

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

455 Hunter Avenue, West Islip, NY 11795

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

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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

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Religious Education Office

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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

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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.

First Sunday of Advent • Sunday, December 3, 2023



Welcome to our Parish Family

New Parishioners are cordially invited to register as members of our Parish Family. Please call or visit our Parish Office.

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

- Saint Teresa of Calcutta

Pastoral Council

Fr. Dennis A. Suglia
Eileen Rega
Mary Borgs
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 December 3, 2023

Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7/ 1 Cor 1:3-9/ Mk 13:33-37
Monday: Is 2:1-5/ Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/ Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/ Mt 15:29-37
Thursday: Is 26:1-6/ Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Gn 3:9-15/ Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/ Lk 1:26-38
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/ Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8
Next Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/ 2 Pt 3:8-14/ Mk 1:1-8

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 26, 2023

Weekly Collection	\$ 15,747.00
Weekly Budget	- \$ 17,800.00
+/- for the week	\$ (2,053.00)

Thanksgiving	\$ 4,334.00
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The estimated weekly collection needed to maintain and operate our parish buildings, ministries, programs and salaries is \$17,800.

O Come, O Come Emmanuel!

ADVENT OFFERINGS

All Advent **9:30 Mass**

Childrens Liturgy of the Word

Children will be celebrating Advent Scriptures with a special program called **OPEN BEFORE CHRISTMAS**.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3: 10:30am – 2:00pm (Parish Center)

FAMILY CHRISTMAS FAIR

Come join us for a fun Christmas festival with St. Nicholas!

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6: 7:30pm (Church)

MIRACLE STORY

Come hear Kevin Becker share his miracle story and the ramifications for us today.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7: 5:00pm

HOLY DAY: FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

CHURCH: Mass for the Holy Day

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8: 8:30am, 12:10pm, 7:30pm

HOLY DAY: FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

CHURCH: Masses for the Holy Day

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17: 8:30am – 2:00pm (APR)

BETHLEHEM VILLAGE

Stop by and visit a busy Bethlehem village, just as it was on the night Jesus was born. Invite your friends and neighbors as well!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17: **At all Masses**

BLESSING OF THE CHRIST-INFANT

Bring the infant from your family Nativity scene for a special blessing.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18: 3:00pm – 8:00pm in the Church

RECONCILIATION/CONFESSIONS

Confessors will be available throughout this time.

*****NOVEMBER 23 – DECEMBER 10: GIVING TREE GIFT PROGRAM FOR THE NEEDY*****

****JANUARY 14:**

Christmas Raffle Drawing (following the 12:30pm Mass in the All-Purpose Room)

PLEASE SEE THE BULLETIN/WEBSITE (ollchurch.org) FOR DETAILED DESCRIPTIONS

Altar Society

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

Joe Amadeo, Sandra Amberg, Connie Ambrosino, Baby Maya, Jeanette Battista, Michael Battista, Teresa Breyer, 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, Peter Lies, Joseph Marco, Vincent Marinelli, Seamus Martin, Theresa McCarthy, Lorraine Mockler, Dennis Morgan, Mary Murphy, Peter O'Connor, Amanda O'Malley, Edward Pauciullo, Frank Petersen, Cameron Pillitteri, John Posanti, Louise Posanti, Clifford Proctor, Fabian Rojas, John Savona, Joseph J. Schiavoni, Vita Scorcica, 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.



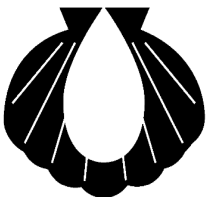
Rest In Peace

Joseph Camerino
Maria Cellan

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



Upcoming Marriages



Baptism

Mason Nicholas McNally

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

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 4

St. John Damascene

8:30am Margaret Varley

Tuesday, December 5

8:30am Bill & Clair Thomson

Wednesday, December 6

St. Nicholas

8:30am David Michael Calogero

Thursday, December 7

St. Ambrose

8:30am Susan Trifoli

5:00pm John & Josephine Guerin

Friday, December 8

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30am Salvatore Pinello

12:10pm LaRocca & Sweeney Families

7:30pm Mary Jane Beck

Saturday, December 9

St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

**8:30am Kathleen Fazio, Patricia McCann,
Patrick Zwiebel (Living)**

**5:00pm James Weydig, Josephine Eiermann,
Ken McAvoy, Patricia, George & Ken Butcher,
Loretta Walsh (Living), James Gordon Johnson, Jr.
*Fr. Dennis Suglia***

