

# 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  
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**Vita Scorcio**, Ministry Spiritual Director



## Parish Office

**Phone: 631.661.3224 (select option #2)**  
Monday-Thursday: 9:00am-7:30pm  
Friday: 9:00am-5:00pm  
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Sunday: 10:30am-2:30pm  
E-mail: [ParishOffice@ollchurch.org](mailto:ParishOffice@ollchurch.org)  
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## 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.

*Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time • Sunday, November 19, 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  
Sonia DaSilva  
Dcn. Nilo DeLeon  
Jerry Esposito  
Trish Frodell  
Deborah Lamb  
Rosalie Mangels  
John Muldoon  
Dottie Perdue  
Vita Scorcia  
Phil Ambrosino

### 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 November 19, 2023

**Sunday:** Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/ 1 Thes 5:1-6/ Mt 25:14-15, 19-21  
**Monday:** 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/ Lk 18:35-43  
**Tuesday:** 2 Mc 6:18-31/ Lk 19:1-10  
**Wednesday:** 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/ Lk 19:11-28  
**Thursday:** 1 Mc 2:15-29/ Lk 19: 41-44  
**Friday:** 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/ Lk 19:45-48  
**Saturday:** 1 Mc 6:1-13/ Lk 20:27-40  
**Next Sunday:** Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/ 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/ Mt 25:31-46

### Parish Staff

**Patti Anderson**  
Parish Office/Bulletin Editor

**Maryanne Buonaspina**  
Parish Organist

**Rosemary Cannarella**  
Parish Office

**Amy Danowski**  
Parish Office

**Carol Grillo**  
Parish Office

**Rita Spera**  
Religious Education Office

## Financial Summary

### November 12, 2023

Weekly Collection	\$ 16,375.00
Weekly Budget	- \$ 17,800.00
+/- for the week	\$ (1,425.00)

**Catholic Ministries Appeal** \$ 4,971.00

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

# Thanksgiving Day and the Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

This coming week is a very special week. Our entire nation will celebrate Thanksgiving Day on Thursday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> - but before that, we the Catholic Church will celebrate the Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup> – on the same week, just as we did last year. It won't be until 2028 and 2029 when this will happen again. It is special that they are celebrated the same week because Saints Anne and Joachim presented and consecrated Mary, their child, to the LORD to show their deep gratitude for the gift of their child even in their old age. Similarly, in the year 1621 the early Pilgrims of our nation celebrated the first Thanksgiving Day over dinner with some of their Native American guests to give thanks for the blessing and gift of their first harvest. Thus, we see the common theme of gratitude.

Many of us know about the customs and traditions of the annual national holiday: watching the Macy's Parade and the football games (traditionally featuring the Lions and the Cowboys as home teams) with family and friends on TV, and of course, let's not forget – the Thanksgiving dinner! But please allow me to present some facts and traditions related to the Memorial of the Presentation of our Blessed Mother.

This week's memorial of our dear Mother Mary finds its origin in the second century AD source called the "*Protoevangelium of James*." This ancient document along with Sacred Tradition suggest that Saints Anne and Joachim offered Mary to God when she was 3 years of age and remained in the temple after her Presentation. This means she dedicated herself in service to the temple and to whatever tasks she was assigned. It was a time of spiritual formation. She heard the word of God proclaimed, including the prophecies that would be fulfilled through her. Perhaps hearing the story of Hannah and Samuel resonated with her as she would later make Hannah's prayer inspire her own in the Magnificat. She also would have spent much time in personal prayer, living in the presence of the Holy of Holies only to receive the "**All Holy One**" within her very being at the Annunciation.

We Catholics can look back and see Mary's time in the temple, from the age of 3 to 12, as a time of advent and preparation. God called her to be there, and, in turn, she chose God. Because of this, God prepared her to receive the Savior of the world. The celebration of Mary's presentation in the temple is an anticipation of the Advent we commence around the time of this feast (*Advent begins on December 3<sup>rd</sup> this year*). Throughout the holy season of Advent, with Mary we can listen to prophecies, we can watch and pray for the coming of the "**Dawn from on high**." Each day is an opportunity for us to renew and recommit ourselves to the Lord's service, just as Mary did in the temple.

