

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

455 Hunter Avenue, West Islip, NY 11795

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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.

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord • Sunday, March 24, 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
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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 24, 2024

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

Monday: Is 42:1-7/ Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/ Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/ Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/ 1 Cor 11:23-26/ Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13—53:12/ Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9/ Jn 18:1—19:42

Saturday: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/ Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/ Ex 14:15—15:1/ Is 54:5-14/ Is 55:1-11/ Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/ Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/ Rom 6:3-11/ Mk 16:1-7

Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/ Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/ Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7

Financial Summary

March 17, 2024

Weekly Collection	\$ 15,078.00
Weekly Budget	- \$ 17,800.00
+/- for the week	\$ (2,722.00)

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

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 4:30pm. 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.

Monday of Holy Week

March 25

Mass **Cheryl Nappo - 25th Anniversary** **8:30 AM**

Daily Readings: Is 42:1-74/ Jn 12:1-11

Mass **Robert Attallah & Family (Living)** **12:10 PM**



*Altar Bread and Wine
For Holy Week
In memory of Jamie Munkwitz*



Sacrament of Reconciliation / Confession **3:00 PM - 9:00 PM**

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a powerful way to experience God's grace and healing. Confessions here at Our Lady of Lourdes will be available from 3:00pm straight through until 9:00pm. Parishes throughout Long Island, will be open between the hours of 2:00pm and 9:00pm for individual confessions. By making the sacrament so widely and easily available, we hope that everyone will take advantage of this opportunity. As a reminder, here at Our Lady of Lourdes, we also celebrate this Sacrament every Saturday from 4:00-4:45pm in the Parish Center and always by appointment with a priest.

Tuesday of Holy Week

March 26

Mass **Paul Breitfeller** **8:30 AM**

Daily Readings: Is 49:1-6/ Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Mass **Lillian, Chris & Anthony Brienza** **12:10 PM**

Wednesday of Holy Week

March 27

Mass **Jamie Munkwitz** **8:30 AM**

Daily Readings: Is 50:4-9a/ Mt 26:14-25

Mass **Beshara Beshara & Antoinette Beshara** **12:10 PM**
Living & Deceased Members

Holy Thursday

March 28

Morning Prayer

8:30 AM

The Church comes together on this morning to seek God's blessing and to give praise to the Lord! Come and pray as we prepare to enter the Triduum together.

Children's Liturgy

4:30 PM

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.

Mass of the Lord's Supper

7:30 PM

Mass People of the Parish

Fr. Dennis - Celebrant



This Mass recalls for us the institution of the Sacraments of Eucharist and Holy Orders. During the Mass, Fr. Dennis Suglia will wash the feet of some of the members of our parish community. The Washing of the Feet, *the Mandatum*, is a reminder that each of us – clergy, religious and lay people – is called to be a servant to one another. At the end of Mass, we will process to the Parish Center – led by some of the third graders who received the Eucharist for the first time last year. All are invited to come and pray before the Blessed Sacrament until Midnight when we will have our concluding prayer which ends Adoration.

Good Friday

March 29

Morning Prayer

8:30 AM

On this holy and solemn morning, we come together to hear God's Word, pray the psalms and unite as we prepare to recall the death of Jesus this day.

Confessions

8:45 AM - 9:30AM

Our priests will be available during this time for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Children's Good Friday Service

12 Noon

Once again, the children of our parish lead us in prayer as we recall Jesus' death and are reminded of His great love for us! During this service, we'll listen to the story of the Passion as led by our parish's third graders. There will be an opportunity to come forward and touch (or venerate) the cross.

Celebration of the Lord's Passion

3:00 PM

Fr. Charles - Celebrant

This solemn service focuses on the Passion of Jesus. We will listen to some of the most profound readings of the Church year. There will be an opportunity to venerate the cross individually. Finally, we will receive the Eucharist, the Bread of Life. Following this service, all are invited to remain in the Church for a time of prayer and reflection.



Stations of the Cross

7:30 PM

Meditate upon the Passion and Death of Jesus.

Holy Saturday

March 30

Morning Prayer

8:30 AM

On this holy and solemn morning, we come together to hear God's Word, pray the psalms and unite as we wait in joyful hope for the celebration of the Resurrection.

