

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

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.

Fourth Sunday of Advent • Sunday, December 24, 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 24, 2023

Sunday: 2 Sm7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/ Rom 16:25-27/ Lk 1:26-38

Monday: Is 58:7-10/ Heb1:1-6/ Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Tuesday: Acts 6: 8-10, 7:54-59/ Mt 10:17-22

Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/ Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Thursday: 1 Jn 1: 5—2:2/ Mt 2:13-18

Friday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/ Lk 2:22-35

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/ Lk 2:36-40

Next Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/ Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/ Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40 or Gn 15:10-6, 21:1-3/ Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/ Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

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 17, 2023

Weekly Collection	\$ 18,129.00
Weekly Budget	- \$ 17,800.00
+/- for the week	\$ 329.00

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

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

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. Please return the completed tickets along with your check/cash to the Parish Office.

Altar Society

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

Members in the Military

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

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, Baby Owen John Barrett, 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, Richard Meyer, Glenn Meyer, 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, Colleen S., John Savona, Diane Scharen, Robert Scharen, Joseph J. Schiavoni, Vita Scorcia, Diana Smiloff, Special Intention/Healing, Celestine Stewart, Louise Sturgeon, Dolores (Bunny) Thaxter

Names of the sick will be listed for **six weeks** for short-term requests and **six months** for long-term.



Rest In Peace

Grace Katia Ciccarello
Raymond Zitani

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.

Monday, December 25

The Nativity of the Lord / Christmas

Christmas Novena remembrance at all Masses

Tuesday, December 26

St. Stephen

8:30am Charles Mangano, Sr.

Wednesday, December 27

St. John the Evangelist

8:30am Patrick Manley

Thursday, December 28

The Holy Innocents

8:30am Lillian LaRocca

Friday, December 29

St. Thomas Becket

8:30am John Keane

Saturday, December 30

8:30am Irene Bishop, Frances De Sola, Pat & Hank Hein, Loriel Graziano Diorio, Arthur & Lillian Wenzel, Laura Stettmisch

5:00pm Gerard Millette, Andre Alcovia, Anne Tropeano, Frederick C. Henning, Charles Mangano, Sr., Louise Mangano

Fr. Charles Mangano

Sunday, December 31

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

8:00am Frank Aparo

Fr. Charles Mangano

9:30am Helen & Joseph Lehmann

Fr. Charles Mangano

11:00am Jack Fitzgerald

Fr. Dennis Suglia

12:30pm Mary Kleinlaut (Living)

Fr. Dennis Suglia

Christmas Eve / Christmas Day Masses

New Year's Day Masses

(see Christmas/New Year Schedule pg. 3)



Merry
Christmas!

Rejoice and be glad that so great and good a Lord, on coming into the Virgin's womb, willed to appear despised, needy, and poor in this world, so that men who were in dire poverty and suffering great need of heavenly food might be made rich in Him.

DIocese of ROCKVILLE CENTRE
Office of Human Life,
Family and Bioethics

~ St. Clare of Assisi

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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

We will be having Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on this **Tuesday, December 26th 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



Laundry Detergent
Canned Tuna
Oatmeal
Spaghetti
Beets / Mixed Vegetables

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.



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.



Thank you to our Knights who helped Fr. Brian move to Smithtown and for all their help with our Advent Special Events!

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.





Week 4 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

*OPEN YOUR HEARTS to Jesus this Christmas.
Are you open to Jesus' presence in your life?
Slow down and let Jesus be with you.*



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 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!

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Name _____

Phone _____

1 Ticket for \$25; 6 Tickets for \$100

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Thank You

We would like to extend a heartfelt **Thank You** to the wonderful “Mailing Team” that answers the call and/or email to help with our Christmas mailing. Just when we think it can’t “go out this week,” the job is done! We would like to thank *John Amabile, Marilyn Barthel, Eileen Clifford, Connie Cristaudo, Estelle Culpepper, Marie Davidson, Suzanne Fasano, Elsie Gades, Peggy Kapalko, Marie Lanfair, Steve MacQuade, Josephine Pastore, Bob Petersen, Michael Poveromo, Nancy Sisson, Laura Skinder, Dona Teague, Bill and Pat Young.* We would also like to give a big shout out to *Rita Spera*, Religious Education Office, who prints ALL the letters-front and back, raffle tickets, etc. It is a monumental task, and we thank you, so much, for your time and talent. We could not get these mailings done without you!

-Fr. Dennis and Debbie Meyer, Business Manager

*Incorporated into Christ’s Body, sent on Christ’s mission,
Baptism makes us members of one another,
Where all members share a common dignity.*



Baptism Ministry Meeting **Wednesday, January 10th, 2024 at 7:00pm** **Spiritual Life Center (Side door of convent)**

We are starting up our Baptism Ministry again! This meeting is intended for all current members of the Baptism Ministry, and for those who are interested in learning more about the ministry and possibly joining. All are welcome! Please bring a friend!

For more information, please contact Deacon Tom at: deacontom@ollchurch.org

Church Census Information

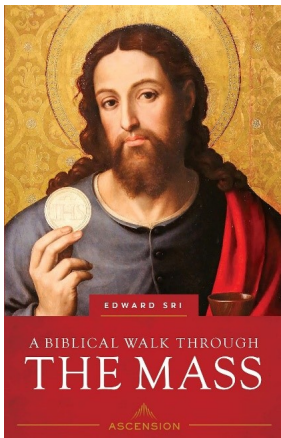
Has your contact information changed, or are you moving?

