

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

455 Hunter Avenue, West Islip, NY 11795

Rev. Dennis A. Suglia, Pastor
Rev. Charles Mangano, Associate Pastor

**Deacon Nilo DeLeon, Deacon Tom Lucie,
Deacon Rich Maher, Deacon Jack Meehan**

Sr. Nancy Campkin CSJ, Director of Religious Ed
Trish Frodell, Director of Parish Social Ministry
Sr. Diane Liona CSJ, Director of Religious Ed
Debbie Meyer, Business Manager
Robin Reynolds Brennan, Coordinator of
Worship and Choir Director



Parish Office

Phone: 631.661.3224 (select option #2)

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

Friday: 9:00am-5:00pm

Saturday: 9:00am-3:00pm

Sunday: 10:30am-2:30pm

E-mail: ParishOffice@ollchurch.org

Fax: 631.661.7143

Website: www.ollchurch.org

Religious Education Office

Phone: 631.661.5440 (select option #3)

Monday-Friday: 9:00am-Noon,

1:00pm-5:00pm, 7:00pm-9:00pm

E-mail: ReligiousEd@ollchurch.org

Parish Outreach Office

Phone: 631.661.9262 (select option #4)

Monday - 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.

Fourth Sunday of Easter • Sunday, April 21, 2024



Welcome to our Parish Family

New Parishioners are cordially invited to register as members of our Parish Family. Please call or visit our Parish Office.

Remember: Together, we can do something beautiful for God!

- Saint Teresa of Calcutta

Pastoral Council

Fr. Dennis A. Suglia
Eileen Rega
Phil Ambrosino
Mary Borgs
Sonia DaSilva
Dcn. Nilo DeLeon
Jerry Esposito
Danielle Guilfoil
Deborah Lamb
Robert Laynaugh
Rosalie Mangels
John Muldoon
Dottie Perdue

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 April 21, 2024

Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/ 1 Jn 3:1-2/ Jn 10:11-18
Monday: Acts 11:1-18/ Jn 10:1-10
Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/ Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday: Acts 12: 24—13:5a/ Jn 12:44-50
Thursday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/ Mk 16:15-20
Friday: Acts 13:26-33/ Jn 14:1-6
Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/ Jn 14:7-14
Next Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/ 1 Jn 3:18-24/ Jn 15:1-8

Parish Staff

Patti Anderson
Parish Office/Bulletin Editor

Maryanne Buonaspina
Parish Organist

Rosemary Cannarella
Parish Office

Amy Danowski
Parish Office

Carol Grillo
Parish Office

Rita Spera
Religious Education Office

Financial Summary

April 14, 2024

Weekly Collection	\$ 18,212.00
Weekly Budget	- \$ 17,800.00
+/- for the week	412.00

The estimated weekly collection needed to maintain and operate our

Have you seen the risen Lord?

After Jesus' resurrection, His disciples were downcast. In fact, they were fearful that what happened to Jesus would happen to them. Their world had ended as far as they were concerned. Why? Because they did not recognize Jesus in His many appearances after His resurrection that were recorded in the Gospel. This included Mary Magdalene when Jesus appeared as a gardener. Or on the Road to Emmaus, when Jesus appeared as a traveler to the disciples. Whatever the disciples were looking for or maybe because they were so overwhelmed by fear, they missed the opportunity to recognize Jesus in their encounters with Him.

St. Paul said that "if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain... If for this life we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied" (1 Cor 15:14, 19). The fact is that if Jesus did not rise from the dead, our faith would be dead.

In our world today we see conflict with the wars in the Middle East, Ukraine and in other parts of the world. We see the suffering of innocent people and the terrible starvation in Gaza, Africa and in Haiti. So many of us are also suffering in our own lives with illness, problems with families, addictions, financial issues and struggles with our faith. Are we any different than the disciples? Isn't it just as hard for us at times to see the risen Lord, the Son of the loving, compassionate God who sent His Son into the world to bring us peace and salvation?

Fr. Ron Rolheiser, a well-known speaker and author, wrote an article on April 9, 2018, "Reasons to Believe in God". These are some of the highlights of that article:

- I believe in God because I sense, at the deepest level of my being, that there's an inalienable moral structure to things. Life, love, and meaning.
- I believe in God because blind chaos could not have designed things this way, to be innately moral. Only an intelligent goodness could have built reality this way.
- I believe in God because in God is the existence of soul, intelligence and love. These could not have emerged simply from blind chaos.
- I believe in God because of the existence of families of faith and the existence of church and sacrament.
- I believe in God because the Gospel works- as prayer does - if we work it.

