

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

455 Hunter Avenue, West Islip, NY 11795

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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

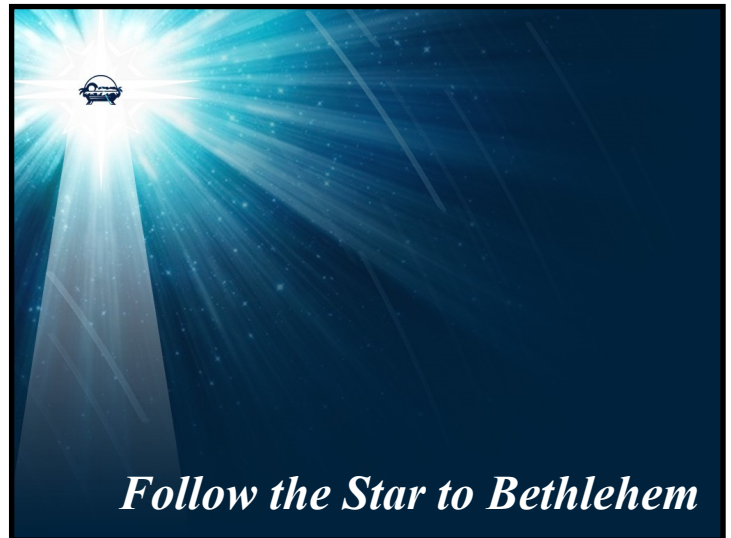
Phone: 631.661.9262 (select option #4)

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

SAGE (*Senior Advocates for Growth and Enrichment*)

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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.

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph • Sunday, December 31, 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

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

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 31, 2023

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
Monday: Num 6:22-27/ Gal 4:4-7/ Lk 2:16-21
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/ Jn 1:19-28
Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:29-36/ Jn 1:29-34
Thursday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/ Jn 1:35-42
Friday: 1 Jn 3:11-21/ Jn 1:43-51
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:33-38
Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/ Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/ Mt 2:1-12

Financial Summary

December 24, 2023

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

*Financial information was unavailable at the time of printing.
It will be published in a subsequent issue.*

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

New Year's Eve/ Day Schedule

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:

8:30am

Church

Fr. Dennis A. Suglia

12:10pm

Church

Fr. Charles Mangano

5:00pm

Church

Fr. Charles Mangano

Please note: The first Mass on New Year's Day (January 1) is at 8:30am, NOT 8:00am



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 (page 8) for tickets. Please return the completed tickets along with your check/cash to the Parish Office.



Follow the Star to Bethlehem

The Christmas Star of Bethlehem

Shines a short time each year and then it fades away

Keep the spirit in your heart all year long

And it will be Christmas everyday.



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.

Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Rosemary Kaste*. 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, Lisa Crowe, Susan Dedes, Joseph Dilegame, Amanda DiTingo, Joanne Egan, Paula Edwards, Ana Ferrante, Helen Ferrante, Mike Ferrante, Christopher Gargiulo, Thomas Geraghty-USMC, Bea Guzzo, William Hacker, Patrick Anthony Heffron, Paul Johnson, Henry Kahn, Shena Kahn, Margaret Kavoures, Dave Kegel, Michael Kegel, Toni Kreamer, Peter Lies, Vincent Marinelli, Seamus Martin, Richard Meyer, Glenn Meyer, Dennis Morgan, Wesley Morrell, Peter O'Connor, Amanda O'Malley, Edward Pauciullo, 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

*Lawrence J. Curreri
Alfred Loffredo*

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, January 1

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God / World Day of Peace

8:30am Salvatore Pinello

12:10pm Brittney Wolf (Living)

5:00pm People of the Parish

Tuesday, January 2

St. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen

8:30am Holy Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, January 3

The Most Holy Name of Jesus

8:30am Mary Guerrera

Thursday, January 4

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

8:30am Living Members of the Bencivinni Family

Friday, January 5

St. John Neumann

8:30am Eugene Langan

Saturday, January 6

St. André Bessette

**8:30am Reneida Rivera, Cresencia Madriaga,
Richard H. Dick**

**5:00pm Barbara & Louie Argento, Matt & Anna Lattanzio,
Alice Cullen, Charles P. Abruzzo, Ellen Buchanan,
Elsie Gargaro, Joseph Modlin**

