

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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Deacon Rich Maher, Deacon Jack Meehan**

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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

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Religious Education Office

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Monday-Friday: 9:00am-Noon,

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Parish Outreach Office

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Monday - Wednesday - Friday
from 9:30am - 3:30pm ONLY

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.

Fifth Sunday in Lent • March 17, 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

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 Parish Office

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 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 March 17, 2024

Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/ Heb 5:7-9/ Jn 12:20-33
Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/ Jn 8:1-11
Tuesday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/ Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/ Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/ Jn 8:31-42
Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/ Jn 8:51-59
Friday: Jer 20:10-13/ Jn 10:31-42
Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/ Jn 11:45-56
Next Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/ Is 50:4-7/ Phil 2:6-11/ Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39

Financial Summary

March 10, 2024

Weekly Collection	\$ 16,570.00
Weekly Budget	- \$ 17,800.00
+/- for the week	\$ (1,229.00)

Catholic Relief Services \$ 4,435.00

March 3, 2024

Weekly Collection	\$ 19,205.00
Weekly Budget	- \$ 17,800.00
+/- for the week	\$ 1,405.00

Easter Flowers \$ 5,248.00

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

St. Patrick... St. Joseph... and their Trust in God.

On Sunday, March 17th, we commemorate the Feast of Saint Patrick, and on Tuesday, March 19th, the Solemnity of Saint Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We look to both saints as inspirations to live a life with God at its center.

We find reminders in the Church of the holy example of these two saints who heard God's call and followed it unfailingly and courageously, enduring trials and difficulties along the way – but always steadfast in their trust in God. We pray for their intercession, we gaze upon statues and paintings looking for inspiration, we worship in churches named after them, and we live in cities, dioceses, and countries entrusted to their care. Let's take a glimpse into their lives.

St. Patrick was born Maewyn Succat in the late 4th century in Britain which was part of the Roman Empire at the time. He was captured by Irish raiders at the age of 16 and then taken to Ireland to live as a slave, looking after animals. It was during his time as a slave that he strengthened his relationship with God through prayer and he eventually converted to Christianity from atheism.

After six years, following the voice of God, he escaped from Ireland and became a priest at which time his name was changed to Patricius. He followed God's voice once again, this time to return to Ireland to minister to God's people there, converting many. Through his tireless evangelization, the words Irish and Catholic very nearly became synonymous.

Just as complete was St. Joseph's devotion to Jesus and Mary. He was their protector in dangerous times. Much of what we know of St. Joseph comes from Scripture. There was no indication to those in his community that St. Joseph was anything special. He was a normal guy, a regular "Joe", so to speak, just like us. But God chose him, and he responded. When he found out Mary was pregnant, he showed her mercy by planning to quietly divorce her instead of condemning her. And when an angel appears to him in a dream to tell him not to be afraid to take her into his home, he obeys. When Herod threatens to kill Jesus, God tells Joseph to take his family and flee to Egypt, he obeys. When God tells him it's safe for his family to return to Israel, he obeys. When God tells him not to go back to Judea but to Nazareth instead, he obeys. On numerous occasions, when God speaks to Joseph in his dreams, he obeys. He puts his faith in God. The same is true for St. Patrick.

It is easy to see that saints like Patrick and Joseph have little in common with our lives today. It is easy to convince ourselves that we could never match their devotion to God -- that we could never be a saint. But the lesson of their lives is just the opposite. St. Patrick was a slave whom God called to bring Christ's message of salvation to a nation, while St. Joseph was a carpenter whom God tasked with protecting our Lord Jesus Christ and Mary in the service of God's will. Both St. Patrick and St. Joseph answered every trial in their lives by placing their trust in God. We pray for their intercessions so we can do the same.

St. Patrick... pray for us; St. Joseph... pray for us.

Peace and Blessings,

Deacon Nilo

Attention Ushers and Eucharistic Ministers

Holiday Ushers and Eucharistic Ministers are needed for services during Holy Week and on Easter Sunday at all Masses.

Please note your availability in the "Sign In Room."

Thank you for your service to our Parish family.



