

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

455 Hunter Avenue, West Islip, NY 11795

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

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Deacon Rich Maher, Deacon Jack Meehan**

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Trish Frodell, Director of Parish Social Ministry
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Debbie Meyer, Business Manager
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Worship and Choir Director
Vita Scorcia, Ministry Spiritual Director



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

E-mail: ParishOffice@ollchurch.org

Fax: 631.661.7143

Website: www.ollchurch.org

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

Parish Outreach Office

Phone: 631.661.9262 (select option #4)

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

SAGE (*Senior Advocates for Growth and Enrichment*)

Phone: 631.661.3224, Ext. 122

E-mail: Sage@ollchurch.org

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

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.

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord • Sunday, April 9, 2023



Welcome to our Parish Family

New Parishioners are cordially invited to register as members of our Parish Family. Please call or visit our Parish Office.

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

- Saint Teresa of Calcutta

Pastoral Council

Msgr. Brian McNamara
Eileen Rega
Mary Borgs
Lisa Cantalino
Sonia DaSilva
Dcn. Nilo DeLeon
Jerry Esposito
Trish Frodell
Pam Gagliano
Deborah Lamb
Rosalie Mangels
John Muldoon
Dottie Perdue
Vita Scorcia

Mission Statement

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

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

Readings for the Week of April 9, 2023

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
Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/ Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/ Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/ Lk 24:13-35
Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/ Lk 24:35-48
Friday: Acts 4:1-12/ Jn 21:1-14
Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/ Mk 16:9-15
Next Sunday: Acts 2:42-47/ 1 Pt 1:3-9/ Jn 20:19-31

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

April 2, 2023

Weekly Collection	\$ 24,865.00
Weekly Budget	- \$ 17,800.00
+/- for the week	\$ 7,065.00

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 joy of the Risen Jesus be with you and your family!

I thought a few quotes on Easter would be helpful:

"A man who was completely innocent, offered himself as a sacrifice for the good of others, including his enemies, and became the ransom of the world. It was a perfect act."

- Mahatma Gandhi

"Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song."

- Pope John Paul II

"This is what Easter is: it is the exodus, the passage of human beings from slavery to sin and evil to the freedom of love and goodness. Because God is life, life alone, and we are his glory"

- Pope Francis

Paul Harvey was a radio personality who would give a little reflection each day. He would start a story, then break for a commercial. After the commercial, he would come back and begin, "And now the rest of the story .." and conclude the story, usually with an unexpected twist.

If Paul Harvey lived at the times of Jesus and doing his show, Paul Harvey would talk about a man, a good man, who talked about love, peace and forgiveness. But jealous people conspired against that good man and that good man was put to death, even while forgiving His tormentors as He died on the cross. Then, Paul Harvey would pause and go to commercials. Paul Harvey would then return and say, "And now the rest of the story. This same man, who was unjustly tortured and killed, was raised from the dead by His Father. And because this good man, Jesus Christ, was raised from the dead, ALL of us have the opportunity to receive the gift of eternal life. That is the rest of the story!

Good Friday looked very dark and very bleak. I am sure we are all familiar with the statue of the Pieta, Mary holding her dead son in her arms. But Good Friday was not the end of the story. Easter Sunday is the rest of the story! Death and darkness does not triumph; God's grace, God's love; eternal life triumphs!

Easter reminds us that there is always hope. At times in life, we can find ourselves in dark, painful places. The darkness and the pain can even overwhelm us at times. If you find yourself in that situation, remember Good Friday and Easter. Good Friday did not win; Easter won: God will always triumph if we reach out to Him.

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!

PPS: Google "Paul Harvey: Jesus and the Birdcage"; it is a nice Easter reflection!



DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

April 9, 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Every Easter, you and I are reminded of the power of the Paschal Mystery. Commemorating the celebration of the first Eucharist at the Mass of the Lord's Supper, walking with Jesus on the road to Calvary on Good Friday in the Liturgy of the Lord's Passion, and celebrating Christ's triumphant conquering of sin and death in the Mass of the Resurrection on Easter is a potent reminder of God's love for us.