Today, like the disciples, people are searching for hope and healing. They are seeking an encounter with the Risen Lord. The disciples experienced this through a personal encounter with the glorified Lord. Because of this encounter, their world changed forever. We encounter Jesus through prayer, the sacraments, through our community of believers (church) and through each other. Resurrection happens every time we love someone. It happens every time we refuse to give up hope and selflessly allow Christ to work through us for the sake of others.

In Matthew's Gospel, the disciples asked Jesus, "Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink. When did we see You a stranger and welcome You, or naked and clothe You? When did we see You ill or in prison, and visit You? And the King will say to them in reply, "Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of Mine, you did for Me."

Where is the risen Lord? He is right here, right in front of you, right now.

In Christ,

Deacon Tom

Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Claire McLoughlin*. 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, Connie Ambrosino, Baby Owen John Barrett, Jeanette Battista, Thomas J. Calogero III, Thomas Cavanagh, Frank Cognetta, Susan Dedes, Joseph Dilegame, Amanda DiTingo, Joanne Egan, Anna Ferrante, Helen Ferrante, Mike Ferrante, Thomas Geraghty-USMC, Bea Guzzo, Christine Harty, Patrick Anthony Heffron, Paul Johnson, Henry Kahn, Shena Kahn, Margaret Kavoures, Dave Kegel, Michael Kegel, Toni Kreamer, Peter Lies, Vincent Marinelli, Seamus Martin, Jodiann Carrino Mentus, Glenn Meyer, Richard Meyer, Dennis Morgan, Wesley Morrell, Edward Pauciullo, Rose Pauciullo, Cameron Pillitteri, John Posanti, Louise Posanti, Wyatt Rajotte, Jamie Raynor, Marissa Raynor, William Rivers, Donna Rojas, Fabian Rojas, Colleen S., Robert Saraceno, Diane Scharen, Robert Scharen, Joseph J. Schiavoni, Vita Scorcia, Gary Shaddock, George Shaddock, Margie Siefken, Special Intention/Healing, Celestine Stewart, Larry Sturgeon, Louise Sturgeon,

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



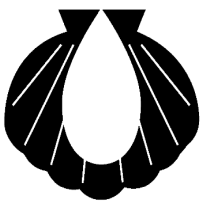
Rest In Peace

Rev. Msgr. John T. Heinlein

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



Upcoming Marriages



Baptism

Luca Anthony Alfonso
Grace Marie Beccaris
Liana Rae Bontempo
Michael James Cestaro
Aurora Grace Dillman
Hannah Mary Giordano
William Alexander Jutchenko
Charlotte Mary Sheridan

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, April 22

8:30am Jamie Munkwitz

Tuesday, April 23

St. George, St. Adalbert

8:30am Carol Kesler

Wednesday, April 24

St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen

8:30am Giuseppina Francavilla

Thursday, April 25

St. Mark the Evangelist

8:30am Joan Connolly

Friday, April 26

8:30am Michael Reilly

Saturday, April 27

8:30am Anthony Tito Jr.

5:00pm Richard Francoeur, Pasquale Mastrantuono,
Vito Ferraro, Frank Paolicelli, Alexander Lopez,
Joan Connolly

Fr. Charles Mangano

Sunday, April 28

Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:00am Rita Licciardolo

Fr. Charles Mangano

9:30am Josephine Zito & Agnes Mulligan

Fr. Charles Mangano

11:00am Salvatore Rotolo

Fr. Dennis Suglia

12:30pm Jonathan Bohmerwald

Fr. Dennis Suglia

6:00pm People of the Parish, For the Babies that are Lost,
Bernall Chayban, Dolores Thaxter, Susan Arena,
The Sick in the Pierre-Louis Family,
Deacon David Vallone

Fr. Dennis Suglia

Note: Celebrant information is subject to change without notice.



Mother's Day Candles

Once again, we are offering a *Loving Candle* which will be lit on Mother's Day weekend. This symbolic light will remain lit for the life of the candle (approximately a week). This is a beautiful way to remember our living and deceased loved ones. The *Loving Candles* will be available after all Masses the next two weekends (4/28 and 5/5) and at the Parish Office during the week (beginning 4/28) for a donation of \$10.00.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at 631-661-3224, ext. 121.

