

# 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

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Monday-Thursday: 9:00am-7:30pm

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## Religious Education Office

**Phone: 631.661.5440 (select option #3)**

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## Parish Outreach Office

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**SAGE** (*Senior Advocates for Growth and Enrichment*)

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## Liturgical Schedule

### Daily Mass

8:30am

### Weekend Masses

Saturday: 5:00pm

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

### Reconciliation/Confession

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

### Rosary

Daily at 8:00am

### Miraculous Medal Novena

Monday at 8:00am

## Sacraments

### Anointing of the Sick

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

### Baptism

Please contact the Parish Office to schedule an appointment.

### Marriage

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

### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

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

**First Sunday in Lent • Sunday, February 18, 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 Regaa  
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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 February 18, 2024

**Sunday:** Gn 9:8-15/1 Pt 3:18-22/ Mk 1:12-15

**Monday:** Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/ Mt 25:31-46

**Tuesday:** Is 55:10-11/ Mt 6:7-15

**Wednesday:** Jon 3:1-10/ LK 11:29-32

**Thursday:** 1 Pt 5:1-4/ Mt 16:13-19

**Friday:** Ez 18:21-28/ Mt 5:20-26

**Saturday:** Dt 26:16-19/ Mt 5:43-48

**Next Sunday:** Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/ Rom 8:31b-34/ Mk 9:2-10

## Financial Summary

### February 11, 2024

Weekly Collection	\$ 16,774.00
Weekly Budget	- \$ 17,800.00
+/- for the week	\$ (1,026.00)

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

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We are in one of the holiest seasons of the year, the season of Lent. These six weeks before Easter are to help prepare our hearts for the great Feasts of our Redemption – Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday. Besides adding a 12:10 Mass during the week for Lent (Monday – Friday), our Stations of the Cross each Friday at 12:45pm and 7:30pm and the talk this Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> by Kevin Connolly on the Eucharist at 7:30pm (*Great speaker, don't miss it*), I encourage you to also consider spending time with the Lord in Adoration each Tuesday. It will truly bless your soul. We have extended hours of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Tuesday in the Church from 12:30pm to 7:30pm. We started this two years ago on December 14, 2021 and we have approximately 95 parishioners who come throughout the day to pray before the Lord himself, exposed on the altar, truly present in the Eucharist; body, blood, soul and divinity. What does it mean that Jesus is exposed? At 12:30pm every Tuesday, a very large host is placed into a container called a monstrance and placed onto the altar so Jesus is visible and remains there all day. Because of the 12:10pm Mass during the Lenten season, adoration will begin closer to 12:45pm but I invite all of our parishioners to be with the Lord in this way this Lent.

The church teaches that the Eucharist is the Summit and Source of the Christian's life. So, in addition to Holy Mass, Adoration is a special way to spend time with Jesus in the most intimate of ways - one on one.

Some may say, why do I have to go to Adoration, I can stay home and pray. You can pray at home but here is what Bishop Robert Barron says so beautifully about Adoration in **Catholicism, A Journey to the Heart of Faith**: *"Adam, the first man, we hear walked in easy fellowship with God in the cool of the evening and spoke to Him as to a friend. This ordering of Adam to God meant that our first parent was effortlessly caught up in adoration. The term 'adoration' comes from the Latin adoratio, which in turn is derived from ad ora (to the mouth). To adore, therefore, is to be mouth to mouth with God, properly aligned to the divine source, breathing in God's life. When one is in the stance of adoration, the whole of one's life – mind, will, emotions, imagination, sexuality – becomes ordered and harmonized, much as the elements of a rose window arrange themselves musically around a central point."* This happens when seated in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

