

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

455 Hunter Avenue, West Islip, NY 11795

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Parish Office

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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.

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord • Sunday, April 2, 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 April 2, 2023

Sunday: Mt 21:1-11/ Is 50:4-7/ Phil 2:6-11/ Mt 26:14—27:66 or 27:11-54

Monday: Is 42:1-7/ Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/ Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/ Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/ 1 Cor 11:23-26/ Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13—53:12/ Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/ Jn 18:1—19:42

Saturday: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/ Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/ Ex 14:15—15:1/ Is 54:5-14/ Is 55:1-11/ Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/ Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/ Rom 6:3-11/ Mt 28:1-10

Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/ Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/ Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10

Parish Staff

Patti Anderson
Parish Office/Bulletin Editor

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Parish Office

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Parish Office

Rita Spera
Religious Education Office

Financial Summary

March 26, 2023

Weekly Collection	\$ 15,656.00
Weekly Budget	- \$ 17,800.00
+/- for the week	\$ (2,144.00)

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

Dear Parishioners:

Blessed Easter! May the peace and joy of the Risen Christ be with you and your families throughout this holy season and may the promise of the resurrection give you peace.

On the other side of this letter, you will find our Holy Week and Easter schedule of Masses and other spiritual activities. Please take advantage of these opportunities.

For those of you with younger children, our various Children's Liturgies are wonderful ways to introduce your children to the beauty of Holy Week. For those of us who are older, I encourage you to take part in the special Holy Week Masses and services. If you have never been to a Holy Thursday Mass or Good Friday Service, you are missing out!

On Holy Thursday, we re-enact Christ's washing the feet of the disciples (as an example of service) and we highlight Christ's institution of the Eucharist as we process with the Blessed Sacrament from the Church to the Parish Center. We then spend some quiet time with the Lord before the Eucharist. On Good Friday, we walk with Christ to the cross on Calvary as we read the Passion from St. John's Gospel. Then, we will have the opportunity to venerate the Cross of Christ as a sign that we acknowledge Christ's sacrifice on the cross to save us from our sins. At the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday, we welcome new members into our Catholic community. The Easter Vigil begins in darkness and then the Church bursts into light as we proclaim that Christ is raised from the dead.

Pope Francis challenges us to embrace Holy Week. The Holy Father notes that on Calvary, "two ways of thinking collided." The Pope observed, the crucified Jesus' words of forgiveness ("Father, forgive them for they know not what they do") are in sharp contrast with those who crucified Christ, who kept saying to Jesus: "Save yourself."

The Pope highlighted how God's way of thinking goes against this self-centered suggestion, noting, "The mantra *save yourself* collides with the words of the Saviour who *offers His self*." The Lord did not defend or justify Himself. Rather, He prayed to the Father, offered mercy to the good thief, and said: "Father, forgive them" amid "the most searing physical pain" of His Passion. Pope Francis underscored that no matter how dire a situation may be, it is never too late to begin again since the Lord waits for us with His mercy.

Throughout Holy Week, we will be offering the opportunity for Confession or the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This is an opportunity to experience God's mercy. In particular, I would like to highlight Monday, April 3. On that day, confessions will be heard in every parish in Nassau, Suffolk, Queens, Brooklyn and all of New York City from 2:00pm – 9:00pm. Maybe you went to confession 3 months ago; maybe the last time you went to confession was 24 years ago. In either case, take advantage of this opportunity to allow the Lord to love you by forgiving your sins.

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

In Christ,

Fr. Brian

PS: Don't forget our Easter Raffle; you should have received chances in the mail. \$25 for 1 ticket; \$100 for 6 tickets. You have to be in it to win it!

Monday of Holy Week

April 3

Mass **Linda Francavilla** **8:30 AM**

Daily Readings: Is 42:1-7/ Jn 12:1-11

Mass **LaRocca & Sweeney Families** **12:10 PM**



Sacrament of Reconciliation / Confession **2:00 PM - 9:00 PM**

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a powerful way to experience God's grace and healing. Every parish on Long Island, including Our Lady of Lourdes, will be open between the hours of 2:00pm and 9:00pm for individual confessions. By making the sacrament so widely and easily available, we hope that everyone will take advantage of this opportunity. As a reminder, here at Our Lady of Lourdes, we also celebrate this Sacrament every Saturday from 4:00-4:45pm in the Parish Center and always by appointment with a priest.