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.



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!**

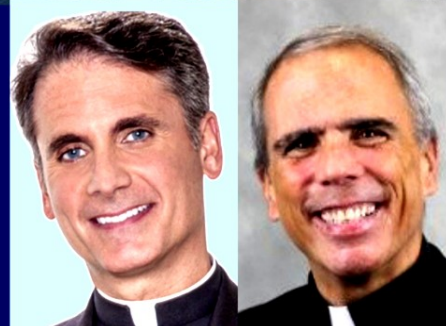
August 12-20, 2024

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

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*.

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, 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.



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.

2023

**CATHOLIC
MINISTRIES
APPEAL**

DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

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



Thank you for your generous support of the 2023 Catholic Ministries Appeal.

Completing your 2023 pledge ensures that our Parish
will benefit by receiving our full rebate.

If you have not yet had the opportunity to give, please prayerfully consider making a donation to
the Appeal. To give securely on line, please go to: <https://www.drvc.org/donate/cma/>

There's still time to make a gift.

**Please remember that all new pledges must be in by December 31, 2023
and paid in full by January 31, 2024.**

Christmas Tree Blessing

Lord Jesus,

Encircle this tree with your blessing.

***Make its twinkling lights remind us of the hope and
promise of your coming.***

***May we find joy in the memories we share
in its tinsel and trimmings.***

***May the presents we place beneath it
give rise to an appreciation for the gift
of your presence among us.***

We ask this in your holy name.

Amen.



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 5th 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 18, 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.



Getting Your Estate Plan Done in 2024 Webinar

**January 9, 2024
1:00 PM**

Topics covered:

- **The Most Important New Year's Resolution – Getting Your Estate Plan Done**
- **What Happens if You Don't Get Your Estate Plan Done?**
- **Estate Planning Documents Every Catholic Should Have**
- **New Tax-wise Estate Planning Strategies**
- **Leaving a Lasting Legacy**
- **Your Next Steps**

Mark Henry, author of Finish Faithful, will be the presenter.

This is a free seminar and no solicitations will be made.

To register, visit: <http://tinyurl.com/4jb69ybk>

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.

The Babylon Chorale Auditions

The Babylon Chorale will hold auditions on Monday evening, January 15th, 2024 starting with rehearsal at 7:30pm at Sisters of St. Joseph Brentwood Campus. All voice parts are welcomed. For further information, Visit: www.babylonchorale.org or e-mail: info@babylonchorale.org.



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

At St. Joseph's Seminary you can:

- Take classes in person or 100% online
 - Expand your understanding of the Catholic faith
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- Apply Today! For more information go to: <https://www.dunwoodie.edu/ma-in-theology>**

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

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@drc.org
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JANUARY 1, 2024 • 2 P.M.



Celebrant

The Most Reverend Andrzej Zglejszewski
Auxiliary Bishop, Diocese of Rockville Centre



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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.



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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 “New Year”. To listen online or for more information, visit: www.ReligionandRock.com.

Sharing the Gospel

Mary couldn't wait to visit her much older cousin, Elizabeth, up in the hills of Judea. Both of them were expecting babies. Each of them knew that the birth of her child was a special event that could only happen because they trusted God. Your own mother trusted that God would give you life in this world. Both Mary and Elizabeth watched their children grow up to do good things. You can grow up to do good things too, if you trust in God.



Mission for the Week

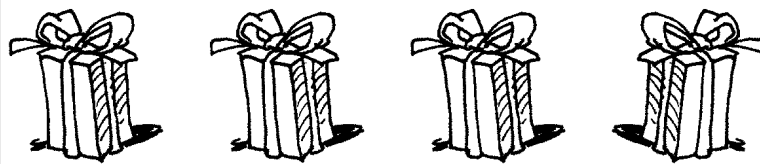
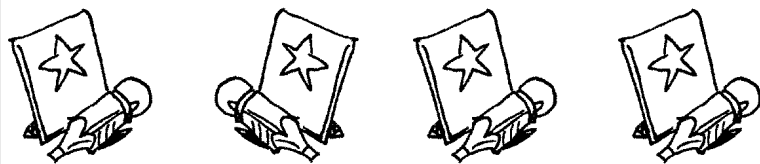
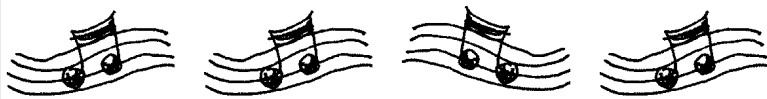


You belong to a larger family than just the people in your home. See how many of your relatives you can name before you visit them at Christmas. When you see them, wish them "Merry Christmas!"



Puzzle

Circle the pictures that are **facing** the **same** way. Then color in all the pictures.



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Prayer

Dear Jesus,
 Help me to trust
 You and to
 remember that
 You are the
 reason we
 celebrate Christmas.
 Amen.



Something to Draw

Ask your mother who she visited while she was waiting for you to be born. Draw a picture of her visiting with a relative or friend.