In celebrating her feast, we should not be overly concerned with the historical details of Mary's Presentation. The tradition of its observance must simply be a reminder to us that Mary lived her life for God, and that we should, too. In her life, we find an example of how to live our own. She is the model of the entire Church. And so brothers and sisters, in the busyness of our Thanksgiving Day preparations and as we celebrate the national holiday this week, let us all be mindful of the importance of the Blessed Virgin Mary's role in salvation history: our own hope of eternal life with God through the redemptive work of her Son, our Savior - Jesus Christ... ***To Jesus through Mary!... A Happy, Blessed Thanksgiving Day to all of you!***

Peace and blessings,

Deacon Nilo

## 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>Colby Matthew Kelly</b> -US Army	<b>Alvaro Suarez</b> -US Army
<b>Luke Loftsgaarden</b> -US Army	<b>Jack Taffner</b> -US Marine Corps
<b>Anthony Mannino</b> -US Marine Corps	<b>Michael Wilkinson</b> -US Army
<b>Msgr. Brian McNamara</b> -US Air Force	<b>Peter Zaccaria</b> -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 ...

*Joe Amadeo, Sandra Amberg, Connie Ambrosino, Baby Maya, Jeanette Battista, Michael Battista, Thomas J. Calogero III, Dennis Cavanagh, Grace Ciccarello, Lisa Crowe, Susan Dedes, Joseph Dilegame, Charles DiPalma, Amanda DiTingo, Joanne Egan, Paula Edwards, Ana Ferrante, Helen Ferrante, Mike Ferrante, Christopher Gargiulo, Thomas Geraghty-USMC, William Hacker, Kevin Hahn, Patrick Anthony Heffron, Paul Johnson, Henry Kahn, Shena Kahn, Margaret Kavoures, Dave Kegel, Michael Kegel, Toni Kreamer, Vincent Lichioveri, Joseph Marco, Vincent Marinelli, Seamus Martin, Theresa McCarthy, Lorraine Mockler, Dennis Morgan, Mary Murphy, Peter O'Connor, Amanda O'Malley, Edward Pauciullo, Joseph Pepe, Frank Petersen, Cameron Pillitteri, John Posanti, Louise Posanti, Clifford Proctor, Donna Rojas, Fabian Rojas, John Savona, Joseph J. Schiavoni, Vita Scorcia, 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**

Patricia Ann McCann  
 Deborah (Debbie) Montana  
 Frank T. Portantino  
 Marie Ward

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



**Upcoming Marriages**



**Baptism**

Giovanni Antonio Esposito

*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, November 20**  
 8:30am Pietro Bruno

**Tuesday, November 21**  
*The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*  
 8:30am Peter McCarthy

**Wednesday, November 22**  
*St. Cecilia*  
 8:30am Pasquale Sgambati

**Thursday, November 23 Thanksgiving Day**  
*St. Clement I, St. Columban, Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro*  
 9:30am People of the Parish

**Friday, November 24**  
*St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc & Companions*  
 8:30am Agatha & Clarence Rice

**Saturday, November 25**  
*St. Catherine of Alexandria*  
 8:30am LaRocca & Sweeney Families, George Portelli,  
 Mary & Edwin Kolkmeier, Kenneth Bonavoglia

5:00pm Sam, Vilma & Mary Ann Carpino, Louis Kane,  
 Ted Gladkowski, Niall Morrissey,  
 Louise Mangano, Charles Mangano, Jr.  
*Fr. Charles Mangano*

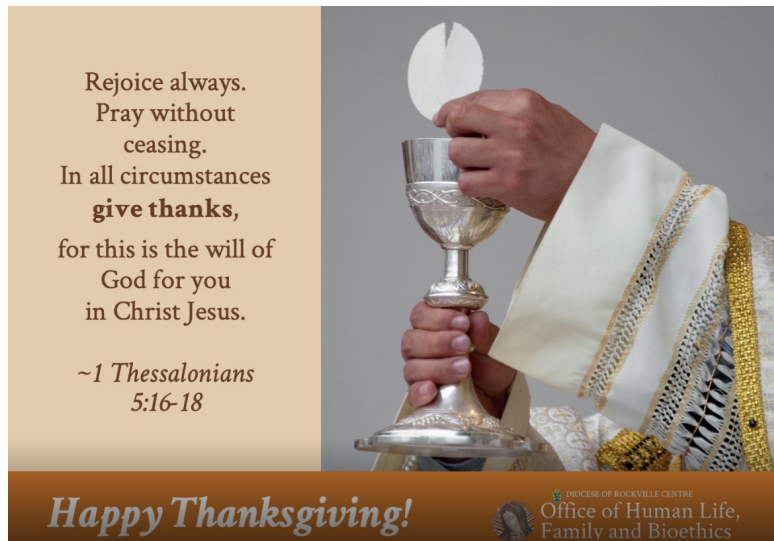
**Sunday, November 26**  
*Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*  
 8:00am Matthew Kuzmiak  
*Fr. Charles Mangano*

