

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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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.

Fifth Sunday of Easter • Sunday, April 28, 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 28, 2024

Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/ 1 Jn 3:18-24/ Jn 15:1-8
Monday: Acts 14:5-18/ Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/ Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday: Gn 1:26—2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24/ Mt 13:54-58
Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/ Jn 15:9-11
Friday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/ Jn 14:6-14
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/ Jn 15:18-21
Next Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/ 1 Jn 4:7-10/ Jn 15:9-17

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 21, 2024

Weekly Collection	\$ 15,432.00
Weekly Budget	- \$ 17,800.00
+/- for the week	(2,368.00)

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

Migrants Coming?

Recently I was apprised of a terrible rumor that is circulating on the internet. I was told that the rumor is that our beloved Sisters, Diane, Edith and Nancy would be vacating the convent and migrants would be moving in.

This rumor is utterly and completely **false**. I can tell you that this subject has never been broached during any internal discussions in our offices with the pastoral council, finance council or any other parish group. Additionally, this conversation has never occurred with the bishop or any other member of the Diocesan leadership team. This is an absolute fabrication.

What are we to do? We pray that our brothers and sisters in the Lord may find suitable housing and that this migrant crisis be abated in communion with our Lord. Jesus teaches us to love God and our neighbor.

While we pray for our brothers and sisters, we ask for the protection of Our Lady of Lourdes that no false rumors affect our spirit here at OLL. We hope that this kind of misinformation ceases and desists immediately.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Dennis Suglia

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!*



Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Ann Sippel*. 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.

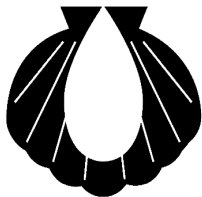


Rest In Peace

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



Upcoming Marriages



Baptism

Jackson James Breier
Eleanora Mae Pellegrino
Louis Joseph Worley

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 29

St. Catherine of Siena

8:30am Julia A. Flynn

Tuesday, April 30

St. Pius V

8:30am Grace Ciccarella

Wednesday, May 1

St. Joseph the Worker

8:30am Margaret T. Donnelly

Thursday, May 2

St. Athanasius - National Day of Prayer

8:30am Veronica Marie Grande

Friday, May 3

Saints Philip & James

8:30am Dick Ryan

Saturday, May 4

**8:30am Richard & Mary Breest, Joseph Dreyer,
Valerie Sangalang (Living), Roseanne DeSimone**

**5:00pm Pasquale Sgambati, Dorothy Brando, Frank Sicoli,
Dolores Thaxter, David Brodie,
Kylie Calder (Living)**

Fr. Dennis Suglia

Sunday, May 5

Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:00am Henry Waldheim

Fr. Dennis Suglia

9:30am Joseph Anthony Vitale

Fr. Dennis Suglia

11:00am Eleanor McGee

Fr. Charles Mangano

12:30pm LaRocca & Sweeney Families

Fr. Charles Mangano

**6:00pm People of the Parish, Dolores Thaxter,
Norma Schlesinger, Peter Brennan (Living),
Bobby Gucciardo**

Fr. Charles Mangano

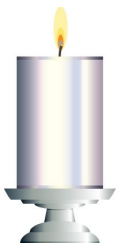
Invest in the Future of Our Church!

Support Catholic education on Long Island!

100% of your donation supports Catholic school students. Half goes directly to your local Catholic school, and half supports scholarships for students throughout Long Island attending our Catholic schools.

**Give to the Second Collection during Mass:
Saturday, May 4th | Sunday, May 5th**



Mother's Day Candles

Once again, we are offering *Loving Candles* 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 both this weekend and next (May 5), as well as at the Parish Office during the week for a donation of \$10.00. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at 631-661-3224.

Prayer Shawl Ministry / Baby Blanket Bunch

Bring your prayer and creativity together in a gift of love.

Join us ... **Wednesday, May 1st at 9:30am in the Parish Center.** All you need to bring is scrap yarn, knitting needles or crochet hooks (patterns and instructions will be given to you) and your gifts of love and prayer.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

We will be having Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on this **Tuesday, April 30th from 12:30pm to 7:00pm.** 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.



Note: Adoration will end at 7:00pm from April 30-June 4 due to evening Bible Study Classes.

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



Pasta Sauce
Crushed Tomato/Tomato Puree
Oatmeal
Cookies/ Snacks
Toothbrushes

Don't Forget Your Baby Bottle!

 In the weekend of **April 27th and 28th**, Our Lady of Lourdes Parish will be hosting a Baby Bottle Fundraiser to benefit the Life Center of Long Island.

The Life Center is a pregnancy care center that consults with women and men who are experiencing an unplanned pregnancy. Did you know that they provide?