Tuesday of Holy Week

April 4

Mass **Valerie Moscarelli** **8:30 AM**

Daily Readings: Is 49:1-6/ Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Mass **Scott Moxim** **12:10 PM**

Wednesday of Holy Week

April 5

Mass **Patricia Lazarich** **8:30 AM**

Daily Readings: Is 50:4-9a/ Mt 26:14-25

Mass **Anthony LaRocco** **12:10 PM**

Holy Thursday

April 6

Morning Prayer

8:30 AM

The Church comes together on this morning to seek God's blessing and to give praise to the Lord! Come and pray as we prepare to enter the Triduum together.

Children's Liturgy

5:00 PM

We invite our Parish's youngest members and their families to remember Jesus' loving service to His disciples. This service is a reminder of Jesus' love for His disciples and a parent's love for their child! Please come and pray with us.

Mass of the Lord's Supper

7:30 PM

Mass People of the Parish

Fr. Charles - Celebrant
Fr. Brian - Preaching



This Mass recalls for us the institution of the Sacraments of Eucharist and Holy Orders. During the Mass, Fr. Charles Mangano will wash the feet of some of the members of our parish community. The Washing of the Feet, *the Mandatum*, is a reminder that each of us – clergy, religious and lay people – is called to be a servant to one another. At the end of Mass, we will process to the Parish Center – led by some of the third graders who received the Eucharist for the first time last year. All are invited to come and pray before the Blessed Sacrament until Midnight when we will have our concluding prayer which ends Adoration.

Good Friday

April 7

Morning Prayer

8:30 AM

On this holy and solemn morning, we come together to hear God's Word, pray the psalms and unite as we prepare to recall the death of Jesus this day.

Confessions

8:45 AM - 9:30AM

Our priests will be available during this time for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Children's Good Friday Service

12 Noon

Once again, the children of our parish lead us in prayer as we recall Jesus' death and are reminded of His great love for us! During this service, we'll listen to the story of the Passion as led by our parish's third graders. There will be an opportunity to come forward and touch (or venerate) the cross.

Celebration of the Lord's Passion

3:00 PM

Fr. Brian - Celebrant
Dcn. Nilo - Preaching

This solemn service focuses on the Passion of Jesus. We will listen to some of the most profound readings of the Church year. There will be an opportunity to venerate the cross individually. Finally, we will receive the Eucharist, the Bread of Life. Following this service, all are invited to remain in the Church for a time of prayer and reflection.



Stations of the Cross

7:30 PM

Meditate upon the Passion and Death of Jesus.

Morning Prayer

8:30 AM

On this holy and solemn morning, we come together to hear God's Word, pray the psalms and unite as we wait in joyful hope for the celebration of the Resurrection.

Confessions

8:45 AM - 9:30 AM

Our priests will be available during this time for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Easter Egg Hunt

11:00 AM

The Easter Egg Hunt will take place on the "Great Lawn" (on Hunter Avenue)

Please bring your own basket. Note: There is NO Rain Date for this event.

Blessing of the Family Easter Food

12:00 Noon

We invite all to bring their Easter food for this special prayer service and blessing in the Church.

Confessions

4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Our priests will be available during this time for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

The Great Vigil

Mass Novena

7:30 PM

Fr. Charles - Celebrant



We will gather together at 7:30 PM in the Narthex and bless the new fire and Paschal Candle. We will be led by the light of the Paschal candle (*the symbol of the Risen Christ*) into the darkened Church spreading among us the Light of Christ. The Easter Vigil is one of the most beautiful ceremonies of the entire liturgical year. During the Vigil, we celebrate the Paschal Mystery – Jesus Christ has gone through death to new life – in a most prayerful and spirit-filled way!

The Easter Vigil is much more than just "Easter Mass" – it is the heart of who we are as the people of God. We are renewed because we hear God's Word, renew our Baptismal vows, celebrate the Easter sacraments with women and men of the RCIA and share in the gift of the Eucharist. Come and pray with our parish family.

Following the Great Vigil, we'll have light refreshments in the Parish Center as we celebrate with those who have been baptized and confirmed.