During this season of Easter and this time of National Eucharistic Revival, it becomes even clearer to us that the Paschal Mystery is not a mere historical event, but a mystery in which we are privileged to participate every time we celebrate the Mass. In the Easter sequence, we sing: "Christians, to the Paschal Victim, offer your thankful praises!" The word, *Eucharist*, which means, *thanksgiving*, implies that every time the Church gathers for the celebration of the Mass, she offers an act of "thankful praise" to the Lord. In this act of offering thanksgiving to God in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, we as a priestly people offer the sacrifices of our lives with the offering of the Body and Blood of the Lord, by which our sacrifices take on new value and meaning (see, CCC, §1368).

Love is central to the mission of the Church. The sacrifices that we offer to God each day and in the celebration of the Eucharist are an expression of our love for him and for his people. When Christ appeared to Peter and the apostles on the Sea of Galilee after his Resurrection, he asked Peter: "Do you love me?" As he responds, "yes, Lord" to that three-fold questioning, Christ calls him to mission: "feed my lambs...tend my sheep...feed my sheep" (see John 21:15-19) Like Peter, you and I are faced with that same question from the Lord: "do you love me?" In other words, do we take the contemplative time that our hearts yearn for to renew our love for the Lord? In the offering of our time in prayer we are reminded of the very nature of God's love. Through that experience of true love, we realize that as disciples of Christ, you and I are called to mission: to bring the love of Christ to world; to glorify the Lord by our lives; to extend the Divine Mercy to those who suffer; to let the earth shake with the joy of the Resurrection!

Every human heart is created to love. As we grow deeper in our devotion to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus as a Diocese this June, we ask the Lord to strengthen our hearts to love as Jesus loves and for the zeal to proclaim to those we encounter that "God is Love" (1 John 4:8,16).

I wish you and your families a blessed Easter Season!

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre

Father Brian McNamara

Fr. Brian arrived here in June, 2012 and has completed 11 years as our Pastor.

He will be leaving Our Lady of Lourdes Parish this June to serve as Pastor of St. Patrick Parish in Smithtown.

Please join us as we celebrate Fr. Brian

**Sunday, May 21, 2023
at the 12:30pm Mass**

Reception to follow in the Cafeteria



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


-Saint Teresa of Calcutta

Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Ann Sippel* 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, Bill Labasci, Vincent Marinelli, Joseph Marrone, Jr., Michele Carrano-McGee, John McMahon, Glenn Meyer, Richard Meyer, Ken Monroe, Edward Pauciullo, Steve Peterson, Mary Polik-Gunther, John Posanti, Louise Posanti, Clifford Proctor, Dina Rajotte, Edwin Ramirez, Bob Scharen, Diane Scharen, Joseph J. Schiavoni, Vita Scorcia, 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

Gary James Gianna
Barbara A. Marino

*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*

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



Baptism

Greyson James Janssen
Sutton Margaret Roll
Lainey Yvonne Torres
Gabriella Marie Trione

*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, April 10
8:30am Louise Mangano

Tuesday, April 11
8:30am Charles Mangano, Sr.

Wednesday, April 12
8:30am Ted Gladkowski

Thursday, April 13
8:30am Massimo Ferro (Living)

Friday, April 14
8:30am Adua Buonanno

Saturday, April 15
8:30am People of the Parish

5:00pm Charles P. Abruzzo, Francesca Novello,
Frank Sciara, Victor Alicea
Fr. Charles Mangano

Sunday, April 16
Second Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy Sunday
8:00am Frank Aparo
Fr. Charles Mangano

9:30am Mary DeRoma & Philip DeRoma
Fr. Charles Mangano

11:00am Deceased Members of the Bronkhurst Family
Msgr. Brian McNamara

12:30pm Donald McClatchey & Family
Msgr. Brian McNamara

6:00pm People of the Parish, Janet Loehr, Sal Massa
Cynthia Breitfeller, Vera Lombardo
Msgr. Brian McNamara



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

Illness and aging, coupled with rapid advances in medical technology, can lead to heightened anxiety when health care decisions must be made.

