

# Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

455 Hunter Avenue, West Islip, NY 11795

**Rev. Dennis A. Suglia**, Pastor  
**Rev. Charles Mangano**, Associate Pastor

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

**Sr. Nancy Campkin CSJ**, Director of Religious Ed

**Trish Frodell**, Director of Parish Social Ministry

**Sr. Diane Liona CSJ**, Director of Religious Ed

**Debbie Meyer**, Business Manager

**Robin Reynolds Brennan**, Coordinator of  
Worship and Choir Director

**Vita Scorcia**, Ministry Spiritual Director



## Parish Office

**Phone: 631.661.3224 (select option #2)**

Monday-Thursday: 9:00am-7:30pm

Friday: 9:00am-5:00pm

Saturday: 9:00am-3:00pm

Sunday: 10:30am-2:30pm

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

*Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time • Sunday, October 8, 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 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 October 8, 2023

**Sunday:** Is 5:1-7/ Phil 4:6-9/ Mt 21:33-43  
**Monday:** Jon 1:1—2:2,11/ Lk10:25-37  
**Tuesday:** Jon 3:1-10/ Lk 10:38-42  
**Wednesday:** Jon 4:1-11/ Lk 11:1-4  
**Thursday:** Mal 3:13-20b/ Lk 11:5-13  
**Friday:** Jl 1:13-15, 2:1-2/ Lk 11:15-26  
**Saturday:** Jl 4:12-21/ Lk 11:27-28  
**Next Sunday:** Is 25: 6-10a/ Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/ Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

### Parish Staff

**Patti Anderson**  
Parish Office/Bulletin Editor

Parish Organist

**Rosemary Cannarella**  
Parish Office

**Amy Danowski**  
Parish Office

**Carol Grillo**  
Parish Office

**Rita Spera**  
Religious Education Office

### Financial Summary

#### October 1, 2023

Weekly Collection	\$ 18,411.00
Weekly Budget	- \$ 17,800.00
+/- for the week	\$ 611.00

<b>Respect Life</b>	\$ 3,842.00
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*The estimated weekly collection needed to maintain and operate our parish buildings, ministries, programs and salaries is \$17,800.*

Join Fr. Dennis on a Pilgrimage to

# The Holy Land



**March 10 - 19, 2024**

**\$4,185 from New York (JFK)**

Spiritual Director: **Fr. Dennis Suglia**



## YOUR TRIP INCLUDES:

- Round-trip airfare from JFK
- Transportation by air conditioned motor coach
- Mass daily & Spiritual activities daily
- Breakfast, Lunch, & dinner daily
- Free Wi-fi & water on motor coach
- Wine & Mineral waters with dinners
- Assistance of a professional local guide(s)
- Tips to Hotel Staff and Restaurants
- Flight bag & portfolio of all travel documents
- And so much more!



*With Visits to:*

Tel Aviv · Caesarea · Nazareth · Cana · Tiberias · Sea of Galilee · Jordan River · Mt. Tabor · Jerusalem · Ein Karem · Bethlehem · Qumran · Jericho · Dead Sea · Mt. of Olives · Mt. Zion · Holy Sepulchre

[www.206tours.com/frsuglia](http://www.206tours.com/frsuglia)

## Altar Society

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

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



## Pastoral Care of Our Sick

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

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

## Pray for Our Sick

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

*Salvatore Albanese, Sandra Amberg, Connie Ambrosino, Baby Maya, Jeanette Battista, Michael Battista, Billy Carberry, Linda Cantwell, Thomas J. Calogero III, Grace Ciccarello, Lisa Crowe, William DeGeorge, Amanda DiTingo, Joanne Egan, Paula Edwards, Ana Ferrante, Mike Ferrante, Christopher Gargiulo, Thomas Geraghty-USMC, William Hacker, Kevin Hahn, Patrick Anthony Heffron, Henry Kahn, Shena Kahn, Michael Kegel, Nora Le Viness, Vincent Marinelli, Glenn Meyer, Richard Meyer, Ken Monroe, Dennis Morgan, Mary Murphy, Peter O'Connor, Amanda O'Malley, 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, Diana Smiloff, 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

Josephine Eiermann  
Dennis Palazzo  
Walter Schurr

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



### Upcoming Marriages

Tara Davidson, OLL  
and  
Ryan Romanoff  
Our Savior Lutheran Church,  
Centereach

Emily Papp, OLL  
and  
Frederick Manney, OLL



### Baptism

Rhett Douglas Hood

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.

