor God at the same time. Showing all of God's love and power, Jesus healed the blind man's eyes. For the first time in his life, the man could see Jesus and believe in Him.



Mission for the Week

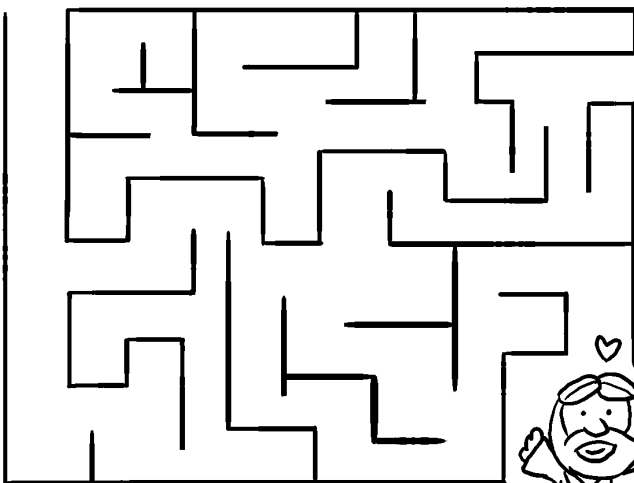


Draw a cross and put it in a place where you can see it and think of Jesus every day.



Puzzle

Help me to find God!



Prayer

Dear Jesus,

Thank You for helping the blind man believe in You.



Something to Draw

With your eyes closed, try to draw a picture of Jesus.