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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

We will be having Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on this **Tuesday, April 23rd from 12:30pm to 7:30pm**. Come, spend some intimate time with Jesus. Invite a family member or friend along too! In case of inclement weather, please call the parish office at 631-661-3224 ext. 0, or log onto the parish website (ollchurch.org) to check if Adoration has been canceled.



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
- Pasta Sauce
- Canned Fruit
- Oatmeal
- Toothbrushes

Exciting News!!!!!!
A Day Pilgrimage to the Divine Mercy Shrine
Stockbridge, Massachusetts



Come join us for a spiritually uplifting day of prayer as we go to the beautiful National Shrine of the Divine Mercy in Massachusetts on Saturday, June 8, 2024. The shrine is located on 375 beautiful acres of property.

The itinerary of the day will be:

- 4:30am Meet Fr. Dennis and Fr. Charles in the rectory parking lot.
- 4:45am The BUS leaves 4:45am SHARP. On the 4¾ bus ride to the shrine Fr. Charles and Fr. Dennis will be leading you in morning prayer, evening prayer, singing, movies and more. There will be a restroom stop along the way, but there will also be a bathroom on the bus.
- 9:30am Arrive at the Shrine and pray with the life-sized outside stations of the cross. They are so very beautifully positioned around the property of the Shrine. Explore the other outside Shrines.
- 11am A talk on Faith given inside the Shrine.
- 12noon Bag Lunch + venerate the first-class relics of St. Faustina, Saint Pope John Paul II and St. Stanislaus.
- 1:00pm Confessions and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the beautiful Divine Mercy Chapel.
- 1:30pm Rosary in the Divine Mercy Chapel with Benediction.
- 2:00pm Mass in the chapel.
- 3:00pm Pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at the hour Jesus died.
- 4:00pm Gift Shop
- 5:00pm Depart the Shrine for Long Island.

Please bring a bag lunch and something to drink with you. We will provide donuts and munchkins on the bus. There are only 53 seats available so call the Parish Office to register today at: 631-661-3224 ext. 2. The cost of the bus rental is \$45.00 per person. Please make your check payable to ***Our Lady of Lourdes Church*** and in the memo line please write: "Divine Mercy trip." You can submit your payment when you register at the Parish Office.

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.

Sr. Faustina's spiritual director, who was a priest, commissioned her to write down everything in a journal that Jesus said and did during her visions. Saint Faustina died at the age of 33 leaving her journal to her spiritual director. He gave the journal to the Marians of the Immaculate Conception in Stockbridge, Massachusetts. Therefore, that is why the National Shrine of the Divine Mercy is located there. In the year 2000, Pope Saint John Paul II canonized Sister Faustina a saint, making this apparition worthy of belief.

ENCOUNTER CHRIST. DISCOVER YOURSELF. GROW IN HOLINESS.



Resources and guidance for all those seeking clarity on same-sex attraction, gender identity discordance, and a range of other LGBTQ experiences.



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

www.drvcclife.org/ssa-gender

Needed: Pick up truck in good working condition. Low cost or as a donation to OLL



Our old green pick up has gone kaput and can no longer be repaired.

If you have a truck in good working condition that you would like to donate or sell at a low cost, please contact the Parish Office and leave your contact information for Fr. Dennis.

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/bsatroop179> or contact us at: troop179cc@yahoo.com.

RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Throughout the past year, our parish family has journeyed with those seeking Baptism, reception and full initiation into the life of the Church. From the Rite of Acceptance in December, to the Rite of Election, Call to Continuing Conversion and the Scrutinies celebrated during Lent, we have celebrated their faith and, in turn, renewed our own.

At the Easter Vigil on Saturday, March 30, 2024:

- we celebrated the Baptism of *Dennis Martinez*
- we celebrated the reception into the Church of *Jared Carrino*
- we celebrated the Confirmation of *Dennis Martinez and Jared Carrino*

Their journey has become our journey. Their excitement and enthusiasm has inspired and excited us about our faith journey!

Their journey still continues as they enter The Period of Mystagogy which lasts from Easter Sunday until the completion of the Easter season, fifty days later on Pentecost Sunday, and completes the initiation process. Let's continue to pray for them as they continue to more fully realize what the life of the Church has in store for them.

