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

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



Parish Office

Phone: 631.661.3224 (select option #2) Monday-Thursday: 9:00am-7:30pm

Vita Scorcia, Ministry Spiritual Director

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-third Sunday in Ordinary Time • Sunday, September 10, 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
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Carol Grillo

Parish Office

Rita Spera

Religious Education Office

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 September 10,2023

Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/ Rom 13:8-10/ Mt 18:15-20

Monday: Col 1:24—2:3/ Lk 6:6-11 Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/ Lk 6:12-19 Wednesday: Col 3:1-11/ Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: Nm 21:4b-9/ Phil 2:6-11/ Jn 3:13-17

Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/ Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17/ Lk 6:43-49

Next Sunday: Sir 27:30—28:7/ Rom 14:7-9/ Mt 18:21-35

Financial Summary

September 3, 2023

 Weekly Collection
 \$ 18,711.00

 Weekly Budget
 - \$ 17,800.00

 +/- for the week
 \$ 911.00

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

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

Italian Family Feast September 13-17, 2022



Wednesday and Thursday 7:00pm—10:00pm
Friday 7:00pm—11:00pm
Saturday 6:00pm—11:00pm
Sunday 2:00pm—8:00pm
Vegas Night Gambling on Friday and Saturday



Walk With Mary and Feast Mass

On Saturday, September 16th, we celebrate our Feast Mass and Walk With Mary with a procession at 4:00pm and Mass at 5:00pm. Please plan to join us in prayer and song as we process through the Feast grounds.

Super Raffle

\$10,000 in prizes. Only 220 tickets will be sold. Each ticket is \$100. Don't wait - these tickets sell out very quickly! Purchase your ticket after Mass on weekends, or in the Parish Office during the week. Super Raffle drawing will be held on Sunday, September 17th at 8:00pm.

Additional Raffles

Purchase separate tickets to win a Big Screen Television, a Patio Package or a Landscaping Package \$5 per raffle ticket - 6 raffle tickets for \$20

Presale Special! Single Day, Unlimited Ride Wristband

Plus, save an extra 10% through Sunday, 9/10 with Promo Code: Family
Snap the QR with your cell phone camera, or visit the Newton Shows ticketing website at:
https://newtonshows.com/upcoming-events/ for complete information and to purchase your wristbands TODAY!!

Bracelets purchased at the Feast will be \$40.00



Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are always needed and welcomed to support our annual Italian Family Feast. Can you help? If you're interested or have any questions, please call the Parish Office at 631-661-3224 and leave a message for Deacon Rich or Frank Antonawich.

You may also e-mail Deacon Rich at: rmaher@ollchurch.org

Altar Society

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

Members in the Military

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

Maria Caputo-US Army
Drew Carleton-US Air Force
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
Keith Horyczun-US Army
Christopher Jensen-US Air Force
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 Jack Shires-US Navy Raymond Sgambati-US Navy James Stultz -US Army Alvaro Suarez-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, Jeanette Battista, Michael Battista, Richie Brooks, Annemarie Brooks, Samantha, Melissa and Ricky Brooks, Linda Cantwell, Thomas Cavanagh, Thomas J. Calogero III, Grace Ciccarello, Lisa Crowe, 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 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.



John E. Crowe III

George M. Portelli

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





8:30am For those who died on 9/11 and those who suffer from the aftermath.

Masses may be viewed via livestream on our Facebook page.

Please join us directly on Facebook or by visiting our

website at: <u>ollchurch.org</u>, where you will be redirected. You do not need a Facebook account.

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Tuesday, September 12
The Most Holy Name of Mary
8:30am Joan Ferraioli

Wednesday, September 13
St. John Chrysostom
8:30am John Sweeney

Thursday, September 14
The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
8:30am Joseph Tessitore

Friday, September 15
Our Lady of Sorrows
8:30am Massimo Ferro (Living)

Saturday, September 16St. Cornelius and St. Cyprian

8:30am Margherita D'Alessandro, Josephine Montesanto

5:00pm Matt & Anna Lattanzio, Barbara & Louie Argento, Stephen Gili, Tom Romola, Frederick Culpepper, Michael Line, Dolores Ryan Fr. Charles Mangano

Sunday, September 17

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:00am Kristin A. Valerga-Goetze Fr. Charles Mangano

9:30am Reilly Family

Fr. Charles Mangano

11:00am Deceased Members of Brusca Family

Fr. Dennis Suglia

12:30pm Nicky Polini

Fr. Dennis Suglia

6:00pm People of the Parish, Ellen Shay, John Heegan, Maria Moss-Rivera, Nancy Rigby

Fr. Dennis Suglia



Luke Robert Adinolfi Giovanni Neil Mezzacappa



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 Gathering - Join Us For Lunch!

