

# Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

455 Hunter Avenue, West Islip, NY 11795

**Rev. Dennis A. Suglia**, Pastor  
**Rev. Charles Mangano**, Associate Pastor  
**Rev. Anthony Akabogu**, in Residence (Summer)  
Chaplain at Our Lady of Consolation Nursing

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

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**Debbie Meyer**, Business Manager  
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**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.

**Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time • Sunday, September 3, 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

Fr. Dennis A. Suglia  
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 Scorgia

### 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 August 27, 2023

**Sunday:** Jer 20:7-9/ Rom 12:1-2/ Mt 16:21-27  
**Monday:** 1 Thes 4:13-18/ Lk 4:16-30  
**Tuesday:** 1 Thes 5: 1-6, 9-11/ Lk 4:31-37  
**Wednesday:** Col 1:1-8/ Lk 4:38-44  
**Thursday:** Col 1:9-14/ Lk 5:1-11  
**Friday:** Mt 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/ Mt 1:4-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23  
**Saturday:** Col 1:21-23/ Lk 6:1-5  
**Next Sunday:** Ez 33:7-9/ Rom 13:8-10/ Mt 18:15-20

### Parish Staff

**Patti Anderson**  
Parish Office/Bulletin Editor

**Robin Reynolds-Brennan**  
Parish Office

**Michael Buonaspina**  
Parish Organist

**Rosemary Cannarella**  
Parish Office

**Amy Danowski**  
Parish Office

**Carol Grillo**  
Parish Office

**Rita Spera**  
Religious Education Office

## Financial Summary

### August 27, 2023

Weekly Collection	\$ 14,312.00
Weekly Budget	- \$ 17,800.00
+/- for the week	\$ (3,488.00)

### August 20, 2023

Weekly Collection	\$ 15,888.00
Weekly Budget	- \$ 17,800.00
+/- for the week	\$ (1,912.00)

Assumption	\$ 3,213.00
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*The estimated weekly collection needed to maintain and operate our parish buildings, ministries, programs and salaries is \$17,800.*

## Farewell...

This weekend will be the last weekend that Mike Buonaspinga will be our regular organist and music leader. Mike has decided to step back to spend more time with his growing family.

The organ is a crucial part of our worship here at OLL, in fact as a part of any parish's liturgy. We wish Mike and his family well as they begin this new chapter in their lives.

I ask you to pray for us that we may find a suitable regular organist to contribute to our weekend liturgies. Our efforts thus far to secure a replacement have been unsuccessful.

Our Lady of Lourdes...pray for us.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Dennis A. Suglia

Pastor



## Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Claire McLoughlin*. If you would like to help care for our altar needs, please call the Parish Office at 631-661-3224.

## Members in the Military

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

<b>Maria Caputo</b> -US Army	<b>Anthony Memoli</b> -US Marine Corps
<b>Drew Carleton</b> -US Air Force	<b>Timothy Milligan</b> -US Marine Corps
<b>Michael DiMatteo</b> -US Marine Corps	<b>Melissa Mockler</b> -US Navy
<b>Michael Fantauzzi</b> -US Air Force	<b>Patric Mockler</b> -US Navy
<b>Christopher Florca</b> -US Marine Corps	<b>Andrew Perniciaro</b> -US Army
<b>Dominick Gennaro</b> -US Army	<b>Brandon Ranzie</b> -US Army
<b>Patrick Harty</b> -US Coast Guard	<b>Jack Shires</b> -US Navy
<b>Ritchard Higham</b> -US Army	<b>Raymond Sgambati</b> -US Navy
<b>Keith Horyczun</b> -US Army	<b>James Stultz</b> -US Army
<b>Christopher Jensen</b> -US Air Force	<b>Alvaro Suarez</b> -US Army
<b>Colby Matthew Kelly</b> -US Army	<b>Jack Taffner</b> -US Marine Corps
<b>Luke Loftsgaarden</b> -US Army	<b>Michael Wilkinson</b> -US Army
<b>Anthony Mannino</b> -US Marine Corps	<b>Peter Zaccaria</b> -US Navy
<b>Msgr. Brian McNamara</b> -US Air Force	