Altar Bread and Wine  
In memory of Michael Herr



### Mass Intentions

Monday, October 9

St. Denis & Companions, St. John Leonardi  
8:30am Tom Romola

Tuesday, October 10

8:30am Rose & Frank Petrone

Wednesday, October 11

St. John XXIII  
8:30am Sean Barrett

Thursday, October 12

8:30am Frank Aparo

Friday, October 13

8:30am Giacomo, Grace and Stella Ciocia

Saturday, October 14

St. Callistus I  
8:30am Sebastian Brusca, Dolores Theresa Murphy,  
Michael Herr, All the Souls in Purgatory,  
Christopher Rodriquez, John Bruno

5:00pm

Erna Schmid, Michael Herr, Sylvia Micalizio,  
Lorraine Montuori, Doris Mulcahy  
Fr. Dennis Suglia

Sunday, October 15

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am Anna Kabbas  
Fr. Dennis Suglia

9:30am Josephine Idone  
Fr. Dennis Suglia

11:00am LaRocca & Sweeney Families  
Fr. Charles Mangano

12:30pm Antonia & Emilia Alcoria  
Fr. Charles Mangano


6:00pm People of the Parish, Joe Loretz, Emily Wexler,  
Robert V. Fulco, Aida Jose, Maureen Thompson  
Fr. Charles Mangano

"We honor and pray for ALL Long Island health care workers in every hospital and in every health care facility on Long Island." — Bishop Barres

# Mass for Health Care Professionals

at the Cathedral of St. Agnes in Rockville Centre

11:00 a.m.  Sunday, October 15, 2023



*Celebrant:* Most Rev. John O. Barres  
Bishop of Rockville Centre



*Homilist:* Fr. Kevin Creagh, C.M.,  
Senior Vice-President of  
Mission Integration, Catholic Health

All are welcome to attend this Mass *in-person* or to watch live on Catholic Faith Network (CFN).

CFN is available through 24/7 live stream at CFNTV.org and on selected cable and satellite systems. Optimum channel 29/137 • Verizon FiOS TV channel 296 • Spectrum channel 162/471. You can also watch CFN on Roku, Apple TV, Amazon Fire TV, Android, or by downloading the CFN iOS mobile app.

## Divine Mercy Prayer Group

We come together in the Church every Thursday from 1:30pm-2:30pm to pray and reflect on the Divine Mercy. We welcome anyone wishing to join us in this mission.

## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

We will be having Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on this **Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> from 12:30pm to 7:00pm**. 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. **Please note: Adoration will close at 7:00pm until October 10<sup>th</sup> due to Bible Study classes. We will resume the usual 7:30pm closing time on October 17<sup>th</sup>.**

## 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).

## 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**



- Detergent
- Parmalat (shelf-stable liquid milk)
- Feminine Products
- Canned Potatoes
- Cooking Oil (Olive/Vegetable/ Canola etc.)
- Cookies

The Parish Office will be **closed on Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup>** in observance of **Columbus Day** and will reopen at 9:00am on Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>.



### *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, October 9, 2023 at 8:00pm in the Parish Center.**

### **America Needs Fatima Rosary Rally Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at Noon on the Great Lawn**

Our Lady of Fatima urgently desired for all of the faithful to pray daily for the salvation of sinners and for the whole world. That message from our Mother Mary is a challenge - no matter where you are in your own personal prayer life - to go deeper, to pray often, and with great fervor.

*Please bring your rosary beads and your own chair.*



### **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](mailto:RCIA@ollchurch.org) or call the Parish Office at 631-661-3224, and we would be happy to help you.

# Life in the Spirit Seminar

with Fr. Charles Mangano and the Living Bread Prayer Group



Are you searching for something not knowing what can satisfy and fill your hunger? Is God calling you to experience Him in a more personal, fulfilling, and intimate way, a way you have never experienced Him before?

