

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

455 Hunter Avenue, West Islip, NY 11795

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Saturday: 9:00am-3:00pm

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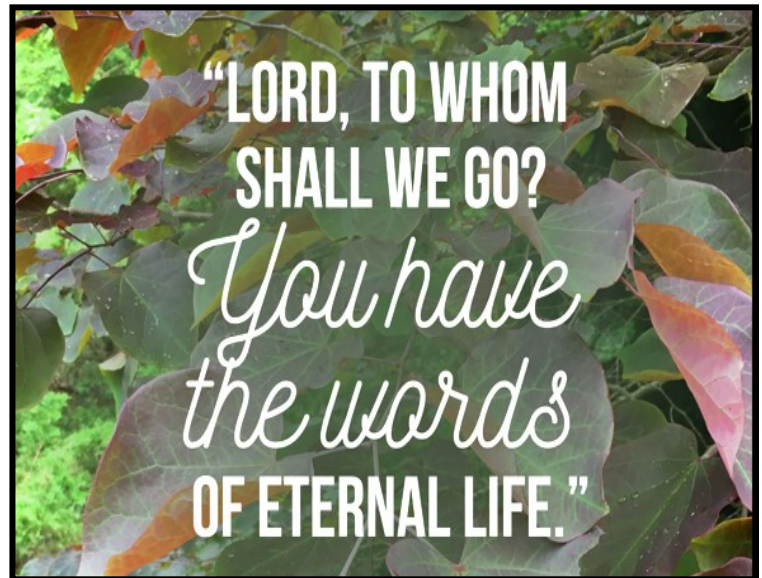
Monday - Wednesday - Friday

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.

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time • Sunday, August 25, 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
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 Dcn. Nilo DeLeon
 Jerry Esposito
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 Parish Office/Bulletin Editor

Maryann Buonaspina
 Parish Organist

Rosemary Cannarella
 Parish Office

Amy Danowski
 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 August 25, 2024

Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/ Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/
 Jn 6:60-69
Monday: 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12/ Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/ Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/ Mt 23:27-32
Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9/ Mk 6:17-29
Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25/ Mt 25:1-13
Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31/ Mt 25: 14-30
Next Sunday Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/ Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/ Mk 7:1-8, 14-15,
 21-23

Financial Summary

August 18, 2024	
Weekly Collection	\$ 14,423.00
Weekly Budget	- \$ 17,800.00
+/- for the week	\$ (3377.00)
Assumption	\$ 4,222.00

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

The 2024 Summer Olympics

It has been two weeks since the 2024 Olympics in Paris officially closed. Before you know it, we will be preparing for the 2028 summer Olympics in Los Angeles. Prior to that, it seems to be a good time to look back on the 2024 games that just ended.

206 countries were represented in the 2024 Paris Olympics. The 2024 games featured 329 medal events, the second most in the history of the games (there were 339 at the 2020 Tokyo summer Olympics). Of the 206 countries that participated in the games, 54 were from Africa, 48 from Europe, 44 from Asia, 41 from the Americas and 17 from Oceania. Russian athletes were banned from performing this year after invading Ukraine although “individual neutral athletes were allowed to participate”. Only 15 Russian athletes competed.

The Olympic Games started around 3,000 years ago, around 776 BC. No one really knows the purpose of the origin of the Olympics. Today, the IOC’s mission and vision statement (International Olympic Committee) states the purpose of the Olympics is to “build a better world through sport”. The values include “Excellence, Respect and Friendship”. The working principles include “Solidarity and unity in Diversity”.

