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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Parish Office

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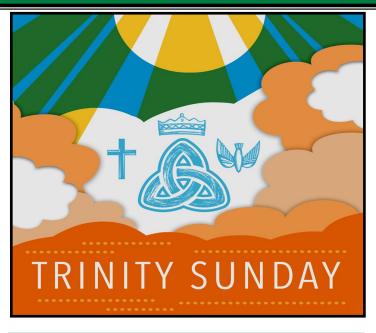
Parish Outreach Office

Phone: 631.661.9262 (select option #4)

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

SAGE (Senior Advocates for Growth and Enrichment)

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Liturgical Schedule

Daily Mass

8:30am

Weekend Masses

Saturday: 5:00pm

Sunday: 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am, 12:30pm

and 6:00pm.

Reconciliation/Confession

Saturday: 4:00pm-4:45pm or by appointment

Rosarv

Daily at 8:00am

Miraculous Medal Novena

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.

The Most Holy Trinity • Sunday, May 26, 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

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Religious Education Office

Mission Statement

As stewards of all that God has given us, the Parish Family of Our Lady of Lourdes serves and ministers to all who come to this place.

Regardless of a person's history, ethnicity, gender, orientation, age or race, we commit ourselves to open wide the doors of our Parish to provide a place of welcome and hospitality.

Readings for the Week of May 26, 2024

Sunday: Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/ Rom 8:14-17/ Mt 28:16-20

Monday: 1 Pt 1:3-9/ Mk 10:17-27 Tuesday: 1 Pt 1:10-16/ Mk 10:28-31 Wednesday: 1 Pt 1:18-25/ Mk 10:32-45 Thursday: 1 Pt 2:2-5, 9-12/ Mk 10:46-52

Friday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/ Lk1:39-56

Saturday: Jude 17, 20b-25/ Mk 11:27-33

Next Sunday: Ex 24:3-8/ Heb 9:11-15/ Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

Financial Summary

May 19, 2024

 Weekly Collection
 \$ 16,575.00

 Weekly Budget
 - \$ 17,800.00

 +/- for the week
 \$ 1,225.00

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

Trinity Sunday

My first thoughts of Trinity Sunday bring me back to my days in the Seminary. I had a priest for one course who reminded me of the actor Vincent Gardenia; he had a gravelly voice and always said what was on his mind. His doctorate dealt with the Diaconate. On one occasion, he said, "I bet you boys think you are firm believers in the Holy Trinity, but you are not." Of course, all of us in the class looked on in disbelief. How could Father say such a thing? Afterall, we were studying to become Deacons.

Father went on to explain that our focus, from his point of view, was on our Lord, Jesus Christ. He indicated that we focus all our attention on the Second Person of the Holy Trinity, rather than on the Triune God or the Holy Trinity. To this day, I still look back at the words spoken by this priest in wonder.

In Fr. Joseph Krempa's book, *Capture the Fire*, he points out that we are in the midst of Sundays that truly speak to the great themes of Catholic life. Last week we celebrated Pentecost, this week we celebrate the Trinity, and next week we celebrate the Body and Blood of Christ, or "Corpus Christi." Thinking back to my fifth-grade year at St. Frances de Chantel Catholic School in Wantagh, I had been studying for the one hundred question test for Confirmation. Life sometimes gets in the way. There was a fire in our house, and we had to relocate to my Nana's house in Westhampton Beach.

The church there was the Church of the Immaculate Conception, and I remember meeting with the Irish priest, Fr. McGann, who had a strong Irish Brogue. Week after week, he told me he would arrange for me to take the test, and week after week it was postponed. The day before my Confirmation, I went up to Fr. McGann and asked about the test. He said, "No time now Boyo, but I will ask you two questions. First question, how many Gods are there? I replied one. Second question, and this is an important question. How many persons in that one God?" I replied to him three, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. Fr. McGann, said "fine job and told me he would see me tomorrow for Confirmation." Before leaving, he gave me a pat on the cheek and told me, "It was practice for when the bishop does it."

This brings us back to the mystery of the Trinity, which is the focus of today's feast. Fr. Krempa points out how "It is truly the summit or the heart of God's revelation of Himself to us." He reaffirms a key point made by my Seminary course priest, "Anyone who hopes to approach God as He really is must approach Him as Trinity."