**If you answered yes, we invite you to  
a Life in the Spirit seminar.**

The Life in the Spirit Seminar is an introduction on how to live your life in the power of the Holy Spirit. The seminar provides teaching, guidance, and prayer to help you form a deeper relationship with the third person of the Trinity. As part of this seminar, you will receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit.

**Come and see what God has for you!**

**Where:** Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church - *All Purpose Room*

455 Hunter Avenue, West Islip, NY

**When:** Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7:00pm – 9:30pm and

Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 8:30am – 3:00pm

***Please bring a bag lunch on Saturday. We will provide drinks.***

**Space is limited to 200 participants**

**++Free will offering will be gratefully accepted++**

*“The baptism in the Holy Spirit, in fact, is the experience that allows us  
to enter into a personal communion with God and to participate in  
His universal salvific will\*,”*

(Pope Francis to the Charismatic Renewal, Rome, 2014)

To prepare for this sacred seminar, we strongly encourage you to first go to the sacrament of confession so that you can come with an open and humble heart ready to receive the fullness of God himself.

**Registration deadline is October 27<sup>th</sup>. Please DO NOT call the parish office.** Register at the following link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0945AFA72CA1F5C61-life1> Need help?

Email [livingbread\\_bohemia@aol.com](mailto:livingbread_bohemia@aol.com) or call (631) 589-4715.

\* Universal salvific will = God's plan for every human person to be saved





## Did you notice our new flags?

Our flagpoles on Hunter Avenue’s Great Lawn have recently been graced with new flags: an American flag, Vatican flag and a parish flag – featuring our OLL logo! Thank you to our sacristan, Joey Sausa, for spearheading this project and making the front of our church look so beautiful! Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us!

## Gifts From Bethlehem: Olivewood Handcrafted from the Holy Land October 14-15 in the All Purpose Room after all Masses.

### A Traditional Art and Livelihood for Holy Land Christians



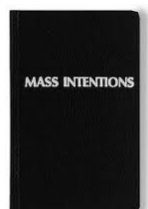
The handicrafts trade evolved as a cultural tradition of Christians in the Holy Land for many centuries. This indigenous form of art has since become an industry of great importance to the local people of the Holy Land who rely on it for livelihood, and to Christian pilgrims from all around the world whose holy pilgrimage can be memorialized for a lifetime in cherished olive-wood or mother of pearl souvenirs. The olivewood carving market is the major source of income in the Bethlehem area. More than 65 percent of the income of the community in Bethlehem comes from this work. In recent years, however, the holy crafts trade has suffered many hardships due to social and economical pressures. Because of a sharp fall in tourism and also as a result of diminishing numbers of craftsmen who leave their traditional trade and emigrate due to the difficult conditions in their homeland, the Holy Land handicraft market is facing serious danger, and so is the Christian community in the Holy Land. Sixty five years ago the Christians represented more than 28% of the total population in the Holy Land, today they are less than 1.5%. The loss of Christians in the land of Christianity’s birth will represent a tragedy of immeasurable proportions for the billions of Christians worldwide. Thank you for your vital support for a Christian tradition and in protecting this very important culture and industry.

## 2024 Mass Intention Book

The 2024 Mass Intention Book will be opened on **Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup> from 9:00am until 4:00pm in the Parish Center.**

As always, individual Mass intentions are not accepted for Christmas, Easter, Mother’s Day, Father’s Day and All Souls Day. These days are part of a novena of Masses.

Due to the overwhelming requests for Mass intentions throughout this past year, we have found it necessary to limit requests. Each person may only request a maximum of 7 Mass intentions at a time.





## ROSARY REFLECTION AND GATHERING

21-39-year-olds  
beginners welcome  
Reflection given by Father Charles



OLL Parish Center *R.S.V.P.*  
Oct. 17 7:30 pm




## Understanding Confession

21-39-year-olds

Beginners Welcome



Viewing of Video by Fr. Mike Schmitz



Open discussion  
Snacks & Refreshments

November 7  
7:30pm  
OLL Parish Center



## Our Lady of the Island Shrine Mass and Stations of the Cross *followed by* Riverhead Cider House

21-39 year olds



R.S.V.P.



Saturday, October 28, 2023  
Leaving from Our Lady of Lourdes at 9:15am  
We will be car-pooling for this event.

