

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*)

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.

The Epiphany of the Lord • Sunday, January 7, 2024



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 January 7, 2023

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/ Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/ Mt 2:1-12
Monday: Is 55:1-11 or 1 Jn 5:1-9/ Mk 1:7-11
Tuesday: 1 Sm 1: 9-20/ Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/ Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/ Mk 1:40-45
Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/ Mk 2:1-19
Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/ Mk 2:13-17
Next Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/ 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/ Jn 1:35-42

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 24, 2023

Weekly Collection	\$ 17,153.00
Weekly Budget	- \$ 17,800.00
+/- for the week	\$ (647.00)

<u>Christmas</u>	\$ 38,609.00
<u>Parish Ministry</u>	\$ 8,003.00

December 31, 2023

Weekly Collection	\$ 14,431.00
Weekly Budget	- \$ 17,800.00
+/- for the week	\$ (3,369.00)

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



*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



(Epiphany reflection by Pope Francis, in his Apostolic Letter *Admirabile Signum*,
on the meaning and importance of the nativity scene)

At the feast of Epiphany, we place the statues of the Three Kings in the Christmas crèche. Observing the star, those wise men from the East set out for Bethlehem, in order to find Jesus and to offer Him their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. These costly gifts have an allegorical meaning: gold honours Jesus' kingship, incense His divinity, myrrh His sacred humanity that was to experience death and burial.

As we contemplate this aspect of the nativity scene, we are called to reflect on the responsibility of every Christian to spread the Gospel. Each of us is called to bear glad tidings to all, testifying by our practical works of mercy to the joy of knowing Jesus and His love.

The Magi teach us that people can come to Christ by a very long route. Men of wealth, sages from afar, thirsting for the infinite, they set out on the long and perilous journey that would lead them to Bethlehem (cf. *Mt 2:1-12*).

Great joy comes over them in the presence of the Infant King. They are not scandalized by the poor surroundings, but immediately fall to their knees to worship Him. Kneeling before Him, they understand that the God who with sovereign wisdom guides the course of the stars also guides the course of history, casting down the mighty and raising up the lowly.

Upon their return home, they would certainly have told others of this amazing encounter with the Messiah, thus initiating the spread of the Gospel among the nations.

Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Connie Lynch*. 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, David Iloff, Paul Johnson, Henry Kahn, Shena Kahn, Margaret Kavoures, Dave Kegel, Michael Kegel, Ann Kerrigan, Toni Kreamer, Peter Lies, Vincent Marinelli, Seamus Martin, Jodianne Carrino Mentus, 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., 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

Anita Ferruggiari
Linda Jane Sheerin

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



Upcoming Marriages

Briana Bacchi OLL
and
Mark Gude, OLL



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 8

The Baptism of the Lord

8:30am La Rocca & Sweeney Families

Tuesday, January 9

8:30am Dianne Devi Chamanlall

Wednesday, January 10

8:30am Maureen Thompson

Thursday, January 11

8:30am Antonia Martino

Friday, January 12

8:30am John Giordano

Saturday, January 13

St. Hilary

8:30am Laura & Bert Di Paolo

5:00pm Louis Gargiulo, Loriel Graziano Diorio, Mrs. Eileen O'Brien, Joseph John Camerino, Janet Vinciguerra, Gerard Wilson
Fr. Charles Mangano

Sunday, January 14

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am Frank Aparo
Fr. Charles Mangano

9:30am Eric Taube
Fr. Charles Mangano

11:00am Marie Ward
Fr. Dennis Suglia

12:30pm Richard & Pauline Gayda (deceased), Emma Musial, Wladislaw Bulanduski (living)
Fr. Dennis Suglia

6:00pm People of the Parish, Thomas Bartsch, Joseph Vieni, Bridget Keane, Grace Ciccarello
Fr. Dennis Suglia



Long Island Coalition for Life

Pro-lifers are invited to help restore the right to life for preborn children by joining the Long Island Coalition for Life for the Roe v. Wade Anniversary Memorial Face the Truth pro-life event on Sunday, January 21, 2024, from 2:00pm to 3:30pm.