- ✓ Free pregnancy test kits
- ✓ Free sonogram
- ✓ Maternity housing with eligibility requirements referrals
- ✓ Medical care referrals
- ✓ Material aid including car seats, cribs, clothing, diapers, and many other needed baby items
- ✓ Male advocates available to speak with fathers



We are asking that you pick up a baby bottle and fill it with your donation.
(Please make checks payable to the Life Center of L.I.)

**PLEASE RETURN THE BOTTLES ON
Saturday, May 18th and Sunday, May 19th**

Most importantly, we are asking you to recite the prayer attached to the baby bottle. Prayers bring about something very powerful at the Life Center... a change of a mother's heart! We believe these prayers lead abortion-minded women to reach out to the Life Center in the beginning of their pregnancy.

Prayers also spiritually equip our consultants at the Life Center to say just the right words a mother or father may need to hear with hope of choosing the gift of life for their baby.

*Let us pray for the conversion of a mother's heart to give the
gift of life to her preborn baby!*



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, May 13, 2024 in the Parish Center.

Wheelchair Needed

We have a parishioner in need of a standard wheelchair. If anyone has one to donate, please call the Parish Office at 631-661-3224.

Good Samaritan University Lecture Series:

Advancements in Stroke and Brain Aneurysm Care

Join us as we strive to raise awareness and educate the community on the signs, symptoms, prevention and treatment options for stroke patients.

Monday, April 29

6:00 pm

Our Lady of Lourdes **Parish Center**
455 Hunter Avenue
West Islip, 11795

Food and refreshments will be available.



To attend, please RSVP to
(631) 376-4444
or email christina.woods@chsli.org

Boy Scout Troop 179 West Islip, NY



ANNUAL CAR WASH FUNDRAISER

Date: Saturday, May 11, 2024

No Rain Date. Event rain or shine unless thunder and lightning.

Time: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Location: Our Lady of Lourdes Church
455 Hunter Avenue, West Islip, NY 11795
(Outside Front of Rectory)

Donation: \$5.00 per Car, Van, Pickup
\$10.00 for Boats & Trucks

**TREAT YOUR MOM TO A
CLEAN CAR FOR MOTHER'S DAY!**

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:



Nocturnal Adoration

“Come to me all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest.”

This is Jesus Christ’s invitation every first Saturday of the month. The Blessed Sacrament is taken to the altar after the 5:00pm Mass and will be exposed up to 9:50pm. Everyone is invited to spend some time in front of the Blessed Sacrament to offer prayers, petitions and thanksgiving to Jesus. Nocturnal Adoration will follow the 5:00pm Mass on **Saturday, May 4th** concluding with Benediction at 9:50pm. Please come and pray with us. All are invited and welcome. Bring a friend!



Casa Project Update

In the past, the “Casa House” in the Narthex has provided housing, bedding and ecostoves for our friends in El Salvador. We couldn't do this without your support and generosity. Next weekend (5/4 and 5/5) we are asking you to give your loose change to our Casa Project. Place your donations in the wooden house located in the north vestibule by the Father Joe Garden. Thank you for your support. We truly appreciate your generosity.



Employment Opportunity - St. John the Baptist DHS, West Islip

St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School is seeking a **Campus Minister for Mission and Ministry**. The Campus Minister for Mission and Ministry reports directly to the high school Chaplain. A Bachelor’s or Master’s Degree in Theology is preferred. An ability to articulate the truths of the Catholic Faith in a precise yet accessible way to high school students. Computer and basic media skills are required. At least three years of ministry experience is preferred.

For more information regarding the position, visit: <https://www.drvc.org/career-opportunities/>
Please submit all resumes, cover letters, and/or inquiries to bhuber@drvc.org by May 1, 2024.



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.

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.



**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.



**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.



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.**

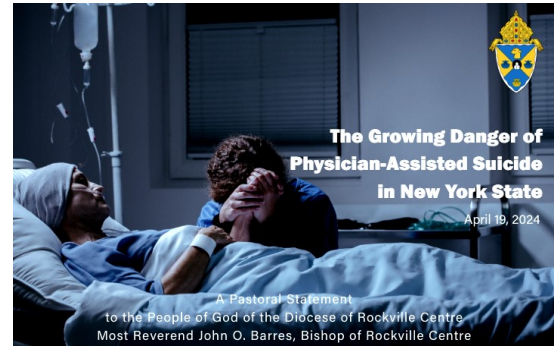
Please note: Raffle Tickets will only be available via the weekly bulletin & website.

Completed raffle tickets, with your check or cash, should be returned to the Parish Office.

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A Message from Our Bishop

Bishop John O. Barres' statement regarding physician assisted suicide in New York State.