Blessing of the Family Easter Food

8:45AM (After Morning Prayer)

We invite all to bring their Easter food for this special prayer service and blessing in the Church.

Confessions

8:45AM- 9:30 AM (Following the Blessing)

Our priests will be available during this time for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Easter Egg Hunt

11:00 AM

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!

Confessions

4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Our priests will be available during this time for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

The Great Vigil

7:30 PM

Mass

Novena

Fr. Dennis - Celebrant



We will gather together at 7:30pm in the Narthex and bless the new fire and Paschal Candle. We will be led by the light of the Paschal candle (*the symbol of the Risen Christ*) into the darkened Church spreading among us the Light of Christ. The Easter Vigil is one of the most beautiful ceremonies of the entire liturgical year. During the Vigil, we celebrate the Paschal Mystery – Jesus Christ has gone through death to new life – in a most prayerful and spirit-filled way! The Easter Vigil is much more than just “Easter Mass” – it is the heart of who we are as the people of God. We are renewed because we hear God's Word, renew our Baptismal vows, celebrate the Easter sacraments with women and men of the RCIA and share in the gift of the Eucharist. Come and pray with our parish family.

Following the Great Vigil, we'll have light refreshments in the Parish Center as we celebrate with those who have been baptized and confirmed.

Easter Sunday - March 31, 2024

8:00 AM **Novena**
Church *Fr. Charles*

9:30 AM **Novena**
Church *Fr. Charles*

11:00 AM **Novena**
Church *Fr. Dennis*

12:30 PM **Novena**
Church *Fr. Dennis*

There will be NO 6:00pm Mass on Easter Sunday.

We will be live-streaming our Masses on our parish Facebook page.

You do not need a Facebook account to connect.

Please visit: ollchurch.org to be re-directed to our Facebook page.

How to Celebrate the Sacrament of Penance



When you go to celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation, this is what to do:

Prepare. Examine your conscience; Prayerfully recall your sins. Some will be specific actions. Some represent a more general pattern of behavior.

Go to the priest. You may either kneel anonymously behind a screen or sit in a chair where you may speak face to face.

Be welcome. You and the priest may greet each other. Make the Sign of the Cross. He may urge you to have confidence in God. You may indicate the interval since your last confession or anything else that will help. Just use common sense. Either you or the priest may read from Scripture.

Confess your sins. Some penitents begin with a formula like, "Bless me, Father, for I have sinned." But you don't have to. Let the priest know your sins. You may discuss the sins you confess so the priest can give you the best counsel.

Receive a penance. The priest will recommend some action after you leave to indicate to God the sincerity in your heart. Usually he suggests prayer or self-denial.

Pray for forgiveness. The priest invites you to say a prayer of sorrow aloud. If you remember the Act of Contrition, you may use it. But you may also speak simply from your heart.

One form of the Act of Contrition is:

My God,
I am sorry for my sins with all my heart.
In choosing to do wrong
And failing to do good
I have sinned against you
Whom I should love above all things.
I firmly intend, with your help,
To do penance,
To sin no more,

And to avoid whatever leads me to sin.
Our Savior Jesus Christ
Suffered and died for us.
In his name, my God have mercy.

Or

Lord Jesus, Son of God,
Have mercy on me, a sinner.

Receive absolution. The priest proclaims absolution, and God forgives your sins.
The prayer of absolution:

God the Father of mercies,
Through the death and resurrection of his Son
Has reconciled the world to himself
And sent the Holy Spirit among us for the forgiveness of sins;
Through the ministry of the church
May God give you pardon and peace,
And I absolve you from your sins
In the name of the Father, and of the Son (+)
And of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Conclude. The priest may say, "Give thanks to the Lord for he is good." If so, answer, "His mercy endures forever." Or he may conclude informally.

With God's help, begin to live a new life of freedom from the slavery of sin!

An Examination of Conscience

The Rite of Penance contains a form of the Examination of Conscience (Appendix III). Another form follows below:

Some thoughts on examination of conscience for adults...

