

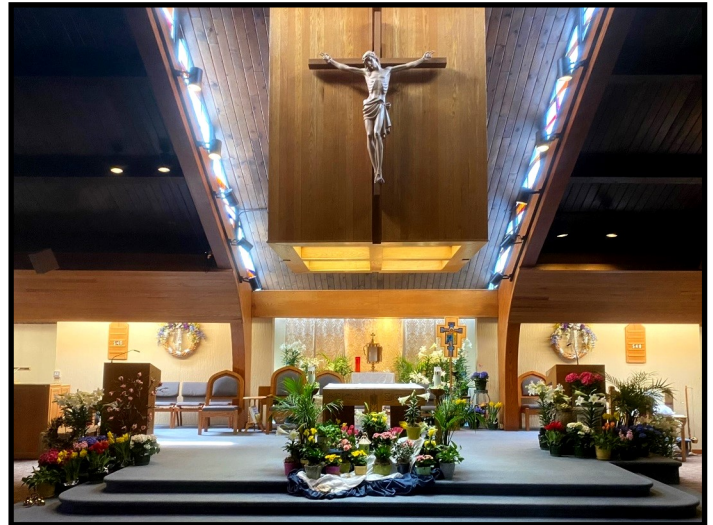
Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

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

**Deacon Nilo DeLeon, Deacon Tom Lucie,
Deacon Rich Maher, Deacon Jack Meehan**

Sr. Nancy Campkin CSJ, Director of Religious Ed
Trish Frodell, Director of Parish Social Ministry
Sr. Diane Liona CSJ, Director of Religious Ed
Debbie Meyer, Business Manager
Robin Reynolds Brennan, Coordinator of
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

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.

Second Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy • Sunday, April 16, 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 16, 2023

Sunday: Acts 2:42-47/ 1 Pt 1:3-9/ Jn 20:19-31
Monday: Acts 4:23-31/ Jn 3:1-8
Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/ Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/ Jn 3:16-21
Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/ Jn 3:31-36
Friday: Acts 5:34-42/ Jn 6:1-15
Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/ Jn 6:16-21
Next Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/ 1 Pt 1:17-21/ Lk 24:13-35

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 9, 2023

Weekly Collection	\$ 37,035.00
Weekly Budget	- \$ 17,800.00
+/- for the week	\$ 19,265.00

Holy Thursday	\$ 3,184.00
Holy Land	\$ 3,360.00
Parish Ministry	\$ 8,935.00

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

Dear Parishioners:

First off, I would like to thank everyone who made this Holy Week so special. I would like to thank:

- + Our Music Ministers: Organists, Leaders of Song, Accompanists under the leadership of Robin and Michael
- + Our Liturgical Ministers: Deacons, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, Sacristans and Altar Servers
- + Our Art and Environment Committee: a small army of volunteers, under the leadership of Jerry Esposito, who transformed our Church for us.
- + Our Children's Liturgy:
 Sr. Diane for Good Friday
 Cathy Danowski and her Committee for the Easter Egg Hunt on Holy Saturday and for all their work throughout the year

All these people assist throughout the entire year, not just during Holy Week, but the holy days are times to highlight their service to the Parish.

This Sunday is called "**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**", which occurs the first Sunday after Easter. This day, focusing on God's mercy, was established by St. Pope John Paul II, based on the writings of Sr. Faustina Kowalska. Sr. Faustina was a Polish mystic who wrote of her visitations from Christ in which Jesus spoke of God's mercy.

The Message of the Divine Mercy that Sr. Faustina received from the Lord (1931-1938) was not only directed toward her personal growth in faith, but also toward the good of everyone.. With the command of our Lord to paint an image according to the pattern that Sr. Faustina had seen, came also a request to have this image venerated, first in the Sisters' chapel, and then throughout the world. The same is true with the revelations of the Chaplet. The Lord requested that this Chaplet be said not only by Sr. Faustina, but by others: "Encourage souls to say the Chaplet that I have given you."

The same is true of the revelation of the Feast of Mercy. As Christ told Sr. Faustina: "The Feast of Mercy emerged from my very depths of tenderness. It is my desire that it solemnly be celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the fount of My Mercy."

Fr. Charles will be leading us in prayer from 3:30pm to 5:30pm. Stop by! While Divine Mercy Sunday is a special, annual event, every day here at Our Lady of Lourdes we pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet after the 8:30am Mass. In addition, we pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet in front of the Blessed Sacrament every Thursday at 1:30pm. Think about taking advantage of these daily and weekly prayer opportunities.

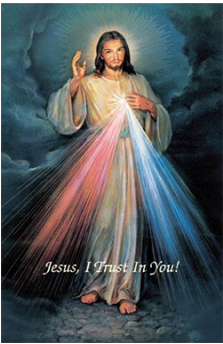
Remember: Together, we can do something beautiful for God.

In Christ,

Fr. Brian

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.