Easter Sunday - April 9, 2023

8:00 AM **Novena**
Church *Fr. Sylvester*

9:30 AM **Novena**
Church *Fr. Brian*
Cafeteria *Fr. Charles*

11:00 AM **Novena**
Church *Fr. Brian*
Cafeteria *Fr. Charles*

12:30 PM **Novena**
Church *Fr. Brian*

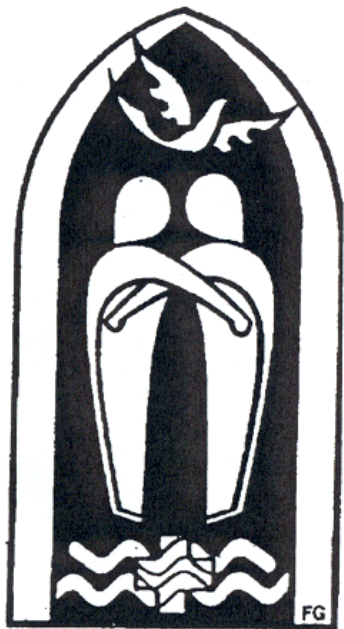
There will be NO 6:00 PM Mass on Easter Sunday

We will be live-streaming our Masses on our parish Facebook page.

You do not need a Facebook account to connect.

Please visit: ollchurch.org to be re-directed to our Facebook page.

How to Celebrate the Sacrament of Penance



When you go to celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation, this is what to do:

Prepare. Examine your conscience; Prayerfully recall your sins. Some will be specific actions. Some represent a more general pattern of behavior.

Go to the priest. You may either kneel anonymously behind a screen or sit in a chair where you may speak face to face.

Be welcome. You and the priest may greet each other. Make the Sign of the Cross. He may urge you to have confidence in God. You may indicate the interval since your last confession or anything else that will help. Just use common sense. Either you or the priest may read from Scripture.

Confess your sins. Some penitents begin with a formula like, "Bless me, Father, for I have sinned." But you don't have to. Let the priest know your sins. You may discuss the sins you confess so the priest can give you the best counsel.

Receive a penance. The priest will recommend some action after you leave to indicate to God the sincerity in your heart. Usually he suggests prayer or self-denial.

Pray for forgiveness. The priest invites you to say a prayer of sorrow aloud. If you remember the Act of Contrition, you may use it. But you may also speak simply from your heart.

One form of the Act of Contrition is:

My God,
I am sorry for my sins with all my heart.
In choosing to do wrong
And failing to do good
I have sinned against you
Whom I should love above all things.
I firmly intend, with your help,
To do penance,
To sin no more,

And to avoid whatever leads me to sin.
Our Savior Jesus Christ
Suffered and died for us.
In his name, my God have mercy.

Or

Lord Jesus, Son of God,
Have mercy on me, a sinner.

Receive absolution. The priest proclaims absolution, and God forgives your sins.
The prayer of absolution:

God the Father of mercies,
Through the death and resurrection of his Son
Has reconciled the world to himself
And sent the Holy Spirit among us for the forgiveness of sins;
Through the ministry of the church
May God give you pardon and peace,
And I absolve you from your sins
In the name of the Father, and of the Son (+)
And of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Conclude. The priest may say, "Give thanks to the Lord for he is good." If so, answer, "His mercy endures forever." Or he may conclude informally.

With God's help, begin to live a new life of freedom from the slavery of sin!

An Examination of Conscience

The Rite of Penance contains a form of the Examination of Conscience (Appendix III). Another form follows below:

Some thoughts on examination of conscience for adults...

For too long, we have looked at examination of conscience as a mere exertion of effort necessary to come up with a grocery list of sins. Rather, it should be part of the rhythm of our daily lives on our way toward maturity. It is not so much a looking at the things we do, but rather, at the person who does them. For each of us is a relational and responsible person, and it is within this context that we grow further toward or away from our goal – Christ.

THINK OF YOURSELF AS A PERSON

Do you accept yourself with your good and bad points? Do you share yourself with others?
Do you realize you have been called by, loved by God in a unique way?
Do you treat others with dignity and respect? Do you use your sexuality irresponsibly or selfishly?
Do you exploit others for your own pleasure?

THINK OF YOURSELF AS A HUSBAND OR WIFE

Do you strive for understanding and communication with your spouse in order to be one spirit as planned by God?

THINK OF YOURSELF AS A FATHER OR MOTHER

Do you give your children yourself, your time, your abilities?
Do you correct them when they're wrong, praise them when you should, instruct them with gentleness and patience?
Are you aware of your responsibility to guide them in the Faith by your words and actions?
Do you apologize and admit when you're wrong and they've been right?

THINK OF YOURSELF AS AN ADULT CHILD

Do you realize that this command to "honor your father and mother" applies to you, if you are blessed to still have your parents as it does to your children?

THINK OF YOURSELF AS A NEIGHBOR

Do you realize that your neighbor is your brother and sister?
Do you try to be helpful when you know there is a need?
Do you respect their rights and allow them to be persons?
Do you make judgments about people based upon their appearance or color?
Do you harbor prejudice in your heart?