A Plenary Indulgence Granted by Papal Decree

Lourdes Virtual Pilgrimage Experience™

In Honor of St. Bernadette's Feast Day



Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

455 Hunter Avenue West Islip, NY

Saturday, April 13th 7:00 PM

Followed by refreshments
in the All-Purpose room

- ★ ***Receive Lourdes Water***
- ★ ***Touch the Grotto Rock***
- ★ ***Adoration & Benediction***
- ★ ***Rosary Decade & Procession***

For information contact:

Parish Office 631-661-3224 or
parishoffice@ollchurch.org



Our Lady of Lourdes Hospitality

North American Volunteers

www.LourdesVolunteers.org

Are You In Need of Mercy? Divine Mercy Prayer Service



Are you familiar with the Divine Mercy of Jesus? On February 22, 1931, Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ appeared to a nun by the name of Sister Maria Faustina Kowalska. She was from the Congregation of Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in Cracow, Poland. Jesus appeared to her bringing with Him a wonderful message of Mercy for all people. In the apparition she saw Jesus standing before her in a white robe. With His left hand He was pulling back His garment revealing His heart, out of which came white and red rays (*symbolic of the blood and water which flowed from His side when pierced with a lance on the cross. This image reminds us of the tender Mercy of God which was shed upon the world at Calvary*). This image of Jesus as He appeared to St. Faustina can be seen hanging on the back wall of the church behind the last pew. It is in the heart of Jesus that we find love, mercy, strength, hope and healing. Jesus said to St. Faustina, “the greater the sinner, the greater their right to my mercy.” No matter what sin one commits, if their heart is truly repentant, God will forgive them.

In the year 2000, Pope John Paul II (now a Saint) canonized Sister Faustina a saint, making this apparition worthy of belief. The Holy Father also declared the Second Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday throughout the whole Church. Jesus asked this of St. Faustina.

Therefore, as a parish, we will be celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday on **April 7, 2024**. We will praise God for His eternal love and abundant mercy. How? There will be a prayer service in the Church from 2:30pm until 4:30 pm. The prayer service will consist of exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, readings from scripture, praying the chaplet of Divine Mercy (*which consists of various prayers which Jesus gave to Sister Faustina to give to the world. This chaplet is prayed on ordinary rosary beads*), the sorrowful mystery of the rosary, singing and the opportunity to venerate the image of the Divine Mercy and the first-class relic of Saint Faustina. All are welcome to join us.

In the apparition of Jesus to St. Faustina, He also gives us the Divine Mercy Novena to pray and, like all Novenas, it is 9 days. The Novena begins on Good Friday and ends the day before Divine Mercy Sunday. The Novena is very unique because Jesus gives us the intentions that He wants us to pray for over the 9 days. It is a most beautiful and selfless prayer. There will be red Novena pamphlets at all the doors of the church in case you need one.

A huge and merciful gift given us on Divine Mercy Sunday is that we can receive a plenary indulgence. Jesus promised this to us through St. Faustina when He reminded us of His great mercy. What is a plenary indulgence? It is the total remission (*washing away*) of temporal punishment due to sin. When I confess my sin with a sincere and contrite heart, I am totally forgiven but the temporal (*the here and now*) damage that was done to others (*and myself*) as a result of my sin remains. That’s why we do penance to try to repair the damage we have done. That is what purgatory is about. That’s why a plenary indulgence is a merciful gift from the Lord. How can one receive it? Here are the requirements: One must go to Mass and receive Holy Communion on the feast of Divine Mercy, April 6th / 7th. One must go to confession within 10 days of the feast (*either before or after*), pray the Apostles Creed (*which is your profession of faith*), take a few moments to reflect on the mercy you have received in your life, pray one Our Father and Hail Mary for the Pope’s intention and lastly, have a desire to be freed from the attachment to sin. **Priests will be hearing confession during the prayer service on Sunday, April 7th for your convenience.**

Several years ago, Fr. Charles and his sister recorded a Divine Mercy Album which consists of the Divine Mercy Chaplet presented in three different ways: scriptural, traditional and sung. It also has the Litany of the Divine Mercy and several reflection songs. The purpose of the CD is to help you pray and reflect more deeply on the love of our Lord expressed in his passion. The CD’s are sold through their music ministry website: www.frcharleslaurie.com.