If you're interested in becoming a Catholic or completing your own initiation, please email:

RCIA@ollchurch.org or contact Sister Nancy Campkin at: 631-661-5440, option 3.

We would love to welcome you!



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 only be available via the weekly bulletin & website. Completed raffle tickets, with your check or cash, should be returned to the Parish Office.

<p align="center">EASTER RAFFLE</p> <p>Name _____</p> <p>Phone _____</p> <p align="center">1 Ticket for \$25, 6 Tickets for \$100</p>	<p align="center">EASTER RAFFLE</p> <p>Name _____</p> <p>Phone _____</p> <p align="center">1 Ticket for \$25, 6 Tickets for \$100</p>	<p align="center">EASTER RAFFLE</p> <p>Name _____</p> <p>Phone _____</p> <p align="center">1 Ticket for \$25, 6 Tickets for \$100</p>
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Alzheimer's Disease Resource Center 2024 Memory Walk and Spring Festival



Saturday, The Fourth of May

Raindate 5.5.24

**Marjorie R. Post Community Park
451 Unqua Road, Massapequa, NY**

Program of the Day

8:30 am Registration & Grab & Go Breakfast

9:30 am Opening Ceremony

10:00 am WALK Begins

10:30 am-1:00 pm Festival Fun & BBQ Lunch

This outdoor event will bring a Galaxy of community resources and organizations together to support all Long Island families impacted by cognitive decline. There will be fun activities for all ages including:

Live Band 🪐 Selfie Spots 🪐 Giveaways 🪐 Star Wars Characters
Touch a Fire Truck 🪐 Lawn Games 🪐 Living Memory Tree 🪐 Food

Join the Force!

**Register your
Stormtroopers
TODAY!**

www.adrcinc.org/adrc-walk



www.ADRCCinc.org



**Alzheimer's Disease
Resource Center**
Keeping Help and Hope In Mind

631.580.5100



Local Resurgence of Pastor Impersonation Scams

If you receive an email or text like this:

*I have an assignment I need you to do for me immediately.
Let me know if you are available. so kindly respond back via email.*

it is NOT from Fr. Dennis!

There has been a recent resurgence of scammers posing as pastors, priests, rabbis and rectors. The impostors cajole unsuspecting congregants into spending hundreds of dollars on gift cards, supposedly for people in need, then abscond with the loot. Believed to be a growing problem, clergy scams occur across faith groups and across the country. Catholic, Christian, Protestant, Jewish, Buddhist and Muslim congregations have all been besieged by scammers.

Please read the information below to help protect yourself from scams and hackers.

Tips for Spotting a Scam. Don't fall for it! Here's what to know and do:

- **First, Fr. Dennis or Fr. Charles will never contact a parishioner directly with an emergency request for cash, assistance, or gift cards.** Messages asking parishioners to help fulfill a need would come through the parish's official communication channels or be accomplished through a collection approved by the diocese. If you're not sure about a text or email you've received, do not engage or respond. Call the Parish Office right away to notify a staff member. In addition, please note that neither your parish, nor the diocese, will ever sell or give away parishioners' personal information.
- Often times with text messages, a scam can be identified by looking at the phone number. If the area code is not local, it's likely a scam. If you are contacted by a scammer, report it to the Parish Office. If you can, capture screen shots of the correspondence on your phone or laptop and email those to the Parish Office.
- File a report through the Federal Trade Commission's Complaint Assistant which helps the FTC detect patterns of fraud and abuse.
- If you suspect that your Facebook account has been hacked, CBS News offers these tips on how to tell if your account's been hacked and what to do about it at: <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/how-to-tell-if-your-facebook-has-been-hacked-and-what-you-can-do/>. You can also check the "help center" on Facebook for information on hacked and fake (cloned) accounts.

Be on the lookout when someone:

Pretends to be someone you know.

Scammers often pretend to be contacting you from the IRS or Social Security Administration, or from a company you're familiar with like your bank. They might make up a name that sounds official, or say they're calling on behalf of a loved one.

Presents you with a conditional prize or problem.

Scammers may say you've won a prize that's too good to be true, and you have to pay a fee in order to receive it. They might say you're in trouble with the government, or a family member is in trouble and needs money.

Pressures you to act immediately.

Scammers want you to act before you have time to think. They may say a family member has an emergency or your computer has a virus. Sometimes they threaten legal action, arrest or to freeze your bank account.