... 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, Jeanette Battista, Michael Battista, Richie Brooks, Annemarie Brooks, Samantha, Melissa and Ricky Brooks, Linda Cantwell, Thomas Cavanagh, Thomas J. Calogero III, Grace Ciccarello, William DeGeorge, Amanda DiTingo, Joanne Egan, Paula Edwards, Ana Ferrante, Mike Ferrante, Thomas Geraghty-USMC, William Hacker, Kevin Hahn, Patrick Anthony Heffron, Henry Kahn, Shena Kahn, Michael Kegel, Stephanie Koral, Nora Le Viness, Vincent Marinelli, Glenn Meyer, Richard Meyer, Ken Monroe, Dennis Morgan, Mary Murphy, Edward Pauciullo, Joseph Pepe, Cameron Pillitteri, John Posanti, Louise Posanti, Clifford Proctor, Donna Rojas, Colleen S., 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

Camille Conti  
 Dr. John Egner  
 Michael Herr  
 Julia Torre  
 Mary Elizabeth Teufel

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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

Christy Sorenson,  
 St. Joseph, Babylon  
 and  
 Christopher Monahan

## Baptism

Joelle Alice Clausen  
 Quinn Terence Mulholland

*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, September 4**

*Labor Day*

**8:30am Susan Trifoli & Peter Trifoli**

**Tuesday, September 5**

**8:30am Peter Lynaugh**

**Wednesday, September 6**

**8:30am Diane & Albert Ruenes**

**Thursday, September 7**

**8:30am Holy Souls of Purgatory**

**Friday, September 8**

*The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

**8:30am Maryanne Yankowski**

**Saturday, September 9**

*St. Peter Claver*

**8:30am Joseph Di Palermo, Grace Ciccarello (Living)**

**5:00pm Margaret Flynn, Tony Squeo, Helen Lehmann,  
 Joseph Lehmann, John Sullivan, Melanie Moffitt  
 Fr. Dennis Suglia**

**Sunday, September 10**

*Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**8:00am Leon Bruckner**

*Fr. Dennis Suglia*

**9:30am Susan Arena**

*Fr. Dennis Suglia*

**11:00am Antonio Cafforeli**

*Fr. Charles Mangano*

**12:30pm Jerzy & Danuta Musial, Emilia Regucki,  
 Ela Sikorski**

*Fr. Charles Mangano*

**6:00pm People of the Parish, John McMahon,  
 Nancy Cannetto, Frank Riggio, Donald Meehan,  
 Willard Marshall Moss**

*Fr. Charles Mangano*



## 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.

## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

We will be having Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on this **Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</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.

## Rosary Christian Mothers

The Rosary Christian Mothers meet on the first Monday evening of each month except in September when Labor Day falls on the first Monday. The next meeting will be on **Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>**. We will begin with Rosary at 7:00pm, followed by our business meeting at 7:15pm.

**Note: both recitation of the Rosary and the Meeting will take place in the Parish Center this month.**

## Prayer Shawl Ministry / Baby Blanket Bunch

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

Join us on **Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</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.

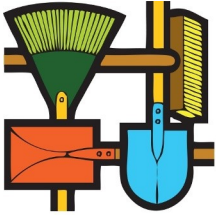
**PLEASE NOTE: Parish Outreach Hours for week of September 4<sup>th</sup>:**

**Wednesday (9/6): 9:30am - 3:30pm and Friday (9/8): 9:30am - 3:30pm ONLY**

**\*\*\*\* New Standard Hours will appear in the September 10<sup>th</sup> bulletin \*\*\*\***



Jelly  
Hamburger Helper  
Toothbrushes & Shampoo  
Canned fruit  
Cookies



## Parish “Clean-up” Party

On **Monday, September 4<sup>th</sup>**, we will be having a Parish Grounds “Clean-up” Party from **9:00am to 11:00am**. Please bring hand clippers, loppers, hand saws, rakes, etc. We need to do some extra cleaning up.

*All are welcome; no experience needed!*

The **Parish Office** will be **closed** on **Monday, September 4<sup>th</sup>**  
in observance of **Labor Day**.

The Parish Office will reopen on Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am.