Altar Society

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

Members in the Military

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

Maria Caputo - <i>US Army</i>	Timothy Milligan - <i>US Marine Corps</i>
Christopher Florca - <i>US Marine Corps</i>	Melissa Mockler - <i>US Navy</i>
Dominick Gennaro - <i>US Army</i>	Patric Mockler - <i>US Navy</i>
Patrick Harty - <i>US Coast Guard</i>	Thomas F. Parson - <i>US Marine Corps</i>
Ritchard Higham - <i>US Army</i>	Jack Shires - <i>US Navy</i>
Keith Horyczun - <i>US Army</i>	Raymond Sgambati - <i>US Navy</i>
Luke Loftsgarden - <i>US Army</i>	James Stultz - <i>US Army</i>
Msgr. Brian McNamara - <i>US Air Force</i>	Alvaro Suarez - <i>US Army</i>
Anthony Memoli - <i>US Marine Corps</i>	Jack Taffner - <i>US Marine Corps</i>

... and remember those of our parish family that are in the armed services, listed in our Parish Book of Intentions.



Pastoral Care of Our Sick

Please call the Parish Office at 631-661-3224 to leave the names of parishioners who:

- Are homebound and would like to receive the Eucharist.
- Are in Good Samaritan Hospital and/or a local nursing home and would like to be visited by a member of our Pastoral Care Ministry.
- Would like to receive the Sacrament of the Sick.

Pray for Our Sick

Please remember to keep in your thoughts and prayers ...

Joe Amadeo, Sandra Amberg, Connie Ambrosino, Baby Owen John Barrett, Jeanette Battista, Thomas J. Calogero III, Susan Dedes, Joseph Dilegame, Amanda DiTingo, Joanne Egan, Paula Edwards, Anna Ferrante, Helen Ferrante, Mike Ferrante, Christopher Gargiulo, Thomas Geraghty-USMC, Bea Guzzo, Patrick Anthony Heffron, Herbert Higgins, Paul Johnson, Henry Kahn, Shena Kahn, Margaret Kavoures, Dave Kegel, Michael Kegel, Toni Kreamer, Peter Lies, Vincent Marinelli, Seamus Martin, Jodianne Carrino Mentus, Glenn Meyer, Richard Meyer, Wesley Morrell, Anthony Musso, Peter O'Connor, Amanda O'Malley, Edward Pauciullo, Rose Pauciullo, Cameron Pillitteri, John Posanti, Louise Posanti, William Rivers, Fabian Rojas, Colleen S., Diane Scharen, Robert Scharen, Joseph J. Schiavoni, Gary Shaddock, George Shaddock, Vita Scorcia, David Smiloff, Diana Smiloff, Special Intention/Healing, Celestine Stewart, Louise Sturgeon, Dolores Thaxter

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



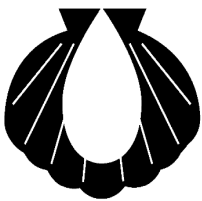
Rest In Peace

Linda Marie Macholz

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



Upcoming Marriages



Baptism

Beau Walker Blau
Logan Nicholas Galasso

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.

Mass Intentions

Monday, March 18

St. Cyril of Jerusalem

8:30am Charles & Louise Mangano
12:10pm Patricia McCann

Tuesday, March 19

St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30am Joseph Donnelly, Sr.
12:10pm John Lyons

Wednesday, March 20

8:30am Joseph Terebetski
12:10pm Joseph Lally

Thursday, March 21

8:30am Konstantine Angelopoulos
12:10pm Ann Ciago

Friday, March 22

8:30am Barbara Nordstrom
12:10pm Vincent & Antoinette Attallah

Saturday, March 23

St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

8:30am Frank L. Obremski

5:00pm Patricia Heartt, John Varley, Frank L Obremski,
Edward Young, Elisabeth Dolan
Fr. Dennis Suglia

Sunday, March 24

Palm Sunday

8:00am Frank Aparo
Fr. Dennis Suglia

9:30am Dorothy Brando
Fr. Dennis Suglia

11:00am Cecilia Force
Fr. Charles Mangano

12:30pm Tom Collins
Fr. Charles Mangano

6:00pm People of the Parish, Ellen Shay, Pete de Roxes,
Joseph Anthony Vitale, Mary Virginia Pagan,
Lydia Cavallone
Fr. Charles Mangano

Note: Celebrant information is subject to change without notice.



"Each of us is the result of a thought of God. Each of us is willed, each of us is loved, each of us is necessary."

