# 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
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Worship and Choir Director



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.

Sixth Sunday of Easter • Sunday, May 5, 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

#### 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

#### 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 May 5, 2024

**Sunday:** Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/1 Jn 4:7-10/ Jn 15:9-17

**Monday:** Acts 16:11-15/ Jn 15:26—16:4a

**Tuesday:** Acts 16:22-34/ Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/ Jn 16:12-15

**Thursday:** Acts 1:1-11/ Eph 1:174-23/ or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7,

11-13/ Mk 16:15-20

Friday: Acts 18:9-18/ Jn 16:20-23 Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/ Jn 16:23b-28

Next Sunday: Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c –26/1 Jn 4:11-16/Jn 17:11b-19

#### Financial Summary

#### **April 28 2024**

Weekly Collection \$ 15,969.00 Weekly Budget - \$ 17,800.00 +/- for the week \$ 1,831.00

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 <u>false</u>. 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



#### **Altar Society**

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

#### **Members in the Military**

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

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

Timothy Milligan-US Marine Corps Melissa Mockler-US Navy Patric Mockler-US Navy Thomas F. Parson-US Marine Corps Jack Shires-US Navy Raymond Sgambati-US Navy James Stultz -US Army Alvaro Suarez-US Army Jack Taffner-US Marine Corps

... 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 ...

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, Sara Iannaccone, 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, 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

Cesarino A. Dantini Elizabeth Dantini

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





Owen Barto
Olivia Serafina Castellano
Jean Louise Cross
Carmine Joseph Farina
Charlotte Grace Haggerty
Margaret Anne Haggerty
Ryan James Haggerty
Liliana Rae Rodriguez

Masses may be viewed via livestream on our Facebook page.

Please join us directly on Facebook or by visiting our
website at: <u>ollchurch.org</u>, where you will be redirected.

You do not need a Facebook account.

#### **Mass Intentions**

Monday, May 6

8:30am Mathew Hickey

Tuesday, May 7

8:30am Elizabeth Riordan-Jackson

Wednesday, May 8

8:30am Franklin & Paula Edwards

5:00pm Anthony LaRocca

Thursday, May 9

Ascension of the Lord

8:30am Dianne Devi Chamanlall

12:10pm John Sweeney

7:30pm Theresa M cCarthy

Friday, May 10

St. John of Avila, St. Damien de Veuster

8:30am Carmine Barila

Saturday, May 11

8:30am Robert Gades, George Pjura, Angela Cox,

Sadie DiMartino (Living), Elaine Missack

5:00pm Mother's Day Novena

Fr. Charles Mangano

Sunday, May 12

Seventh Sunday of Easter - Mother's Day

8:00am Mother's Day Novena

Fr. Charles Mangano

9:30am Mother's Day Novena

Fr. Charles Mangano

11:00am Mother's Day Novena

Fr. Dennis Suglia

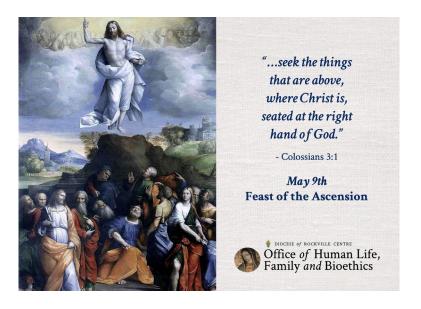
12:30pm Mother's Day Novena

Fr. Dennis Suglia

6:00pm Mother's Day Novena

Fr. Dennis Suglia

Note: Celebrant information is subject to change without notice.



#### **Rosary Christian Mothers**

The Rosary Christian Mothers meet on the first Monday evening of each month. The next meeting will be on **Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup>** We will begin with Rosary at 7:00pm in the Church, immediately followed by our business meeting in the Parish Center.

#### **SAGE**

Join us for our next meeting on **Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>** in the **Parish Center**. The meeting begins at 9:30am and is over by 11:00am. We have prayer and enjoyable social time together. SAGE is open to all people 55 or older.