Sunday, December 10

Second Sunday of Advent

**8:00am Rosalie Terribile
*Fr. Charles Mangano***

**9:30am Fr. Saji (Living)
*Fr. Charles Mangano***

**11:00am John Sullivan
*Fr. Dennis Suglia***

**12:30pm James Smith & Family
*Fr. Dennis Suglia***

**6:00pm People of the Parish, Diane Paciello, Joan Graham,
Stephanie Cerami, Kathryn Florence Chester,
John Delli Carpini
*Fr. Charles Mangano***

Christmas at Outreach

Once again, we will be requesting gift cards for Christmas. We are asking that you take a tag from the **Giving Tree** with a specific gift card request for one of the families we will be assisting. The families will be able to use the gift cards for Christmas. In order for them to have time to use them before Christmas, they will need to get them earlier, so we are requesting that **any donation of gift cards be brought in by December 10th**. We are requesting gift cards to **Target, Walmart, Amazon, Kohl's, Macy's, and Old Navy**.



Thank you for all the support you have given throughout the year. Your generosity is such a blessing to the families who come to us. Hopefully, their celebration of Christmas will be a bright spot in their lives that are many times filled with difficulty.

Rosary Christian Mothers

The Rosary Christian Mothers meet on the first Monday evening of each month. The next meeting will be on **Monday, December 4th**. We will begin with Rosary at 7:00pm, immediately followed by our business meeting in the Parish Center. **Please note: Rosary will be prayed in the Parish Center this month.**

SAGE

Our next SAGE meeting will be **Tuesday, December 5th** at 9:30am in the Parish Center.

Prayer Shawl Ministry / Baby Blanket Bunch

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

Join us ...

Wednesday, December 6th at 9:30am in the Parish Center. All you need to bring is scrap yarn, knitting needles or crochet hooks (patterns and instructions will be given to you) and your gifts of love and prayer.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

We will be having Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on this **Tuesday, December 5th 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.

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.

Hours for Outreach: Monday - Wednesday - Friday from 9:30am - 3:30pm ONLY



Canned Chicken
Toilet Paper
Feminine Products
Toothpaste
Shampoo/Conditioner

Our Lady of Lourdes Knights of Columbus
Annual Christmas Poinsettia Sale

AFTER ALL MASSES
on
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9
and
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

*Select a beautiful plant to decorate your home
or as gifts for family members and friends,
while also supporting our Parish!*



Second Collection - December 9-10 - Religious Retirement Fund

The Religious Retirement Collection will take place on the weekend of December 9th and 10th. The continued goal is to provide financial assistance for the challenges that our religious face because of the rising cost of healthcare. This collection helps to fund daily essentials like prescription medications and nursing care. A donor to the Retirement Fund for Religious writes, "I still remember the lessons the sisters gave us and how they instilled in us the love of our faith." Show your thanks for the prayerful service of elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. Your gift to next week's second collection helps provide care, medicine, and more. As always, thank you for your continued generosity.

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

Religious Education - ADVENT 2023

Please **JOIN** the 6:00pm Mass with your family and your grade

1st Sunday of Advent: December 3... Grade 8 *Be Watchful... Be Alert...*

2nd Sunday of Advent: December 10...Grade 7 *The message of John the Baptist has a lot to offer many of us!*

3rd Sunday of Advent: December 17...Grade 6 *Prepare to be challenged to live your life in a different way!*

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.



Follow the STAR to BETHLEHEM

One gentle night, long ago, under one bright star the light of the world was born. During this Advent Season, we invite all of our parish family to follow that STAR to Bethlehem, to a stable, to find Jesus, the Light of the World! There will be small wooden stars given out at the doors as you leave Mass today. Put it in your pocket! Carry it as a reminder! WE should all be searching for Jesus in our lives at Christmas and Everyday.