- Pope Benedict XVI

March, Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month

DIOCESE of ROCKVILLE CENTRE
 **Office of Human Life,
Family and Bioethics**

Pregnant? Need Help?

Birthright, Inc. 24 Hour Helpline 1-800-550-4900

Islip: 631-277-3888 - Hampton Bays: 631-728-8900 - Rocky Point: 631-821-9727

Southold: 631-876-5138 - Wantagh 516-785-4070

SAGE

Our next SAGE meeting will be **Tuesday, March 19** at 9:30am in the Parish Center.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

We will be having Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on this **Tuesday, March 19th from 12:45pm 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.

Men's Prayer Group

The Men's Prayer group will meet on Wednesday, March 20 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.

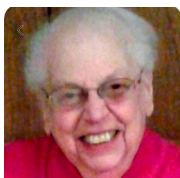
Donations to Outreach

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



Canned Beets
Crushed Tomatoes
Canned Fruit
Spaghetti Sauce
Soap



Memorial Mass for SAGE member Theresa McCarthy

There will be a Memorial Mass for SAGE member Theresa McCarthy on Saturday, March 23, 2024 at 9:30am. Pastries and refreshments will be served after Mass in the Parish Center.

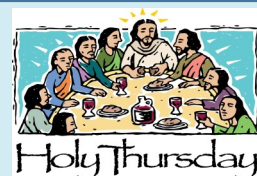


Easter Candles

Once again, we are offering the *Loving Candles* which will be lit on Holy Saturday. This symbolic light is a beautiful way to remember our loved ones - both living and deceased - and will remain lit throughout the life of the candle (approximately a week). The *Loving Candles* will be available after all weekend Masses on the weekends of March 16-17 and March 23-24, and will also be available at the Parish Office (Rectory) effective March 16 for a donation of \$10. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at 631-661-3224, ext. 121.

Holy Thursday Family Service - 4:30pm in the Church

All families are invited to an interactive reenactment of the Last Supper, the First Eucharist and Jesus' loving service to the apostles. This service will involve parents, grandparents and children alike. This is a special, spiritual way, to begin the days of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter.



Easter Egg Hunt - Saturday, March 30 at 11:00am

All children and their families are invited to be part of our Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 30th at 11:00am on the Great Lawn. (Rain or Shine) Bring your Easter Baskets and get ready for a fun time. Find Easter Eggs! Play Games! Meet the Easter Bunny! The Easter Bunny really likes to have his picture taken with the children, so be sure to bring your camera!



LENT / 2024 - Religious Education Grades 6/7/8 and their Families

Come and pray this Lent - Sunday, 6:00pm Mass

5 th Sunday of Lent	Mar 17	Grade 7	"Serve" our Parish Family
Palm Sunday	Mar 24	Grade 8	"Pray" as Holy Week begins

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Sunday, Feb 18, 2024 Dennis Martinez participated in the Diocese of Rockville Centre Rite of Election at St. Anne's in Brentwood with Bishop Luis Miguel Romero Fernandez as Presider, and all parishes in Suffolk County attending. Dennis is now called "The Elect" and no longer called Catechumen.



On Sunday, Feb 25, 2024 we celebrated the Call to Continuing Conversion for our baptized candidate, Jared Carrino, here at Our Lady of Lourdes at the 11:00am Mass.

These are important steps in the journey of the RCIA. It's a clear sign to the community that they are coming closer to receiving the Sacraments of Initiation and Full Communion with the Church at our Easter Vigil, Saturday, March 30. On Sundays, March 3, March 10, and March 17, the Third Sunday of Lent, and continuing on the Fourth and Fifth Sundays of Lent, at the 11:00am Mass we will celebrate the "Scrutinies." "The Elect" will continue to remain "united with Christ and make progress in his efforts to love God more deeply". The Church gives us this public and life-giving process DURING LENT so that these good and holy people can be nourished and supported by our parish family. At the same time, we know that when we initiate others, we confront and renew our own identity as members of the Catholic Christian community. Please continue to pray for our RCIA and our RCIA team.



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, March 25, 2024 in the Parish Center.



**K of C Council #17379
Pancake Breakfast
March 3, 2024**



EASTER FLOWER SALE

March 16th and March 17th after all Masses



OUR LADY OF LOURDES KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #17379



A Huge Thank You!