Father Brian McNamara

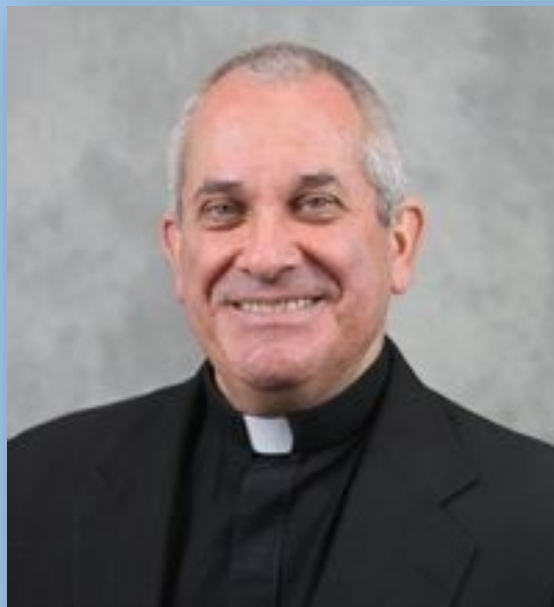
Fr. Brian arrived here in June, 2012 and has completed 11 years as our Pastor.

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 *Nora Neshta*. If you would like to help care for our altar needs, please call the Parish Office at 631-661-3224.

Members in the Military

We ask that you pray especially for those in our parish that are on active duty.

Michael DiMatteo -US Marine Corps	Melissa Mockler -US Navy
Michael Fantauzzi -US Air Force	Patric Mockler -US Navy
Christopher Florca -US Marine Corps	Andrew Perniciaro -US Army
Dominick Gennaro -US Army	Brandon Ranzie -US Army
Patrick Harty -US Coast Guard	Stephen Rolston -US Army
Ritchard Higham -US Army	Raymond Sgambati -US Navy
Colby Matthew Kelly -US Army	JackShires -US Navy
Luke Loftsgaarden -US Army	James Stultz -US Army
Anthony Mannino -US Marine Corps	Jack Taffner -US Marine Corps
Msgr. Brian McNamara -US Air Force	Michael Wilkinson -US Army
Anthony Memoli -US Marine Corps	Peter Zaccaria -US Navy
Timothy Milligan -US Marine Corps	

... 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 ...

Salvatore Albanese, Sandra Amberg, Connie Ambrosino, John Anitra, Baby Maya, Michael Battista, Richie Brooks, Annemarie Brooks, Samantha, Melissa and Ricky Brooks, Linda Cantwell, Thomas Cavanagh, Thomas J. Calogero III, Susan Dedes, William DeGeorge, Amanda DiTingo, Patricia Eastwood, Joanne Egan, Paula Edwards, Mike Ferrante, Anna Ferrante, Jean Gargiulo, Thomas Geraghty-USMC, Tom Grogan, William Hacker, Patrick Anthony Heffron, 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

*Kenneth Robert Campo
James P. Chimento
Anthony DeMotta
John M. Sullivan*

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



Upcoming Marriages

*Samantha Alvarado, OLL
and
John (Jack) Ehret, OLL*

*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 17
8:30am Joseph Lally

Tuesday, April 18
8:30am Richard Wassmer

Wednesday, April 19
8:30am Joseph Francavilla

Thursday, April 20
8:30am Cosimo Ciocia

Friday, April 21
St. Anselm
8:30am Antonio & Victoria Delfin

Saturday, April 22
8:30am Giuseppina Cappella

5:00pm Bob & Camille Watts, Joseph Napoli,
Dorothy Cattabiani
Fr. Saji Jose, CM

Sunday, April 23
Third Sunday of Easter
8:00am Kevin Oleaga
Fr. Sylvester Chukwumalume

9:30am Dcn. Jack Teufel
Fr. Dave Atanasio

11:00am Vera Lombardo
Fr. Dave Atanasio

12:30pm Jacqueline Patwell
Fr. Saji Jose, CM

6:00pm People of the Parish, Paul & Alma O'Brien,
Barbara Beckerman, Paul Monahan
Fr. Charles Mangano



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

SAGE

Our next SAGE meeting will be **Tuesday, April 18th** at 9:30am in the Parish Center.

Men's Prayer Group

The Men's Prayer group will meet on Wednesday, April 19th from 9:00am-11:00am in the Parish Center. All men are welcome to join us for prayer, conversation and fellowship.

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 18th 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.

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.



Tomato Sauce
 Canned Chicken
 Cookies/Crackers
 Cereal
 Laundry Detergent

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.

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.**



EASTER RAFFLE	EASTER RAFFLE	EASTER RAFFLE
Name _____	Name _____	Name _____
Phone _____	Phone _____	Phone _____
1 Ticket for \$25, 6 Tickets for \$100	1 Ticket for \$25, 6 Tickets for \$100	1 Ticket for \$25, 6 Tickets for \$100
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Some photos from *“Holy Week in Review - Special Live Edition”*



Knights of Columbus OLL Council #17379 Annual Scholarships

An applicant must be in the 11th or 12th grade, and the scholarship must be used for high school, college, or vocational school. Applicants who meet the criteria may apply for both scholarships.

A one thousand dollar scholarship is available to a student whose parent, grandparent, or guardian is a member of the Knights of Columbus and in good standing.