#### **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

We will be having Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on this <u>Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> from 12:30pm to 7:00pm</u>. 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



Cereal Pasta Sauce Canned Stew Canned Pasta Toilet Paper

#### **Second Collection - Catholic Communications Campaign - May 11-12**

Next week our special collection supports the Catholic Communications Campaign. This campaign connects people with Christ and builds Catholic communities in the United States and developing countries using the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half of the money collected remains here in the Diocese of Rockville Centre to fund local communications efforts. Your support helps spread the Gospel message! To learn more, visit <a href="www.usccb.org/ccc">www.usccb.org/ccc</a>.

#### **Baptism Ministry**

There will be a meeting in the church on Monday, **May 13** from **7:00-8:00pm**. This meeting is intended for all current members of the Baptism Ministry, and for those who would like to consider participating in this life-giving ministry. Please join us. All are welcome! For more information, please contact Deacon Tom at: <a href="mailto:deacontom@ollchurch.org">deacontom@ollchurch.org</a>.



Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN TO BENEFIT LIFE CENTER OF LONG ISLAND

The Baby Bottle Campaign to benefit the Life Center of Long Island will be completed with collection of the filled bottles on the weekend of:

May  $18^{TH}$  and  $19^{TH}$ 



Please continue to say the prayer attached to the bottle.

Thank you for your continued prayers and financial support. Be assured it is making a <u>BIG, POSITIVE DIFFERENCE</u> with the mothers and fathers served by our pregnancy care centers!



#### 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*.

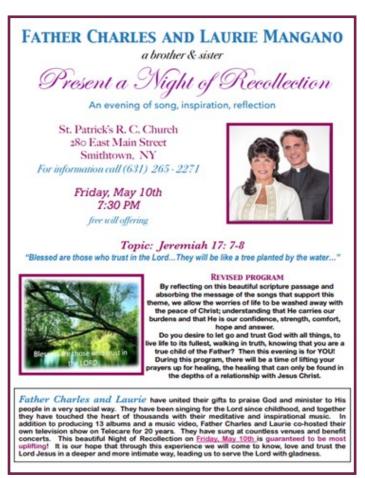
In June, our Council will be having our Annual Scholarship and Award Night. Because of the *Amazing and Wonderful* support of our Parish Family, OLL Council 17379 will be presenting five (5) \$1,000 scholarships and awards.

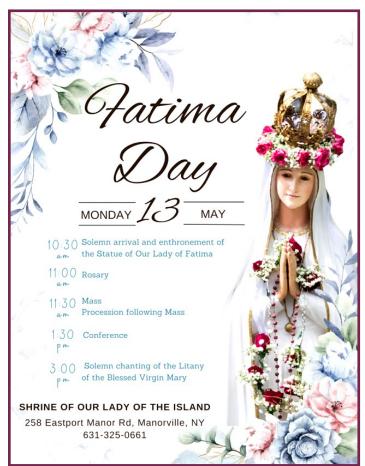
Our next meeting will be Monday, May 13, 2024 in the Parish Center.



#### **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 this weekend 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.





#### **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: <u>OLL17379.org</u> 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 4**th 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. This 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: <a href="https://www.drvc.org/career-opportunities/">https://www.drvc.org/career-opportunities/</a>
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: <a href="https://witroop179.wixsite.com/bsatroop179">https://witroop179.wixsite.com/bsatroop179</a> or contact us at: <a href="mailto:troop179cc@yahoo.com">troop179cc@yahoo.com</a>.

#### 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. 1<sup>st</sup> place winner will win 35% of the money, 2<sup>nd</sup> place will win 10% of the money and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

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

EASTER RAFFLE	EASTER RAFFLE	EASTER RAFFLE
Name	Name	Name
Phone	Phone	Phone
1 Ticket for \$25, 6 Tickets for \$100	1 Ticket for \$25, 6 Tickets for \$100	1 Ticket for \$25, 6 Tickets for \$100
EASTER RAFFLE	EASTER RAFFLE	EASTER RAFFLE
EASTER RAFFLE  Name ————	EASTER RAFFLE  Name	EASTER RAFFLE Name

# 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 lighting.

**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 DA



#### 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 10<sup>th</sup> from 1:30pm-2:30pm. There is no charge to participate, but space is limited and reservations are required. For more information or to register, please call Hannah at A Gentle Touch Senior Care at: 631-647-7622 or e-mail: hannah@agentletoauchseniorcare.com.