Keeping in mind the “spirit” of the Olympics, it seems ironic and unimaginable that this year’s opening ceremony in Paris included what many church leaders and politicians called a “mockery of Christianity.” According to a NY Times article published July 28th, many condemned the performance from the opening ceremony as a Parody of the Last Supper. The organizers denied that the scene was inspired by “The Last Supper” although the evidence was quite clear. The condemnation included the French Catholic Bishops’ Conference as well as the American influential Bishop of Minnesota, Bishop Robert Barron. According to the French Bishops, the opening ceremony included “scenes of mockery and derision of Christianity.” Bishop Barron called it a “gross mockery.” He further questioned why France would permit a central moment of our faith, when Jesus gives His body and blood in anticipation of His death on the cross, to be mocked in this way. He then asks the question, “would they ever have dared to mock Islam or a scene from the Quran in a similar way”? He further states “we all know the answer, in our secular society, they know who the enemy is,” meaning we as Catholics are the enemy. Bishop Barron concludes by encouraging Catholics and other Christians not to be “sheepish.” We should make our voices heard.

Despite Rule 50 of the IOC Athletes’ Commission which bans any kind of demonstration or political, religious, or racial propaganda at all Olympic venues (including on the field of play) three top American athletes who are either Catholic or attended Catholic schools, thanked God for their gifts and for their success. These three athletes, who all won the gold medal include, Katie Ledecky (swimmer) who is devoted to the Blessed Mother, Sydney McLoughlin-Levrone (track and field) who often references scripture and Simone Biles (gymnast) who speaks about attending Mass and seeks the intercession of St. Sebastian, the patron saint for athletes. There were many other athletes who also displayed their faith, on the field and in interviews, by what they said and by other displays of faith. In the year of the Eucharistic revival, these athletes are a shining example of those who are not afraid to spread the Eucharistic message that God is with us.

As a side note, Father Joseph Fitzgerald, was one of 40 chaplains present at the Olympics, for Mass and to offer counsel. He is a former Olympian, grew up in North Babylon and is now the pastor of St. William the Abbot Church in Seaford. He wanted the following message to be the takeaway for the athletes: “The ultimate race is this relationship...being present and sitting with the Lord, knowing that you’re a beloved daughter and son of God whether you win gold or finish in last place.” I would add that it is not only for us to realize God’s love through the Eucharist, but also to allow God to work through our lives to let others know that God loves them as well.

In Christ,
Deacon Tom

Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Rita Spero*. 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>	Melissa Mockler - <i>US Navy</i>
Christopher Florca - <i>US Marine Corps</i>	Patric Mockler - <i>US Navy</i>
Dominick Gennaro - <i>US Army</i>	Thomas F. Parson - <i>US Marine Corps</i>
Patrick Harty - <i>US Coast Guard</i>	Brandon Ranzie - <i>US Army</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 Loftsgaarden - <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>
Timothy Milligan - <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 ...

Connie Ambrosino, 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, Patricia Horne, Sara Iannaccone, Paul Johnson, Henry Kahn, Shena Kahn, Dave Kegel, Michael Kegel, Vincent Marinelli, Seamus Martin, Baby Kieran John McKay, Jennifer Monroe, Dennis Morgan, Tom O'Brien, Peter O'Connor, Edward Pauciullo, Rose Pauciullo, Diane Peterson, Frank Peterson, Cameron Pillitteri, Wyatt Rajotte, Jamie Raynor, Sally Riddle, Donna Rojas, Robert Saraceno, Joseph J. Schiavoni, Vita Scorgia, Kathy Shaddock, Gary Shaddock, Baby Shaddock, Susan Shaddock, Daniel Segreto, Margie Siefken, Jerry Smotzer, Special Intention/Healing, Celestine Stewart, Larry Sturgeon, Louise Sturgeon, Keri Thomas, Chelcea Toth, Phyllis Van Dyken

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

*Lauren Darby,
OLPH, Lindenhurst
and
Patrick Buckley, OLL*

*Christina Confessore,
St. John the Baptist, Wading River
and
James Luppens
St. John the Baptist, Wading River*



Baptism

Avery Arlene Scavone

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, August 26
8:30am Grace LaPenna

Tuesday, August 27
St. Monica
8:30am Anne Kerrigan

Wednesday, August 28
St. Augustine
8:30am Rosemarie Pergolizzi

Thursday, August 29
The Passion of St. John the Baptist
8:30am Kathy Mannella

Friday, August 30
8:30am Rosemary Reese

Saturday, August 31
8:30am Clair Tomson

5:00pm John W. Funaro, Richard DiStefano,
Peter & Maralyn Vander Drift,
Rev. R. Michael Reid
Fr. Dennis Suglia