Asks you to pay in a specific manner.

Scammers will often insist you pay by sending money through a payment app, wire transfer or by putting money on a gift card and then reading them the number on the back. Some will send you a fake check, ask you to deposit it and then ask you to send them the money.



An Invitation for Adult Men (18 years or older) to Join our Parish Knights of Columbus Council 17379



Our Lady of Lourdes Council 17379 is looking for Parish men to help enrich our Parish and community. The Knights of Columbus will help you live your Faith and become closer to Jesus. Our Council has been very active in contributing to Parish Ministries and the community through charitable works. Our Plant Sales and recent Pancake Breakfast have helped to raise money for many scholarships and donations. We also assist around the Parish during the Family Feast, Parish Clean Up and with many of the OLL events. Our Lady of Lourdes Council meets every second and fourth Monday in the Parish Center at 8:00pm. Council meetings are less than an hour, the homemade dessert is delicious (no calories in free food!!), gain Brothers in Christ and grow our Parish Family. To learn more about our Council or to join, please scan the QR code listed here or visit: OLL17379.org.

In June, our Council will be having our Annual Scholarship and Award Night. Because of the *Amazing and Wonderful* support of our Parish Family, OLL Council 17379 will be presenting five (5) \$1,000 scholarships and awards.

Our next meeting will be Monday, April 22, 2024 in the Parish Center.



Knights of Columbus - Council 17379

Mother's Day Plant Sale

After All Masses - May 4 and May 5

*Plan ahead and purchase a great gift for someone special...
or even for yourself!*





Knights of Columbus Council 17379



Scholarship and Award Night – June 10, 2024

- A \$1000 scholarship is available to students whose parent, grandparent, or guardian is a member of the Knights of Columbus Council 17379, and in good standing. An applicant must be between 14 years old and 21 years of age, and the scholarship must be used for high school, college, or vocational school.
- A \$1000 scholarship is available for a student whose family are Parish members of Our Lady of Lourdes in West Islip. An applicant must be between 14 years old and 21 years old and the scholarship must be used for high school, college, or vocational school.
- A \$1000 award is available to an Our Lady of Lourdes Parish member for the Monsignor Brian McNamara Military Service Award. An applicant must be currently serving in the US Military, or going to begin their military service before January 01, 2025.
- A \$1000 scholarship is available for a student whose has a family member that is a First Responder and member of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish. An applicant must be between 14 years old and 21 years old and the scholarship must be used for high school, college, or vocational school.
- A \$1000 Community Service Award is available for a student performing exceptional Community Service. An applicant must be between 14 years old and 21 years old.

Requirements for the Knights of Columbus Scholarship

Scholarships and Awards are awarded based on the character of the individual and their involvement in the Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Catholic Church and participation in community activities. The decision of the Scholarship and Award Committee is final and only winners will be notified.

A signature of the Parent, Guardian, or Sponsoring member is required for an applicant under 18 years of age to certify the accuracy of all the information appearing on the application.

A 200-word composition, written by the applicant, should demonstrate their knowledge of THE IMPORTANCE OF THE TEACHINGS OF JESUS CHRIST AND THE CATHOLIC CHURCH in his/her life, as well as volunteerism and community service.

This scholarship and award application period is open from April 15, 2024, to May 15, 2024.

To apply, please visit: OLL17379.org or scan the QR code:





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**

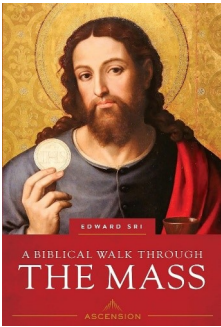
**For Details and to Book Now Visit:
www.pilgrimages.com/frmangano
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2024 Parish Summer Pilgrimage with Spiritual Directors **Fr. Charles Mangano and Fr. Tony Stanganelli sponsored by 206 Tours**

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.



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.

FATHER CHARLES AND LAURIE MANGANO

a brother & sister

Present a Night of Recollection

An evening of song, inspiration, reflection

St. Patrick's R. C. Church
280 East Main Street
Smithtown, NY

For information call (631) 265-2271

Friday, May 10th
7:30 PM

free will offering



Topic: Jeremiah 17: 7-8

"Blessed are those who trust in the Lord...They will be like a tree planted by the water..."