While there are many religions that acknowledge the existence of God in one way or another, yet "It is given only to the Christian to know the secret of God's inner life, and to know Him as truly a Trinity of Persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit." The Catechism of the Catholic Church is quite emphatic when it comes to the Mystery of the Trinity. "The mystery of the Most Holy Trinity is the central mystery of Christian faith and life. It is the mystery of God in Himself. It is therefore the source of all the other mysteries of faith." The Mystery of the Trinity defies all rational analysis, but it is one that we are all familiar with. One theologian put it this way; "To be a Christian is to have the privilege, the grace, the power of knowing God as all three: as the Father, as the Son, and as the Holy Spirit." Keep this in mind every time you bless yourself.

God bless,

Deacon Rich

Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Joyce Petersen*. 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, Benjamin J. Calogero, Thomas J. Calogero III, Thomas Cavanagh, Frank Cognetta, Amanda DiTingo, Joanne Egan, Anna Ferrante, Mike Ferrante, Thomas Geraghty-USMC, Bea Guzzo, Christine Harty, Patrick Anthony Heffron, Sara Iannaccone, Henry Kahn, Shena Kahn, Dave Kegel, Michael Kegel, Peter Lies, Vincent Marinelli, Seamus Martin, Jodianne Carrino Mentus, Glenn Meyer, Richard Meyer, Dennis Morgan, Wesley Morrell, Tom O'Brien, Peter O'Connor, Edward Pauciullo, Rose Pauciullo, Cameron Pillitteri, John Posanti, Louise Posanti, Wyatt Rajotte, Jamie Raynor, William Rivers, Donna 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, Phyllis Van Dyken

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



Rev. Joseph J. D'Angelo George Finnegan John B. Nohs Jr.

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





Mila Rose Isleman Gia Marie Sigona 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, May 27

St. Augustine of Canterbury - Memorial Day

8:30am Laurie Ann D'Alessio

Tuesday, May 28

8:30am Rev. Msgr. John T. Hinlein

Wednesday, May 29

St. Paul VI

8:30am Janet Mancusi

Thursday, May 30

8:30am Dulcesima & Andes Banzon

Friday, May 31

The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary 8:30am Rev. Msgr. Francis X. Gaeta

Saturday, June 1

St. Justin

8:30am Joanne DeRiggi

5:00pm Gerard Fogarty, John Sullivan, Tony Squeo,

Dorothy Brando, Joyce Larose, Susan Dunbar

Fr. Dennis Suglia

Sunday, June 2

The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

8:00am Joseph Anthony Vitale

Fr. Dennis Suglia

9:30am Martha Acosta

Fr. Dennis Suglia

11:00am Carmela & Fortunato Maggi

Fr. Charles Mangano

12:30pm Dcn. Rich & Joanne Maher (Living)

Fr. Charles Mangano

6:00pm People of the Parish, Eleanor McGee,

Anna Frances Wilson

Fr. Charles Mangano

Note: Celebrant information is subject to change without notice.

World Children's Day

Pope Francis has proclaimed the First World Children's Day to be held in Rome on May 25-26, 2024



The Pope has asked all children of the world to pray the Our Father each day with their families.

Pope Francis says, "Jesus is calling all of us to join with Him on this World Children's Day to become builders of a new, more humane, just and peaceful world."

Come Holy Spirit, show us your beauty reflected in the faces of children all over the world. Come, Jesus, you who make all things new, who is the way that leads us to the Father. Come and remain with us always. Amen

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

We will be having Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on this **Tuesday, May 28th 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 through June 4 due to evening Bible Study Classes.

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**, **June 1**st concluding with Benediction at 9:50pm. Please come and pray with us. All are invited and welcome. Bring a friend!



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 Pasta Baked Beans Canned Fruit Black Beans Hamburger Helper

Fellowship Ministry

FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY Our Lady of Lourdes is beginning anew a Fellowship Ministry, where we will be organizing fun activities for the parish family to engage in. We are thinking initially of movie nights, bowling, art shows and other fun activities. Would you be interested in offering us feedback on what has worked in the past or in the surrounding communities. Perhaps you have an original idea that may work. Please come to our meeting on Thursday, June 6th from 7:00pm-8:00pm in the Parish Center.