My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Long Island is blessed to be home to several of the nation's most renowned healthcare systems. These systems consist of a vast network of physicians, nurses, technicians, and medical professionals of all kinds who live and work in our communities. In my weekly travels across the Diocese of Rockville Centre, I meet so many of these health professionals and I never fail to be inspired by their commitment to accompanying their patients throughout the courses of their lives. This includes the end of life.

However, legislation pending in Albany seeks to upend the doctor-patient relationship at its most vulnerable moment via physician-assisted suicide. The bill, which seems to be gaining momentum, authorizes doctors (whose careers are dedicated to healing and preserving life) to dispense pills that literally poison patients who have been given terminal diagnoses. Such a practice flies in the face of human dignity.

In fact, a groundbreaking new Vatican document approved in April by Pope Francis, titled—appropriately—*Dignitas Infinita* (Infinite Dignity), specifically singles out euthanasia and assisted suicide as grave assaults on human dignity which utilize “a mistaken understanding of human dignity to turn the concept of dignity against itself.”

This comment refers directly to the euphemism “death with dignity” that promoters of assisted suicide favor. *Dignitas Infinita* notes that, even in serious infirmity, “human life carries a dignity that must always be upheld, that can never be lost, and that calls for unconditional respect. Indeed, there are no circumstances under which human life would cease from being dignified and could, as a result, be put to an end.”

Clearly, Pope Francis views euthanasia and assisted suicide as symptoms of what he repeatedly has called a “throwaway culture” that has taken hold in the West. The pope, in his wisdom, sees what many supporters of this practice do not. By virtue of their very humanity, people who are ill or who lack self-sufficiency never cease being infinitely valuable, even if society sends them a message to the contrary by urging them to “get out of the way” and end their lives.

What is being peddled by advocates as a last resort for those suffering from interminable pain will very quickly be expanded to resemble the dystopian nightmare we are seeing play out in Canada, which passed a law very similar to the New York bill in 2016 but which already has been expanded to allow people with non-terminal diagnoses to end their lives. In March, an Ottawa judge approved assisted suicide for a young woman whose only diagnoses are autism and ADHD, over her parents' pleading objection. The Canadian law is set to expand again in 2027 – incredibly – to allow people with mental illnesses like depression, anorexia, or bipolar disorder to access suicide pills as prescribed by a medical professional.

Sadly, Canada is not an isolated case. The situation is similar in the Netherlands, the first nation to approve euthanasia, where people living with autism and intellectual disabilities reportedly are being euthanized.

I know that these scenarios are not what people have in mind when they answer a survey question asking if they support “medical aid in dying” or “death with dignity.” But we must not fool ourselves. What I'm describing is not fiction or fear mongering; these abuses are really happening today in jurisdictions that have legalized assisted suicide.

The medical professionals whom I speak with in our parishes and at Catholic Health medical facilities understand clearly that assisted suicide is a terrible, untenable policy. They know that when the end-of-life approaches, the answer is not to actively kill patients or to help them to kill themselves. Instead, true dignity is upheld by providing compassionate palliative care which manages patients' pain and other symptoms, keeps them clean, tends to their bodily needs, and spiritually prepares them for their journey home.

As Pope Francis has said, “We must accompany people towards death, but not provoke death or facilitate any form of suicide...Life is a right, not death, which must be welcomed, not administered.”

During this time when we celebrate a National Eucharistic Revival, we pray that our reverence for the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ may inspire our witness in New York State's public square to the reverence for the sanctity of human life at every stage of life.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre



Butterfly Memory Café - May 10, 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 10th** 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.

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.



Sisters of St. Joseph
BRENTWOOD, NY
Uniting all in God's love



Sprint into Spring

5K Fun Run/Walk Fundraiser
Saturday, May 11, 2024 - 8:30AM

Location: 1725 Brentwood Rd, Brentwood, NY 11717
Proceeds to benefit CSJ Learning Connection

Highlights

- Beautiful 212-acre scenic campus
- Family Fun Event
- T-shirt and Swag Bag to all participants
- Windbreaker to all of those who raise \$250 & over
- Artisan Vendors & Food Trucks
- Complimentary Breakfast Boost
- Latina Mixx Radio Station / DJ
- Morning Zumba Stretch



Register Now Online at brentwoodcsj.org or Scan the QR Code



Registration Information
\$30.00 Pre-registration by 4/26/24 - \$40 After
Age 12 and under \$10.00
Family Pack 2 Adults & 2 Children \$65.00 additional
Children \$10.00

For more information regarding sponsorship and vendor opportunities to showcase your business please contact:
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COUNTRY WESTERN NIGHT

Featuring
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SATURDAY MAY 18, 2024
DOORS OPEN 7PM

FUN NIGHT OF LINE DANCING RAFFLES AND MORE!	\$50 TICKET INCLUDES: LIVE PERFORMANCE, DINNER, BEER WINE, SODA
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Pilgrimage to Medjugorje



Your Trip Includes:

- Round-trip Airfare from New York
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- Breakfast and Dinner Daily
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- Special Times of Prayer and Group Meetings
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August 19 - 27, 2024

**\$3,398 per person
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PILGRIMAGE WITH SPIRITUAL DIRECTORS

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

**For Details and to Book Now Visit:
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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.