## Children’s Liturgy of the Word...We’re Back!

After a great summer, we are beginning *Children’s Liturgy of the Word* again  
**on Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>** during the **9:30am Mass**

All children from 4 years old through 4<sup>th</sup> Grade are invited to join us in the Parish Center.  
The readings of the day, activities and music are presented on an age appropriate level.  
Parents may come in with children, if they wish. **COME JOIN US!**



## Second Collection on Sept. 9-10 - Catholic University of America

Next weekend, the diocese will be taking up the National Collection for The Catholic University of America. Catholic University is a national research university with over 5,700 undergraduate and graduate students in more than 250 academic programs in the heart of Washington, D.C. By giving to the collection, you are supporting both future Catholic leaders, religious and lay, who are being formed by an exceptional, Faith-inspired education and the University’s various research and training initiatives that support dioceses and parishes in responding to the most pressing needs of their faithful. For more information or to donate online, please visit: [futurecatholicleaders.igivecatholictogether.org](http://futurecatholicleaders.igivecatholictogether.org). As always, we appreciate your generosity.

## 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.





## *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, September 11, 2023 at 8:00pm in the All Purpose Room.**

## **Do you like to sing? New choir members are always welcome!!**

Choir Mass : Sundays at 11:00am  
Rehearsals: Thursdays at 7:00pm to 8:00pm in the church  
Season: September to June  
Interested singers are invited to come to a rehearsal and try it out!



## **Fall Bible Study - Understanding the Bible**

**Fr. Tony Stanganelli, Pastor of St. Thomas Parish, W. Hempstead and Fr. Charles Mangano, Associate Pastor at Our Lady of Lourdes**

Tuesdays, beginning September 12<sup>th</sup> through October 10<sup>th</sup>  
Afternoon Session: 1:00pm-2:30pm in Parish Center (**FILLED**)  
Evening Session: 7:30pm-9:00pm in All Purpose Room

Free Will Offering to cover supplies.

Please call the Parish Office 631-661-3224 ext. 121 to register.

## **PEP 1 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

### *“Discover the Treasures of God’s Love”*

If you have a child entering first grade in public school, your child should be registered for our “PEP 1” Religious Education Program. This first year program is required for participation in First Eucharist. It introduces the children to a basic understanding of the loving presence of God, the person of Jesus, conscience formation and the importance of community worship.

***Classes will begin on Wednesday, October 18 4:15-5:15 pm***

### **INFORMATION MEETING AND REGISTRATION**

Choose one:

Wednesday, September 20, 2023	10:00am or 7:30pm	Parish Center
Wednesday September 27, 2023	10:00am or 7:30pm	Parish Center

The meeting will take approximately 45 minutes and will be held in the Parish Center (meeting room opposite the playground)

- ~ Please bring your child’s Baptismal certificate (a copy is acceptable).
- ~ *Baptismal Certificate or copy is needed even if child was baptized at OLL.*
- ~ No child will be assigned a room number unless we have a copy of the Baptismal Certificate.
- ~ Returning families who have an incoming first grader **MUST** attend the registration meeting.

The registration fee (if this is your oldest child) is \$220





## Fall Spectacular Super Raffle

Super Raffle tickets will be sold after all weekend Masses. Tickets will also be available in the Parish Office during the week. The cost is \$100 per ticket. Only 220 tickets will be sold.

First Prize - \$7,000      Second Prize - \$2,000      Third Prize - \$1,000

**Drawing for the raffle will be on Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>. Winner need not be present.  
Remember, "You have to be in it, to win it."**

## OLL Family Feast Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are still needed for our Annual Parish Italian Feast. Whether you have volunteered in the past or would like to volunteer for the first time, we could use your help!

If you missed the volunteer meeting, please contact me at: [rmaher@ollchurch.org](mailto:rmaher@ollchurch.org).

**Our next Feast Volunteer Meeting is Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm in the Parish Center.** If you do not have VIRTUS certification, you **MUST** take the class and have a background check in order to volunteer. Sign up online at: [VIRTUS.org](http://VIRTUS.org). The dates for this year's feast are Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>. Mark your calendars!

God Bless,  
Deacon Rich



## OUR LADY OF LOURDES FEAST ANGEL and ARCHANGEL Donations



Support for our annual Feast has always been overwhelming. Sometimes, people want to help with our feast, but cannot give time as a volunteer. Our Angels and Archangels Fund offers them an opportunity to help our parish raise funds. It gives one the opportunity not only to support our booths, but to make it a memorable one. All Angels and Archangels donations may be made by a business, individual, family or for a loved one (living or deceased.) Please return the form below with your donation to the rectory. Your name will appear in the bulletin following the completion of our feast. My thanks in advance; I know each family will do all they can to make our feast the best ever.

