

# 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-Thuraday: 9:00am-7:30pm

Friday: 9:00am-5:00pm

Saturday: 9:00am-3:00pm

Sunday: 10:30am-2:30pm

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

Fax: 631.661.7143

Website: [www.ollchurch.org](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:Sage@ollchurch.org)

## Liturgical Schedule

### Daily Mass

8:30am

### Weekend Masses

Saturday: 5:00pm

Sunday: 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am, 12:30pm  
and 6:00pm.

### Reconciliation/Confession

Saturday: 4:00pm-4:45pm or by appointment

### Rosary

Daily at 8:00am

### Miraculous Medal Novena

Monday at 8:00am

## Sacraments

### Anointing of the Sick

Throughout the liturgical year. If needed sooner, please call the Parish Office.

### Baptism

Please contact the Parish Office to schedule an appointment.

### Marriage

Arranged at least six months in advance, please call the Parish Office.

### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

A process to be embraced by the Catholic Church. For non-Catholics and for Catholics who have never received formal religious education. If interested, please call the Parish Office.

*Fourth Sunday of Easter • Sunday, April 30, 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 30, 2023

**Sunday:** Acts 2: 14a, 36-41/ 1 Pt 2:20b-25/ Jn 10:1-10  
**Monday:** Acts 11:1-18/ Jn 10:11-18  
**Tuesday:** Acts 11: 19-26/ Jn 10:22-30  
**Wednesday:** 1 Cor 15:1-8/ Jn 14:6-14  
**Thursday:** Acts 13:13-25/ Jn 13:16-20  
**Friday:** Acts 13:26-33/ Jn 14:1-6  
**Saturday:** Acts 13:44-52/ Jn 14:7-14  
**Next Sunday:** Acts 6:1-7/ 1 Pt 2:4-9/ Jn 14:1-12

## 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 23, 2023

Weekly Collection	\$ 15,717.00
Weekly Budget	- \$ 17,800.00
+/- for the week	\$ (2,083.00)

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

Dear Parishioners:

As you may know, last Saturday, we celebrated “*EARTH DAY*.” *EARTH DAY* was first celebrated in 1970. Senator Gaylord Nelson (Wisconsin) first advocated for the day as a day for education; Senator Nelson envisioned the day to be a type of “national teach-in on the environment.” The movement has grown over the years and now *EARTH DAY* is a week-long, world-wide event with over one billion people participating in some type of *EARTH DAY* event.

Our own Pope Francis has spoken about the environment and our need to be good stewards of God’s creation here on earth. In his Papal Encyclical, *LAUDETE SI*, Pope Francis laments pollution, lack of clean water, and loss of biodiversity. The real problem, Pope Francis believes, is that human beings do not see God as their creator! Pope Francis challenges us to view humanity not as having “dominion” over creation, but that everything is interconnected and that all of creation is a “kind of universal family.” Nature cannot be seen as something separate.

Now, I realize that even the environmental movement has political overtones these days. However, no matter what political side you stand on, I think we can all agree that all of us have a responsibility towards the environment. The Old Testament Book of Genesis reminds us that we are stewards of God’s creation and thus we should be the best stewards we can be.

Here are a few suggestions that I think all of us can do to help the environment:

**Use re-usable bags.** As you know, plastic bags cost you five cents for each bag. You can buy those canvas bags. I know that I keep those canvas bags in my car; I just have to remember to take them with me into the store!

**Turn off electronic devices.** Turn off any TV, DVD player, stereo, cell phone charger, etc. when these are not in use. You will save money on your electric bills as well!

**Plant a tree!** A single tree will absorb one ton of carbon dioxide during its life cycle.

**Use reusable containers.** Rather than use plastic water bottles, use refillable bottles. Also, if you are packing lunch, use containers that can be washed and reused.

We are also entering “First Holy Communion” season. Over 100 young boys and girls will be receiving Jesus for the first time over the next 6 weeks. Please keep our First Holy Communion candidates in your prayers during this time. Pray that these children will open their hearts to the grace of Eucharist and that their parents will be faithful in bringing their children to church for Mass on Sunday to receive the Lord Jesus in Holy Communion.