9:30am Molly & Jack Conroy  
*Fr. Charles Mangano*

11:00am Bruce J. Ferland, Sr.  
*Fr. Dennis Suglia*

12:30pm Rosalie Woodward  
*Fr. Dennis Suglia*

6:00pm People of the Parish, Salvatore Sciortino,  
 Josephine Eiermann, Eunice Lewis  
*Fr. Dennis Suglia*



## Pregnant? Need Help?

**Birthright, Inc. 24 Hour Helpline 1-800-550-4900**

Islip: 631-277-3888 - Hampton Bays: 631-728-8900 - Rocky Point: 631-821-9727

Southold: 631-876-5138 - Wantagh: 516-785-4070

## SAGE

Our next SAGE meeting will be **Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup>** at 9:30am in the All Purpose Room

## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

We will be having Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on this **Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</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.

## 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**



**Toothpaste**  
**Cake Mix / Brownie Mix**  
**Mixed Vegetables / Carrots**  
**Canned Chicken**  
**Shampoo / Conditioner**



The Parish Office will close on Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> at 3:00pm (no evening hours) in observance of Thanksgiving.

The office will re-open on Friday, November 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am.

## Thanksgiving Day Mass - Thursday, November 23 at 9:30am

*Thanksgiving Mass will also be live-streamed on our website: [ollchurch.org](http://ollchurch.org)*

*Come together to celebrate the goodness of the Lord at our Mass on Thanksgiving Day!*

This is an opportunity to take time out to reflect on the many *good* things that have happened in our lives during the last year. However, we must also remember those who are in need. We ask that you bring a non-perishable food item to the Thanksgiving Mass to be a blessing to those in need. At the Offertory, you will be invited to process up and place your non-perishable food item in the baskets located in the sanctuary.

A basket will also be available if you prefer to give a monetary contribution.

*We will give thanks as God's holy and blessed people!*

## Thanksgiving Food Drive Please Help Our Families in Need

Thanksgiving is fast approaching and once again we are asking our generous parish family and friends to help those less fortunate by making a donation to Outreach. Any donations of Thanksgiving food, including turkeys or hams would be greatly appreciated. If your budget has room to donate a complete dinner, we are working with families of 2-8 members.

When you are shopping for your Thanksgiving dinner, please **bring along the shopping list and shopping bag handed out at the doors as you leave Mass today. You may bring the food donation to the Parish Center on November 18-19 (Saturday and Sunday) from 1:00pm-4:00pm.**

**We will also be accepting donations at the Outreach Office on Wednesday, November 15 and Friday, November 17 from 10:00am to 3:00pm.**

*Thank you for all that you do for our families now and always.*



Thanksgiving Baskets

## A Visit from St. Nicholas

St. Nicholas will be visiting Our Lady of Lourdes on December 3. We will hear all about this special saint who is the model for the modern Santa Claus. There will be activities, snacks and of course a chance to talk with St. Nicholas!

**St. Nicholas will be in the Parish Center  
after all the morning Masses on December 3  
Bring Your Cameras Along for Christmas Pictures**



## 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.



## Is God inviting you to be an Altar Server?

Any boy or girl in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade and up (5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades) are welcome to be a part of the Altar Server Ministry. If you feel in your heart that Jesus is calling you to serve Him at the altar at Holy Mass, please come to the Interest meeting on Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:15pm *(after the 4<sup>th</sup> grade Religious Ed class ends)* to 6:30pm in the church. You will be given detailed information on the ministry. If you are NOT able to attend this important first meeting, please call the parish office at 631-661-3224 and press option #2 to give the receptionist your contact information.