When we take time to pray and gaze upon the Blessed Sacrament, we realize that the Eucharist is about humility. It is God almighty choosing to be a prisoner of love in the Eucharist for our sake. God longs for us to come to Him, sit before Him, be with Him and let Him love us. In the gospels, Jesus heals the blind. What is the blindness that exists in you and me? Sitting before the Blessed Sacrament in Adoration allows Jesus the time to surface our blindness and begin to heal it. The blindness of bias, prejudice, arrogance, lust, selfishness, self-reliance, etc. Sometimes we don't see these things in ourselves but, the more we spend time with Jesus, He opens our eyes and then we can place these before Him and allow Him to transform our hearts. St. John Vianney writes, *"When we go before the Blessed Sacrament let us open our heart; our good God will open His. We shall go to Him; He will come to us, the one to ask, the other to receive. It will be like a breath passing from One to the other. What delight we find in forgetting ourselves that we may seek God."*

Have a great week walking with your God. With Him you can do the unthinkable, unimaginable and forgive what you think is unforgivable.

Peace and blessings,  
Fr. Charles



## **DIocese OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE**

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Lent 2024

*... We need our prayer to rise with greater insistence to the Father,  
So that He may hear the voice of those who turn to Him  
on the confidence of being answered... Pope Francis*

**Dear Sisters and Brothers,**

On Sunday, January 21 of this year, Pope Francis inaugurated a Year of Prayer ahead of the 2025 Jubilee Year. The Holy Father is calling on the faithful “to pray more fervently to prepare ourselves to live properly this grace-filled event and to experience the power of hope in God.” This Year of Prayer, the Holy Father explained, is dedicated “to rediscovering the great value and absolute need for prayer, prayer in personal life, in the life of the Church, prayer in the world.”

In response to the Holy Father’s initiative, together with Bishop Barres, all the Bishops and I would like to encourage you, especially during this 2024 Season of Lent in particular, to focus on prayer. Traditionally, during this time all Christians are called to practice fasting, prayer, repentance, and almsgiving as a way of drawing us closer to God and reflecting on the meaning of Jesus’ death and resurrection in anticipation of the gift of new life at Easter. All pillars of Lent complement and support each other. Customarily, fasting is a way of disciplining ourselves and expressing our repentance for our sins. By abstaining from certain foods or activities, we show our love for God and our gratitude for His mercy. Fasting also helps us to empathize with those who are less fortunate and to share our resources with them. In fact, prayer binds all these Lenten practices all together, giving them an extra strength and direction. In days to come, as we prepare for the celebration of Easter, let us take this great opportunity to renew ourselves in the life of prayer, making it not just a duty or an obligation but also as a privilege and a joy.

Prayer is a gift from God, connecting us with Him and allowing us to experience His love in our lives. It is a ground for an authentic encounter which God uses to transform us and to make us more like Christ to one another. It is also a power that God grants us to overcome sin and evil and to advance His cause in the world, especially very much needed peace as we reflect these days on the situations in Ukraine, the Holy Land, Syria, Congo, and many other troubled places.

**Personal Prayer.** A classic description says that prayer is “the raising of our mind and heart to God.” We all might have our own experiences of prayer, and we can define prayer in our own and unique ways. However, most important is the fact that during sacred time of the year each of us should make the best effort to make a time for prayer, short or longer, in our daily lives. There are many ways in which we can engage with it during Lent. Many people might continue to follow a lectionary and other materials that provide Scripture readings and reflections for each day of Lent and be led by it to prayer. It is possible use prayer books, journals, apps, or online resources that offer different forms of prayer, such as meditation, contemplation, praise, worship, adoration, thanksgiving, and supplication. In some



places there are groups of friends, or parishioners, who join prayer meetings, retreats, or online communities that share prayer requests and support each other in prayer. Most people create a prayer space in their home or workplace that helps them to focus on God. We should all look for an opportunity to pray without distractions and practice silence or solitude as a way of listening to God and being attentive to His presence. Whatever method or style of prayer we choose, the important thing is to pray with sincerity of heart, humility, honesty, and openness. During Lent, we should pray especially for the grace of conversion, so we can be inspired to experience the need of repentance and change and be led to encounter Jesus in the Sacrament of Penance. May we all grow in a deep desire to know the Lord more intimately and to love him more fully with the hunger for his grace and a thirst for his Spirit.