## ***St. Agnes of Assisi – The Secular Franciscan Order:***

Would you like to give more time to God, but wonder how to do that when your life is so busy? Do you long for holiness, and feel a need for support in growing spiritually? Perhaps your heart has been moved by stories of St. Francis of Assisi, or the Peace Prayer attributed to him, and you are seeking that same holy simplicity, true peace and perfect joy? If so, Christ may be calling you to explore the Secular Franciscan life. We invite you to join our monthly meetings, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month, 1:30pm-4:30pm in the Parish Center at Our Lady of Lourdes in West Islip. For more information, contact Jackie Totino, SFO at 516-320-1326.



## **What is Death? | A Report from the Front Lines: An Academic Lecture Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at St. Joseph's Seminary, Yonkers**

St. Joseph's Seminary and College in Yonkers will be hosting an evening lecture entitled "What is Death? | A Report from the Front Lines" with Dr. Charles Camosy, a nationally recognized Catholic moral theologian and the Seminary's Msgr. Michael J Curran, Fellow in Moral Theology.

**Date and Time:** Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

**Location:** St. Joseph's Seminary Prayer Hall and online via Zoom.

**Tickets:** \$25

**More Information and registration:** [SJSCamosyLectureFall23.eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com/SJSCamosyLectureFall23)

**Questions:** [sjsacademics@dunwoodie.edu](mailto:sjsacademics@dunwoodie.edu) or 914-968-6200 ext. 8145



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## **Tangled in Grief & Garland**

### **Coping with Loss Throughout the Holidays**

**Sponsored by Bereavement Ministry**

**Church of St. Mary, East Islip, NY**

**Thursday, November 9, 2023 - Sacred Heart Hall - 7:30pm to 9:00pm**

**Refreshments will be served.**

**Please RSVP to 631-581-4266 ext. 125 to reserve your seat**

**Free will offering is appreciated.**



## Attention Swimmers Grades 1-12!

The St. Martin of Tours Sharks CYO Swim Team is looking for swimmers to join the team this winter! Practices begin 11/18 at the West Islip HS.

Swimmers must be able to swim the length of the pool.  
Registration is \$150/swimmer.



Scan the code or visit [smartinswim.swimtopia.com](http://smartinswim.swimtopia.com) to register!



## 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).

## The “Moving On” Group

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

### L.I. Chapter Alzheimer’s Association

Friday, October 13, 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



**Because no marriage is beyond hope...**

A marriage-saving program here in the New York/Metropolitan Area.

·Is your marriage tearing you apart? Do you feel hurt and angry? Does talking make it worse?  
Thought of leaving or divorce? Is your marriage heading in the wrong direction?

**Retrouvaille can help.**

**Retrouvaille** is a practical program for married couples facing difficult challenges. It is not a marriage retreat, or counseling. You will not be asked to share the personal details of your story.

**Retrouvaille** is different; it’s a way to improve your communication, help you reconnect, and build a healthy, happier, stronger marriage.

**Catholic** in origin, couples of all faiths, or no faith background, are welcome to attend. We are a Christian Peer Ministry offering tens of thousands of marriages hope in over 160 communities world-wide.

**Our next weekend is November 3-5, 2023**

**at The Immaculate Conception Seminary, Huntington**

**To register or for more information: 1-800-470-2230 or visit: [HelpOurMarriage.org](http://HelpOurMarriage.org)**



## **Dementia Caregiver Support Group Thursday, October 19, 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@agentletouchseniorcare.com](mailto:cassandra@agentletouchseniorcare.com) to reserve your place.*



## **Butterfly Memory Café - October 20, 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, October 20<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 Hannah at A Gentle Touch Senior Care at: 631-647-7622 or e-mail: [hannah@agentletouchseniorcare.com](mailto:hannah@agentletouchseniorcare.com).*

## **Employment Opportunity - Sisters of St. Dominic Motherhouse, Amityville**

The Nursing Department for the Sisters of St. Dominic located at their Motherhouse in Amityville is looking for full-time/part-time Registered and Licensed Nurses and Aides to work with our Sisters. Our shifts are 12-hrs per day/night with rotating weekends. We offer wonderful benefits and the opportunity to work in a home-like setting while providing quality care and service. For more information and to apply for a position, contact: Tracey Jahrsdoerfer, Director of Carlin Hall at: 631-842-6000 ext. 264.