This peaceful public outreach will be held on the sidewalk in front of Nassau University Medical Center (NuHealth, 2201 Hempstead Tpke., E. Meadow). Be a positive sign for LIFE! Signs provided. Rain or shine. Sponsored by: LICL 631-243-1435, info@prolifeLI.org.

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

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!



SAGE

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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

We will be having Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on this **Tuesday, January 9th from 12:30pm to 4:00pm**. **Due to Religious Education Reconciliation, we need to end Adoration at 4:00pm this week.**

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

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



*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



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.



Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Kleinlaut

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.

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.





Congratulations to our newly installed Altar Servers!

***Daniel Boykin, Caitlin Srubar, Tyler Schwarz, Tyler Burnett,
Julia Gliberry, Patrick O'Regan, and John Maxwell***

*May God continue to bless and guide you as you begin your ministry of service at God's holy altar.
Be assured of our prayers, support, and admiration for your commitment
to serving the Lord and our Parish Family.*



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!

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE Name _____ Phone _____ 1 Ticket for \$25; 6 Tickets for \$100	CHRISTMAS RAFFLE Name _____ Phone _____ 1 Ticket for \$25; 6 Tickets for \$100	CHRISTMAS RAFFLE Name _____ Phone _____ 1 Ticket for \$25; 6 Tickets for \$100
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Dementia Caregiver Support Group Thursday, January 18, 2024



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 19, 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.*

St. Agnes of Assisi – The Secular Franciscan Order:

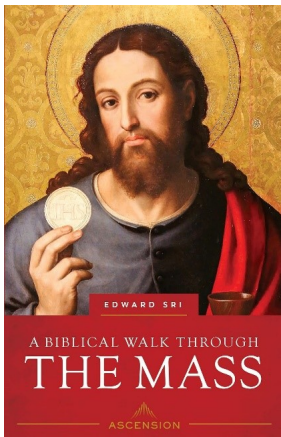
Would you like to give more time to God, but wonder how to do that when your life is so busy? Do you long for holiness, and feel a need for support in growing spiritually? Perhaps your heart has been moved by stories of St. Francis of Assisi, or the Peace Prayer attributed to him, and you are seeking 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.



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*.



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.



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- Mass Daily & Spiritual Activities (English at 10:00 am & Croatian at 6:00 pm)
- Special Times of Prayer and Group Meetings
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**\$3,398 per person
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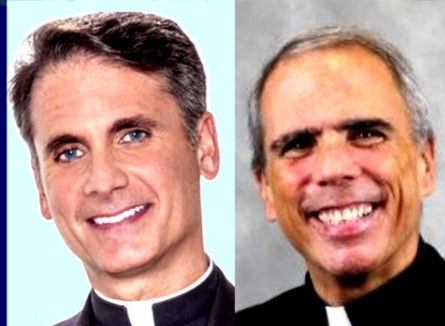
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or

August 19-27, 2024



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2024

MARCH FOR LIFE


JANUARY 19

*With Every Woman,
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See how DRVC will March for Life at:

www.drvc.org/march-for-life




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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.

FRIENDS OF TROOP 179

West Islip, NY

Annual Spaghetti & Dinner Fundraiser

Date: 1/27/2024 **Snow Date:** 2/3/2024

Time: 4 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Location: Our Lady of Lourdes Church, school cafeteria
455 Hunter Avenue, West Islip, NY 11795

Cost: \$10.00 per person (includes 2 \$1 raffle tickets)

All You Can Eat

Spaghetti, Meatballs, Bread, Salad & Dessert

Tickets Can Be Purchased At The Door

If you can't make the event the troop will be taking pre-orders after mass on select weekends at Our Lady of Lourdes Church. You choose a pick up time. Just fill out and submit one of our spaghetti dinner order forms before 1/21/24. Any questions message us on Facebook at Friends of Troop 179 West Islip, NY.

Prizes: Friends Of Troop 179
will be selling raffle tickets
to win many donated prizes
as well as a 50/50 drawing!