The Parish Office will be **closed Monday**, May 27 in observance of Memorial Day.

The Parish Office will reopen on Tuesday, May 28 at 9:00am.



Father's Day Candles

Once again, we are offering a **Loving Candle** which will be lit on Father'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 weekends of June 1-2, June 8-9 and during the week at the Parish Office (after June 2) for a donation of \$10.00.

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

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 (6/1 and 6/2) 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.



Adult Confirmation for our Baptized Catholics

Sunday, May 19, 2024 we, at Our Lady of Lourdes, celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation for the following Adult Baptized Catholics...



Karina Auty, Warren Auty, Victoria Brunjes, Krystena Carlson, Gloria Elliot, Bryan Gonzalez. Katherine Mallay, Sara Mason, Stephanie Negrillo, Cristina Negrillo Paratore, Greysi Liliana Riascos Rourke and Brian Warren

They have now completed their sacraments of Initiation; having already been baptized Catholic, received Eucharist and now Confirmation. We congratulate them on this important step in their faith journey. As a parish family, let us remember them in our prayers, as they become more fully committed in living out their Catholic faith.

First Communion Reflections 2024

It has been our custom for the family of a First Communion child to give an introduction to a Parent Prayer at the conclusion of the Liturgy. The following is the reflection given by the family of **Charlotte Scalera**, on April 20, 2024.



I would first like to say congratulations to all of you young boys and girls for putting in the hard work to make it here for this very special day. We are here today to present our daughter Charlotte, along with all of you, for the reception of First Eucharist.

My family has been members of this Parish for over 7 years now, but I have been attending weddings, baptisms, communions, and many other celebrations here for the last 20 years. My sister has the pleasure of being one of the catechism teachers here as well. With that said, our faith in God is deep rooted in this parish.

Our faith is important to us because it is the foundation of who we are and the basis for decisions we make every day. For us, the word faith is so much more than just a word. Charlotte's middle name is Faith. This name was given to her in memory of my niece, Lyla Faith, who was taken from us when she was a baby. When Charlotte started going to classes here and learned what the word faith meant in the church, she felt an even bigger sense of pride to hold such a name. The name Faith is a symbol and sense of strength within my family.

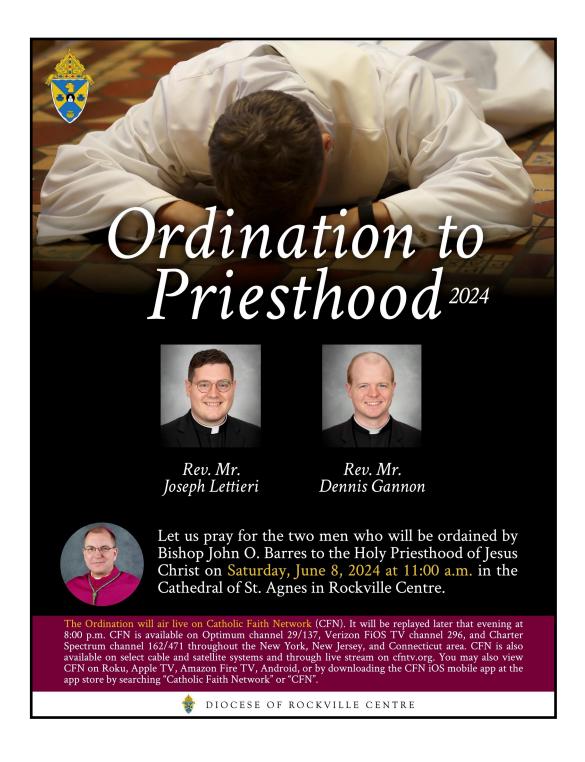
My husband and I have tried to instill in our children the importance of prayer, kindness and faith. One of the ways we do this is by attending Mass. Celebrating Mass as a family helps us create a stronger bond as a physical family and a spiritual family. The experience of Mass teaches my children how to pray, give and commit time to something that is so important.

This day is an important one for us, but even more significant than today is, of course, the day that God gave his only begotten son, Jesus. Today, we are giving our children to God. We are presenting them to God, as we did on their baptism. We are guiding them to promote the love and respect for what God has done for us.