**Communal Prayer.** Time spent in prayer is never only personal. We all know that every individual action of one person has an impact on the whole community. Together in prayer, as we walk a synodal way, we grow in a deep sense of awareness that every act of love or time of common worship can profoundly strengthen and sanctify the whole Christian community and the whole human family. We are all connected in a special way as members of the Body of Christ, and we share the same mission and vision by celebrating of the Eucharist. This is the most profound and ultimate way of prayer. At each Mass we engage personally with the Paschal Mystery of the Lord and make it our own to be led by him, through the sacrifice of the cross to the glory of his Resurrection and our life in Him. The mystery of the Cross and the mystery of love Jesus shares with us can be understood in a deeper sense through prayer. Renewing our commitment to attend the Mass every Sunday would be the best step to renew ourselves in the life of prayer.

**Prayers for the World.** Both the celebration of the Eucharist and our personal daily prayer nourishes our faith, strengthens our hope, and increases our charity towards others. During Lent and beyond we are called to share our gifts and resources with the world around us, especially with those who are in need. We are to take care of the poor, the oppressed and the marginalized, and are to join them in their struggle for justice and dignity in the best way we can. Every good deed is always inspired and properly executed with the assistance of our continuing prayers, making us God's instruments of peace, justice, and mercy, which is so much needed in the world today.

Dear Friends, prayer is basically a conversation with God who is waiting for us. It doesn't have to be made up of loads of words as it is all about the conversion of heart. It's not just "saying prayers", it is more about living by them, letting our heart declare our love for God and others. Let this Lent be for all of us a sacred time of our spiritual renewal in prayer so we can all become who we are supposed to be in relationship with God and with each other. Our life prayer is a statement about who we are. The future of the world depends on our prayers and begins in us. Even though our prayers do not give any extra reverence to God, they certainly make us more revered before Him so we walk "humbly with the Lord."

Have a blessed and grace filled Lent,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bp. Andrzej Zglejszewski". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**Bishop Andrzej Zglejszewski**  
Episcopal Vicar

**To all my friends and parishioners who attended my Installation last weekend, or those who prayed for me:**

Thank you so much for your kind attention for this special liturgy that we celebrated last week on the Solemnity of Our Lady of Lourdes, February 11<sup>th</sup>. I was overjoyed to see such a packed church as we prayed together on this special occasion, our parish Feast Day.

Many thanks to all of you, especially those who sprinkled me with gifts and cards and those who took the time to greet me before Mass or at the parish luncheon.

A special “shout out” goes to Jerry Esposito, Sister Nancy and Deacon Jack Meehan. We couldn’t have pulled off the day without your special efforts. A warm note of gratitude also to all of Sister Nancy’s helpers who prepared and broke down the cafeteria for such a splendid occasion.

I am ever grateful to our Triune God. He has placed me here under the watchful care of Our Blessed Virgin Mary, Our Lady of Lourdes. I am very happy to be your pastor and to continue to minister to you, along with Fr. Charles, a very fine priest.

I look forward to many more occasions to celebrate together, here at Our Lady of Lourdes. What a wonderful parish family!

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Dennis A. Suglia, Pastor





# Installation Mass & Reception Sunday, February 11, 2024 - 12:30pm Mass

Our Parish Family celebrated the formal installation of Fr. Dennis A. Suglia as the Eighth Pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes. It was wonderful to see so many come out to join in the festivities. Fr. Gerard Gordon, Pastor of St. Martin of Tours in Amityville, (Dean of our area's Deanery) presided over the installation rites. Fr. Dennis then took over as Principal Celebrant of the Mass. During the ceremony, Fr. Dennis consecrated our Parish Family to the protection of the Blessed Mother with a beautiful prayer. What made it even more special was that we were also celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. Following Mass, all were welcomed to a fun parish reception with delicious food and lots of fellowship.

God bless Fr. Dennis and may our Blessed Mother watch over our Parish, always!