*Please return the form below with your donation to the rectory.*

Thank you and God bless,  
Fr. Dennis

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name of Deceased \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name of Living \_\_\_\_\_  
 Angel: \$25 \_\_\_\_\_ Archangel: \$50 or more \_\_\_\_\_

Please check the booth you wish your Angel to Sponsor:

<u>Food</u>	<u>Beer/Wine/Soda</u>	<u>Games</u>
( ) Corn	( ) Inside – Casino)	( ) Hammer
( ) Hot Dog	( ) Outside	( ) Fast Pitch
( ) Pretzel		
( ) Coffee/Dessert		

*Please return this form along with your donation to the rectory.*



## **The Frassati Young Adult Group Of OLL An Afternoon At The Winery**

All young adults between the ages of **21 and 39** are invited to join Fr. Charles and the Frassati Young Adults on **Saturday, September 9th**, for a day of faith, fellowship, and fun!

Please join us at our Lady of Lourdes Church for the **8:30 A.M.** mass. Shortly after the mass, we will begin carpooling from OLL to the **Osprey Dominion Winery at 44075 Main Road in Peconic, N.Y** to spend the afternoon. We will return to OLL afterwards for pizza in the parish center.

### **!ID is needed to enter the winery!**

The cost is \$15 a person, not including food/alcohol at the winery. Please make sure to bring the required amount to us at the time of departure.

### **!NO OUTSIDE ALCOHOL IS ALLOWED INTO THE WINERY!**

You are welcome to bring your own picnic lunch, snacks and bottled water into the winery. Wine, beer, sangria and snacks are available to purchase at the winery.

### **!SPACE IS LIMITED TO 30 GUESTS! !RSVP ASAP TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT!**

Please use the google form link here or on the ollchurch.org website under the young adults section to RSVP:

**<https://forms.gle/ctq6jigmuYq69kDy9>**





## Butterfly Memory Café - September 1, 2023 from 1:30pm-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, September 1<sup>st</sup> from 1:30pm-2:30pm. *There is no charge to participate, but space is limited and reservations are required. For more information or to register, please call Hannah at A Gentle Touch Senior Care at: 631-647-7622 or e-mail: [hannah@gentletouchseniorcare.com](mailto:hannah@gentletouchseniorcare.com).*



## Dementia Caregiver Support Group Thursday, September 21, 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 Cassandra at 631-647-7622 or via email at: [cassandra@gentletouchseniorcare.com](mailto:cassandra@gentletouchseniorcare.com) to reserve your place.*

## 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).

## St. John the Baptist DHS, West Islip 2023 TACHS Prep Course & Test Taking Strategies

Our TACHS Prep Classes and Test Taking Strategies Class are taught by experienced St. John the Baptist English and Math Teachers. Through their insight and knowledge, Prep Course students receive a review of reading, writing, vocabulary and grammar skills increasing your child's test-taking skills. Five Prep Classes are offered on Saturdays before the exam and, the night before the exam, we offer a Test Taking Strategies Class. For additional information, visit: [www.stjohnthebaptistdhs.net](http://www.stjohnthebaptistdhs.net) or call: 631-587-8000 ext.117.

**Prep Course - \$300 Five Saturday Classes: 8:00am - 10:30am**

September 23<sup>rd</sup>, September 30<sup>th</sup>, October 14<sup>th</sup>, October 21<sup>st</sup>, October 28<sup>th</sup>

**Test Taking Strategies- \$150 5:00pm - 8:00pm Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Prep Course & Test Taking Strategies - \$400**



## 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/bsatroop179> or contact us at: [troop179cc@yahoo.com](mailto:troop179cc@yahoo.com).



## ***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



The Alzheimer's Disease Resource Center, Inc. (ADRC) is a Long Island based nonprofit organization dedicated to serving families who may have a loved one with cognitive decline, or impacted by Alzheimer's Disease or another dementia.

ADRC helps families and caregivers meet the growing challenges of this slow journey. We are proud to offer our services *FREE* of charge to our families.