## **The Sisters of St. Dominic of Amityville Host Autumn Evening Event**

The Sisters of St. Dominic will host their Autumn Evening Event on Friday, October 27, 2023 at 6:00pm at the Crest Hollow Country Club in Woodbury, NY.

This year we are proud to honor Robert Walker, Esq., Trial Attorney & Partner - Gallagher, Walker, Bianco, Plastaras, LLP and Sister Lenore Toscano, OP, Educator and Former Executive Director of The Opening Word Program.

Proceeds from the event help the Ministry Support Fund, which provides funding to many of the Sisters' ministries caring for those most in need here, in Puerto Rico, and in El Salvador. For more information about event tickets, 50/50 raffle or sponsorship opportunities, please contact The Office of Advancement at: 631-842-6000 x 246 or visit: <https://sistersofstdominic.org/2023autumnevening/>.





“Each one will be like a **shelter** from the wind and a refuge from the storm, like streams of water in the desert and the shadow of a great rock in a thirsty land.” (Isaiah 4:6)

October 2023

As we enter the beautiful season of autumn, it is a wonderful time to reflect on the spiritual growth and expansion of our faith, especially as we approach the culmination of our liturgical year. I pray that you and your loved ones are well and that you have a blessed holiday season with them. I would like to express my gratitude to you and your fellow parishioners for the prayers and support that have been offered on behalf of our parish.

It is evident that when we come together as a parish, we can reap the benefits of many ministries and services that one person cannot do alone. This holds true for our diocese as well; when our Parishes come together as *One Family* we sow the seeds of the love of our faith with others and journey with those in need.

Long Island is known for its quality of life; it is hard to believe that there are many people who must make difficult decisions on basic living expenses. Although inflation has eased a bit, the rising prices of food, gas at the pump, utilities, and of course housing continue to negatively impact a family’s budget.

Support for those in need is crucial for many families, especially our senior community. Our Long Island community has had a 25% to 30% increase in the senior demographic, leading to an increase of 65% of these seniors living in poverty. Your donation allows Catholic Charities to provide affordable safe housing to senior citizens, operating 16 housing facilities in Nassau and Suffolk counties, totaling more than 1,329 units.

Additionally, it ensures the physical, social, and spiritual well-being of residents. Housing programs are also available for those with developmental disabilities and our veterans in need. Through our Parish Social Ministry programs, we bring food and hope during these challenging times. I would like to share a comment from a senior and resident of Bishop Ryan Village, Hampton Bays with you:

*“My neighbors and I often say that we are tremendously relieved to have dignified, affordable housing and are very grateful to this ministry of the Church assisting us in our time need.”*

Your gift to the CMA also provides funding to educate our seminarians and provide faith formation to our young people and lay leaders, more than 600,000 are served each year. If you have not had an opportunity to make a gift to the Catholic Ministries Appeal, I ask you to prayerfully consider a gift. *Please know that 100% of every dollar raised is restricted to fund the objectives, programs, and mission supported by the Catholic Ministries Appeal and every gift makes a difference in the lives of others no matter the amount.*

May God bless you and your loved ones.

## Sundays at the Seminary



### ❖ The Holy Eucharist ❖

The National Eucharistic Revival has a mission to "renew the Church by enkindling a living relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ in the Eucharist." Jesus invites us to return to the Source and Summit of our faith—His Real Presence in the Holy Eucharist.

Join the Friends of the Seminary for "Sundays at the Seminary" focusing on the National Eucharistic Revival. Presentations and discussions, designed to bring us to a deeper understanding and devotion to Jesus in the Most Holy Eucharist, will be facilitated by guest speakers. We invite you to participate in one or all sessions; each presentation is independent of the others.