### Important Dates: All meetings in the Church

Monday, November 20 <sup>th</sup>	from 5:15pm to 6:30pm-----	Important Interest meeting
Monday, November 27 <sup>th</sup>	from 5:15pm to 6:30pm-----	Training
Monday, December 4 <sup>th</sup>	from 5:15pm to 6:30pm-----	Training
Saturday, December 9 <sup>th</sup>	from 2:00pm to 3:30pm-----	Training
Wednesday, December 13 <sup>th</sup>	from 4:15pm to 5:45pm-----	Training and rehearsal for the installation
Saturday, December 16 <sup>th</sup>	5:00pm Mass -----	Altar Server Installation Mass

Once installed, the new Servers are welcome to begin serving at weekend Masses. They will not be assigned to specific Masses, rather, they will serve at what ever Mass they attend on the weekends. Fr. Charles and Clara Nam will be working together to train our new servers. We pray you will answer the Lord's call. Looking forward to having you be a part of this holy ministry.

## Confirmation 2023

On **Wednesday, November 8th** the Sacrament of Confirmation was administered by Bishop Andrzej Zglejszewski in our Parish. Seven classes of grade 9 students, a total of 122 students, were confirmed. They are sent forth now to live out their Catholic faith with even greater enthusiasm and conviction. Please pray for our newly Confirmed as they embrace this very important commitment in their faith journey and that they will continue to be strengthened, loved and supported by YOU ... their Parish family.



## 2023 Catholic Faith Network Award of Excellence

The Catholic Faith Network (CFN) will host the CFN Award of Excellence Luncheon on Tuesday, November 21, 2023 at the Garden City Hotel. This year's honorees include Bishop Richard Henning, Religious Leader, Dr. Peter Kilpatrick, Catholic Higher Education Leader and Frank and Lori DeLucia, Business Leaders. Bob and Diane Pape will serve as Co-Chairs for the event. For more information, please visit: [cfnawards.org](http://cfnawards.org).



## 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).





## *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, November 27<sup>th</sup> 2023 at 8:00pm in the Parish Center.**

## **El Salvador Mission Trip**

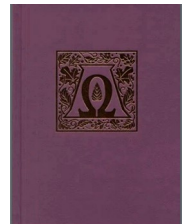
**Our Lady of Lourdes El Salvador Mission Trip** is scheduled for June 30 – July 6, 2024. Looking forward to getting back to our sister parish in Santa Ana. Our last mission trip was in the Summer of 2018. Yessenia, our hostess in El Salvador, is looking forward to seeing the new faces of our missionaries, as well as some of the older faces. (Of course, I am referring to myself when I mention older faces.) So, get your passport ready for a rewarding experience you will never forget. More information to follow.

God bless,  
Deacon Rich

## **Book of the Names of the Deceased**

Beginning November 2, and continuing throughout the month of November, a special book will be placed in the Sanctuary, inscribed with the names of all who have died in our Parish Family over the past year.

In prayer, let us remember all of these men and women who have gone before us, “marked with the sign of faith.” May our united prayers help us to better understand and appreciate our faith in Christ, our risen Lord, who conquers sin and death and brings new life to all!



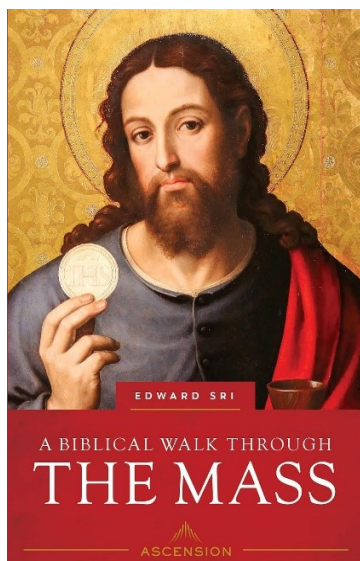
## **Do you like to sing? New choir members are always welcome!!**

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!



## **Boy Scout Troop 179**

For 50 years, Our Lady of Lourdes has been sponsoring Boy Scout Troop 179 of West Islip. Troop meetings are held every Thursday at 7:30pm. If you are interested in learning more about Boy Scouts and our Troop, please check out our website: <https://witroop179.wixsite.com/bsatroup179> or contact us at: [troop179cc@yahoo.com](mailto:troop179cc@yahoo.com).