Alzheimer's Disease Resource Center

Keeping Help and Hope In Mind

The Alzheimer's Disease Resource Center, Inc. (ADRC) is a Long Island based nonprofit organization dedicated to serving families who may have a loved one with cognitive decline, or impacted by Alzheimer's Disease or another dementia.




ADRC helps families and caregivers meet the growing challenges of this slow journey. We are proud to offer our services *FREE* of charge to our families.

We offer Help and Hope.

631.580.5100
200 Carleton Avenue
East Islip, NY 11730

Scan QR Code
to visit our
website
ADRCinc.org



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Sun, Jan 28, 2024
Mass at 9:00 am

OPEN HOUSE
10:00 am - 1:00 pm

ST. MARTIN OF TOURS SCHOOL · Amityville, NY
www.smtschool.org · (631) 264-7166



Sun, Jan 28, 2024
Mass at 9:30 am

OPEN HOUSE
Begins at 10:30 am

ST. PATRICK SCHOOL · Bay Shore, NY
www.spsbayshore.org · (631) 665-0569



Sun, Jan 8, 2024
Mass at 10:00 am

OPEN HOUSE
11 am - 12:30 pm

ST. ROSE OF LIMA SCHOOL · Massapequa, NY
www.stroseschool.net · (516) 541-1546



OPEN HOUSE
Sat, Jan 27, 2024
10 am - 12 pm

Tours always available. Call for an appointment!

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WWW.LISCHOOLS.ORG

Retrouvaille Weekend - Marriage Struggling?

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other?

Do you argue or have you just stopped talking to each other?

Does talking about it only make it worse?

Are you separated or divorced or thinking about separation or divorce?

The Retrouvaille Program helps couples through difficult times in their marriages.

Long Island/Metro Retrouvaille is a 5013c non-profit, peer ministry. Couples of all faiths, or no faith, are encouraged to attend, and no one is ever turned away for lack of funds.

For confidential information about the Retrouvaille program, or to register for the next weekend on **January 19-21, 2024**, please visit our website at:

www.helpourmarriage.org.

or call: **1-800-470-2230** and you will be connected directly and confidentially to a couple from Long Island/Metro Retrouvaille who can help.

Weekend Location: Immaculate Conception Seminary
440 West Neck Road, Huntington, NY 11743



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✦ Approximately 24,000 students served

✦ 35 Catholic elementary school in network

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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>



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 Carll Avenue,
Babylon, NY 11702

For further information please call:
Linda Sparaco at 631-225-9530 or
Joyce Gangone at 631-813-9356



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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 “**Life's Struggles**”. To listen online or for more information, visit: www.ReligionandRock.com.

Sharing the Gospel

Jigsaw puzzles are fun. Solve a puzzle with your whole family, and it comes together even faster. God helped the wise men solve a puzzle. They wanted to find the newborn king. Together the wise men read God's promises, did their homework, and followed the star. When all of their answers fit, they found baby Jesus.



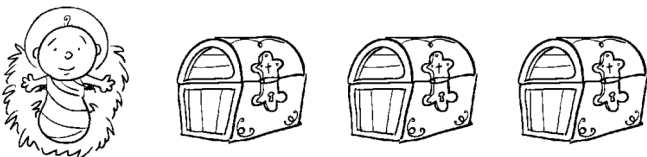
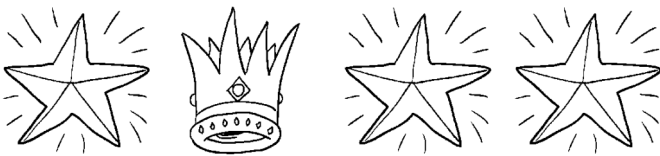
Mission for the Week



Solve a puzzle together with your family. Work together like the wise men did.



Circle the picture that is **different**. Then color in all the pictures.



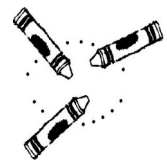
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Prayer



God,
thank you for
all the people
who helped me
find Jesus.

Something to Draw



Draw a picture of
the people who
help you learn
more about Jesus.