Go to www.CatholicEndofLife.org for assistance in navigating the end-of-life challenges that you and/or your loved ones face. Learn about the key principles of Catholic teaching in this area, and how to apply them in the complex world of medical advance directives.

Pregnant? Need Help?

Birthright, Inc. 24 Hour Helpline 1-800-550-4900

Islip: 631-277-3888 - Hampton Bays: 631-728-8900 - Rocky Point: 631-821-9727

Southold: 631-876-5138 - Wantagh 516-785-4070

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 11th from 12:30pm to 7:30pm**. Come, spend some intimate time with Jesus. 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.

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.

Donations to Outreach

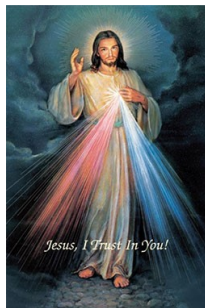
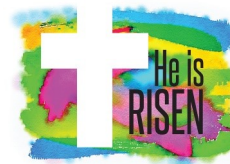
If you would like to make a donation to Parish Outreach in memory of a loved one, please call Trish Frodell, Director of Parish Social Ministry at 631-661-3224, option 4.



Mixed Vegetables
Canned Stew
Cereal
Hamburger Helper
Toothbrushes

Easter 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.



Are You In Need of Mercy? Divine Mercy Prayer Service April 16, 2023

3:30pm-5:30pm in the Church
For more information, please see page 10.

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.



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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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.

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.

Thank you for supporting our Easter Plant Sale!

The Knights of Columbus OLL Council 17379 would like to thank our parish family for supporting our Easter plant sale. We were able to sell out and we were delighted to hear about how well everyone's Christmas poinsettias did. We are excited to be helping Monsignor Brian and Our Lady of Lourdes continue the great work of our amazing parish.



The Knights will be selling beautiful plants on May 6th - May 7th for Mother's Day. Plan ahead and purchase a great gift for someone special or even for yourself!

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!*



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.

Prom Dress Collection - A Huge Thank You!

To our Generous Donors:

Many thanks for the wonderful response to our request for prom dresses for the young women at Brentwood High School! You donated more than 100 dresses, a response far greater than expectations. Thank you to Cathy Danowski and Angela La Giglia who helped to coordinate the project, and for the men of the K of C who transported the dresses and accessories by truck to Brentwood High School.

Muchas gracias!

S. Kathleen



Thank You

We would like to extend a huge **Thank You** to the wonderful “Mailing Team” that volunteer their time to prepare the mailings. They spend countless hours, stamping, folding, stuffing, etc. to make our annual mailings happen. They are: *Marilyn Barthel, Eileen Clifford, Connie Cristaudo, Rosetta Fragola, Joanne and Ed Guiffre, Sara Iannaccone, Peggy Kapalko, Steve MacQuade, Kay Manley, Josephine Pastore, Bob Petersen, Michael Poveromo, Tessie Reilly, Nancy Sisson, Laura Skinder, Dona Teague, Pat and Bill Young.* With tight deadlines, the “team” never ceases to amaze me and get it all done on time, if not sooner! We must give a great big shout out to *Rita Spera*, Religious Education Office, who prints ALL the letters-front and back, raffle tickets, etc. It is a monumental task, and we thank all of you for your time and talent. We could not get these mailings done without each one of you!

- Fr. Brian and Debbie Meyer, Business Manager

Important Information for ALL Parish Volunteers

The Diocese of Rockville Centre requires all clergy, employees, and volunteers (18 yrs. or older) to participate in the Safe Environment Guidelines as established by the Charter for the Protection of Children/Young People (2002) and outlined in the Diocesan Child Protection Policy.