We call Sunday the “day of the Lord” because it was on Sunday that Jesus rose from the dead. In addition, Sunday is also called the “day of the Church” because in the Sunday Eucharistic celebration, the Christian community finds her reason for its existence; at the Sunday Eucharist, the Christian community grows and matures and helps us to become the saint that God created us to be. Before their deaths under the Emperor Diocletian, the early martyrs said: “Without Sunday, we cannot live.” I hope and pray that we all will have that same fervor regarding the reception of the Eucharist, Holy Communion.

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

In Christ,

Fr. Brian



## Invest in the Future of Our Church!

Create scholarships for students to attend our Catholic Elementary Schools!

100% of your parish's collection goes to scholarships for students throughout Long Island attending our Catholic schools!



Give to the Second Collection during Mass:  
Saturday, May 6th | Sunday, May 7th

## Is God Calling You to Serve As A Deacon?

### COME PREPARED

**to LISTEN to PRAY to REFLECT to DISCERN**

Meetings are being offered conveniently at four locations in our diocese.

- 7:00PM, Tuesday, May 23 — Our Lady of Victory, Floral Park, 2 Floral Parkway
  - 7:00PM, Thursday, May 25 — Our Lady of Lourdes, Massapequa Park, 855 Carmans Road
  - 7:00PM, Wednesday, May 31 — St. Joseph, Ronkonkoma, 45 Church Street
- with a Sunday Morning option, FOLLOWING THE 11:00 AM MASS, to be held at
- 12:00 PM, Sunday, June 4 — St. Anthony of Padua, East Northport, 20 Cheshire Place

RSVP AS SOON AS POSSIBLE to 631-423-0483 Ext. 179 or by email to

[diaconateformation@drvc.org](mailto:diaconateformation@drvc.org)

**We thank you and look forward to being with you.**

# ***Father Brian McNamara***

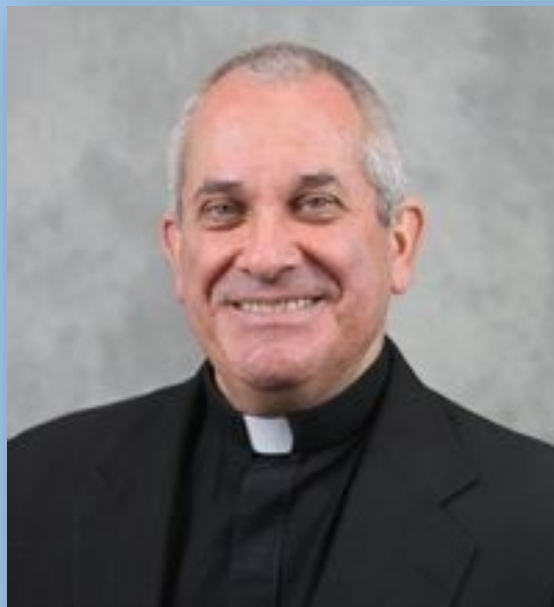
*Fr. Brian arrived here in June, 2012 and has completed 11 years as our Pastor.*

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

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



## Pastoral Care of Our Sick

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

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

## Pray for Our Sick

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

*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, Nora Le Viness, Vincent Marinelli, Joseph Marrone, Jr., Michele Carrano-McGee, 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 Scorgia, 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

Susan Arena  
 Jacqueline M. Gutierrez  
 Joseph Anthony Marrone, Jr.  
 Gloria Shotter  
 Concetta Valente

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

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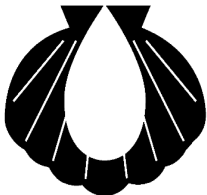


## Upcoming Marriages

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

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Kira Grunenberg, OLL  
 and  
 Michael Bulanger,  
 St. Luke's Lutheran Church,  
 Farmingdale



## Baptism

Santino Joseph Ford  
 Christina Nicole Gonzalez  
 Cambrie Lorraine Jordan  
 Wyatt James Jorgensen  
 Tage William Marrone  
 Lydia Madeline Popp  
 Benison Grey Stoll  
 Callie Marie Warren