## Altar Society

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

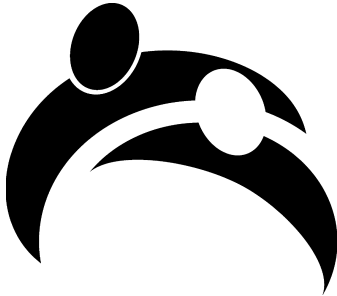
## Members in the Military

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

**Maria Caputo**-US Army  
**Christopher Florca**-US Marine Corps  
**Dominick Gennaro**-US Army  
**Patrick Harty**-US Coast Guard  
**Ritchard Higham**-US Army  
**Keith Horyczun**-US Army  
**Msgr. Brian McNamara**-US Air Force  
**Anthony Memoli**-US Marine Corps  
**Timothy Milligan**-US Marine Corps

**Melissa Mockler**-US Navy  
**Patric Mockler**-US Navy  
**Thomas F. Parson**-US Marine Corps  
**Jack Shires**-US Navy  
**Raymond Sgambati**-US Navy  
**James Stultz**-US Army  
**Alvaro Suarez**-US Army  
**Jack Taffner**-US Marine Corps  
**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 Owen John Barrett, Jeanette Battista, Michael Battista, 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, Ann Kerrigan, Toni Kreamer, Vincent Lichioveri, Peter Lies, Vincent Marinelli, Seamus Martin, Jodianne Carrino Mentus, Glenn Meyer, Richard Meyer, Dennis Morgan, Wesley Morrell, Anthony Musso, Peter O'Connor, Amanda O'Malley, Edward Pauciullo, Rose Pauciullo Cameron Pillitteri, John Posanti, Louise Posanti, Clifford Proctor, William Rivers, Fabian Rojas, Colleen S., Diane Scharen, Robert Scharen, Joseph J. Schiavoni, George Shaddock, Vita Scorcia, David Smiloff, Diana Smiloff, Special Intention/Healing, Celestine Stewart, Louise Sturgeon*

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





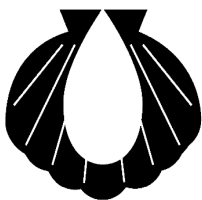
## Rest In Peace

Phillip Greco  
Anne F. Kerrigan  
Eleanor K. McGee  
Joseph Anthony Vitale

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



## Upcoming Marriages



## Baptism

Colton Thomas Rogan

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

## Mass Intentions

Monday, February 19

8:30am Thomas J. Calogero  
12:10pm Miriam Lichtenstein (Living)

Tuesday, February 20

8:30am Pino Cucinella  
12:10pm Mary Kleinlaut (Living)

Wednesday, February 21

St. Peter Damian  
8:30am Tom Collins  
12:10pm Charles & Louise Mangano

Thursday, February 22

The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle  
8:30am Salvatore Graziano  
12:10pm People of the Parish

Friday, February 23

St. Polycarp  
8:30am People of the Parish  
12:10pm Joseph Tessitore

Saturday, February 24

8:30am Ann Batt  
  
5:00pm Cornelius J. Guider, Joseph Gueirrara  
Fr. Dennis Suglia

Sunday, February 25

Second Sunday of Lent  
8:00am Andrew Nangano  
Fr. Dennis Suglia

9:30am Joanne Patunas  
Fr. Dennis Suglia

11:00am Bessie Gruner  
Fr. Charles Mangano

12:30pm Charles Di Giovanna  
Fr. Charles Mangano

6:00pm People of the Parish, John Covello, Nina Holmes,  
Joseph Anthony Vitale  
Fr. Charles Mangano

Note: Celebrant information is subject to change without notice.

## REMEMBER THE PARISH IN YOUR WILL.



Most adults do not have a legal will. Write your will today by visiting [MyCatholicWill.com](http://MyCatholicWill.com).

This Lent, protect those you love most in under 15-minutes through the online, easy-to-use form.

Leave a legacy of faith by including the parish in your will.

[www.MyCatholicWill.com](http://www.MyCatholicWill.com)  
Use code: **PARISH20** to save 20%



## SAGE

Our next SAGE meeting will be **Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>** at 9:30am in the Parish Center.

## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

We will be having Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on this **Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup> 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](http://ollchurch.org)) to check if Adoration has been canceled.