Note: If you already have a Virtus account (www.Virtus.org), have signed the Code of Conduct and attended the Class, all you need to do is initiate the updated background screening through Sterling Volunteers.

Requirements are as follows:

1. Attend a Virtus: Protecting God’s Children class.
2. Undergo background screening.
3. Sign the Diocesan Code of Conduct.

Instructions to Complete the Safe Environment Requirements:

- Log into the Virtus website: www.Virtus.org.
- Begin the registration process by creating a Virtus account. The first screen requests the location: Please select Rockville Centre from the drop down list.
- Follow directions on each page.
- During the registration process you will receive a copy of the Code of Conduct and Pastoral Code of Conduct. Please sign each Code electronically.
- Select the class you wish to attend.
- Complete the background screening application provided. Background screening is conducted by Sterling Volunteers.

When you complete the registration process, you will have a Virtus account and an account with Sterling Volunteers. Your Virtus account will contain the date you signed the Codes of Conduct; date you submitted the background screening application and date you will attend Virtus. Please keep your username and the password for both your Virtus account and Sterling account as these are required to access each account.

Please contact the Office for the Protection of Children/Young People if you have questions or require assistance: cprotection@drvc.org



Dementia Caregiver Support Group Thursday, 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 21, 2023 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.

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.



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.

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Life in the Spirit Seminar

with Fr. Charles Mangano and the St. John Nepomucene Prayer Group

Is God calling you to experience Him in a more personal, fulfilling, and intimate way, a way you have never experienced Him before? If yes, we invite you to a Life in the Spirit seminar.



St. John Nepomucene Catholic Church
1140 Locust Avenue, Bohemia, NY
Saturday, May 13, 2023 8:30am – 4:00pm

Please bring a bag lunch. We will provide drinks.
Free will offering will be gratefully accepted.

Registration required. Space limited to 150 people.
Register before May 6 at the following link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0945AFA72CA1F5C61-life>
Need help? E-mail: livingbread_bohemia@aol.com or call: 631-589-4715.



**MOLLOY
UNIVERSITY**

Spring Open House

Sunday, April 23, 2023 at 1:00pm

1000 Hempstead Avenue
Rockville Centre, NY 11571
516-323-4000

For more information and to register, visit: www.molloy.edu/openhouse23

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, May 6: Christ the King, Commack - Pastoral Center Gym; 9:00am - 12:00pm
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Part A *

Saturday, June 3: St. Paul the Apostle, Brookville - Lower Level; 9:00am - 12:00pm
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, May 6: Christ the King, Commack - Pastoral Center Gym; 1:00pm - 4:00pm. *

Saturday, June 3: St. Paul the Apostle, Brookville - Lower Level; 1:00pm - 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 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. You cannot attend BOTH EMHC Part A AND Lector training on the same day – you must choose one or the other. Thank you for your interest!

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



2023

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



"Dear young university students, your willpower and your capabilities, united to the power of the Holy Spirit that lives in each one of you from the day of your baptism, permits you to be not spectators, but protagonists in contemporary events."

-Pope Francis

Your donation to the Catholic Ministries Appeal supports Campus Ministry at our secular colleges. These Campus Ministers journey with students by uniting them together in prayer and fellowship, becoming their faithful family on campus and keeping the faith vibrant.

Through Campus Ministry, there is much hope for our Catholic Faith on Long Island.

"Our job at Hofstra Campus Ministry is to evangelize, and we do that by forming relationships with people, being visible to them, celebrating Mass on Sundays and Wednesdays, praying the rosary. Faithful young people are present here and they are on fire and they deeply desire to find Christ. They are seeking the truth and they will find it here in the Church," shared Gina, Campus Ministry Director of Hofstra University
"Campus Ministry makes me think of the influences of my life and to see where Christ is guiding me to see who would be my friends. It's like having a family on campus." "Although at times it may feel like I'm alone because there aren't many people my age who share the faith at Hofstra, those who are participating are doing their best to understand where Christ is in their life and how to spread it throughout the world." shared Aaron, Campus Ministry Participant."