*Masses may be viewed via livestream on our Facebook page. Please join us directly on Facebook or by visiting our website at: [ollchurch.org](http://ollchurch.org), where you will be redirected. You do not need a Facebook account.*

## Mass Intentions

**Monday, May 1**

*St. Joseph the Worker*

**8:30am Joseph & Margaret Donnelly**

**Tuesday, May 2**

*St. Athanasius*

**8:30am Doris Jodhan**

**Wednesday, May 3**

*St. Philip & St. James*

**8:30am Pasquale Sgambati**

**Thursday, May 4**

*National Day of Prayer*

**8:30am Susan Trifoli**

**Friday, May 5**

**8:30am LaRocca & Sweeney Families**

**Saturday, May 6**

**8:30am Helen & Joseph Lehmann, The Riggio Family,  
 Anthony DeMotta**

**5:00pm Vera Lombardo, John Sullivan, Jim Chimento  
 Msgr. Brian McNamara**

**Sunday, May 7**

*Fifth Sunday of Easter*

**8:00am Rose Fodera Genna  
 Fr. Saji Jose, CM**

**9:30am Joseph J. Boykin  
 Fr. Charles Mangano**

**11:00am Mr. & Mrs. Franklin Edwards  
 Fr. Charles Mangano**

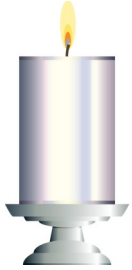
**12:30pm Anthony LaRocco  
 Fr. Sylvester Chukwumalume**

**6:00pm People of the Parish, Massimo Ferro (Living),  
 Kevin Petzold, Steve Smith, Carole Zablocki,  
 Barbara Beckerman  
 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. For assistance in navigating the end-of-life challenges that you and/or your loved ones face, please visit: [www.CatholicEndofLife.org](http://www.CatholicEndofLife.org). Learn about the key principles of Catholic teaching in this area, and how to apply them in the complex world of medical advance directives.



## Mother's Day Candles

Once again, we are offering a *Loving Candle* which will be lit on Mother's Day weekend. This symbolic light will remain lit for the life of the candle (approximately a week). This is a beautiful way to remember our living and deceased loved ones. The *Loving Candles* will be available after all Masses both this weekend and next. Candles will also be available at the Parish Office during the week for a donation of \$10.00. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at 631-661-3224, ext. 121.

## Rosary Christian Mothers

The Rosary Christian Mothers meet on the first Monday evening of each month. The next meeting will be on **Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup>**. We will begin with Rosary at 7:00pm in the Church, immediately followed by our business meeting in the Parish Center.

## SAGE

Our next SAGE meeting will be **Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>** 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, May 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

## 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



## Second Collection - Catholic Elementary Schools

The second collection next weekend (May 6-7) will be for Catholic Elementary Schools. As always, we thank you for your ongoing generosity.

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

We will be having Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on this **Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://ollchurch.org)) to check if Adoration has been canceled.

### Nocturnal Adoration

*“Come to me all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest.”*

This is Jesus Christ’s invitation every first Saturday of the month. The Blessed Sacrament is taken to the altar after the 5:00pm Mass and will be exposed up to 9:50pm. Everyone is invited to spend some time in front of the Blessed Sacrament to offer prayers, petitions and thanksgiving to Jesus. Nocturnal Adoration will follow the 5:00pm Mass on **Saturday, May 6**, concluding with Benediction at 9:50pm. Please come and pray with us. All are invited and welcome. Bring a friend!



### Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

*What’s it all about?*

*IF* you are an adult **AND**

- ... you were never Baptized
- ... you were Baptized in another faith and would like to become a baptized Catholic
- ... you never received Holy Communion (Eucharist)
- ... you never received your Confirmation

*IF* you are an adult **AND** one or more of the circumstances above apply to you ...

*IF* you feel you would like to become a baptized Catholic or become more fully initiated into your Catholic faith... Our email address is [RCIA@ollchurch.org](mailto:RCIA@ollchurch.org) or call the Parish Office at 631-661-3224, and we would be happy to help you.