## 2024 Spring Bible Study “A Biblical Walk Through the Mass”

*We are advertising early for our next Bible Study because it fills up very quickly and we want to give our parishioners who go away for the winter months a chance to sign-up before they leave.*

This next study is entitled *A Biblical Walk Through the Mass*. This will help us to see where the elements of the Mass are rooted in the bible. A Biblical Walk Through the Mass is a scriptural tour through the prayers, hymns, and rituals of the Liturgy. Practically every part of the Mass finds its inspiration in Scripture, as Pope Benedict XVI has noted. Therefore, the more we understand the biblical background to the *Kyrie*, the *Gloria*, and other prayers of the Liturgy, the more we will be able to enter into all that we say and do in the Mass.

After providing a general overview of the Liturgy, this study devotes a session to each of the major sections of the Mass: **the Introductory Rites, the Liturgy of the Word, the Liturgy of the Eucharist, and the Concluding Rites**. Between each class, readings from the Bible, and the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) will be given to participants for their review. This is to deepen their understanding of the prayers and other elements of the Mass. During this study each person will receive a workbook and text book by Dr. Edward Sri which is based on the 2011 translation of the Mass.

The Study will be six consecutive Tuesdays: April 30, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, June 4<sup>th</sup>. There will be a DVD presentation by Dr. Edward Sri each week and group facilitators will be assisting our weekly discussion. The last session will be a Mass and hospitality. There will be two sessions each Tuesday, 1:00pm (*limited to 116 people*) and 7:30pm (*limited to 184 people*). You can sign up for whichever session is most convenient for you.

The cost of the bible study is \$ 30.00 per person to cover the cost of the books and supplies. If you cannot afford that amount, feel free to give whatever you can afford. Please don't let the cost keep you away.

**To register please call the Parish Office (Rectory)  
at 631-661-3224 ext. 2. All are welcome.**

## LESSON ON THE SCAPULAR

Join us for our next meeting as we will learn more about the Scapular,  
a devotional object that is rarely known to most Catholics.  
It will also be an opportunity to be enrolled in the Scapular Confraternity.

**Tuesday, November 21 • 7:30pm  
Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Center**



### Act of Charity

In the spirit of Blessed Frassati,  
please bring hats, gloves, scarves, or new socks.  
We will donate these to parish outreach,  
to help those most in need in these colder months.



# ALL PARISHIONERS invited to hear the details of the **Miracle Story**

**Wednesday, December 6, 2023 at 7:30pm in the Church**



- Kevin Becker will share his miraculous healing as a result of Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati appearing to him while he was in a coma.
- Fr. Charles will offer a short reflection on the life of Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, a 24 year old young adult from Turin, Italy, on the road to sainthood.
- A special blessing, using the relic of Pier Giorgio, will be provided by Fr. Charles followed by veneration.





***"Bearers of gratitude make the world a better place."***

**Pope Francis**

*As we all begin to prepare for Thanksgiving and we express our gratitude for God's blessings upon us, let us remember those who are struggling to put food on their families' table each day, let alone a special holiday meal.*

Our local PSM work diligently to ensure that families who are in need can bring their families together to be nourished every day and to celebrate a special day Thanksgiving, offering baskets of food and turkey. PSM are also a source of comfort and spiritual strength. Parish Social Ministry Outreach at Saint Catherine of Siena Church encompasses a variety of ways in reaching out to those in need, the marginalized and so many others through different programs and services available throughout the year. In addition, this ministry provides information and guidance on issues of social justice guided by Catholic Teachings.



