

# Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

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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

**Phone: 631.661.5440 (select option #3)**

Monday-Friday: 9:00am-Noon,

1:00pm-5:00pm, 7:00pm-9:00pm

E-mail: [ReligiousEd@ollchurch.org](mailto:ReligiousEd@ollchurch.org)

## Parish Outreach Office

**Phone: 631.661.9262 (select option #4)**

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

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**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.

*Fifth Sunday of Lent • Sunday, March 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  
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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 26, 2023

**Sunday** Ez 37:12-14/ Rom 8:8-11/ Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45  
**Monday:** Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/ Jn 8:1-11  
**Tuesday:** Nm 21:4-9/ Jn 8:21-30  
**Wednesday:** Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/ Jn 8:31-42  
**Thursday:** Gn 17:3-9/ Jn 8:51-59  
**Friday:** Jer 20:10-13/ Jn 10:31-42  
**Saturday** Ex 37:21-28/ Jn 11:45-56  
**Next Sunday:** Mt 21:1-11/ Is 50:4-7/ Phil 2:6-11/ Mt 26:14—27:66 or 27:11-54

### 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 12, 2023

Weekly Collection	\$ 21,833.00
Weekly Budget	- \$ 17,800.00
+/- for the week	\$ 4,033.00

<b>Easter Flowers</b>	\$ 4,140.00
<b>Lenten Mission</b>	\$ 2,660.00

#### March 19, 2023

Weekly Collection	\$ 15,535.00
Weekly Budget	- \$ 17,800.00
+/- for the week	\$ (2,265.00)

<b>Catholic Relief Services</b>	\$ 4,827.00
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*The estimated weekly collection needed to maintain and operate our parish buildings, ministries, programs and salaries is \$17,800.*

Dear Parishioners:

We are now entering the fifth week of Lent; it seems that we just celebrated Ash Wednesday last week! But, if you have not gotten “into Lent” yet, don’t despair. We still have 2 weeks to go before Easter.

I would like to encourage everyone to “plan ahead” and look at Holy Week. I especially urge parents with younger children to come to the special Holy Week Children’s Liturgies. We need to introduce our young people to the beauty of Holy Week and the various Children’s Liturgies are great ways to do just that.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who made the **Special Live-Edition: “Holy Week in Review” Docudrama** held last weekend after all the Sunday Masses so meaningful. Under the leadership of Cathy Danowski (and the carpentry skills of her husband, Rick), the Committee put in a lot of time and effort to make Holy Week more understandable to all of us, by presenting it as a news broadcast.

This past Monday, we celebrated the Feast of St. Joseph, the husband of Mary. **St. Joseph**, the patron saint of the Church, was hand-chosen by God to be the husband of Mary and the foster-father of Jesus. We know very little about Joseph but, to me, he is the “un-sung hero” of the Bible. He simply and faithfully took care of Mary and Jesus. He is a great role model for all husbands and fathers. With no fanfare, Joseph simply did what was needed to get done.

Actually, St. Joseph has two Feast days: March 19: Joseph, the husband of Mary and May 1: Joseph, the Worker. Pope Francis gave us this prayer for us to pray in honor of St. Joseph:

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,  
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
To you God entrusted his only Son;  
in you Mary placed her trust;  
with you Christ became man.  
Blessed Joseph, to us too,  
show yourself a father  
and guide us in the path of life.  
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,  
and defend us from every evil. Amen.*

On Saturday, we celebrated the **Feast of the Annunciation** (9 months before Christmas, the birth of Christ). We read about the Annunciation in the Gospel of St. Luke (Chapter 1, verses 26 – 38). The most important decision in the history of the world took place when Mary said “Yes” to the Angel Gabriel to be the mother of the of the Son of God, our Lord Jesus Christ. Because of that “yes”, God’s plan to save us began in earnest! Often that “yes” is referred to as Mary’s “fiat”, a Latin phrase that means “let it be done”; as you may recall, in saying “yes”, Mary actually said, “Let it be done to me according to Your word.”