### 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. 1<sup>st</sup> place winner will win 35% of the money, 2<sup>nd</sup> place will win 10% of the money and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> after the 12:30pm Mass.**



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## Nights of Recollection - Fr. Charles and Laurie Mangano

Some people have been asking when Fr. Charles and his sister Laurie will be doing another night of recollection, singing and preaching. There is no date set for Our Lady of Lourdes at this time, but they will be doing one on Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at St. Christopher's Church in Baldwin at 7:30pm in the church. The theme will be God's Divine Providence. They will do another one on Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at St. Thomas the Apostle in West Hempstead at 7:30pm in the church. The theme will be Heart to Heart. All are welcome.

## Casa Project Update

In the past, the "Casa House" in the Narthex has provided housing, bedding and ecostoves for our friends in El Salvador. We couldn't do this without your support and generosity. Next weekend (5/6 and 5/7) we are asking you to give your loose change to our Casa Project. Place your donations in the wooden house located in the north vestibule by the Father Joe Garden. Thank you for your support. We truly appreciate your generosity.



## 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

## RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Throughout the past year, our parish family has journeyed with those seeking Baptism, reception and full initiation into the life of the Church. From the Rite of Acceptance in December, to the Rite of Election, Call to Continuing Conversion and the Scrutinies celebrated during Lent, we have celebrated their faith and, in turn, renewed our own. At the Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 8, 2023:

- we celebrated the Baptism of Audrey Leo, Stacy Minitello and Jennifer Parag
- we celebrated the reception into the Church of Michael Boulanger
- we celebrated the Confirmation of Audrey Leo, Stacy Minitello, Jennifer Parag and Michael Boulanger

Their journey has become our journey. Their excitement and enthusiasm has inspired and excited us about our faith journey! Their journey still continues as they enter the Period of Mystagogy which lasts from Easter Sunday until the completion of the Easter season, fifty days later on Pentecost Sunday and completes the initiation process. Let's continue to pray for them as they continue to more fully realize what the life of the Church has in store for them. If you're interested in becoming a Catholic or completing your own initiation, please e-mail: [RCIA@ollchurch.org](mailto:RCIA@ollchurch.org) or contact Sister Nancy Campkin at: 631-661-5440, Option 3. We would love to welcome you!

## Church Census Information

### Has your contact information changed, or are you moving?

The process of updating our Parish Data System information is an ongoing process. We ask that you please submit any recent changes -- address, family members, phone numbers, etc. With your help, our parish data information will be more accurate, and receipt of Parish Offering Envelopes and other church information can be processed more efficiently.

Please mail the information to the Parish Office, or email to: [parishoffice@ollchurch.org](mailto:parishoffice@ollchurch.org).

## Knights of Columbus OLL Council #17379 Annual Scholarships

All applicants must be in the 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> grade, and the scholarship must be used for high school, college, or vocational school. Those 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 Council # 17379, 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](http://www.KofC.org).

**Our next meeting will be Monday, May 8, 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!***



# *Don't Forget Your Baby Bottle!*

This weekend, Our Lady of Lourdes Parish will be hosting a Baby Bottle Fundraiser to benefit the Life Center of Long Island.

The Life Center is a pregnancy care center that consults with women and men who are experiencing an unplanned pregnancy. Did you know that they provide...

- Free pregnancy test kits
- Free sonogram
- Maternity housing with eligibility requirements referrals
- Medical care referrals
- Material aid including car seats, cribs, clothing, diapers, and many other needed baby items
- Male advocates available to speak with fathers



We are asking that you pick up a baby bottle and fill it with your donation.  
**(Please make checks payable to the Life Center of L.I.)**

**PLEASE RETURN THE BOTTLES ON  
Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>**

Most importantly, we are asking you to recite the prayer attached to the baby bottle. Prayers bring about something very powerful at the Life Center... a change of a mother's heart! We believe these prayers lead abortion-minded women to reach out to the Life Center in the beginning of their pregnancy.

Prayers also spiritually equip our consultants at the Life Center to say just the right words a mother or father may need to hear with hope of choosing the gift of life for their baby.