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**



A Walk Through Bethlehem

December 17th after all the Morning Masses



Join Abram, the Inn Keeper, as he wanders through Bethlehem on the night Jesus was born. Meet and talk with the villagers, shepherds and angels. Hear Abram's story as he visits the stable and invites you to his Inn.



Our Parish Advent Wreath

A family from the parish will be lighting a candle on our Parish Advent Wreath at the beginning of each Mass for each week of Advent. This is a meaningful way to be part of our preparation for Christmas during this Advent. If you wish to be one of the families to light a candle, please speak to Robin or one of the ushers at Mass.

Christmas Raffle

Below please find a set of 6 chances. It is a 50-50 drawing. Chances are \$25 each or 6 chances for \$100. 1st place winner will win 35% of the money, 2nd place will win 10% of the money and 3rd place will win 5% of the money. You have to be in it to win it!

The drawing will take place on **Sunday, January 14th in the All Purpose Room after the 12:30pm Mass.**

Hopefully, the Wise Men will bring you a gift of a winning ticket!



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Week 1 - First Sunday of Advent

What gifts from God do you see along the way to Bethlehem this week?

Not only material things, but in the people around us.

OPEN YOUR EYES and look around.



Help Needed for Our Bethlehem Event

COME ONE, COME ALL to a meeting to discuss our annual Bethlehem Event. This year we will be taking a walk through the streets of Bethlehem with "Abram The Innkeeper". We need lots of people to be villagers, shepherds, soldiers, angels, Magi and the Holy Family. Please come to a meeting in the **Parish Center** on **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7th** at 7:00pm. **WE NEED YOUR TALENT AND HELP!**



Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Friday, December 8th - Holy Day of Obligation

Mass Schedule:

Thursday, December 7th - Vigil Mass at 5:00pm

Friday, December 8th - Mass at 8:30am, 12:10pm and 7:30pm



Christmas Flower Offerings Christmas Flower offerings received by **Sunday, December 10th** will be published in the December 25th bulletin. Offerings received after that date will be published in subsequent bulletins.

Christmas Candles

This year, we are once again offering a *Loving Candle*. This symbolic light is a beautiful way to remember our loved ones - both living and deceased - and will remain lit throughout the life of the candle (approximately a week). The candles will be available for a donation of \$10.00. They will be sold after all weekend Masses on December 9-10 and December 16-17, and will also be available in the Parish Office.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at 631-661-3224, ext.121.



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, January 8, 2024 in the Parish Center.

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.



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



“Advent, then, is a time for overturning our perspectives ... for letting ourselves be surprised by the greatness of God’s mercy,”
 -Pope Francis

Pause and Reflect this Advent Season

During the Advent Season we are called to slow down during the frenetic season of shopping, visiting friends and family, baking, wrapping gifts and perhaps even studying for finals.

Are you still struggling to get a unique present for someone special? Consider a gift for all seasons – a donation to the Catholic Ministries Appeal. It’s a special gift that touches the lives of over 600,000 people by supporting programs that allow us to build of community of faith, hope and love in our diocese and beyond.

How does the **Catholic Ministries Appeal Care for God’s People**? It supports programs that help to feed people in our community each year through Catholic Charities and our Parish Outreach programs, providing food and nutrition to more than 15,000 people.



Have you tried Text-to-Give to make a donation!
It’s fast and secure.

Go to the following link to find your parish’s keyword: bit.ly/3VFrMCE

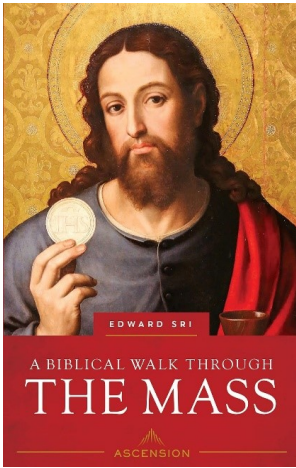
**TEXT your parish’s Keyword to:
 (516) 271-3338**

Please consider donating to the Appeal and making a difference in someone’s life. Thank you!