THINK OF YOURSELF AS AN EMPLOYEE, AS AN EMPLOYER

Do you give your employer all of your time during the hours he is paying you, realizing that "stealing time" is the same as stealing?
Do you give your employer your full efforts and concentration during working hours?
Do I pay a just wage? Do I provide adequate working conditions?

THINK OF YOURSELF AS A MEMBER OF THE WORLD COMMUNITY OF THE FAMILY OF GOD

Do you sufficiently reflect on the responsibility you have to be concerned about the other members of this family who are suffering from poverty, prejudice, unfair labor practices, unjust housing laws, and other various causes?
Do you take it as a responsibility to consider the morality involved in issues like abortion, euthanasia, denial of rights to migrant workers, corruption in political or economic structures?
Do you take it as your responsibility to be informed about current events and to listen with open minds and hearts to those holding different positions?

THINK OF YOURSELF IN YOUR DIRECT RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

Do you make the effort to spend some time with Him each day even if it's just to say "good morning" or "thanks?"
Do you seek to know Him better in whatever way fits you best?
Do you allow Him to give Himself often to you in the gifts of His sacraments of Eucharist and Penance?

"I tell you, there will be rejoicing among the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

- Lk 15:10

Reconciliation Monday

*Experience the liberating grace of the
Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance).*

Monday, April 3

2:00pm-9:00pm

**Confessions will be heard at all parishes in the
Diocese of Rockville Centre, the Diocese of Brooklyn
and the Archdiocese of New York.**

To find a parish near you, visit: drvc.org.

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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!!

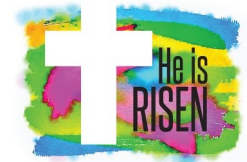


Good Friday

The Parish Office will close at 3:00pm on Friday, April 7 in observance of Good Friday. The Parish Office will re-open at 9:00am on Saturday, April 8.

Easter Sunday

The Parish Office will be closed on Sunday, April 9 in observance of Easter. The Parish Office will re-open at 9:00am on Monday, April 10.



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 Raffle

Below, please find a set of 6 chances. It is a 50-50 drawing. Chances are \$25 each or 6 chances for \$100. 1st place winner will win 35% of the money, 2nd place will win 10% of the money and 3rd place will win 5% of the money. You have to be in it to win it! The drawing will take place on Pentecost Sunday, May 28th after the 12:30pm Mass.



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Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Claire McLoughlin*. 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 - <i>US Marine Corps</i>	Timothy Milligan - <i>US Marine Corps</i>
Michael Fantauzzi - <i>US Air Force</i>	Melissa Mockler - <i>US Navy</i>
Christopher Florca - <i>US Marine Corps</i>	Patric Mockler - <i>US Navy</i>
Dominick Gennaro - <i>US Army</i>	Andrew Perniciaro - <i>US Army</i>
Patrick Harty - <i>US Coast Guard</i>	Brandon Ranzie - <i>US Army</i>
Ritchard Higham - <i>US Army</i>	Stephen Rolston - <i>US Army</i>
Colby Matthew Kelly - <i>US Army</i>	Jack Shires - <i>US Navy</i>
Luke Loftsgaarden - <i>US Army</i>	James Stultz - <i>US Army</i>
Anthony Mannino - <i>US Marine Corps</i>	Jack Taffner - <i>US Marine Corps</i>
Msgr. Brian McNamara - <i>US Air Force</i>	Michael Wilkinson - <i>US Army</i>
Anthony Memoli - <i>US Marine Corps</i>	Peter Zaccaria - <i>US Navy</i>

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



Pastoral Care of Our Sick

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

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

Pray for Our Sick

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

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, Edward Pauciullo, Steve Peterson, Mary Polik-Gunther, John Posanti, Louise Posanti, Clifford Proctor, Dina Rajotte, Joseph J. Schiavoni, Vita Scorcias, 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.

LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES

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.

Holy Thursday Children's Service - 5:00pm in the Church

Join Jesus and His apostles at their last meal together. Meet and get to know these twelve men who shared so much in Jesus' ministry and went on to become the foundation of our Catholic Church. Sit at the table as Jesus blessed the bread and wine to become His Body and Blood for the first time.

Good Friday Children's Service - 12:00pm in the Church

Walk the path which led Jesus to the Cross. Meet the many people Jesus met on the road and see how we can learn to open our hearts to love and forgiveness.