*Let us pray for the conversion of a mother's heart  
to give the gift of life to her preborn baby!*

## CYO Travel Basketball Program Director

The Our Lady of Lourdes CYO Travel Basketball Program is looking for a director to run the program next season. The main responsibilities of this position include team registration, budget management, facilities coordination, and communication between CYO LI and the OLL team coaches. Most of the position demands occur between September and February. If interested, please contact Christi Abbate via email at [christiabbate@gmail.com](mailto:christiabbate@gmail.com).



## Butterfly Memory Café - May 5, 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, May 5<sup>th</sup> from 1:30pm-2:30pm. There is no charge to participate, but space is limited and reservations are required. For more information or to register, please call Michele at A Gentle Touch Senior Care at: 631-647-7622 or e-mail: [michele@agentletouchseniorcare.com](mailto:michele@agentletouchseniorcare.com).



## Dementia Caregiver Support Group Thursday, May 18, 2023

Caregiving for someone with Alzheimer's or a related dementia can cause frustration, fear, anger, sadness and other emotions. Our support group can provide emotional, social, and educational help to caregivers whose lives are affected by dementia.

**Join us on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month from 5:30pm-7:00pm in the Parish Center**

*There is no charge to participate, but please contact Michele at 631-647-7622, ext. 2006 or via email at: [michele@agentletouchseniorcare.com](mailto:michele@agentletouchseniorcare.com) to reserve your place.*



## 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/bsatrop179> or contact us at: [troop179cc@yahoo.com](mailto:troop179cc@yahoo.com).

## Maria Regina Diocesan High School Alumni Gathering

All Maria Regina Diocesan High School alumni are invited to gather for a special evening at Kellenberg Memorial High School (1400 Glenn Curtiss Blvd., Uniondale) on Saturday, May 20, 2023. Mass will be celebrated in the Auditorium at 4:00pm, followed by a cocktail party with a full open bar and hors d'oeuvres from 5:00pm to 8:00pm. The cost for the evening is \$60 in advance and \$75 at the door. The final day to register is Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup>.

For more information, or to register online, please visit: [www.kellenberg.org/MRonnigathering](http://www.kellenberg.org/MRonnigathering).



## 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

**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!*

## 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.



## Important DRVC Information

Information regarding a new deadline to file proofs of claim for victims of sexual abuse who were over 18 or older when the alleged conduct occurred and the forms to use, can be found by clicking on the following link to the Diocese's bankruptcy website and scrolling down the page: <https://dm.epiq11.com/drvc>.

## Employment Opportunities - FT/PT Nurses and Aides

The Nursing Department for the Sisters of St. Dominic located at their Motherhouse in Amityville is looking for full-time/part-time Nurses and aides to work with the Sisters. Our shifts are 12-hrs per day. We offer wonderful benefits and the opportunity to work in a home-like setting while providing quality care and service. To apply for any of the positions, please contact: Tracey Jahrsdoerfer at: [tjahrsdoerfer@amityop.org](mailto:tjahrsdoerfer@amityop.org).

## Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit

St. Patrick Church in Smithtown is hosting an exhibit of *The Eucharistic Miracles of the World* on Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> from 3:00pm to 9:00pm and on Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am to 6:00pm in Canning Hall in St. Patrick School. The exhibit contains an extensive assortment of photographs and historical descriptions of many Eucharistic miracles that have taken place, allowing those in attendance to make a "virtual visit." This international exhibition is based on the work of Blessed Carlo Acutis, an Italian teen and talented computer programmer who dedicated much of his short life to cataloguing Eucharistic miracles on a website he created. All are welcome. There is no cost to attend. St. Patrick Church and School are located at 280 East Main Street in Smithtown, NY.

### ***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

**September 8-10, 2023**, please visit our website at: [www.helpourmarriage.org](http://www.helpourmarriage.org).

or call: **1-800-470-2230** and you will be connected directly and confidentially

to a couple from Long Island/Metro Retrouvaille who can help.