Make checks payable to: Catholic Ministries Appeal, Diocese of Rockville Centre, PO Box 4000, Rockville Centre, NY 11571

Parish _____ Pledge: \$ _____
 Name _____ Down payment: \$ _____
 Address _____
 City, State, Zip: _____
 Phone: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

To make a donation, you can also visit CatholicMinistriesAppeal.org
 or call us at 516-678-5800 ext. 296



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 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th, June 4th. 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.

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.***

Litany of Chastity & Immaculate Conception

Tuesday, December 5

7:30 pm

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Center

Join us at our next meeting where we will learn about the Litany of Chastity & the Immaculate Conception.

Start the Advent season on the right note as we learn and enjoy each other's company before the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.



Ages 21-39





Dear Parishioners,

Many thanks for your generosity to the OLL Outreach food drive. With such an abundance of donations, surplus food was sent to The Learning Connection, an educational center for immigrant women operated by the Sisters of St. Joseph in Brentwood. The staff and 200+ participants of this program are most thankful to Trish Frodell, Outreach Coordinator, and Maggie Frodell, a teacher at The Learning Connection, as well as you, for your generosity.

Gratefully,

S. Kathleen Carberry (former director of The Learning Connection)



Butterfly Memory Café - December 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, December 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@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 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.



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.

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!



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, 2nd Sunday of the month, at Our Lady of Lourdes in West Islip. Please e-mail with any questions or comments to Jackie Totino jtotino02@gmail.com.



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.

The Babylon Chorale presents:

JOY!

Ring in the winter season with a concert of holiday music.

Featuring 4-hand piano accompaniment.

Sunday, December 10, 2023 at 4:00pm at St. Peter's By-The-Sea Episcopal Church
500 South Country Rd., Bay Shore, NY

Advance Sale: \$20 / Adults; \$14 / Students & Seniors 60+

Door Sale: \$25 / Adults, \$19 / Students & Seniors 60+

\$10 / Children 10 and under at all times

To purchase tickets online or for further information, visit our website at www.babylonchorale.org
or e-mail info@babylonchorale.org.



Advent Night of Prayer at the Cradle Taizé Style

Sponsored by the Living Bread Prayer Group

Please join us for our Advent celebration of waiting for Jesus in peace and prayer.

Thursday, December 14, 2023, at 7:30pm

Rosary starts at 7:00pm, before the service.

St. John Nepomucene Catholic Church, 1140 Locust Avenue, Bohemia, NY 11716

Executive Assistant Position

The Sisters of St. Dominic, Amityville are seeking an Executive Assistant to support the five members of the Congregational Leadership Team. The Executive Assistant will manage business-related tasks for the team such as creating reports, preparing for meetings, making travel arrangements, and other organizational tasks. The Executive Assistant would need to have a working knowledge of the full Microsoft Office suite, an ability to organize and prioritize, and prior experience as an executive assistant.

For more information, please contact S. Diane Morgan via email: dmorganop@amityop.org

Please send resumes to: dmorganop@amityop.org and dcapuanoop@amityop.org.

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 **January 19-21, 2024**, 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



Mobile Outreach Bus

Free Health Screenings and Flu Vaccinations

The Community Outreach team is pleased to offer free health screenings and flu vaccinations in your community by a Catholic Health registered nurse.



Our Lady of Lourdes Church
455 Hunter Avenue
West Islip, NY

Monday, December 11th
10A-2P

Services for adults (18 and older):

- Brief cardiac history
- Blood pressure screening
- BMI screening
- Simple blood test for cholesterol and glucose
- Health education
- Referrals as needed
- Resources for those without insurance
- Free flu vaccination (senior dose available)

chsl.org

Hope House Ministries Presents Andy Cooney's Christmas Celebration Monday, December 18, 2023 - 7:30pm at Patchogue Theatre

For more information or for tickets please call the Patchogue Theatre Box Office at 631-207-1313 or online at: <https://www.patchoguetheatre.org/events>.