Make checks payable to:

Catholic Ministries Appeal, Diocese of Rockville Centre, PO Box 4000, Rockville Centre, NY 11571-4000

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

Thank You!

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



Good Samaritan University Lecture Series

Learn more about living with a healthy spine
and lifestyle choices for optimal spine health.

Thursday, April 13, 2023

11:30 am

West Islip Fire Department
309 Union Blvd, West Islip, NY 11795

Food and refreshments will be available.



Presented by:
Brian McHugh,
MD, FAANS, FACS
Board-Certified
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To attend, please RSVP to 631-376-4444



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 have 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 3:00pm - Church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Patchogue
Celebrant : Most Rev. John O. Barres

Sunday June 4, 2023 at 3:00pm - Church of St. James, Seaford
Celebrant : Most Rev. Robert J. Coyle

Register online at: drvc-faith.org
Registration must be received by Friday, April 28, 2023

For questions, please contact: Lisette Robustelli, Associate Director at: 516-678-5800, ext. 200
or via e-mail at: lrobustelli@drvc.org



Spring 2023 Liturgical Catechesis



EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATION

THE MASS - STEP BY STEP

LITURGY EXPLAINED

Join

BISHOP ANDRZEJ

this Spring at these in-person presentations.
All are welcome! Registration is **REQUIRED**.

Tuesday, March 28, 2023

Mass Introductory Rites Explained
St. Paul the Apostle, Brookville

Tuesday, May 23, 2023

Liturgy of the Word Explained
St. Paul the Apostle, Brookville

Tuesday, June 20, 2023

Liturgy of the Eucharist Explained
Curé of Ars, Merrick

Tuesday, July 11, 2023

Mass Concluding Rites Explained
Curé of Ars, Merrick



All sessions begin at **7:30 pm** and take place in the Church.

St. Paul the Apostle

2534 Cedar Swamp Road
Brookville, NY 11545

Curé of Ars

2323 Merrick Avenue
Merrick, NY 11566

Advance registration is required. Please contact the Western Vicariate office with your name, parish, email address and phone number.

Send your email to: westernvicariate@drvc.org or call Suzanne at 516-744-6850. Please do not contact the parish directly.



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. 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

Happy Easter! Let us celebrate Christ’s Resurrection. Let us also celebrate our relationship. Psalm 104: "Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth." As you renew your faith and your baptismal promises, also renew your loving relationship with your spouse by signing up to attend a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on June 23-25, 2023** at Immaculate Conception Seminary in Huntington. Worldwide Marriage Encounter sponsors a variety of in-person and virtual marriage experiences, some on weekends and some on seven weekdays. Couples explore their relationship with each other, God and the Church. Registration is limited; there is a \$100 application fee. For more information or to apply, call Chuck & Maria Reiss at 631-486-8607 or <https://wwmenyli.org/>.



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 “**Issues in Life**”. To listen online or for more information, visit: www.ReligionandRock.com.

Sharing the Gospel

It was very early in the morning on Sunday. The tomb stone was rolled away. Jesus was gone. All that was left inside were the strips of linen cloth. When John and Peter saw it, they were amazed. They did not understand all the promises the prophets wrote about Jesus yet. However, they knew He was alive. He had risen from the dead!



Mission for the Week



Bake Resurrection Cookies with your family tonight. You can find the recipe online at <https://www.dvo.com/newsletter/weekly/2015/3-27-452/side5e.html>



Puzzle

Circle the group in each row that has **more**. Then color in all the pictures.



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Prayer



Dear God,
I thank you
for bringing Jesus
back to life.
Amen.

Something to Draw

Draw how surprised Peter and John were when they saw Jesus' empty tomb.