A five hundred dollar scholarship is available to a student whose family is an Our Lady of Lourdes Parish member.

To apply for the scholarships, please visit the Knights of Columbus OLL Council #17379 website at: <https://www.oll17379.org/> and click on the Scholarship link at the top of the page.

The deadline for applications is May 15, 2023.



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 24, 2023 at 8:00pm in the Parish Center.

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!*



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.



**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

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

El Salvador Mission Trip Update

Due to circumstances beyond our control, the trip scheduled for this July will have to be postponed until next year. Tentative dates for next year are from Saturday, June 29, 2024 through Friday, July 5, 2024. We will be sending a check for \$1,500.00 to the Santa Ana Project to be used as needed. Thank you for your continued support of our Mission Trip and the Santa Ana project.

- Deacon Rich



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.



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.

Catholic Theology Courses this Summer at St. Joseph's Seminary

Class Dates: May 31 through July 14

Open to qualified lay men and women, clergy, and consecrated religious.

Offered in person or online - Zoom in from any location to join a class.

Reasonably priced - Affordable tuition rates!

50% tuition discount for new students, alumni auditors, diocesan and parish employees.

Taught by world-class faculty.



To learn more about our schedule of classes for summer, go to: www.dunwoodie.edu or email: sjs.academics@dunwoodie.edu

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

He is Risen! Alleluia! I pray you and your loved ones know the peace of our Risen Lord in these weeks of Easter!

Last Easter, Pope Francis has said, "*The Risen Lord is also the Crucified One ... In his glorious body He bears indelible wounds: wounds that have become windows of hope.*" During these difficult times and global unrest, peace and hope must be in the forefront of our being.

This year's Catholic Ministries Appeal theme – *Journeying Together in Communion, Participation and Mission*, answers our Holy Father's invitation to journey with one another and show love to those in need. Your commitment to the support of the Catholic Ministries Appeal helps us to serve more than 600,000 people each year by supporting formation programs that prepare our priests, deacons and lay leaders; training our religious education catechists and adult faith formation leaders who educate our youth and parish families; providing food and housing programs that serve our seniors, disadvantaged families, and people with special needs, those struggling with substance abuse; and promoting the sanctity of life at all stages. Working together, we are all enriching the lives of all of Long Island.

Please remember that 100% of every dollar raised is restricted to fund the objectives, programs, and mission supported by the Catholic Ministries Appeal.

Thank you for prayerfully considering a gift to the 2023 Catholic Ministries Appeal and reaching out to those need. Please pray for the success of this year's Appeal and for those who are supported by the Appeal.

You and your loved ones will be remembered in my prayers and Masses. May you and they know the love of our Risen Lord!

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre



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

Attention married couples & Priests! Easter is a time for renewal. Here's a chance to get away for the weekend and focus on your spouse to renew and refresh your relationship; to help your good marriage be great!! 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. Every relationship is a journey. The grind of everyday life can cause you to lose touch with your spouse. This experience will help you listen, share and connect more deeply. **Our next weekend experience will be June 23-25, 2023** at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington, Long Island. 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, meets 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.

Note: Meetings from April 18 through June 13 will be in the All Purpose Room.

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

Sharing the Gospel

The disciples must have been very surprised when they saw Jesus alive again. They got to see Him, listen to Him, and touch Him. We don't get to see Him like the disciples did after Easter. But Jesus calls us blessed when we believe in Him. One day we'll see Him again in heaven.



Mission for the Week

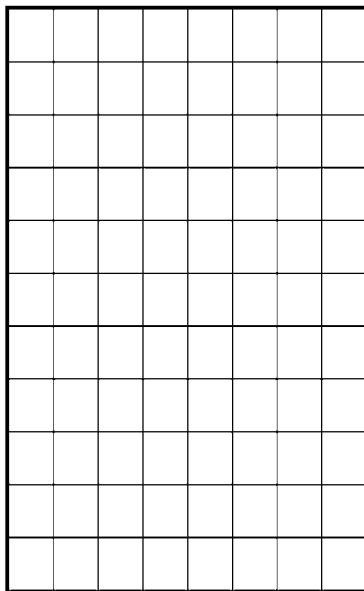
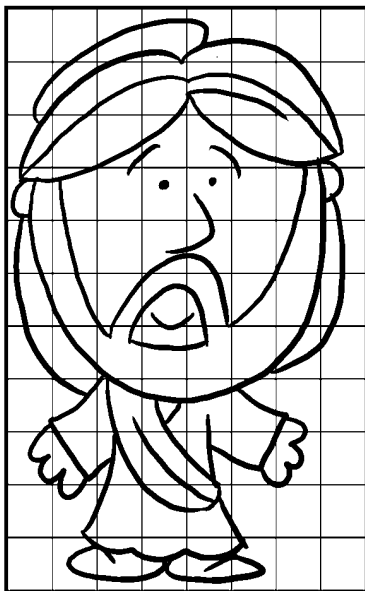


Tell a friend why Jesus is special to you.



Puzzle

Copy the picture square by square.



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Prayer



Jesus,
I can
hardly wait
to see You
in heaven.

Amen.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of Jesus smiling at you from heaven.