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| Session #2 | ✳ Oct 15  | "Pivotal Players - St Thomas Aquinas"<br><i>(DVD by Bishop Robert Barron)</i> | Deacon Michael Hoonhout |
| Session #3 | ✳ Oct 29  | The Holy Eucharist  | Fr. John Cush           |
| Session #4 | ✳ Nov. 19 | "Ecclesia de Eucharistia"<br><i>(Encyclical by Pope St. John Paul II)</i>     | Bishop Andrzej          |

❖ \$20 per Session ❖ Advance registration requested ❖ Sessions from 9 to 4 pm

Additional Information • 631.423.0483x102 • [bmalone@icseminary.edu](mailto:bmalone@icseminary.edu)  
[www.icseminary.edu/Events](http://www.icseminary.edu/Events)

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.



For more info and to register,  
visit [suffolkcountymarathon.com](http://suffolkcountymarathon.com)

## Good Samaritan University Lecture Series



Diabetes Care: Manage your health first

Monday, November 6, 2023

11:30 am

Our Lady of Lourdes  
The Parish Center  
455 Hunter Avenue, West Islip

Living with diabetes is not easy but with the proper education, it can be managed.

Food and refreshments will be available.



To attend, please RSVP to  
(631) 376-4444

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

## THE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS OF LONG ISLAND OPEN HOUSES

You are invited to explore the benefits of a  
Catholic High School Education

Please feel free to visit our schools during the times and dates listed below.

SATURDAY, OCT. 14	10 A.M. - 2 P.M.	CHAMINADE HIGH SCHOOL
	10 A.M. - 1 P.M.	KELLENBERG MEMORIAL H.S.
	11 A.M. - 2 P.M.	SACRED HEART ACADEMY
SUNDAY, OCT. 15	10 A.M. - 1 P.M.	ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST DIOC. H.S.
SATURDAY, OCT. 21	10 A.M. - 1 P.M.	HOLY TRINITY DIOC. H.S.
SUNDAY, OCT. 22	1 P.M. - 4 P.M.	ST. DOMINIC HIGH SCHOOL

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REGISTRATION DEADLINE  
OCTOBER 26, 2023

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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 November 10-12, 2023** at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington. Register at [WWME.org](http://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. 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 “**Tradition**”. To listen online or for more information, visit: [www.ReligionandRock.com](http://www.ReligionandRock.com).



# Sharing the Gospel

You are God's child. He made you and He loves you. Make sure you act like God's child. He created a beautiful world for you to live in. God expects you to take care of it. God also created people to live around you. Love them. Then you will make God happy.



## Mission for the Week

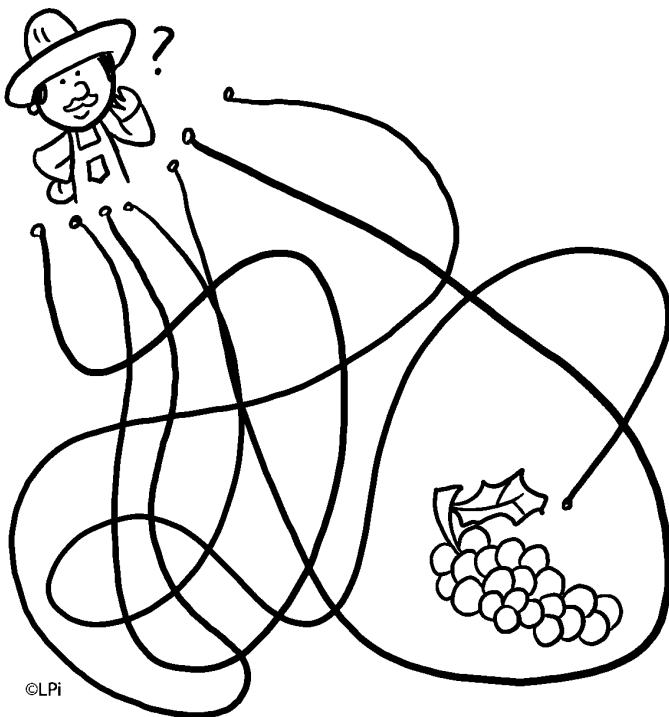


Recycle paper, plastic and glass at home, instead of throwing it away. Recycling is a great way to take care of God's world.



### Puzzle

Help the farmer find the right path to the grapes.



### Prayer

Dear God,  
 Help me to  
 take care of  
 Your world  
 and love the people  
 around me.



### Something to Draw

Draw a picture  
 of yourself  
 picking up your room.