Fr. Dennis Suglia

Sunday, January 7

The Epiphany of the Lord

8:00am Massimo Ferro (Living)

Fr. Dennis Suglia

9:30am Aloysius Bertino

Fr. Dennis Suglia

11:00am Fortunato & Carmela Maggi

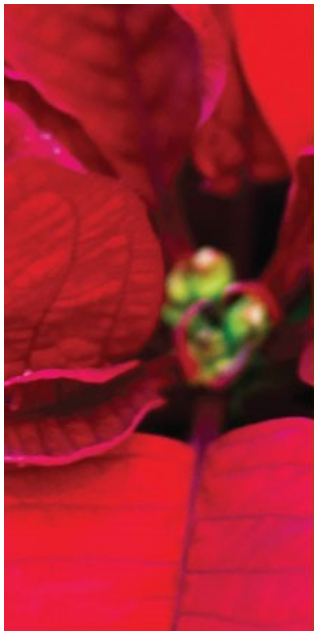
Fr. Charles Mangano

12:30pm Catherine & Carlos Perez

Fr. Charles Mangano

**6:00pm People of the Parish, Anthony Fiorentine,
Bob & Camille Watts, Patricia Ann McCann,
Jack Brzozinski, Bridget Finn**

Fr. Charles Mangano



*Dear Parishioners,
 We would like to thank everyone who gave us gifts, cards or
 delicious goodies for Christmas. Your generosity and thoughtfulness
 is greatly appreciated!
 We wish you a Blessed , Healthy and Happy New Year.*

Fr. Dennis Suglia and Fr. Charles Mangano

Rosary Christian Mothers

The Rosary Christian Mothers usually meet on the first Monday evening of each month. Due to New Year's Day being on a Monday, **the next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 2nd**. We will begin with **Rosary at 7:00pm in the Spiritual Life Center**, immediately followed by our **business meeting in the Spiritual Life Center**.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

We will be having Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on this **Tuesday, January 2nd 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.

Prayer Shawl Ministry / Baby Blanket Bunch

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

Join us ... **Wednesday, January 3 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.

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

Parish Office Schedule

The Parish Office will be open until 2:30pm on New Year's Eve, Sunday, December 31st and will be **closed on New Year's Day**.
It will re-open on Tuesday, January 2nd at 9:00am.



World Peace Day

January 1 is WORLD PEACE DAY.

*May we ALL join in a special prayer for PEACE
which is so badly needed in our world.*

*May we send our prayer to Mary, the Mother of God,
to help bring peace to all God's children.*



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.

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.



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 online, 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.**



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/bsatrop179> or contact us at:
troop179cc@yahoo.com.

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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*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

Casa Project Update

In the past, the "Casa House" in the Narthex has provided housing, bedding and ecostoves for our friends in El Salvador. We couldn't do this without your support and generosity. Next weekend (1/6 and 1/7) we are asking you to give your loose change to our Casa Project. Place your donations in the wooden house located in the north vestibule by the Father Joe Garden. Thank you for your support. We truly appreciate your generosity.



Nocturnal Adoration

"Come to me all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest."

This is Jesus Christ's invitation every first Saturday of the month. The Blessed Sacrament is taken to the altar after the 5:00pm Mass and will be exposed up to 9:50pm. Everyone is invited to spend some time in front of the Blessed Sacrament to offer prayers, petitions and thanksgiving to Jesus. Nocturnal Adoration will follow the 5:00pm Mass on **Saturday January 5th** concluding with Benediction at 9:50pm. Please come and pray with us. All are invited and welcome. Bring a friend!