For too long, we have looked at examination of conscience as a mere exertion of effort necessary to come up with a grocery list of sins. Rather, it should be part of the rhythm of our daily lives on our way toward maturity. It is not so much a looking at the things we do, but rather, at the person who does them. For each of us is a relational and responsible person, and it is within this context that we grow further toward or away from our goal – Christ.

THINK OF YOURSELF AS A PERSON

Do you accept yourself with your good and bad points? Do you share yourself with others?
Do you realize you have been called by, loved by God in a unique way?
Do you treat others with dignity and respect? Do you use your sexuality irresponsibly or selfishly?
Do you exploit others for your own pleasure?

THINK OF YOURSELF AS A HUSBAND OR WIFE

Do you strive for understanding and communication with your spouse in order to be one spirit as planned by God?

THINK OF YOURSELF AS A FATHER OR MOTHER

Do you give your children yourself, your time, your abilities?
Do you correct them when they're wrong, praise them when you should, instruct them with gentleness and patience?
Are you aware of your responsibility to guide them in the Faith by your words and actions?
Do you apologize and admit when you're wrong and they've been right?

THINK OF YOURSELF AS AN ADULT CHILD

Do you realize that this command to "honor your father and mother" applies to you, if you are blessed to still have your parents as it does to your children?

THINK OF YOURSELF AS A NEIGHBOR

Do you realize that your neighbor is your brother and sister?
Do you try to be helpful when you know there is a need?
Do you respect their rights and allow them to be persons?
Do you make judgments about people based upon their appearance or color?
Do you harbor prejudice in your heart?

THINK OF YOURSELF AS AN EMPLOYEE, AS AN EMPLOYER

Do you give your employer all of your time during the hours he is paying you, realizing that "stealing time" is the same as stealing?
Do you give your employer your full efforts and concentration during working hours?
Do I pay a just wage? Do I provide adequate working conditions?

THINK OF YOURSELF AS A MEMBER OF THE WORLD COMMUNITY OF THE FAMILY OF GOD

Do you sufficiently reflect on the responsibility you have to be concerned about the other members of this family who are suffering from poverty, prejudice, unfair labor practices, unjust housing laws, and other various causes?
Do you take it as a responsibility to consider the morality involved in issues like abortion, euthanasia, denial of rights to migrant workers, corruption in political or economic structures?
Do you take it as your responsibility to be informed about current events and to listen with open minds and hearts to those holding different positions?

THINK OF YOURSELF IN YOUR DIRECT RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

Do you make the effort to spend some time with Him each day even if it's just to say "good morning" or "thanks?"
Do you seek to know Him better in whatever way fits you best?
Do you allow Him to give Himself often to you in the gifts of His sacraments of Eucharist and Penance?

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.

Chrism Mass March 26, 2024 • 4:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Agnes, Rockville Centre



All are invited to attend in person.

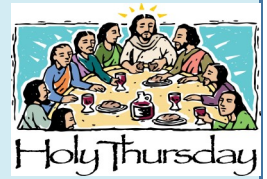
This Mass will be broadcast live on the Catholic Faith Network: Optimum channel 29/137, Verizon FiOS channel 296 and Time Warner Cable channel 471. Viewers can watch the Mass online at cfntv.org.



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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!



Blessing of the Family Easter Food - Saturday, March 30

We invite all to bring their Easter food for this special prayer service and blessing in the Church. The blessing will be done right after Morning Prayer (approximately 8:45am) on Holy Saturday morning.



Easter 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 Pentecost Sunday, May 19th after the 12:30pm Mass.

Please note: Raffle Tickets will NOT be mailed to your home. They will only be available via the weekly bulletin.



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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 - <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, 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, 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.

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.



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 March 23-24, and will also be available at the Parish Office (Rectory) for a donation of \$10. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at 631-661-3224, ext. 121.

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

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

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.

Holy Land Collection on Good Friday



Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines. The pandemic hit particularly hard the Christians in the Holy Land. Most of them depend on pilgrimages to work. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection is also necessary to meet the basic needs of the People of God still living in this Land where the Church was born. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land.

For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday.

As always, we appreciate your generosity!

REMEMBER THE PARISH IN YOUR WILL.