Sunday, September 1
Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00am Jean Calano
Fr. Dennis Suglia

9:30am Joseph Vitale
Fr. Charles Mangano

11:00am Nicky (Nicola) Carone
Fr. Charles Mangano

12:30pm Nancy Robertaccio
Fr. Felix Odibe

6:00pm People of the Parish, The Hibernian Purgatorial Society, Rev. R. Michael Reid, Thomas McGurk, Andy Connors
Fr. Felix Odibe

Note: Celebrant information is subject to change without notice.

Rosary for Life

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JOIN the OFFICE of HUMAN LIFE, FAMILY and BIOETHICS in PRAYER

Every Friday - 3:00 PM

Scan for Zoom link:



Email lhonkanen@drvc.org
if you would like the link sent
to you each week.

Call In #: 1 (646) 876-9923




www.drvc.life.org

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

We will be having Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on this **Tuesday, August 27th from 12:30pm to 7:30pm**. Come, spend some intimate time with Jesus. Invite a family member or friend along too! In case of inclement weather, please call the parish office at 631-661-3224 ext. 0, or log onto the parish website (ollchurch.org) to check if Adoration has been canceled.



Women's Prayer Group - Coming Soon

We will be meeting the Fourth Wednesday of each month in the Parish Center at both 9:30am and 7:30pm. Consider starting or ending your day with this special opportunity to share our faith. Looking forward to seeing you August 28, September 25, and October 23, 2024. All are welcome.



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



- Jelly
- Canned Fruit
- Mixed Vegetables
- Toothpaste
- Shampoo

PEP 1 Religious Education Program Registration Information

“Discover the Treasures of God’s Love”

If you have a child entering first grade in public school, your child should be registered for our “PEP 1” Religious Education Program. This first year program is required for participation in First Eucharist. It introduces the children to a basic understanding of the loving presence of God, the person of Jesus, conscience formation and the importance of community worship.

Classes will begin on Wednesday, October 23 4:15-5:15 pm

Information Meeting and Registration

Choose one:

Monday, September 30, 2024 10:00am or 7:30pm Parish Center

Tuesday, October 1, 2024 10:00am or 7:30pm Parish Center

The meeting will take approximately 45 minutes and will be held in the Parish Center (meeting room opposite the playground)

- Please bring your child’s Baptismal certificate (a copy is acceptable).
- *Baptismal Certificate or copy is needed even if child was baptized at OLL.*
- No child will be assigned a room number unless we have a copy of the Baptismal Certificate.
- Returning families who have an incoming first grader **MUST** attend the registration meeting.

The registration fee (if this is your oldest child) is \$220

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 (8/31 and 9/1) 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.



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.

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.

Our next meeting will be Monday, August 26, 2024 in the Parish Center.



Baptism Ministry

Sunday September 15, 2024

9:30 AM Mass



Since you have had your baby baptized in the last year, we at Our Lady Of Lourdes Parish invite you to a special Mass and celebration of your child. The children and families will receive a special blessing and gift from the Parish. We would love to see you, please RSVP to parishoffice@ollchurch.org with the number of people attending by September 1st Fellowship to follow in the Parish Center.



Fall Spectacular Super Raffle

Super Raffle tickets will be sold after all weekend Masses beginning the week-end of August 17-18. Tickets will also be available in the Parish Office during the week. The cost is \$100 per ticket. Only 220 tickets will be sold.

First Prize - \$7,000 Second Prize - \$2,000 Third Prize - \$1,000

**Drawing for the raffle will be on Sunday, September 15th. Winner need not be present.
Remember, "You have to be in it, to win it."**

OLL Family Feast Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are still needed for our Annual Parish Italian Feast. Whether you have volunteered in the past or would like to volunteer for the first time, we could use your help!