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

In Christ,

Fr. Brian

## Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Gaye Mazzo*. 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> -US Marine Corps	<b>Melissa Mockler</b> -US Navy
<b>Michael Fantauzzi</b> -US Air Force	<b>Patric Mockler</b> -US Navy
<b>Christopher Florca</b> -US Marine Corps	<b>Andrew Perniciaro</b> -US Army
<b>Dominick Gennaro</b> -US Army	<b>Brandon Ranzie</b> -US Army
<b>Patrick Harty</b> -US Coast Guard	<b>Stephen Rolston</b> -US Army
<b>Ritchard Higham</b> -US Army	<b>Jack Shires</b> -US Navy
<b>Colby Matthew Kelly</b> -US Army	<b>Raymond Sgambati</b> -US Navy
<b>Luke Loftsgaarden</b> -US Army	<b>James Stultz</b> -US Army
<b>Anthony Mannino</b> -US Marine Corps	<b>Alvaro Suarez</b> -US Army
<b>Msgr. Brian McNamara</b> -US Air Force	<b>Jack Taffner</b> -US Marine Corps
<b>Anthony Memoli</b> -US Marine Corps	<b>Michael Wilkinson</b> -US Army
<b>Timothy Milligan</b> -US Marine Corps	<b>Peter Zaccaria</b> -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, Sandra Amberg, Connie Ambrosino, John Anitra, Baby Ellis, Baby Maya, Michael Battista, Richie Brooks, Annemarie Brooks, Samantha, Melissa and Ricky Brooks, Thomas Cavanagh, Thomas J. Calogero III, Susan Dedes, Amanda DiTingo, Patricia Eastwood, Joanne Egan, Paula Edwards, Mike Ferrante, Anna Ferrante, Thomas Geraghty-USMC, Tom Grogan, William Hacker, Patrick Anthony Heffron, Patrick Horne, Marie Ippolito, Henry Kahn, Shena Kahn, Margaret Kavoures, Michael Kegel, Stephanie Koral, 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 Scorcio, Special Intention/Healing, Celestine Stewart, Louise Sturgeon*

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



## Rest In Peace

Richard Thomas Costa  
Martin James Finn  
Mary Verdun Kolkmeier  
Millie Tounas

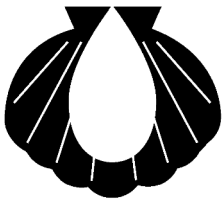
*We extend our prayerful sympathy to the families and loved ones of those recently deceased.*



## Upcoming Marriages

*Samantha McGuire,*  
*St. Martin of Tours, Bethpage*  
*and*  
*Timothy Fantauzzi, OLL*

*Meagan Klein, OLL*  
*and*  
*John Patrick McArdle, OLL*



## Baptism

*Claire Alayne McNeely*  
*Joseph Alfred Rashwan*

*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.*

## Altar Bread and Wine

*In memory of  
Jamie Munkwitz*



## Mass Intentions

### Monday, March 27

8:30am Jamie A. Munkwitz - 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary  
12:10pm James Teague - 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

### Tuesday, March 28

8:30am Dcn. John DeGuardi  
12:10pm Pat Hein & Artie Wenzel

### Wednesday, March 29

8:30am Susan Trifoli  
12:10pm Edward Ferrara

### Thursday, March 30

8:30am Clifford Zeblisky  
12:10pm Carmela Y. Luongo

### Friday, March 31

8:30am Jack Pagano  
12:10pm Vera Lombardo

### Saturday, April 1

8:30am Camille Watts

5:00pm Bruce Schmid, Vera Lombardo  
*Msgr. Brian McNamara*

### Sunday, April 2

#### *Palm Sunday*

8:00am Salvatore Pinello  
*Msgr. Brian McNamara*

9:30am Joseph & Mary Rizzo, Diane Cullen  
*Msgr. Brian McNamara*

11:00am Sarah Bell  
*Fr. Charles Mangano*

12:30pm Rosa Mastrorocco  
*Fr. Charles Mangano*

6:00pm People of the Parish, Adam Kirwan, Victor Alicea,  
The Bencivinni Family (Living), Nicholas Puzio,  
Ward James McCue  
*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](mailto:info@prolifeLI.org).