***We offer Help and Hope.***

**631.580.5100  
200 Carleton Avenue  
East Islip, NY 11730**



-  **Care Consultations**
- ...
-  **Caregiver Support Groups**
- ...
-  **Art, Music & Equine Therapy Programs**
- ...
-  **Educational Workshops & Training**
- ...
-  **CEUs for Professional Caregivers**
- ...
-  **Resources & Referrals**

**2023**

**CATHOLIC  
MINISTRIES  
APPEAL**

DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

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



Each year Americans celebrate Labor Day as a national holiday to honor working people. For Catholics, it is also an opportunity to recall the traditional teaching of the Church on dignity of work and the rights of workers. As Pope Francis pointed out, *"Work is fundamental to the dignity of a person. . . It gives one the ability to maintain oneself, one's family, to contribute to the growth of one's own Nation."*



This Labor Day, the economic facts are stark, and the human costs are real, especially for the poor, who may be unemployed or underemployed, the struggle to support their families is a daily battle. Please consider supporting the Catholic Ministries Appeal which supports the programs and services that assist families and individuals struggling in our communities.

***PLEASE CONSIDER MAKING A GIFT TO THE 2023 Catholic Ministries Appeal!***

**Every Gift Makes a Difference in the Lives of Others.**

Parish: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

Pledge	\$ _____
Down Payment	\$ _____
Balance	\$ _____

<https://www.drvc.org/donate/cma/>

Catholic Ministries Appeal, Diocese of Rockville Centre, P.O. Box 4000, Rockville Centre, New York 11571

**Thank you!**

## The “Moving On” Group

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

### Staying Safe

Friday, September 8, 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



## Upcoming Bereavement Support Program

Offered at St. Mary, East Islip

Eight Week Group beginning Tuesday, September 12, at 7:00pm

The Support Groups is open to anyone who has suffered a loss at **least three months prior** to the start of the group. (Loss must have occurred prior to June 12, 2023.) There is no cost but a commitment to attend each meeting throughout the program is required. Groups are offered in a closed and confidential setting with highly trained facilitators and limited to 13 people. **Pre-registration is required.**

**Please call 631-581-4266 ext. 125 to register.**



## Bereavement Support Group for Parents Who Have Lost a Child

St. Matthew’s Parish

35 North Service Road, Dix Hills

Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm

8 week program beginning Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>

For more information, and to enroll, contact: Amanda ( a bereaved mother and trained facilitator) at:

631-647-5675 or 917-751-1514

## Bereavement Support Group for Widows and Widowers

8 Week Program for Age 50 and Over

Starting Thursday, September 21, 2023 3:00 – 5:00 pm

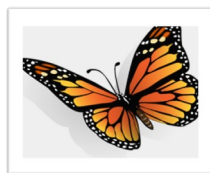
St. Joseph Parish Center

39 N. Carll Ave., Babylon

**For losses that have occurred before June 21, 2023**

**Registration Required**

*For more information and registration, please call: Geri Olson 631-661-8994*



## Employment Opportunity - Part-Time Administrative Assistant

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Lindenhurst is seeking a P/T Administrative Assistant for the parish Faith Formation Department. This position is Monday, and Tuesday, 9:00am–1:00pm, Wednesday 2:00pm–8:00pm, Thursday 11:00am–5:00pm and Saturday 7:30am–1:30pm.

Qualifications: High School Diploma, at least some college preferred. Excellent computer skills, including Microsoft Office and Google Forms. Ability to learn or have prior knowledge of Parish Data Systems (PDS). Friendly, patient, reliable, timely, and able to multitask. Ability to speak Spanish, a plus.

To apply, contact: April Kleinlaut, Director of Faith Formation. Email Resume to: [akleinlaut@oloph.org](mailto:akleinlaut@oloph.org)

## Coffee with Caregivers

First Wednesday of Every Month  
 10:30 - 11:30 AM  
 200 Carleton Ave, East Islip

Get to know other caregivers over coffee, tea, or whatever gets you going in the morning!

The focus of the monthly sessions will be:  
 How are you managing day to day while dealing with daily caregiving challenges?

Find emotional support by sharing with others who truly understand!

For more information, contact:  
 Sharon Reichman  
 631-580-4416  
 sharon.reichman@adrcinc.org



## THE FATHER MYCHAL JUDGE

# 911 WALK OF REMEMBRANCE

SEPTEMBER 10th, 2023

We honor the memory of those lost on 911, we trace the footsteps of Father Mychal Judge in the spirit of prayer and remembrance.