## Men's Prayer Group

The Men's Prayer group will meet on **Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> from 9:00am-11:00am in the Parish Center**. All men are welcome to join us for prayer, conversation and fellowship.

## 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**



Crushed/ Diced Tomatoes  
Cannellini Beans  
Sloppy Joe/ Manwich  
Pancake Mix  
Shampoo

## Additional Lenten Mass and Stations of the Cross

During Lent, we will offer an additional Mass at 12:10pm on weekdays (Monday–Friday). We will also pray the Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 12:45pm and at 7:30pm.

### Lent: Did you know?

You may have noticed a few differences in the way we pray and decorate the church during the season of Lent. These elements in our Lenten liturgies allow us to focus more on the mystery of Jesus' death and resurrection.

### Liturgy:

- + During Lent, we do not sing the *Gloria* except during solemnities such as St Joseph (March 19). Outside of this special Mass, the next time we will sing the *Gloria* again at Mass will be on Holy Thursday at the Mass of the Lord's Supper.
- + The *Alleluia* is removed from the Gospel Acclamation (prior to proclaiming the Gospel) and is replaced with a different sung verse. Together we will sing *Alleluia* during the Easter Vigil.
- + Our liturgical music, in general, will take on a simpler tone to reflect the season.
- + At the Penitential Act, we will be singing "*Kyrie Eleison*"... and "*Agnus Dei*" during the fraction rite...
- + At the 11am Mass each week, we have been witnessing the spiritual journey of our RCIA. On the First Sunday of Lent, our Elect will take part in the "*Rite of Sending*" as he goes forth to the Rite of Election at St. Anne's church in Brentwood. On the Second Sunday of Lent, our candidate will participate in the "*Call to Continuing Conversion.*" During the Third, Fourth & Fifth Sundays of Lent, we will witness our Elect's participation in the Three Scrutinies as he begins the final preparations for full initiation into the Church at the Easter Vigil.



### Church Environment & Other Elements:

- + The décor during Lent is much simpler in order to represent the season. The use of purple and darker tones helps us focus on the subdued the period of Lent.
- + No flowers in Church during Lent. The Roman Rite is specific about the use of flowers for this penitential season. The only exceptions are on the solemnity mentioned above and on Laetare Sunday, the Fourth Sunday of Lent. **Note:** *Flowers brought to church for funeral masses or any other purpose will be removed.*
- + The statues in Church will be covered starting with the Fifth Sunday of Lent. Covering the statues is a custom and a stark reminder of the significance of Lent and allows us to experience a glimpse of heavenly joy and resurrected life once the images are unveiled in time for Easter.

### Some other ritual aspects that are a traditionally a part of "what we do" during Lent are:

- ... the Lenten practices of *prayer, fasting and almsgiving.*
- Lenten devotions such as *Stations of the Cross*...
- ...taking part in other spiritual offerings in the parish, such as attending *Journey Cross & Crucifixion*, etc. as they come up during the season...*see the bulletin, our parish website at [www.ollchurch.org](http://www.ollchurch.org), or our Facebook page for more information.*

As we journey together through the forty days of Lent, let us enter into its spirit by anticipating the new life which comes to us through the resurrection of Jesus at Easter.





## *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](http://www.KofC.org).

**Our next meeting will be Monday, February 26, 2024 in the Parish Center.**



## **COFFEE with JESUS**

### **Lenten Series via Zoom**

#### **Join Bishop Andrzej**

10:00 am on Friday mornings during Lent:

**February 23, March 8 and March 22**

Online Lenten Reflections  
on Scripture Readings,  
with the special emphasis  
on the Last Words of Jesus.

Join this great opportunity to prepare and nourish your mind,  
spirit and heart in preparation for Easter.



To register,  
please call Suzanne 516-744-6850  
or email [westernvicariate@drvc.org](mailto:westernvicariate@drvc.org).

Once you are registered, you will be emailed the  
ZOOM information prior to each session  
of this Lenten series.