Most adults do not have a legal will. Write your will today by visiting 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
Use code: **PARISH20** to save 20%



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

Good Friday Silent Vigil

The Long Island Coalition for Life is holding a **Good Friday Silent Vigil** on behalf of pre-born children on March 29, 2024, from 10:30am to Noon, in front of Nassau University Medical Center (2201 Hempstead Tpke., East Meadow; on the public sidewalk). All are invited to take part in this peaceful Face the Truth event as a visible reminder that abortion is not healthcare. Your participation for even part of the time is important. Signs provided (east end of hospital) or bring your own (no political signs). Information: 631-243-1435; or e-mail: info@prolifeLI.org.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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

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

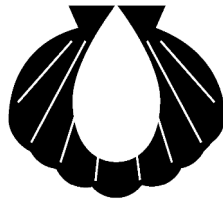


Canned Beets
Crushed Tomatoes
Canned Fruit
Spaghetti Sauce
Soap



Rest In Peace

George Cocco
Theresa Drexler
Theresa McCarthy



Baptism

Joseph William Macchio



Upcoming Marriages

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



Holy Thursday

The Parish Office will be open until Noon on Thursday, March 28. There will be no evening hours on Holy Thursday. The Parish Office will re-open at 9:00am on Friday, March 29.



Good Friday

The Parish Office will close at 3:00pm on Good Friday, March 29. The Parish Office will re-open at 9:00am on Saturday, March 30.



Easter Sunday

The Parish Office will be closed on Sunday, March 31 in observance of Easter. The Parish Office will re-open at 9:00am on Monday, April 1.

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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



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.



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 drvc-faith.org

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





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

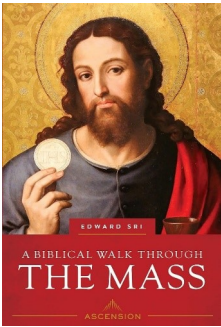


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For Details and to Book Now Visit:
www.pilgrimages.com/frmangano
Booking Code: CM100158

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.



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.

St. Joseph's Seminary First Annual Concert & Garden Party!

**Join us in celebrating the Easter Season with song
and a festive garden party in our historic chapel and beautiful cloister!**

St. Joseph's Schola Cantorum will perform selected works
in celebration of the Easter Season - it is an event not to be missed!

Sunday, April 14th, at 4:00pm

Tickets - children 12 & under \$20, adults \$35 (general seating)/\$100 (preferred seating)

Ticket includes a garden party reception following the concert

Purchase tickets at: [SJSConcertandGardenParty.eventbrite.com](https://www.sjsconcertandgardenparty.eventbrite.com) or call: 914-968-6200 x 8145

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.



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.



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

What is a Memory Café? It is a program designed for persons with mild to moderate cognitive impairment and their caregiver to promote social engagement with others navigating through dementia's journey. Activities include crafts, music, reminiscing, art or movement. Light refreshments will be served. Our next event will take place on **Friday, April 5th** from 1:30pm-2:30pm. ***There is no charge to participate, but space is limited and reservations are required. For more information or to register, please call Hannah at A Gentle Touch Senior Care at: 631-647-7622 or e-mail: hannah@agentletoauchseniorcare.com.***



Dementia Caregiver Support Group Thursday, April 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@agentletouchseniorcare.com to reserve your place.

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.

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

Sharing the Gospel

Your mom tells you, "Grandma should be here any minute." You watch out your window for her little red car to come down your street. After she parks her car, you run out to meet her. You are so happy she came to visit! The people in today's Gospel were waiting for a king to come. This king would ride into Jerusalem, not in a little red car, but on a donkey. When the people saw Jesus riding on a donkey, they knew that He was the king that they were waiting for. They ran out to meet Him and waved palm branches in the air. They were so happy He came.



Mission for the Week



Invite your Grandma over to visit. Ask her to read John 12:12-16 to you.



Puzzle

Find 10 things that are different.



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Prayer

Dear God,
I am so happy
You sent Jesus
to be my King.



Something to Draw

Draw a picture of Jesus riding on a donkey. Draw yourself riding next to Jesus, waving a palm branch.