If you missed the first volunteer meeting, please contact me at: rmaher@ollchurch.org.

If you do not have VIRTUS certification, you **MUST** take the class and have a background check in order to volunteer. Sign up online at: VIRTUS.org.

The dates for this year's feast are **Wednesday, September 11th through Sunday, September 15th**.

Mark your calendars!

God Bless,
Deacon Rich



OUR LADY OF LOURDES FEAST ANGEL and ARCHANGEL Donations



Support for our annual Feast has always been overwhelming. Sometimes, people want to help with our feast, but cannot give time as a volunteer. Our Angels and Archangels Fund offers them an opportunity to help our parish raise funds. It gives one the opportunity not only to support our booths, but to make it a memorable one. All Angels and Archangels donations may be made by a business, individual, family or for a loved one (living or deceased.) Please return the form below with your donation to the rectory. Your name will appear in the bulletin following the completion of our feast. My thanks in advance; I know each family will do all they can to make our feast the best ever.

Please return the form below with your donation to the rectory.

Thank you and God bless,
Fr. Dennis

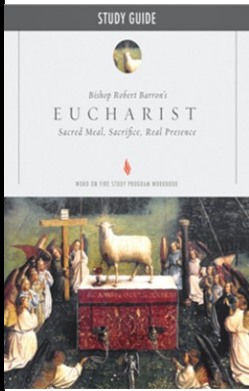
Name _____ Phone No. _____
 Address _____
 Name of Deceased _____
 Name of Living _____
 Angel: \$25 _____ Archangel: \$50 or more _____

Please check the booth you wish your Angel to Sponsor:

<u>Food</u>	<u>Beer/Wine/Soda</u>	<u>Games</u>
() Corn	() Inside – Casino)	() Hammer
() Hot Dog	() Outside	() Fast Pitch
() Pretzel		
() Coffee/Dessert		

Please return this form along with your donation to the rectory.

Our Next Bible Study



Exciting news: this fall, we will be having another bible study entitled, “**Eucharist**” by **Bishop Robert Barron**. He is 64 years old and has been a Bishop for the past nine years. He was appointed the Ordinary of the Diocese of Winona–Rochester in 2022 where he presently resides. He is the founder of the Catholic ministerial organization *Word on Fire*, and was the host of *Catholicism*, a documentary TV series about Catholicism that aired on PBS. He is extremely gifted in his ability to explain the Catholic faith in clear, understandable and inspiring ways.

This bible study will be a six-week series. The dates are Tuesdays, September 17, 24, October 1, 8, 15 and 22. There will be a 1:00pm session in the Parish Center and a 7:30pm session in the All Purpose Room. Each week, we will view a video and have small group discussions based on the Study Guide questions. The answers to all questions are in the workbook. Because the bible study starts in mid-September, all the books and supplies

need to be ordered over the summer. Therefore, **please call the parish office today to register at 631-661-3224 ext. 2, or sign up using the QR Code listed below.** There will be a free-will offering to help defray the cost of study. If you are open to being a facilitator, please advise the receptionist when you register.

Because we are still in the Year of the Holy Eucharist, proclaimed by Pope Francis, we thought focusing on the Eucharist would be most appropriate. While the topic of the Eucharist was addressed in the last bible study, this new study will focus solely on the Eucharist, going more in depth.

Did you know that more than half of current Catholics do not know the Church’s teaching on the “real presence of Christ” in the Eucharist? Statistics show that more than 70% of Catholics do not believe in the real presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. While the Eucharist is an ineffable mystery, Vatican II called the Eucharist the “source and summit of the Christian life.” With this new bible study, we will delve into the mystery of Christ's presence in our lives, and the centrality of the Eucharist as an important part of that presence. This fresh look at the Eucharist brings to light its reality as sacred meal, the sacrifice necessary for communion with God, and the Real Presence of Christ This is foreshadowed in many parts of the Old Testament, the once-and-for-all sacrifice that reunited humanity with God, and the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Christ, present through transubstantiation.