#### 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month from 5:30pm-7:00pm in the Parish Center There is no charge to participate, but please contact Cassandra at 631-647-7622 or via 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.







#### **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)





Fr. Charles Mangano & Fr. Tony Stanganelli

For Details and to Book Now Visit: <u>www.pilgrimages.com/frmangano</u> 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.



#### 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

#### The "Moving On" Group

An 'After-Bereavement' Group for Widows and Widowers presents:

"Healing Activities You Can Do in the Parks"
Presented by Bill Brown of the LI Parks Department
Friday, March 10, 2024 at 7:00pm
St. Joseph Parish Center

39 North Carll Avenue, Babylon, NY 11702

For further information please call: Linda Sparaco at 631-225-9530 or Joyce Gangone at 631-813-9356







Is your marriage tearing you apart?
Do you feel hurt and angry?
Does talking make it worse?

Thought of leaving or divorce? Is your marriage heading in the wrong direction.

Retrouvaille can help.

Our Next Weekend is September 13-15, 2024

**Immaculate Conception Seminary, Huntington** 

To register or for more information: 1-800-470-2230

HelpOurMarriage.org

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

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

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



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 (<u>ollchurch.org</u>), 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

#### 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. 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday meetings are via Zoom. For more meeting info visit: <u>al-anon.org</u>.

#### **Families Anonymous Meetings**

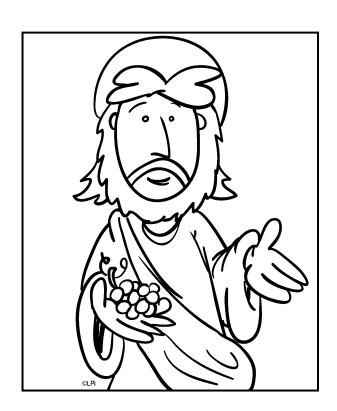
12-Step support group giving Hope & Strength to parents, family and friends concerned with a loved one's destructive behavior caused by Alcohol, Drugs or Related Behavioral Problems will meet virtually and in person. For additional information e-mail: <a href="mailto:Donna526@aol.com">Donna526@aol.com</a> or call Diane at: 631-587-0966 or Donna at: 631-589-3790. Website: <a href="mailtesAnonymous.org">FamiliesAnonymous.org</a>.

#### **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 "Parenting". To listen online or for more information, visit: <a href="https://www.ReligionandRock.com">www.ReligionandRock.com</a>.

#### **Sharing the Gospel**

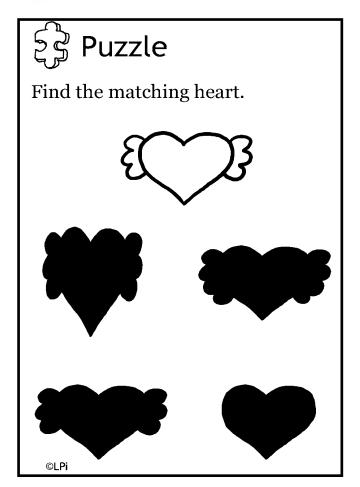
I would be really happy, if only I was ...? rich? popular? better looking? the boss? Those selfish wishes sound great, but they cannot give you true happiness inside. In today's gospel, Jesus shares the three secrets to His complete happiness: 1. Jesus obeyed God; 2. Jesus knew God loved Him; 3. Jesus loved other people enough to die for them. Wow! Jesus was completely happy, but He was not selfish at all. In fact, Jesus told His friends if they followed His loving example, they could be completely happy too. Follow Jesus to be filled with happiness from the inside out.



#### **Mission for the Week**



Read John 15:9-17 with your family. God loves you and He wants you to be completely happy, but you need to let go of your selfishness. You can obey God and love others by sharing your time with them.



#### **Prayer**

Dear God,
On my own, I
am selfish.
Thank you for
loving me. Help me to obey
You. Help me to love other
people as much as Jesus
does.

# Something to Draw

Draw a picture of yourself happily holding Jesus' hand.