- 8:00am - Mass: St. Francis of Assisi RC Church (31st St, Main Church)
- 9:00am - Rosary: St. Francis of Assisi RC Church (31st St, Outside)
- 9:30am - Walk Begins: E1/L24 FDNY (31st St. & 7th Ave)
- ~12:00pm - Walk Concludes at St. Peters RC Church (Barclay St)

8:00am Mass @ the regularly scheduled St. Francis Mass  
 Websites: (StFrancisNYC.org) (SpC0lr.org)

All are invited to walk down 7th Avenue the route that Father Mychal and so many others traveled on that fateful day. FDNY, NYPD, PAPD will be honored as we pray and remember.

911WalkOfRemembrance@gmail.com • www.911WalkOfRemembrance.com  
 646.856.WALK



## NYS Eucharistic Congress

October 20-22, 2023  
 Our Lady of Martyrs Shrine, Auriesville, NY

*Held at the sacred spot where the North American Martyrs gave their lives for Christ and where St. Kateri Tekakwitha was born.*

### EVENTS INCLUDE:

- Great Speakers!
- Mass with Cardinal Dolan and NY Bishops
- Confessions
- Eucharistic Adoration and Procession

Worship with 10,000 other Catholics in the Shrine's Colosseum, the largest church in North America!



To register and find out more, visit [nyseucharisticcongress.org](http://nyseucharisticcongress.org).

Note: The Parish sponsored bus is full. Anyone still interested in participating in the Eucharistic Congress will need to register independently and provide their own transportation.

**BINGO**

Ss. Cyril and Methodius Church  
 in cooperation with  
 Boyd Caratozzolo Funeral Home  
 is sponsoring a special BINGO to benefit

**Wreaths Across America**  
 Saturday, September 23rd  
 St. Cyril's auditorium @ 6:30pm  
 (doors open at 5:30)

Can't make it? You can sponsor a wreath for \$20. For every 2 wreaths sold, Wreaths Across America will donate an additional one.

[wreathscrossamerica.org](http://wreathscrossamerica.org)

**BINGO**

Dignity



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 **Nov. 4-5, 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, want to make this an EXPERIENCE to remember?**

**Fall in love again. 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 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 experiences will be on September 22-24, 2023 and November 10-12, 2023** at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington.

Register at [WWME.org](http://WWME.org) or contact: Chuck & Maria Reiss at: 631-486-8607.



## Anxiety Disorder Sufferers

The group, led by a trained and certified Anxiety Disorder Group Leader, 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 Bob at 631-235-2229.

## 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, and Sunday at 9:30am.

**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 “Reflecting”. To listen online or for more information, visit: [www.ReligionandRock.com](http://www.ReligionandRock.com).



# Sharing the Gospel

If it were up to Peter, Jesus would never have died on the cross. Peter did not want to see his dear friend get hurt. It could have been tempting for Jesus to listen to Peter. But Jesus did not come to be happy or comfortable. Jesus came to die on the cross and rise again. He came to take your sins away. Jesus gave up His own life so that your life could be saved. He did it for you.



## Mission for the Week

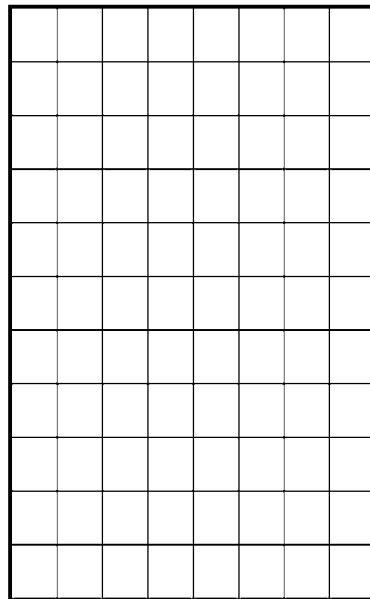


Every day firefighters, police officers and soldiers give up their lives to protect yours. Thank God for them.



### Puzzle

Copy the picture square by square.



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### Prayer

Thank you,  
Jesus,  
for giving up  
Your life to  
save mine.



### Something to Draw

Draw a picture of Jesus, with a big heart, pointing to the cross.