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.

Good Friday Collection A Pontifical Collection



Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines. The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land.

As always, we appreciate your generosity!

For more information about Christian in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday.

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SAGE

Our next SAGE meeting will be **Tuesday, April 4th** at 9:30am in the Parish Center.

Prayer Shawl Ministry / Baby Blanket Bunch

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

Join us ...

Wednesday, April 5th at 9:30am in the Parish Center. All you need to bring is scrap yarn, knitting needles or crochet hooks (patterns and instructions will be given to you) and your gifts of love and prayer.

Divine Mercy Prayer Group

We come together in the Church every Thursday from 1:30pm-2:30pm to pray and reflect on the Divine Mercy. We welcome anyone wishing to join us in this mission.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

We will be having Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on this **Tuesday, April 4th 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.

Donations to Outreach

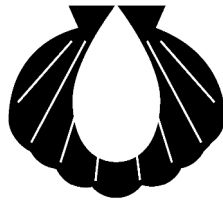
If you would like to make a donation to Parish Outreach in memory of a loved one, please call Trish Frodell, Director of Parish Social Ministry at 631-661-3224, option 4.



Mixed Vegetables
Canned Stew
Cereal
Hamburger Helper
Toothbrushes



Rest In Peace



Baptism

*Rosaline Cecilia Ducie
Hannah Maria Gude
Nicola Germaine Dauz-Minutoli*



Upcoming Marriages

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

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

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

PLEASE JOIN US THIS YEAR BY ATTENDING
The Chrism Mass

April 4, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.
St. Agnes Cathedral
29 Quasly Place, Rockville Centre

During the Chrism Mass, Bishop John Barres will consecrate the Oil of Chrism and bless the Oil of Catechumens and the Oil of the Sick. These holy oils will be used throughout our Diocese during the coming year in celebration of the Sacraments. Priests of the Diocese will also renew their call to the Holy Priesthood of Jesus Christ.

For more information visit drvc.org.
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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.



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.

Knights of Columbus - Council 17379
Mother's Day Plant Sale
After All Masses - May 6 and May 7

*Plan ahead and purchase a great gift for someone special...
or even for yourself!*



The Diocese of Rockville Centre
**GOLDEN WEDDING
ANNIVERSARY MASSES**

Honoring Couples Married Fifty Years

The Diocese of Rockville Centre would like to honor those couples who celebrated Fifty Years of Marriage in 2023 by inviting them to attend one of the Masses below for a special blessing.

Sunday, May 21, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.
Church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Patchogue
Celebrant: Most Reverend John O. Barres

Sunday, June 4, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.
Church of St. James, Seaford
Celebrant: Most Reverend Robert J. Coyle

Register online at drvc-faith.org
Registration must be received by Friday, April 28, 2022
For questions, please contact Lisette Robustelli, Associate Director at (516)678-5800 ext. 200 or via email at lrobustelli@drvc.org



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!



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.

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





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 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 - April 21st 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 21st 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.

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, April 10 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 check out our website: <https://witroop179.wixsite.com/bsatroup179> or contact us at: troop179cc@yahoo.com.

Is the Holy Spirit calling YOU? Volunteers Needed.

Maria Regina Residence, at 1725 Brentwood Rd., Brentwood, is a 188-bed Skilled Nursing Facility, currently under the care of the Sisters of St. Joseph. We are seeking compassionate, dedicated men and women who are willing to volunteer their time and talent in various service areas (usually for one or two mornings or afternoons per week.) Current priority needs include: transporting residents in their wheelchairs within the building, serving as visitors or Eucharistic ministers, helping in the gift shop and more. Is the Holy Spirit calling YOU? For more information, please contact the Pastoral Care Office and leave your contact information at 631-299-3288. Prayerfully and thankfully, we look forward to hearing from you and will respond on the next scheduled office day.





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. 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. 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 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 “Triumph”.

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

Sharing the Gospel

Many years earlier, God's prophets had written about the Savior. He would heal the blind, He would raise the dead, and He would ride into Jerusalem on a donkey as a gentle king. The people knew Jesus was the Savior they had been waiting for. They treated Him like a king.



Mission for the Week



Make your own palm branch to wave for Jesus at home. Cut an oval out of green construction paper. Then make cuts toward the middle (but not all the way through) for leaves.



Puzzle

Help Jesus get to Jerusalem.



Prayer

Jesus, help me to treat You like my King.



Something to Draw

Draw a picture of yourself waving a branch for Jesus.