On behalf of the Knights of Columbus Council #17379, we would like to thank the following people for their help, guidance and support in making our recent Pancake Breakfast such a successful event: Fr. Dennis - our K of C Chaplain, Fr. Charles and the Frassati Young Adult Group, our Deputy Chaplain - Deacon Rich Maher, Sister Nancy and members of a 7th grade R.E. class, Patti Anderson, i-Delizia Deli, Brother Knight John Nam and his Family, Scoutmaster Jim Flori and BSA Troop 179, Tim Jaccard and the AMT Children of Hope, Thomas Aziz who is one of our young Ushers, our Culinary Facilitators - Dottie Perdue and Rita Vandenburg and, most especially, the wonderful support from YOU, our amazing Parish Family. The Knights of Council #17379 are truly grateful for the ongoing support we always experience from Our Lady of Lourdes Parish.



Knights of Columbus Council #17379



Pilgrimage to Medjugorje



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)



August 19 - 27, 2024

**\$3,398 per person
from New York (JFK)**



PILGRIMAGE WITH SPIRITUAL DIRECTORS

**Fr. Charles Mangano &
Fr. Tony Stanganelli**

**For Details and to Book Now Visit:
www.pilgrimages.com/frmangano
Booking Code: CM100158**



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2024 Parish Summer Pilgrimage with Spiritual Directors **Fr. Charles Mangano and Fr. Tony Stanganelli sponsored by 206 Tours**

Where to? Medjugorje (former Yugoslavia, now Bosnia Hercegovina). \$3,398.00 includes airfare, lodging, meals (breakfast and dinner), tour guide, etc. Medjugorje means between the mountains because mountains surround the village. This is the place where the alleged apparitions of Our Lady have been occurring since 1981. We will be staying in the home of Ivan, the alleged visionary, and we will be present while he has the alleged apparition of Our Lady each day. When the children asked Our Lady the reason for her coming, her response was **“My Son has sent me because we are concerned about your salvation.”** (The salvation of everyone). When they asked her, “Why did you chose Medjugorje?”, her response was, **“Because I have found faith here.”** Pilgrims come from all over the world, and seeing their strong faith empowers our soul with deeper faith, hope and love. We will experience adoration of the Blessed Sacrament outdoors under the stars along with thousands of other pilgrims. It is an experience of a lifetime. We will also have the opportunity to climb Apparition Hill while praying the rosary (*the site of the first alleged apparition*) and Cross Mountain as we pray the stations of the cross. For those who choose not to climb the mountains, they are free to gather in Ivan’s chapel and pray the rosary and stations of the cross as a group. The love for Jesus and Mary is so evident in Medjugorje that it’s palpable in the village. Medjugorje is a place where Heaven touches the earth. You will not only see and be in awe of the long lines of people waiting to go to confession, but you will also have the opportunity to go to the sacrament if you choose to do so. A pilgrimage is a microcosm of life. As a group we will pray together, learn more about Our Lord’s and Our Lady’s love for us, sing, laugh, relax and experience much more together. The alleged visionaries in Medjugorje tell us that no one goes to Medjugorje by accident. They are called individually by Our Lady. What an awesome thought! All are welcome. If you feel called to go to Medjugorje, I invite you to respond to Our Lady’s invitation. See the 206 Tours ad in the bulletin.

Reconciliation Monday 2024

Monday, March 25th

Experience the liberating grace of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance). Confessions will be available in every Catholic Church in the Diocese of Rockville Centre from 2-4 p.m. & 6-9 p.m.

To find a parish near you, visit: www.drvc.org/maps

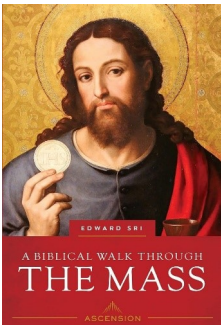


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Please note: Confessions will be available here at Our Lady of Lourdes from 3:00pm straight through until 9:00pm.

2024 Spring Bible Study “A Biblical Walk Through the Mass”



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 at 631-661-3224 ext. 121. All are welcome.



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 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 - March 22, 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, March 22nd** 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@gentletouchseniorcare.com.*

Please note: There has been a date change in March.

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.



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.

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.

FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH

TUESDAY, MARCH 19 7:30 PM | OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH CENTER

Join us on March 19th
as we celebrate the
Feast of St. Joseph and
learn more about
Mary's Most Chaste
Spouse



Ages 21-39



St. Joseph, Terror of Demons by Bernadette Carstensen



Calling Veterans to Join the AMERICAN LEGION
Organized by WW I Veterans in 1919 to promote AMERICANISM.

Any Veteran that has served in the US Military and has an Honorable Discharge indicated on his DD214 is eligible for membership. The Legion is an active member of the community that helps Veterans and youth organizations.

There is one active Legion Post that serves Our Lady of Lourdes Church community.

West Islip Post 1738
Contact Kevin Crumlish
631.983.9854

Babylon Chorale Auditions

The Babylon Chorale will hold auditions on
Monday evening, March 25 and April 1, 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 email info@babylonchorale.org.



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.

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

Good Samaritan University Lecture Series:

Let's Make Healthy Choices



Wednesday, March 20

6:00 pm

West Islip Fire Department
309 Union Blvd, West Islip

Good Samaritan University Hospital's nutrition team will provide a cooking demonstration and latest tips on healthy eating habits.

Food and refreshments will be available.

To attend, please RSVP to (631) 376-4444.



goodsamaritanuniversity.org

RETROUVAILLE

HelpOurMarriage.org

A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

Because no marriage is beyond hope...

Is your marriage tearing you apart?

Do you feel hurt and angry?

Does talking make it worse?

Thought of leaving or divorce?

Is your marriage heading in the wrong direction.

Retrouvaille can help.

Our Next Weekend is

April 26-28, 2024

Immaculate Conception Seminary, Huntington

To register or for more information:

1-800-470-2230

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Retrouvaille is a practical program for married couples facing difficult challenges. It is not counseling and you will not be asked to share the personal details of your story.

Retrouvaille is different; it's a way to improve your communication, help you reconnect, and build a healthy, happier, stronger marriage.

Catholic in origin, couples of all faiths, or no faith background, are welcome to attend. We are a Christian Peer Ministry offering tens of thousands of marriages hope in over 160 communities world-wide.

The Babylon Chorale presents:

Handel's 'Messiah'

Parts II and III

with professional soloists and orchestra

Saturday, March 23, 2024 at 7:30 pm

St. Peter's By-The-Sea Episcopal Church

500 South Country Rd., Bay Shore, NY

Advance Sale: \$20 / Adults;

\$14 / Students & Seniors 60+

Door Sale: \$25 / Adults,

\$19 / Students & Seniors 60+

\$10 / Children 10 and under at all times

To purchase tickets online or for further information,

visit our website at: www.babylonchorale.org

or email: info@babylonchorale.org



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

Preparing for Marriage?

Do you need to fulfill your Marriage Prep Requirement?

Engaged Encounter is an effective Pre-Cana program designed to provide you with the tools for a successful marriage. Our next 2-day weekend will be held at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington on **June 8-9, 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 June 21-23, 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 “Coping”. To listen online or for more information, visit: www.ReligionandRock.com.

Sharing the Gospel

When you act bossy, selfish, or rude, no one will want to spend time with you. You will be lonely and unhappy. Follow the example of Jesus instead. Be strong in your faith. Do all that God asks you to do, even when it is not easy. Be honest. Be kind. Share what you have been given. Be helpful. Forgive. Show everyone what God is like. When you follow Jesus' example, you won't be lonely. When people around you see that your faith is real, they will come to you for help. They will want to know what makes you different. Then you can point them to Jesus.



Mission for the Week



Look for ways to be helpful in your family. Help set the table. Take the trash out. Put away your toys and books without being asked. When your family notices you being so helpful, tell them you are trying to follow Jesus' example.



Puzzle

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

grain	wheat	dies
suffer	glory	voice
give	life	serve

raing	<u>g</u> <u>r</u> <u>a</u> <u>i</u> <u>n</u>
wehat	_____
desi	_____
iveg	_____
lefi	_____
serev	_____
fusfer	_____
glyro	_____
oicev	_____

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Prayer

Dear God,
 Help me to
 follow Jesus.
 I want to show
 everyone how
 great You really are.



Something to Draw

Draw a picture of yourself sharing your lunch with a friend who has no food.