Butterfly Memory Café - January 5, 2024 from 1:30pm-2:30pm

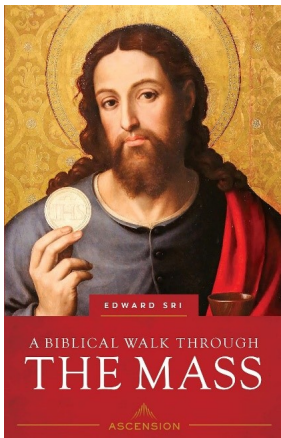
What is a Memory Café? It is a program designed for persons with mild to moderate cognitive impairment and their caregiver to promote social engagement with others navigating through dementia's journey. Activities include crafts, music, reminiscing, art or movement. Light refreshments will be served. 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@gentletoauchseniorcare.com.***

Dementia Caregiver Support Group **Thursday, January 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@gentletouchseniorcare.com to reserve your place.





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!**

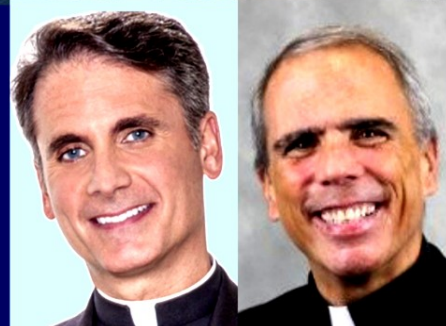
August 12-20, 2024

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!







*A Walk
through
Bethlehem
December 17, 2023*



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.



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/4jb69vbk>

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 "Moving On" Group

An 'After-Bereavement' Group for Widows and Widowers presents:

"Fall Prevention"

Presented by Raymond Smith

Friday, January 12, 2024 at 7:00pm

St. Joseph Parish Center
39 North Carl Avenue,
Babylon, NY 11702

For further information please call:
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JANUARY 1, 2024 • 2 P.M.



Celebrant

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



Homilist

Father Hugues Berrette

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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 will be posted on the Religion and Rock website. To listen online or for more information, visit: www.ReligionandRock.com.

Sharing the Gospel

When Jesus traveled to Jerusalem as a 12-year-old young man, He felt completely at home in the Temple. He enjoyed talking to the teachers about His Father in heaven. His questions and His answers showed how much He loved God.



Mission for the Week

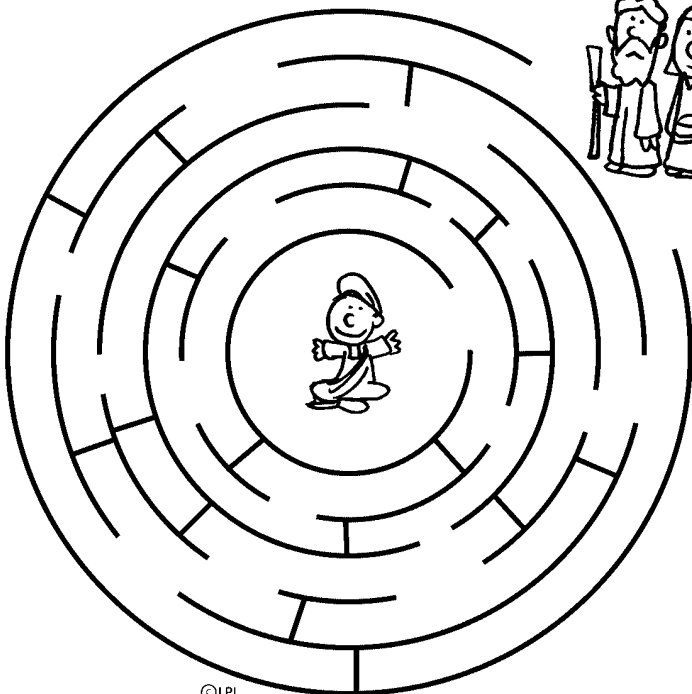


Help visitors to your church feel welcomed. As a family or as a class, be sure to smile and say good morning to folks who are new.



Puzzle

Help Mary and Joseph find Jesus.



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Prayer

Dear Jesus,
Help me
to feel at home
in my church
like Jesus did.
Amen.



Something to Draw

Draw a picture
of yourself
learning about God
with your teacher.