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COUNCIL #17379**

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CREATIVE MINISTRIES PRESENTS

# JOURNEY

CROSS & CRUCIFIXION



**Presented at *Our Lady of Lourdes* in West Islip  
on Thursday, March 14 at 8:00PM**

for more information, visit [www.CMPAC.com](http://www.CMPAC.com) or call (631) 218 - 2810

**\*Good Will Offering**





## **Butterfly Memory Café - February 23, 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, February 23<sup>rd</sup>** 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](mailto:hannah@agentletoauchseniorcare.com).***

***Please note: There have been date changes in February and March.***

## **Dementia Caregiver Support Group Thursday, March 21, 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:cassandra@agentletouchseniorcare.com) to reserve your place.***



## **Boy Scout Troop 179**

For 50 years, Our Lady of Lourdes has been sponsoring Boy Scout Troop 179 of West Islip. Troop meetings are held every Thursday at 7:30pm.

If you are interested in learning more about Boy Scouts and our Troop, please check out our website: <https://witroop179.wixsite.com/bsatroop179> or contact us at: [troop179cc@yahoo.com](mailto:troop179cc@yahoo.com).

## **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](mailto:RCIA@ollchurch.org) or call the Parish Office at 631-661-3224, and we would be happy to help you.

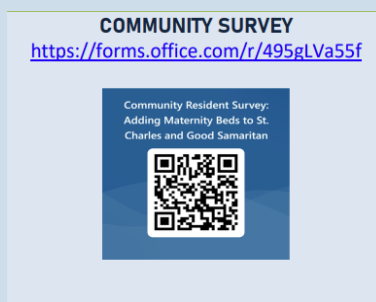


## SHARE YOUR INPUT: EXPANSION OF MATERNITY DELIVERY SERVICES TO ST. CHARLES AND GOOD SAMARITAN UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL

### Please take part in our Community Stakeholder Survey to help us in:

- Understanding the impact on the proposed expansion of maternity services at St. Charles and Good Samaritan University Hospitals
- Your insights are crucial to ensuring the best outcomes for our community
- Contributing to the survey will support in the delivery of the Health Equity Impact Assessment as required by the New York State Department of Health

ACCESS THE LINK OR SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW  
*Your individual responses will remain private .*



## 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](mailto:parishoffice@ollchurch.org).

## Catholic Faith Network (CFN) Telethon February 24-26, 2024

The Catholic Faith Network (CFN) will continue our immense Telethon tradition this year! This exciting event will commence on Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup> from 2:00pm and continue through Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am. Guaranteed to be the most engaging telethon to date, the entertainment will continue with many surprise guests along with our on-air family that you have come to know. Please join the excitement and consider pledging! The process is easy, you can pledge securely online by visiting [www.CFNtv.org](http://www.CFNtv.org) or by scanning the QR Code below, using a smartphone or any smart device. We know we can continue to count on you, as we always have! CFN is available throughout the Tri-State Area on Optimum, channel 29/137; Verizon FiOS TV channel 296; Spectrum, channel 162/471. Additionally, you can tune in nationwide on the following streaming services – Amazon Fire TV, Samsung Smart TV, Roku, Android TV, and Apple TV.



## The Face of Christ - Emphasis on the Eucharist

Wednesday, February 21, 2024 - Our Lady of Lourdes, West Islip

7:30-8:00pm - presentation by Kevin Connolly in the Church

8:00pm - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

*Each person is invited to come up to receive an individual Eucharistic Blessing.*

In his final encyclical, EUCHARISTIA ECLESIA, St. John Paul II Stated, to contemplate the Face of Christ, and to contemplate it with Mary, is the program which I have set before the church at the dawn of the third millennium. How and where can we do this? Come and see!



