

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

Fax: 631.661.7143

Website: www.ollchurch.org

Religious Education Office

Phone: 631.661.5440 (select option #3)

Monday-Friday: 9:00am-Noon,

1:00pm-5:00pm, 7:00pm-9:00pm

E-mail: ReligiousEd@ollchurch.org

Parish Outreach Office

Phone: 631.661.9262 (select option #4)

Monday-Friday: 9:30am-3:30pm

SAGE (*Senior Advocates for Growth and Enrichment*)

Phone: 631.661.3224, Ext. 122

E-mail: Sage@ollchurch.org



Liturgical Schedule

Daily Mass

8:30am

Weekend Masses

Saturday: 5:00pm

Sunday: 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am, 12:30pm
and 6:00pm.

Reconciliation/Confession

Saturday: 4:00pm-4:45pm or by appointment

Rosary

Daily at 8:00am

Miraculous Medal Novena

Monday at 8:00am

Sacraments

Anointing of the Sick

Throughout the liturgical year. If needed sooner, please call the Parish Office.

Baptism

Please contact the Parish Office to schedule an appointment.

Marriage

Arranged at least six months in advance, please call the Parish Office.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

A process to be embraced by the Catholic Church. For non-Catholics and for Catholics who have never received formal religious education. If interested, please call the Parish Office.

Third Sunday of Advent • Gaudete Sunday • Sunday, December 17, 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 17, 2023

Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/ 1 Thes 5:16-24/ Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Monday: Jer 23:5-8/ Mt 1:18-25

Tuesday: Jgs 13: 2-7, 24-25a/ Lk 1:5-25

Wednesday: Is 7:10-14/ Lk 1:26-38

Thursday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/ Lk 1:39-45

Friday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/ Lk 1:46-56

Saturday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/ Lk 1:57-66

Next Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/ Rom 16:25-27/ Lk 1:26-38

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

December 10, 2023

Weekly Collection	\$ 17,324.00
Weekly Budget	- \$ 17,800.00
+/- for the week	\$ 476.00

Immaculate Conception	\$ 3,555.00
Religious Retirement	\$ 4,610.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 3,562.00

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

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION/PENANCE)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18: 3:00pm – 8:00pm
(2 Priests will be hearing confession for the entire time)

CHRISTMAS MASSES

December 24: Christmas Eve:

4:00pm	Church	Fr. Dennis A. Suglia
4:00pm	School Cafeteria	Fr. Charles Mangano
6:00pm	Church	Fr. Dennis A. Suglia
11:00pm (Midnight Mass)	Church	Fr. Charles Mangano

(Choir will sing 30 minutes before the start of Mass)

December 25: Christmas Day:

8:00am	Church	Fr. Dennis A. Suglia
9:30am	Church	Fr. Dennis A. Suglia
11:00am	Church	Fr. Charles Mangano
12:30pm	Church	Fr. Charles Mangano

NEW YEAR'S EVE/DAY:

Feast of Mary, Mother of God and World Day of Peace

December 31: New Year's Eve:

Regular morning Masses
No 6:00pm Mass

January 1: New Year's Day:

8:00am	Church	Fr. Dennis A. Suglia
12:10pm	Church	Fr. Charles Mangano
5:00pm	Church	Fr. Charles Mangano

Don't forget our Christmas Raffle. The tickets are \$25 each or six (6) tickets for \$100: You have to be in it to win it! Maybe you can give them as Christmas gifts, especially to your adult children. The drawing will take place on Sunday, January 14th after the 12:30pm Mass. The Raffle is a 50-50, so the more people who enter, the greater the winnings Check the bulletin for tickets.

Altar Society

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

Joe Amadeo, Sandra Amberg, Connie Ambrosino, Baby Maya, Jeanette Battista, Michael Battista, Teresa Breyer, Thomas J. Calogero III, 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, Vincent Marinelli, Seamus Martin, Theresa McCarthy, Dennis Morgan, Wesley Morrell, Mary Murphy, Peter O'Connor, Amanda O'Malley, Edward Pauciullo, Frank Petersen, Cameron Pillitteri, John Posanti, Louise Posanti, Clifford Proctor, William Rivers, 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

*Kyle Dilegame
Matthew Kreamer
Frances Springsteen*

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



Upcoming Marriages



Baptism

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.