I hope you will be able to join us for this most beautiful bible study. Each week will be live streamed and archived on our parish website so, if you miss a week, you can still view the video.



To register for Bible Study (only if you have **NOT** already registered via telephone) please scan the QR code listed here.

Pregnant? Need Help?

Birthright, Inc. 24 Hour Helpline 1-800-550-4900

Islip: 631-277-3888 - Hampton Bays: 631-728-8900 - Rocky Point: 631-821-9727

Southold: 631-876-5138 - Wantagh 516-785-4070

St. Agnes of Assisi – The Secular Franciscan Order

Would you like to give more time to God, but wonder how to do that when your life is so busy? Do you long for holiness, and feel a need for support in growing spiritually? Perhaps your heart has been moved by stories of St. Francis of Assisi, or the Peace Prayer attributed to him, and you are seeking that same holy simplicity, true peace and perfect joy? If so, Christ may be calling you to explore the Secular Franciscan life. We invite you to join our monthly meetings, 2nd Sunday of the month, 1:30pm-4:30pm in the Parish Center at Our Lady of Lourdes in West Islip. For more information, contact Jackie Totino, SFO at 516-320-1326.



Babylon Chorale Auditions

The Babylon Chorale will hold auditions on Monday evening, September 9, 2024, starting with rehearsal at 7:30pm at Sisters of St. Joseph Brentwood Campus. All voice parts are welcomed.

For further information, visit www.babylonchorale.org or e-mail info@babylonchorale.org

Employment Opportunity - Part-time Cook

The Daughters of Wisdom currently have a part-time position for Cook, for the evening meal, open at their Islip Convent. The hours are Monday thru Friday –totaling approximately 18 hours. If you are interested, please contact Sr. Evelyn at 631-277-2660, ext. 11.



Boy Scout Troop 179

For 50 years, Our Lady of Lourdes has been sponsoring Boy Scout Troop 179 of West Islip. Troop meetings are held every Thursday at 7:30pm.

If you are interested in learning more about Boy Scouts and our Troop, please check out our website: <https://witroop179.wixsite.com/bsatrop179> or contact us at: troop179cc@yahoo.com.

*St. Michael
The Archangel*

Join us to prepare for St. Michael the Archangel's feast day and learn about our avid protector

September 3 7:30
Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Center

FRASSATI
young adult group
21-39-year-olds



Butterfly Memory Café - September 13, 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, September 13th** 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, September 19, 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 Maegan at 631-647-7622
or via e-mail at: maegan@agentletouchseniorcare.com to reserve your place.*

Important Information for ALL Parish Volunteers

The Diocese of Rockville Centre requires all clergy, employees, and volunteers (18 yrs. or older) to participate in the Safe Environment Guidelines as established by the Charter for the Protection of Children/Young People (2002) and outlined in the Diocesan Child Protection Policy.

Note: If you already have a Virtus account (www.Virtus.org), have signed the Code of Conduct and attended the Class, all you need to do is initiate the updated background screening through Sterling Volunteers.

Requirements are as follows:

1. Attend a Virtus: Protecting God's Children class.
2. Undergo background screening.
3. Sign the Diocesan Code of Conduct.

Instructions to Complete the Safe Environment Requirements:

- Log into the Virtus website: www.Virtus.org.
- Begin the registration process by creating a Virtus account. The first screen requests the location: Please select Rockville Centre from the drop down list.
- Follow directions on each page.
- During the registration process you will receive a copy of the Code of Conduct and Pastoral Code of Conduct. Please sign each Code electronically.
- Select the class you wish to attend.
- Complete the background screening application provided. Background screening is conducted by Sterling Volunteers.

When you complete the registration process, you will have a Virtus account and an account with Sterling Volunteers. Your Virtus account will contain the date you signed the Codes of Conduct; date you submitted the background screening application and date you will attend Virtus. Please keep your username and the password for both your Virtus account and Sterling account as these are required to access each account.