Kevin Connolly and his wife Anne are members of Our Lady of Lourdes parish in Malverne, NY. They have a daughter, Meghan Anne who lives with her husband Albert in Miami, Florida. For over 30 years, Kevin has spoken at prayer meetings, retreats, and communion breakfasts. He was a featured speaker at the 1996 National Catholic Charismatic Convention and the 1998 Syracuse, NY Congress on the Holy Spirit. Kevin was awarded his Naval Aviator Wings in September of 1977. He flew jet aircraft off the aircraft carriers USS Saratoga and USS John F. Kennedy. Upon leaving the Navy, Kevin flew for TWA and American Airlines internationally and domestically and, in January of 1999, he was selected to fly Saint Pope John Paul II from St. Louis to Rome. Kevin retired as a Captain in May of 2016.

# ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Join us for a night of encounter with our Eucharistic Lord.

Learn about the beauty of adoration,  
and experience it during **Holy Hour**  
with reflections, music, and some quiet time with Jesus.

Tuesday, February 20

7:30pm

Our Lady of Lourdes

Parish Center

West Islip



Ages 21-39



## Pilgrimage to Medjugorje 2024 Dates

**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**

**PILGRIMAGE WITH SPIRITUAL DIRECTORS**  
**Fr. Charles Mangano &  
Fr. Tony Stanganelli**

SCAN HERE

**For Details or to Book Now Visit:**  
[www.pilgrimages.com/frmangano](http://www.pilgrimages.com/frmangano)  
Booking Code: CM100158

## Bereavement Support Group for Widows and Widowers

8 Week Program for Age 50 and Over  
Starting Thursday, March 7, 2024  
3:00pm – 5:00 pm

St. Joseph Parish Center - 39 N. Carll Ave, Babylon

**For losses that have occurred before December 7, 2023**  
**Registration Required**

*For more information and registration, please call:  
Geri Olson 631-661-8994*



**WEST ISLIP  
SYMPHONY  
ORCHESTRA**

# March Concert

**Friday, March 1, 2024, 8 PM**

“No Ceilings: Women in Music”

Paul Little, conducting

FEATURING: *Eliana Kirkup, Harp*

Concerts are  
made possible by:  
Good Samaritan  
Hospital Medical  
Center

**LOCATION: Beach Street Middle School**  
Adults \$10.00, Seniors \$8.00, Students Free  
For more information: [www.westislipsymphony.org](http://www.westislipsymphony.org)

We would like to thank Legislator Steve Flotteron

Concerts are  
made possible by:  
West Islip  
Country Fair  
Committee



**Babylon Lions Club**  
presents

# TAKE OUT PASTA & MEATBALLS DINNER



*All proceeds go to charity*

**SUNDAY, FEB 25<sup>TH</sup> 2024**  
**2:00 PM - 6:00 PM**

*Pre-orders can be placed beginning at 11:00 am*  
**CALL 631-422-7037 TO ORDER YOUR MEALS**  
**631-774-0499 for more information**

**\$25 Per Order - Take Out Only**

*Dinner includes pasta, meatballs with sauce*

**Cash or Credit Card Required at time of pickup**

**COMPLIMENTARY  
BOTTLE OF WINE**

**Pick-up at**  
**Cafe Il Villaggio**  
35 Deer Park Avenue  
Babylon Village  
631-422-7037

# Alzheimer's Disease Resource Center Education Conference

**Thursday, March 14, 2024**  
**9:00 AM - 4:30 PM**  
**Stony Brook University**  
**Student Activities Center**  
**100 Nicolls Road**  
**Stony Brook, New York**



**SANDEEP JAUHAR, MD**

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER**

*Practicing Cardiologist and Bestselling Author*

## CAREGIVER TO CAREGIVER

An interactive panel of family caregivers who will discuss the challenges and rewards of caregiving, what they have learned, and what they wish they knew at the beginning. During a Q & A, they will talk with listeners and address questions from the audience.

**MY FATHER'S BRAIN**, his most recent book, is a memoir of his relationship with his father as he succumbed to dementia. In the book, Jauhar sets his father's descent into Alzheimer's alongside his own journey toward understanding his father's disease. It has been named by *The New Yorker* as one of the best books of 2023.