Pornography Addiction

Many people have found themselves suffering with an addiction to pornography. God says, "My saving power will rise on you like the sun and bring healing like the sun's rays." Malachi 4:2. Overcome pornography and other unhealthy sexual behaviors with a professional, science-based Catholic program. It is called: **RECLAIM Sexual Health**. Visit www.ReclaimsexualHealth.com. Get help or help others. Private and anonymous Online Help 24/7. The latest brain science cutting-edge technology. Personalized support and faith focused. The Brain Science of Change and Theology of the Body is God's way out. In 1 Corinthians 10:13 it says, "No trial has come to you but what is human. God is faithful and will not let you be tried beyond your strength; but with the trial, He will also provide a way out, so that you may be able to bear it." Pornography is an addiction. Porn enslaves the soul and deep shame is connected to it but healing and recovery is possible. If you or someone you know has a porn addiction please log onto the website above.

You can also visit www.IntegrityRestored.com. This site is also designed for those who struggle with pornography use and those who may know of someone who struggles. Here you will learn about the pornography epidemic in America and how porn affects men, women, children and teens. You will learn about the addictiveness of pornography and the recovery process. Wives will learn how to help their husbands and vice versa as well as how to find healing for their own emotional pain (*feelings of hurt, betrayal, etc.*). The website takes a unique approach by incorporating Catholic spirituality into the recovery process. Porn reduces the human person to an object for one's selfish pleasure. This is in direct opposition to the beauty of the whole human person that God created in His image and likeness, never to be lusted after but to be loved as a whole person: *body, mind and soul*.



In addition to our parish website (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.



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 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: 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 or call Diane at: 631-587-0966 or Donna at: 631-589-3790. Website: 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 “**Healing**”. To listen online or for more information, visit: www.ReligionandRock.com.

Sharing the Gospel

When you are baptized, God gives you grace to help obey His commandments. These graces are like a pair of shoes with lights on them. They light the way to follow the example of Jesus. You will share your toys. You will take out the trash. You will take good care of your baby sister. The graces of baptism help you to love God above all else. Then God will welcome you into heaven.



Mission for the Week

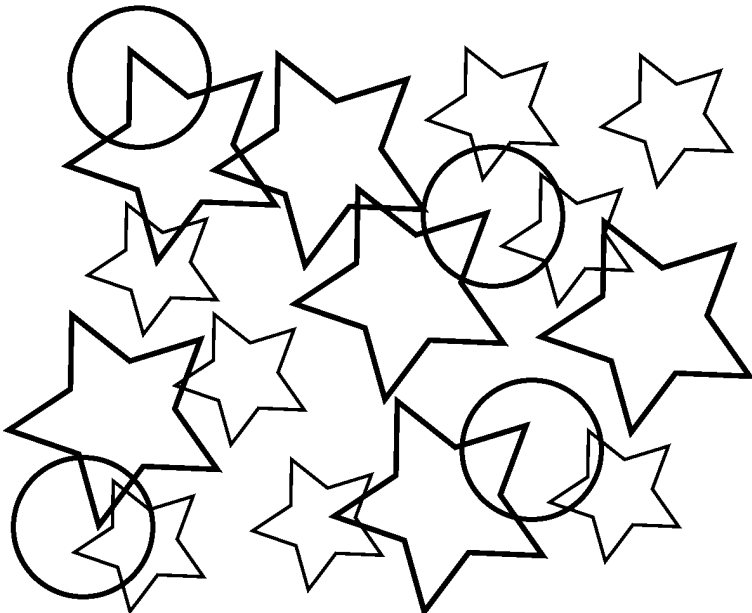


I will pray every morning that my family sees and stays on God's path.



Puzzle

Jesus is the star of life. How many stars can you count?



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ANSWER: FOURTEEN

Prayer

Dear God,
Send me
graces so
I love You
above everything.
Amen.



Something to Draw

Draw a picture of yourself walking down God's path with the light of baptism on your shoes.