## 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, April 1<sup>st</sup>** concluding with

Benediction at 9:50pm. Please come and pray with us. All are invited and welcome. Bring a friend!



## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

We will be having Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on this **Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>** from **12:40pm to 7:30pm**. Come, spend some intimate time with Jesus during 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.

## 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.



Mixed Vegetables  
Canned Stew  
Cereal  
Hamburger Helper  
Toothbrushes

# 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!!*



## 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 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

**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:**

**2:00pm – 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.*



## ***Attention Ushers and Eucharistic Ministers***

Holiday Ushers and Eucharistic Ministers are needed for services during Holy Week and on Easter Sunday at all Masses.

Please note your availability in the "Sign In Room."

*Thank you for your service to our Parish family.*

## **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.



## 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 also be available after all weekend Masses on the weekend of 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.

## 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 (4/1 and 4/2) 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.



## 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.

## 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; 7:00pm -10:00pm.

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Part A AND Lectors

**Saturday, June 3** –St. Paul the Apostle / Brookville –Lower Level; 9:00am–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; 6:30pm- 9:30pm

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

*\*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 1:00pm 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 15<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>. 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](http://www.frcharleslaurie.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)

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## *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, March 27, 2023 at 8:00pm in the Parish Center.**



## **Dementia Caregiver Support Group Thursday, April 20, 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.*



## **Butterfly Memory Café - April 21<sup>st</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, April 21<sup>st</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).

## **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>.



## Boy Scout Troop 179

For 50 years, Our Lady of Lourdes has been sponsoring Boy Scout Troop 179 of West Islip. Troop meetings are held every Thursday at 7:30pm.

If you are interested in learning more about Boy Scouts and our Troop, please visit our website: <https://witroop179.wixsite.com/bsatroop179> or contact us at: [troop179cc@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto:parishoffice@ollchurch.org).

Every day, people in our community are helped because of support from funds raised through the Catholic Ministries Appeal. Our hope is that each family will make a gift. We cannot ask everyone to consider the same size gift, but after prayer and reflection, each family is invited to make a gift in response to God's generosity in their lives. **No gift is too small and all gifts make a difference in the lives of others!**



Make checks payable to:  
Catholic Ministries Appeal, Diocese of Rockville Centre, PO Box 4000, Rockville Centre, NY 11571-4000

Parish \_\_\_\_\_ Pledge: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Down payment: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you, and for more information or to donate online, please visit: [www.drvc.org/CMA](http://www.drvc.org/CMA)



**Prom Dress Drive  
for Brentwood High School TODAY**

**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.)



**Come Join the Band!**

We're currently looking for new and experienced bagpipers and drummers (snare, tenor and bass) to join our ranks! We meet on Thursday nights at 7:00pm at the A.O.H. Hall at 27 Locust Avenue in Babylon, NY.

Come down and say hello or e-mail us at: [pmsupb@gmail.com](mailto:pmsupb@gmail.com) for additional information. For more about us visit us at: [www.saffrinunited.org](http://www.saffrinunited.org).

**The “Moving On” Group**

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

**Legal Issues / Elder law  
presented by: Shannon Macleod, Esq.**

**Friday, April 14, 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



***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





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.

## 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](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. Romans 8:8-11: Since Christ is in you, the Spirit is alive because of righteousness. Just like Christ gives life to your mortal bodies, he will give your marital relationship new life. Trust in Him and sign up for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. You will be glad you did. Check out the [WWME.org website](http://WWME.org). There are many experiences out there. One of them is happening on: **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 “Community”. To listen online or for more information, visit: [www.ReligionandRock.com](http://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 Jesus,  
Thank You for  
showing me  
that You are my Savior.



## Something to Draw

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