PAINT AND SIP

Join the young adult group for a social event
to create a painting inspired Blessed Pier
Giorgio Frassatti's life

MAY 18, 2024 6:30 PM

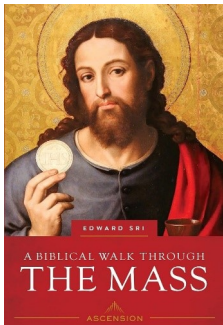
OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH

AFTER 5:00 MASS

RSVP
Required



There will be no Tuesday meetings in May.
The next meeting is June 18



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.

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.ADRcinc.org  **631.580.5100**
 Keeping Help and Hope In Mind

Open House Breast Cancer Screening Events




Join Catholic Health for a Breast Screening directly with a Breast Surgeon.
 Good Samaritan Women's Imaging Center
 735 Montauk Highway, West Islip, NY 11795

Sunday, May 5
 9:30 – 11:30 am

Wednesday, June 26
 5:30 – 7:30 pm

Thursday, August 22
 5:30 – 7:30 pm

Sunday, October 6
 9:30 – 11:30 am

Walk-ins welcome for those with insurance.
 For those that are under- or uninsured, please call (631) 376-3061 to schedule an appointment for a free breast screening.
Free screening mammograms only
 To be eligible, women must:
 • Be 40 years of age or older.
 • Have not had a mammogram within the past 12 months.
 No insurance necessary.
 Food and refreshments will be available.



goodsamaritanuniversity.org

Radio Bingo
Friday, May 3 - 8:00pm-11:00pm
 Doors open at 7:00pm
American Legion
 22 Grove Place, Babylon
 \$40 includes: Bingo Cards, Water-Soda, Coffee-Tea
 B.Y.O. Food & Snacks
 All tickets to be purchased in advance through Eventbrite at:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/radio-bingo-fundraiser-tickets-829709402157?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>
 Proceeds benefit the Sisters of St. Joseph, Brentwood
 Questions? Contact: Maria 718-506-6611

West Islip Symphony Orchestra
Spring Concert
"Springtime Passion"
Paul Little conducting

Friday, May 3, 2024, 8 PM
 Beach Street Middle School, West Islip

Adults \$10.00
 Students Free

For more information: www.westislipsymphony.org

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.

Register Here!




June 24, 2024 to June 28, 2024
July 1, 2024 to July 5, 2024

Location: St. Patrick's School
(Bay Shore)

REGISTER TODAY!

- Camp runs Monday through Friday 9:00am to 1:00pm
- Cost is \$200.00 (CASH, CHECK, VENMO, & ZELLE ONLY)
- Tuition includes CSC T-shirt and daily snack
- Available for children ages 5-12
- Basketball, Soccer, Dance, Arts & Crafts

Additional Info: StPatricksCSC@gmail.com
(516)236-9416



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, normally 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. **Pease note: Meeting will be in the All Purpose Room from April 30-June 4 due to Bible Study classes.**

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

Sharing the Gospel

Put a brand new light bulb in a lamp. Turn the lamp on. It shines brightly. Now, unplug the lamp. The lamp goes dark. It might be a nice lamp. It might have a new light bulb. Yet without being plugged into electricity, the lamp cannot shine. In today's gospel, Jesus is the vine and you are a branch. As long as you are attached to Jesus, your faith can grow fruit like love, kindness and gentleness. If you break away from Jesus, your faith will die and you will not grow any fruit. Stay plugged into Jesus, so you can shine. Stay connected to Jesus, so your faith can grow fruit.



Mission for the Week



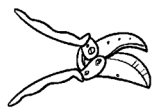
Read Galatians 5:22-23 with your family. Write down the nine different kinds of fruit that will grow from your faith, when you stay connected to Jesus.



Puzzle

Which picture name **begins** with this letter?
Circle the picture that starts with that sound.

G



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Prayer

Dear God,
Help me
to stay
connected to
Jesus.



Something to Draw

Draw a picture of a tall vine with one branch for every person in your family. Write Jesus' name on the vine, and write the names of your family members on the branches.