It is our hope that they grow to be strong believers and lead a life devoted to their beliefs. We also hope they have the confidence and motivation to make their dreams come true. They say, "it takes a village to raise kids." As a parent, I want to say thank you to this parish and all the teachers for being a part of our village. Mindful of this commitment, we believe that the foundation of these sacraments puts all of our children on a great path to be whatever they strive to be. Congratulations, again, to you all and God bless!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Catechists who lovingly prepared these children, as well as the many people involved in making the celebrations so special: our Presiders: Father Charles and Father Dennis, Catechists and parents who came to assist at every practice and every First Communion Mass, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, Ushers and our Music Ministers: Robin Reynolds Brennan and Maryann Buonaspina....and the hundreds of parishioners who prayed for the children during their time of preparation. Thank you so much!

- Sister Diane



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.







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, June 10, 2024 in the Parish Center.



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.



Knights of ColumbusOur Lady of Lourdes - Council # 17379

craft fair

June 1, 2024 - 9am to 3pm

Our Lady of Lourdes - Great Lawn 455 Hunter Avenue, West Islip, NY 11795

CRAFT VENDORS

FOOD TRUCKS

A day of FAMILY FUN sponsored by
Our Lady of Lourdes
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
Council #17379

Vendor Registration Info:



Oll17379.org



Corpus Christi Procession on June 2nd

We will be having an outside procession around the property of the church on June 2nd because it is the Feast of Corpus Christi (the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ). Please join us in procession following the 12:30pm Mass. We will process with the Blessed Sacrament under a beautiful canopy accompanied by 4 tiki torches, 8 decorative umbrellas from India, our first communion children, the parish priests, deacons, altar servers, and more. There will also be recorded music along the way to help us sing to the Lord. We will have three short stops along the procession for us to pause and pray. The procession concludes back in the church with benediction. The whole procession is approximately 30–35 minutes long. Those who cannot process can remain in the church for the final benediction. Please join us in this procession as we honor the Lord and give him the glory due him. All are welcome.

The feast of Corpus Christi fulfills Jesus' promise when he said, "I will be with you every day until the end of time." He said he would come to us and not leave us as orphans. Jesus comes to us at every Mass in Holy Communion. Why? To feed us, love us, heal us, help us, and strengthen us not only in our personal lives but to witness to others. God is so good that he wants to give us what we cannot give ourselves. The Eucharist is also the sign of unity among believers, as St. Paul said. Jesus told us in John's gospel, "if you do not eat my body and drink my blood you will have no life within you." Let us receive Holy Communion on June 2nd with profound gratitude and process after the 12:30pm Mass with joy over the Love God has for us.







Schedule

- Pilgrim's Mass at 11:00am at the Cathedral of St. Agnes with Bishop John O. Barres
- LIRR to Manhattan
- Join Archdiocese of New York Group at 2:30pm at the Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in lower Manhattan
- Process with the Eucharist over the Brooklyn Bridge with Benediction at the mid-span
- Process to the Maronite Cathedral of Our Lady of Lebanon in Brooklyn
- Depart home via Subway/LIRR

On Sunday, May 26, 2024, we invite the people of God on Long Island to join in a special Eucharistic Pilgrimage as part of the National Eucharistic Revival. The National Eucharistic Revival is a three-year initiative sponsored by the Bishops of the United States encouraging a renewed encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist.

All participating pilgrims will be traveling on their own or in small groups, and responsible for all costs. For more information, please contact: mcooke@drvc.org





The Sisters of St. Dominic of Amityville Celebrate Annual Beauty of the Spirit Event

Our 23rd Beauty of the Spirit event is scheduled for Thursday, June 13th at The Crest Hollow Country Club in Woodbury. This year's Keynote Speaker is S. Christine Sammons, OP, Coordinator of Parish Social Ministry at St. Bernard's Church in Levittown, NY. Sister Christine joined the parish staff in 2003 in response to the parishioners' desire for broader outreach to low-income neighbors in the community. She works closely with the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and other volunteers trained to assess needs and provide appropriate assistance. S. Christine oversees the food pantry, the Charitable KIDZ, Meals-on-Wheels, the bereavement ministry, and partners with Catholic Charities and the Nassau County Department of Social Services.