Altar Bread and Wine
In memory of Joe Franzone



Monday, December 18
8:30am Michael Herr

Tuesday, December 19
8:30am James Amend

Wednesday, December 20
8:30am Dolores Lazarich

Thursday, December 21
St. Peter Canisius
8:30am Amy Richter

Friday, December 22
8:30am Scott Moxim

Saturday, December 23
St. John of Kanty
8:30am Mario D'Alesandro, Rebekah Alexis Zarco, Loriel Graziano Diorio, Frank Portantino, Peter Affe, Jeannie Dooley

5:00pm Mary Jane Beck, Amy Richter, Frank Raia, Mamie & Michael Raia, Rose & Dom Cocco, Margaret Beatty, Rose Patterson, Encarnation Culpepper
Fr. Dennis Suglia

Sunday, December 24
Fourth Sunday of Advent - Christmas Eve
8:00am People of the Parish
Fr. Dennis Suglia

9:30am People of the Parish
Fr. Dennis Suglia

11:00am People of the Parish
Fr. Charles Mangano

12:30pm People of the Parish
Fr. Charles Mangano

Christmas Eve Masses (see Christmas Schedule pg. 3)

Perinatal
Bereavement Program

Emily's Gift

*Every
Moment
I
Love
You
Still*



at  Catholic Health
for miscarriage support

 DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
Office of Human Life,
Family and Bioethics
www.drvcilife.org/emilys-gift
631-314-4562

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, December 19th** at 9:30am in the Parish Center.

Men's Prayer Group

The Men's Prayer group will meet on Wednesday, December 19th from 9:00am-11:00am in the Parish Center. All men are welcome to join us for prayer, conversation and fellowship.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

We will be having Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on this **Tuesday, December 19th 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



Pancake Mix
Oatmeal
Crushed Tomatoes
Ketchup
Laundry Detergent

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.

Second Collection on December 24-25 - Parish Ministry

The Second Collection at Christmas Eve / Christmas Day Masses next weekend (12/24 and 12/25) will be for Parish Ministry. As always, we thank you for your generosity.

Needed: Eucharistic Ministers and Ushers for Christmas Masses

Additional Eucharistic Ministers will be needed to serve at the Christmas Masses. If you are an EM and would like to help, please add your name, contact information and the Mass you can assist with to the Christmas Eucharistic Minister sheet posted in the Sign-in Room.

Anyone who would like to assist as an Usher at Christmas Masses is requested to add their name, contact information and the Mass they will help with to the Volunteer Usher list, also in the Sign-in Room.



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.

Religious Education - ADVENT 2023

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

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.



O Come, O Come Emmanuel!

ADVENT OFFERINGS

All Advent

9:30 Mass

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17:

8:30am – 2:00pm (APR)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17:

At all Masses

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18:

3:00pm – 8:00pm in the Church

Childrens Liturgy of the Word

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

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!

BLESSING OF THE CHRIST-INFANT

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

RECONCILIATION/CONFESSIONS

Confessors will be available throughout this time.

***** PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO 6:00PM EVENING MASS ON DECEMBER 31st *****

****SUNDAY, 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

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!



<p>CHRISTMAS RAFFLE</p> <p>Name _____</p> <p>Phone _____</p> <p>1 Ticket for \$25; 6 Tickets for \$100</p>	<p>CHRISTMAS RAFFLE</p> <p>Name _____</p> <p>Phone _____</p> <p>1 Ticket for \$25; 6 Tickets for \$100</p>	<p>CHRISTMAS RAFFLE</p> <p>Name _____</p> <p>Phone _____</p> <p>1 Ticket for \$25; 6 Tickets for \$100</p>
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Week 3 - Third Sunday of Advent - Gaudete Sunday

*Are you sharing the good news of Jesus' birth with others?
Share the Good News through your words and actions
with your family and those around you.
OPEN YOUR MOUTH in a big smile and share the joy.*

Week 2 - Second Sunday of Advent

*How are you hearing God this week?
Is it in the words from scripture or in the words from those around us?
OPEN YOUR EARS and really listen.*

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.*

Christmas Candles

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



Christmas Schedule - Parish Office

The Parish Office will be open until 2:30pm on Christmas Eve (Sunday, December 24th), and will be **closed on Christmas Day**. It will re-open on Tuesday, December 26th at 9:00am.