Our next meeting is on **Tuesday, September 12th**. We will be having lunch together in the *PARISH CENTER* at *11:30am*. Bring your lunch. Beverage and goodies will be provided. ALL ARE WELCOME!

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.

New Standard Hours for Outreach are as follows: Monday - Wednesday - Friday from 9:30am - 3:30pm ONLY



Toilet Paper Pancake Mix Syrup Canned Chicken Canned Fruit

Collection for Retired Priests - September 16-17

The Diocese of Rockville Centre is blessed and privileged to be able to care for its senior priests, men who have dedicated their lives to serving God and Community. Often devoting more than 60 years to ensuring that Christ could be present daily in all of our lives, our priests have witnessed and celebrated with us life's great joys and its inevitable sorrows. They have been Christ's presence during our weddings, and our children's Baptisms and Confirmations. They have held our hands and prayed with us during our greatest challenges. They have helped us to see God in these moments and have always shared His love with us. As always, thank you for your generosity next weekend in support of senior priests.

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 10th during the 9:30am Mass



All children from 4 years old through 4th 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!

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

We will be having Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on this **Tuesday**, **September 12th 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.

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!



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.

OLL Family Feast Volunteers Still 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 meetings, please contact me at: rmaher@ollchurch.org. 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. The dates for this year's feast are Wednesday, September 13th through Sunday, September 17th. Mark your calendars!





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



Butterfly Memory Café - September 15, 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 15th 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@agentletouchseniorcare.com.

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 17th. Winner need not be present. Remember, "You have to be in it, to win it."

Presale Special! Single Day, Unlimited Ride Wristband



Plus, save an extra 10% through Sunday, 9/10 with Promo Code: Family

Snap the **QR code** below with your cell phone camera, or visit the **Newton Shows** ticketing website at: https://newtonshows.com/upcoming-events/ for complete information and to purchase your wristbands

TODAY!!







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.

Гhank you and God bless, Fr. Dennis	,		
Name Address	Phone No.	·	
Name of Deceased			
Name of Living			
Angel: \$25	Archangel: \$5	Archangel: \$50 or more	
Please check the booth you Food	wish your Angel to Sponsor: Beer/Wine/Soda	Games	
Corn	() Inside – Casino)	() Hammer	
) Hot Dog	() Outside	() Fast Pitch	
) Pretzel			
) Coffee/Dessert			

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





"The priesthood is the love of the heart of Jesus. When you see a priest, think of our Lord Jesus Christ." — St. John Vianney, patron saint of parish priests

September 16, 2023

Please accept my deepest thanks for your prayers and continued financial support for our senior priests residing at St. Pius X Residence.

As our elderly priests enter this stage of their life, they often experience ongoing challenges that require added care and attention, and because of you, the St Pius X Residence is there for them.

Each year, we have the opportunity to respond generously and with grateful hearts to the priests who have given a lifetime of service. Even in retirement, our priests continue to make a profound impact on the spiritual and personal lives of Catholics of all ages. During this time of Eucharistic Revival, our senior priests continue to live out their vocation as eucharistic missionaries: celebrating Masses in local parishes, and bringing the Eucharist to the sick and homebound, and to those who are in prison. After a lifetime of sacrifice and service, it is our obligation to proudly bestow compassionate support to these men who have dedicated their vocation to the people of God on Long Island.

St. Pius X provides a life-enriching experience for the men who live there, enabling our dedicated priests to live or recuperate at a facility that gives them the extra care and attention that they need. At the same time, St. Pius X allows them to serve as active, fully engaged members of the community.

Please, take some time to review the enclosed materials. I encourage you to give prayerful consideration of a gift in support of our retired priests living at St. Pius X Residence. As our Holy Father, Pope Francis has emphasized, a community that takes care of the sick and elderly priests is one that is "well-rooted in Jesus." May I ask that you remember all our priests in your prayers as you and your family are remembered in ours.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend John O. Barres Bishop of Rockville Centre



The mission of St. Pius X Residence is to provide a nurturing environment that respects and cherishes the lifelong commitment of our beloved priests. The Residence strives to create a warm and supportive community where they can enjoy their retirement years with dignity, surrounded by like-minded individuals who share their dedication to faith.

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Embrace the Legacy of Service by supporting our beloved priests in their retirement years.



Msgr. Ron Richardson:

home," shared Fr. Pietrowski



I like the new location very much, the company is great. When I was living on my own for a number of years, I felt a sense of isolation, especially during Covid but here I am with many of my fellow priests who I served with at times throughout the years. I've always been a walker, most of my life I've walked and jogged. I love the outdoors and I am so grateful to be here at this gorgeous campus."