REVISED PROGRAM

By reflecting on this beautiful scripture passage and absorbing the message of the songs that support this theme, we allow the worries of life to be washed away with the peace of Christ; understanding that He carries our burdens and that He is our confidence, strength, comfort, hope and answer.

Do you desire to let go and trust God with all things, to live life to its fullest, walking in truth, knowing that you are a true child of the Father? Then this evening is for YOU! During this program, there will be a time of lifting your prayers up for healing, the healing that can only be found in the depths of a relationship with Jesus Christ.

Father Charles and Laurie have united their gifts to praise God and minister to His people in a very special way. They have been singing for the Lord since childhood, and together they have touched the heart of thousands with their meditative and inspirational music. In addition to producing 13 albums and a music video, Father Charles and Laurie co-hosted their own television show on Telecare for 20 years. They have sung at countless venues and benefit concerts. This beautiful Night of Recollection on **Friday, May 10th** is **guaranteed to be most uplifting!** It is our hope that through this experience we will come to know, love and trust the Lord Jesus in a deeper and more intimate way, leading us to serve the Lord with gladness.



Butterfly Memory Café - May 3, 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, May 3rd** 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, May 16, 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 e-mail at: cassandra@agentletouchseniorcare.com to reserve your place.

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.



Volunteers Needed to help Sisters of St. Joseph

Sprint into Spring 5K Fun Run/Walk

Sisters of St. Joseph - Brentwood Campus

Saturday, May 11, 2024

Volunteers needed between 7:00am-2:00pm to assist with the following:

- Parking lot supervision
- Breakfast Boost Station
- Distribution of t-shirts
- Hydration station
- Guidance along the walk/run route
- Clean up after the event

Link to volunteer registration form: <https://forms.gle/yerrqa3WvoJsvvNCA>



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

Sharing the Gospel

Without a good shepherd to lead them, sheep would get lost. Without a good shepherd to protect them, sheep would get hurt. A good shepherd would even die, just to keep his sheep safe. Jesus is your good shepherd, and you are His precious little lamb. When you get lost, Jesus comes to find you. When you are in danger, Jesus comes to comfort you. Listen to the voice of Jesus. Spend time reading the Bible every day. He wants to lead you to life with God. He wants to protect you from sin. Jesus gave up His life just to save you. Jesus is your Good Shepherd.



Mission for the Week

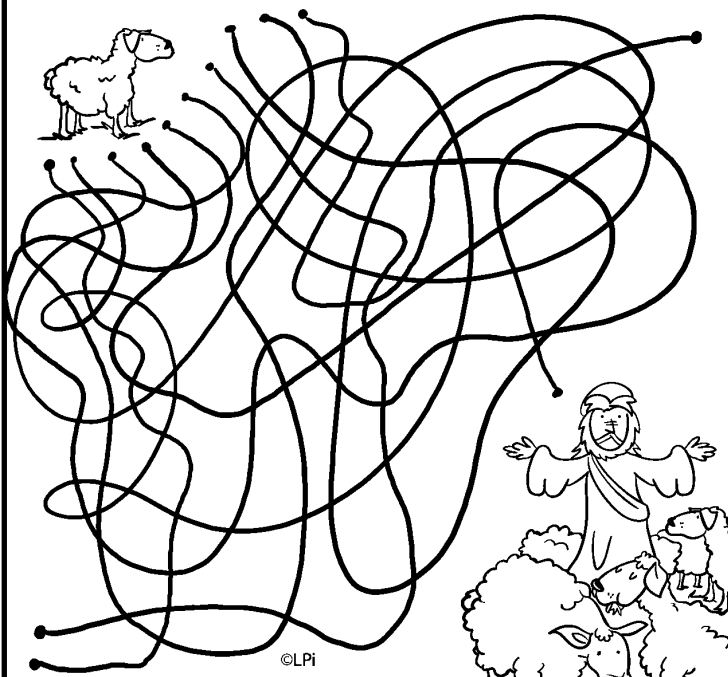


Learn as much as you can about Jesus, so you can follow Him. Read a Bible story with your family every night before bed.



Puzzle

Help this lamb find his way into the sheep pen with Jesus.



Prayer

Dear God,
Help me to
always follow
Jesus, my
Good Shepherd.



Something to Draw

Draw a picture of yourself as a little lamb and Jesus as your Good Shepherd.