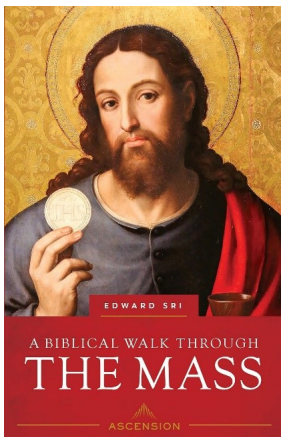


Our Parish Advent Wreath

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 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.



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, 14, 21, 28, June 4. 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 (Rector) at 631-661-3224 ext. 2. All are welcome.



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!**

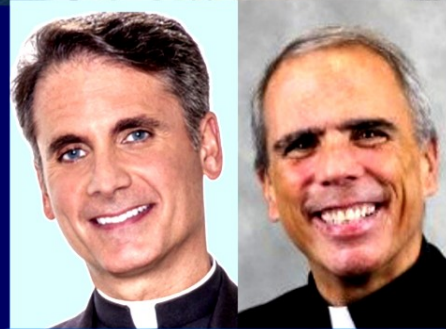
August 12-20, 2024

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
Booking Code: CM100158

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@gentletouchseniorcare.com to reserve your place.



Butterfly Memory Café - January 5, 2024 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@gentletoauchseniorcare.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!



YOUNG ADULT CHRISTMAS PARTY

Join us with fellowship and fun to celebrate the Christmas season

Christmas Karaoke

Viewing of 'The Chosen' Christmas episode

Ugly sweater contest

Please come with snacks to share

Tuesday December 19 at 7:30 p.m.

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Center



21-39 year olds



Church Decor during Advent

During Advent the decoration of the altar should be marked by a moderation suited to the character of this season, without expressing prematurely the full joy of the Nativity of the Lord. Therefore, in keeping with the season, any plants/flowers left in church during Advent will be removed.

Tips for Spotting a Scam. Don't fall for it! Here's what to know and do:

- First, Fr. Dennis or Fr. Charles will *never* contact a parishioner directly with an emergency request for cash or gift cards. Messages asking parishioners to help fulfill a need would come through the parish's official communication channels or be accomplished through a collection approved by the diocese. If you're not sure about a text or email you've received, do not engage or respond. Call the Parish Office right away to notify a staff member. In addition, please note that neither your parish, nor the diocese, will ever sell or give away parishioners' personal information.
- Often times with text messages, a scam can be identified by looking at the phone number. If the area code is not local, it's likely a scam. If you are contacted by a scammer, report it to the Parish Office. If you can, capture screen shots of the correspondence on your phone or laptop and email those to the Parish Office.
- File a report through the Federal Trade Commission's Complaint Assistant which helps the FTC detect patterns of fraud and abuse.
- If you suspect that your Facebook account has been hacked, CBS News offers these tips on how to tell if your account's been hacked and what to do about it at: <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/how-to-tell-if-your-facebook-has-been-hacked-and-what-you-can-do/>. You can also check the "help center" on Facebook for information on hacked and fake (cloned) accounts.



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.

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*.

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.

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, 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.



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>.



St. John the Baptist DHS - First Quarter Honor Roll

Congratulations to the following young parishioners who have achieved Honor Roll status for the First Quarter of the 2023-2024 school year. We are all very proud of your continued efforts and accomplishments.