Weekend Location: Immaculate Conception Seminary - 440 West Neck Road, Huntington, NY 11743



## **Important Information for ALL Parish Volunteers**

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

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

### **Requirements are as follows:**

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

### **Instructions to Complete the Safe Environment Requirements:**

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

When you complete the registration process, you will have a Virtus account and an account with Sterling Volunteers. Your Virtus account will contain the date you signed the Codes of Conduct; date you submitted the background screening application and date you will attend Virtus. Please keep your username and the password for both your Virtus account and Sterling account as these are required to access each account. Please contact the Office for the Protection of Children/Young People if you have questions or require assistance: [cprotection@drvc.org](mailto:cprotection@drvc.org)



In addition to our parish website ([ollchurch.org](http://ollchurch.org)), please visit us on *Facebook* at *The Parish Family of Our Lady of Lourdes*. Click “Like” and you will receive the latest news on upcoming parish events and information.

## Preparing for Marriage?

### Do you need to fulfill your Marriage Prep Requirement?

Engaged Encounter is an effective Pre-Cana program designed to provide you with the tools for a successful marriage. Our next 2-day weekend will be held at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington on **July 15-16, 2023**. For information please call Lenny & Pat Walker at: 631-563-1032 or visit: [longisland.engagedencounter.com](http://longisland.engagedencounter.com).



## Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Attention married couples & Priests! 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 on June 23-25, 2023 at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington, NY. Register at: <https://wwmenyli.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.

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday meetings are via Zoom. For more meeting info visit: [al-anon.org](http://al-anon.org).

## Families Anonymous Meetings

12-Step support group giving Hope & Strength to parents, family and friends concerned with a loved one's destructive behavior caused by Alcohol, Drugs or Related Behavioral Problems will meet virtually and in person. For additional information e-mail: [Donna526@aol.com](mailto:Donna526@aol.com) or call Diane at: 631-587-0966 or Donna at: 631-589-3790. Website: [FamiliesAnonymous.org](http://FamiliesAnonymous.org).

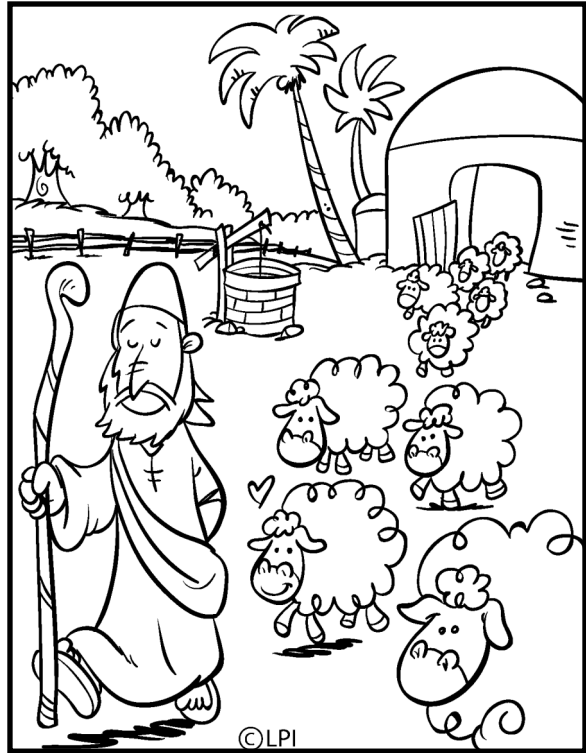
## Religion and Rock

Tune into “Religion and Rock” with Msgr. Jim Vlaun on Sunday from 7:00am to 8:00am on WBAB 102.3 FM or 95.3 on the East End of Long Island. Listen on Saturdays at 11:00pm on Sirius Radio, Channel 159, the Catholic Channel and at 11:00pm on XM Satellite, Channel 117. Next Sunday's theme is “Prayer”. To listen online or for more information, visit: [www.ReligionandRock.com](http://www.ReligionandRock.com).



## Sharing the Gospel

Jesus is the way for you to go to heaven. Through Jesus' love and forgiveness, you can be close to God. You can enjoy the many ways God takes care of you. God gives you people to love. God gives you food to eat. He gives you the Bible to read. Stay close to God through Jesus.



## Mission for the Week



Make a sign for your bedroom door that says, "Jesus is the way to heaven."



### Puzzle

Find the lamb that is different!



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## Prayer



Jesus,  
thank you  
for helping  
me follow God.  
Amen.

## Something to Draw

Draw a picture  
of a sheep  
eating green  
grass.