*"What the Lord calls us to – is to reach out and help one another. It's something I learned as a child – it's something I taught my children and now my grandchildren."*

Shared Maureen Miedreich, Social Outreach Coordinator



**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	\$ _____

**Make checks payable to:**  
**Catholic Ministries Appeal, Diocese of Rockville Centre, PO Box 4000, Rockville Centre, NY 11571-4000**  
**Thank you, and for more information or to donate online, please visit: [www.drvc.org/CMA](http://www.drvc.org/CMA)**



## Butterfly Memory Café - December 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, December 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@agentletoauchseniorcare.com](mailto:hannah@agentletoauchseniorcare.com).*

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



## Pilgrimage to Medjugorje 2024 Dates

### Your Trip Includes:

- Round-trip Airfare from New York
- All Airport Taxes & Fuel Surcharges
- 7 Nights: Dragicevic Family Home with Private Baths & Air Conditioning in Double Occupancy Only (No Single Rooms)
- Breakfast and Dinner Daily
- Wine with Dinners
- Transfers by Private Motor Coach
- Escorted by Professional Local Christian Guides
- Sightseeing and Spiritual Activities
- Mass Daily & Spiritual Activities (English at 10:00 am & Croatian at 6:00 pm)
- Special Times of Prayer and Group Meetings
- Unlimited Use of the Private Home Chapel Books and Tapes
- Luggage Handling (1 Piece per Person)

**\$3,398 per person  
from New York (JFK)**

**Pick the dates that work  
best for you!**

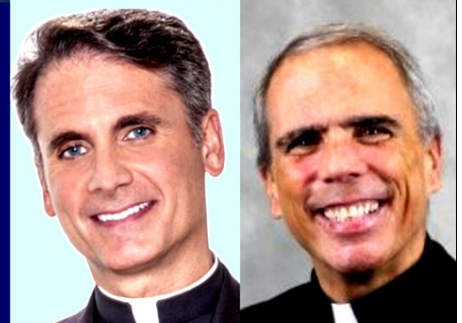
**August 12-20, 2024**

or

**August 19-27, 2024**



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PILGRIMAGE WITH SPIRITUAL DIRECTORS

**Fr. Charles Mangano &  
Fr. Tony Stanganelli**

**For Details or to Book Now Visit:**  
[www.pilgrimages.com/frmangano](http://www.pilgrimages.com/frmangano)  
Booking Code: CM100158

# LECTIO DIVINA

- Lectio
- Meditatio
- Oratio
- Contemplatio



**Join Bishop Andrzej**  
For Scripture Reflection Series  
**on St. JOSEPH - Part III**  
**Tuesday, November 28, 2023**  
at 7:30 pm - ZOOM webinar.

Bible Study Verses

**JOSEPH**

**The Man of Faith**

**Gospel of Matthew 1: 18-25**

The Annunciation to Joseph

Registration is required in order to receive the ZOOM  
link to each session.

Please contact the Western Vicariate office with your  
name, parish, email address and phone number.

Send your email to:



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or call Suzanne at 516-744-6850.



**BLACK  
CATHOLIC  
HISTORY  
MONTH  
MASS**

12:30 p.m. November 19, 2023

Most Reverend Bishop John O. Barres, Celebrant  
Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers, Homilist

at the Cathedral of St. Agnes in Rockville Centre  
29 Quealy Place, Rockville Centre, NY 11570  
[WWW.STAGNESCATHEDRAL.ORG](http://WWW.STAGNESCATHEDRAL.ORG)

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.

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# RETROUVAILLE

A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

**Stress in Your Marriage?**

Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, lonely, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Maybe you don't know how to change the situation or how to communicate with your spouse about it. This program has helped tens of thousands of couples transform their marriages and fall in love again.

**Our Next Weekend is  
January 19-21, 2024  
at the Immaculate Conception Seminary,  
Huntington**

**Visit our web site at [HelpOurMarriage.org](http://HelpOurMarriage.org)  
or call 800-470-2230 for more information**



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 **Feb. 3-4, 2024**. 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 experience will be on February 9-11, 2024** 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 “**Sharing Our Gifts**”. To listen online or for more information, visit: [www.ReligionandRock.com](http://www.ReligionandRock.com).



## Sharing the Gospel

You can choose to waste your time, your money and your special talents. You can be selfish with them, too. Or, you can use those gifts from God to spread good news about Jesus. When you choose to use your gifts for God, He will fill your heart with joy.



## Mission for the Week



God has given your family money. Ask if you can use some of it to buy food for a needy family.



### Puzzle

Can you draw Jesus' face identical to the first one?



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## Prayer

God,  
help me to  
use my time,  
my money and  
my special talents  
for You.



## Something to Draw

Draw a picture of yourself helping a younger child learn how to tie their shoes.