The New Rector, Fr. Steve Pietrowski

"I am so proud to be able to serve all the wonderful priests residing at St Pius. This house provides a place for our priests who have a need for care and help for daily activities. It's a safe place to age gracefully. Here at St. Pius, we provide for one another. We call this place

The special collection for retired priests living at St. Pius X Residence will take place next weekend. Please be as generous as possible! Thank You!

www.drvc.org/st-pius-x-residence/



Babylon Chorale Auditions

The Babylon Chorale will hold auditions on Monday, September 18, 2023 beginning with rehearsal at 7:30pm at Sisters of St. Joseph Brentwood Campus All voice parts are welcomed.

For further information and current protocols, visit www.babylonchorale.org or e-mail: info@babylonchorale.org



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 3rd 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@agentletouchseniorcare.com to reserve your place.

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 or call: 631-587-8000 ext.117.

Prep Course - \$300 Five Saturday Classes: 8:00am - 10:30am
September 23rd, September 30th, October 14th, October 21st, October 28th
Test Taking Strategies- \$150 5:00pm - 8:00pm Friday, November 3rd
Prep Course & Test Taking Strategies - \$400

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 **November 3, 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

Run Across the Great South Bay and Robert Moses Bridge!

Catholic Health

Suffolk County Marathon & Freedom Fest

To support our veterans

5k Race

Saturday, October 21, 2023

10k, Half & Full Marathons Sunday, October 22, 2023

Starting Line - Downtown Village of Babylon Finish Line - Gardiner Park, West Bay Shore





Proceeds raised from the Catholic Health Suffolk County Marathon are used to directly benefit veterans programs throughout the county.





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.

we grieve with HOPE

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 13th
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

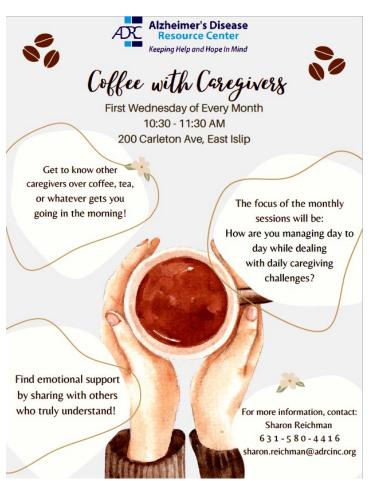
For more information and registration, please call: Geri Olson 631-661-8994

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.





serving families who may have a loved one with cognitive decline, or impacted by Alzheimer's Disease or another dementia.

Caregiver **Support Groups**

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.

Art, Music & **Equine Therapy Programs**

We offer Help and Hope.

Educational Workshops & Training

631.580.5100 200 Carleton Avenue East Islip, NY 11730

CEUs for Professional Caregivers

Scan QR Code to visit our website ADRCinc.org



Resources & Referrals



Our Lady of Martyrs Shrine, Auriesville, NY



To register and find out more, visit 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.





In addition to our parish website (<u>ollchurch.org</u>), 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**.



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 or contact: Kevin & Regina Hickson at 516-554-3835.

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. 2nd and 4th Wednesday meetings are via Zoom. For more meeting info visit: <u>al-anon.org</u>.

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: Families Anonymous.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 "Autumn Changes". To listen online or for more information, visit: www.ReligionandRock.com.

Sharing the Gospel

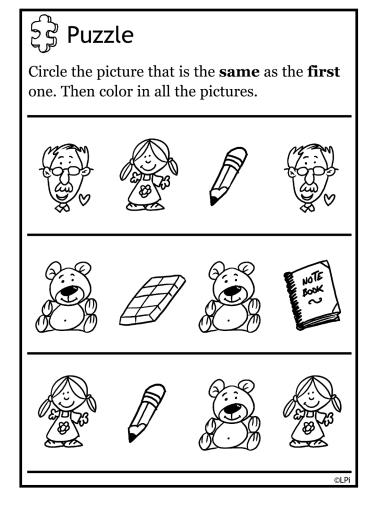
Living God's way can be very hard for some people. Name the people in your family. Can you love God more than you love your family? Name some of your friends. Can you love God more than you love your friends? Name your favorite books, movies or toys. Can you love God more than those things? It is OK to love your family, have good friends, and enjoy the gifts God has given you. Just remember to love God first.



Mission for the Week



Say a special prayer to God today. Thank Him for your family, your friends, and for all the things God has given you to enjoy.



Prayer

Dear God,
Help me to
love You more
than anyone
or anything else.



Something to Draw

Draw a picture of a heart. Inside the heart, draw all the people and things you love.