Each year our program celebrates the beauty of the spirit of women - their strength, compassion, and wisdom. Our guests enjoy fantastic auctions and raffles, as well as an inspirational lecture from a Sister keynote speaker.

Proceeds from this year's event are designated to the renovation and beautification of the 3rd and 4th floors of the Motherhouse in Amityville. New flooring, fresh paint, and updated furniture will brighten the rooms where our aging Sisters gather daily for activities and meals.

For more information, please contact the Office of Advancement at 631-842-6000 ext. 246 or visit: https://sistersofstdominic.org/2024luncheon.

The Sisters of St. Dominic | 555 Albany Avenue, Amityville, NY 11701 | (631) 842-6000 advancement@amityop.org

American Legion Poppy Sale - Memorial Day Weekend

The red poppy is a nationally recognized symbol of sacrifice worn by Americans since World War I to honor those who served and died for our country in all wars. It reminds Americans of the sacrifices made by our veterans while protecting our freedoms. Wear a poppy to honor those who have worn our nation's uniform.





Members of the American Legion will be selling poppies after the 5:00pm Mass on Saturday, May 25th and on Sunday, May 26th after the 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am and 12:30pm Masses. All donations received are used by The American Legion Family for their programs that support veterans, the military community and their families.



Butterfly Memory Café - June 7, 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, June 7th 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, June 20, 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.



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.

Free Community Health Fair



Healthy fun for all ages

Saturday, June 22, 2024

(rain date June 23)

11:00 am - 3:00 pm

245 Old Country Road, Melville

Free health screenings

- · Blood pressure
- Cholesterol · Diabetes/glucose
- · Body Mass Index

Healthy eating and nutrition

Kid's activities

- Coloring
- Teddy bear clinic

Catholic Health specialties

- Cardiac services · CPR/First Aid/Stop-the-bleed
- · Sherpa program
- Free Narcan kits available
- Psychological/ Chemical Dependency
- Pastoral Care · Family Care Center
- Perinatal
- OncologyWound Care Gianna Center

Sleep Apnea

Physician Services

· Pain Management

Home Care Services

Rehabilitation/Physical Therapy

 Smoking Cessation Programs · Mother/Baby & Lactation

- Pediatrics
- Hospice services
- Neurology/stroke • Diabetes
- Pediatrics • Trauma

Additional resources

- · Catholic Charities









Register for a free gift | Walk-ins welcome more information, please call (516) 705-3839





Because no marriage is beyond hope...

Is your marriage tearing you apart? Do you feel hurt and angry? Does talking make it worse? Thought of leaving or divorce? Is your marriage heading in the wrong direction. Retrouvaille can help.

> Our Next Weekend is 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.





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. 2nd and 4th 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: 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 "Relaxing". To listen online or for more information, visit: www.ReligionandRock.com.

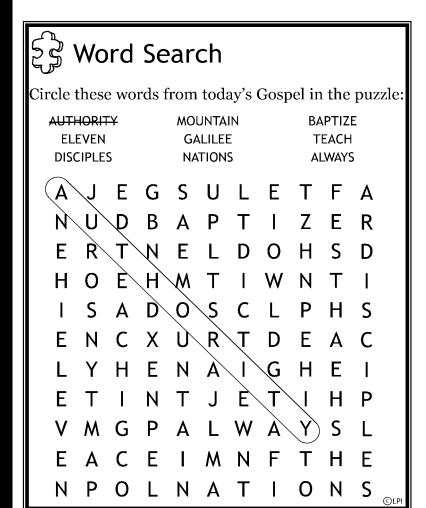
Sharing the Gospel

As the disciples ate with friends, traveled, worked, shopped, and made new friends, they were to have one goal in mind-help more people follow Jesus. Baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach them to love God and love each other. Teach them to have mercy and forgive each other. Teach them to be humble. Teach them to pray. Teach them to share. And teach them to tell the people they met how to follow Jesus, too.

Mission for the Week



When we read the Gospel, Jesus teaches us about the Father. What have you learned so far about the Holy Spirit? Using the index found at the back of your Bible, look up "Holy Spirit." As a family, write down the verses, find them in your Bible and read them out loud. Talk about each verse. If you have any questions, write them down and ask your pastor or teacher for help.



Prayer

Dear God, Help me to teach my

friends how to love and follow you - Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of yourself telling a friend about God.