## BREAKOUT SESSIONS:

- Planning For Your Future/Protecting Your Assets and the Family Home
- Unlocking Potential: The Montessori Method in Dementia Care
- Gamechanger: How Improv & Games Boost Well-being, Creativity & Community
- Progress in the Diagnosis of Alzheimer's Disease
- Navigating the Continuum: A Comprehensive Approach to Dementia Care

**WWW.ADRINC.ORG/EC2024**  
**631.580.5100**

**REGISTER/MORE  
INFORMATION**



## *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 **April 26-28, 2024**, please visit our website at:

[www.helpourmarriage.org](http://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 Diocese of Rockville Centre GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASSES

**Honoring Couples Married Fifty Years**

The Diocese of Rockville Centre would like to honor those couples who celebrated Fifty Years of Marriage in 2024 by inviting them to attend one of the Masses below for a special blessing.

**Sunday, April 21, 2024, at 3:00 p.m.**

The Cathedral of St. Agnes, Rockville Centre  
Celebrant: Most Reverend Andrzej Zglejszewski

**Registration must be received by Tuesday, April 16, 2024**

**Sunday, May 5, 2024, at 3:00 p.m.**

Church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Patchogue  
Celebrant: Most Reverend Robert J. Coyle

**Registration must be received by Tuesday, April 30, 2024**

**Register online at [drcv-faith.org](http://drcv-faith.org)**

For questions, please contact Lisette Robustelli, Associate Director at (516)678-5800 ext. 200 or via email at [lrobustelli@drcv.org](mailto:lrobustelli@drcv.org)







In addition to our parish website ([ollchurch.org](http://ollchurch.org)), please visit us on *Facebook* at *The Parish Family of Our Lady of Lourdes*. Click “Like” and you will receive the latest news on upcoming parish events and information.

## Preparing for Marriage?

### Do you need to fulfill your Marriage Prep Requirement?

Engaged Encounter is an effective Pre-Cana program designed to provide you with the tools for a successful marriage. Our next 2-day weekend will be held at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington on **June 8-9, 2024**. For information please call Lenny & Pat Walker at: 631-563-1032 or visit: [longisland.engagedencounter.com](http://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 June 21-23, 2024** at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington. Register at [WWME.org](http://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. 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday meetings are via Zoom. For more meeting info visit: [al-anon.org](http://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](mailto:Donna526@aol.com) or call Diane at: 631-587-0966 or Donna at: 631-589-3790. Website: [FamiliesAnonymous.org](http://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 “**Relationships**”. To listen online or for more information, visit: [www.ReligionandRock.com](http://www.ReligionandRock.com).



# Sharing the Gospel

In today's Gospel, Jesus spent forty days in the desert. Jesus stayed close to God, and He followed God's directions every day of His life. When Satan came to test Jesus, He was ready. Jesus passed every test beautifully. He said "No" to temptation. When you write spelling words over and over, it is easier to remember them. If you are learning a new language, it helps to make flash cards to practice with. Once you memorize all your words, taking the test is pretty easy. The more you read the Bible and do what God asks in His Word, the easier it will be for you to pass Satan's tests, too.



## Mission for the

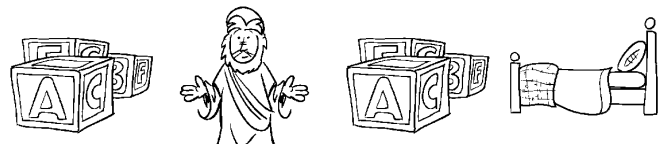
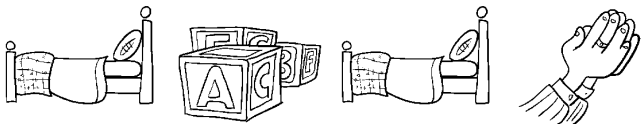


Memorize Proverbs 1:3, "You will learn what is right and honest and fair." Practice writing it and saying it every day, until you know this verse by heart.



### Puzzle

Circle the picture that is the **same** as the **first** one. Then color in all the pictures.



### Prayer

Dear God,  
 help me to  
 stay close to  
 You so that I  
 am ready for my tests.



### Something to Draw

Draw a picture of Jesus helping you remember Bible verses.