Summa Cum Laude

*Emilie Bobrowski
Madison Erb*

*Isabella Nieradko
Brandon Raber*

*Kevin Ryan
Lila Vivona*

Magna Cum Laude

*Lucy Agoglia
Seth Agoglia*

*Lucille Charbonneau
Nicholas D'Avanzo*

*Kiera Davis
Gweneth Dolan*

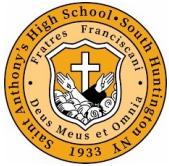
Cum Laude

*Daniella Alessandro
Charlotte Ciano*

*Gavin Lattuga
Alexander McConnell*

*Brenden McKeon
Matteo Russo*

*Samantha Seibert
Michael Spadolini*



St. Anthony's High School - First Quarter Honor Roll

Congratulations to the following young parishioners who have achieved Honor Roll status for the First Quarter of the 2023-2024 school year. We are all very proud of your continued efforts and accomplishments.

*Brooke Berger
Ava Bosco
Ella Bosco
Justin Cetero
Chase Hartmann
Ava Higbie*

*Adam Lavelle
Sophia Maxwell
Kelsey Mueller
Gerard Nealon
Eriq Polanco DellaUniversita
Martina Stannish*

*Grace Tripp
Grace Walas
Joseph Walas
Savannah Walsh*



Our Lady of Mercy Academy - First Quarter Honor Roll

Congratulations to the following young parishioner who has achieved First Honors status for the First Quarter of the 2023-2024 school year. We are all very proud of your continued efforts and accomplishments.

Grace Garrity

Earn your MA Degree or a Certificate in Theology at Saint Joseph's Seminary. Spring 2024 Classes Have Been Announced!

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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

THE CHRISTMAS MIRACLE

— A FAMILY WALK THROUGH —
at St. Joseph's O'Connell Room

Join us for a magical Christmas experience!

THURSDAY - FRIDAY - SATURDAY
5:00pm - 8:30pm
Now through December 23rd

15 min time slots available
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904044DAEAA2EAF58-45414875-christmas>

Sign Up Online

Pictures & Personal Experience with Santa Claus

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The mission of Tomorrow's Hope Foundation is to ensure the excellence as well as the continuance of Catholic schools on Long Island by increasing awareness and by providing scholarship and program funding for the needs of students and schools.

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LECTIO DIVINA

- Lectio
- Meditatio
- Oratio
- Contemplatio



Join Bishop Andrzej
For Scripture Reflection Series
on St. JOSEPH - Part IV
Wednesday, December 27, 2023
at 7:30 pm - ZOOM webinar.



Bible Study Verses

JOSEPH
The Man of Loving Justice
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:
westernvicariate@drvc.org
or call Suzanne at 516-744-6850.





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 “**Christmas Special**”. To listen online or for more information, visit: www.ReligionandRock.com.

Sharing the Gospel

How can you show you love God? Instead of keeping all of your clothes and food, share some with people who don't have any. Be happy and thankful for all God has given you. When you love God more than money, you'll be happy to share.



Mission for the Week - do you know the know the answers?

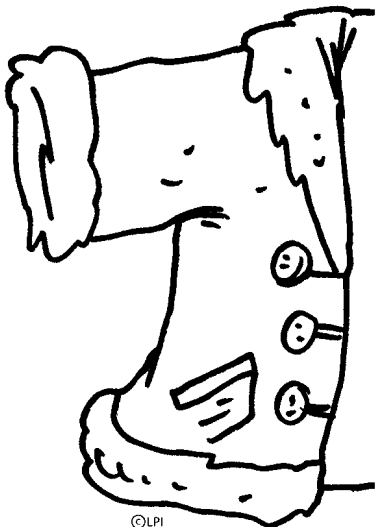


Where did John the Baptist say he was a voice crying?
 What does the one pink or rose-colored advent candle mean?
 Who was betrothed (engaged) to Joseph?
 In the song "Away in a Manger," what looked down on "the little Lord Jesus"?



Puzzle

Complete the picture.



Prayer

Dear God,
 Help me to
 share happily
 with others.
 Amen.



Something to Draw

Draw a picture
 of yourself
 sharing a
 snack with a
 classmate who
 has none.