Please contact the Office for the Protection of Children/Young People if you have questions or require assistance: cprotection@drvc.org

LOCAL WEST ISLIP NATIVE PRAYING FOR A DONOR



About Dan Segreto

In July 2023 Dan suffered a stroke and went into Kidney Failure. His Kidneys have not recovered and he is required to do dialysis 3 times a week, which is physically and mentally challenging. To save his life, dan requires a kidney transplant. Dan's Blood Type is O positive and requires a Kidney donated from any O type blood to be a perfect match.

NYU Langone has a Swap Program, any Blood type Donor can donate a kidney in Dan's Name, NYU Langone will swap the kidney for a kidney that is Dan's Match.

Please Donate Blood and consider getting tested to donate a Kidney.

Please Call: NYU Langone
212-263-3621



Summer Pops Concert

with the
WEST ISLIP
SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Sunday, August 25 @5
Wohseepee Park, Brightwaters



**THE FATHER
MYCHAL JUDGE**

911

**WALK OF
REMEMBRANCE**

SEPTEMBER 8th, 2024

We honor the memory of those lost on 911, we trace the footsteps of
Father Mychal Judge in the spirit of prayer and remembrance.

9:00am - Rosary: St. Francis of Assisi RC Church (31st St, Outside)

9:30am - Walk Begins: E1/L24 FDNY (31st St. & 7th Ave)

-12:00pm - Walk Concludes at St. Peters RC Church (Barclay St)

There is an 8:00am regularly scheduled Mass at St. Francis mass prior to rosary!
Websites: (StFrancisNYC.org) (SpCOfR.org)

All are invited to walk down 7th Avenue the route that Father Mychal
and so many others traveled on that fateful day.
FDNY, NYPD, PAPD will be honored as we pray and remember.

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**2024 TACHS Prep Course
& Test Taking Strategies Class
For Admission into a Catholic HS**

HOSTED BY

**St. John the Baptist
Diocesan High School**

Our TACHS Prep Classes and Test Taking Strategies Class are taught by experienced St. John the Baptist **English and Math** Teachers. Through their insight and knowledge, Prep Course students receive a review of reading, writing, vocabulary, grammar. and mathematical skills, increasing your child's test-taking abilities. Five Prep Classes are offered on Saturdays before the Exam and the night before the exam we offer a Test Taking Strategies Class.

Prep Course- \$400.00

- Five Saturday Classes-
 - Sept 28, Oct 5, Oct 19, Oct 26, Nov 2
- 8:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
- All materials included in fee

Test Taking Strategies- \$150.00

- Friday, Nov 8
- 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- All materials included in fee

Prep Course & Test Taking Strategies- \$500.00

Please visit our website [<https://stjohnthebaptistdhs.net/tachs-exam-prep-course>] or call 631-587-8000 ext. 117 for more information.



*Catholic Charities Talbot House
30-C Carlough Road
Bohemia, NY 11716*

Residential Stabilization (detox)
Looking for per diem/on call: LPN, RN, and NP (family health)
Days, Evenings, Overnights, Weekends available
Contact: Toni DeFelice defelice.toni@catholiccharities.cc 631-589-4144

General Bereavement Support Group and Loss of Adult Child Group St. John Nepomucene

1140 Locust Ave. Bohemia, NY 11716

Each group will be eight weeks in duration, beginning Thursday, September 12th at 7:00pm. The General Support Group is open to anyone who has suffered a loss at least three months prior to the start of the group. The Adult Child Group has no wait requirement. Each group meets weekly for 90 minutes followed by refreshments and hospitality. There is no cost but a commitment to attend each meeting throughout the program is required. Both groups are offered in a closed and confidential setting with trained facilitators, and limited to 12 people. **Pre-registration is required. Seating is limited. Please call 631-589-0540, ext. 250 to reserve your seat.**

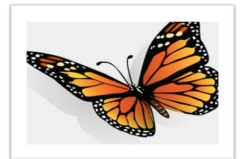
Bereavement Support Group for Widows and Widowers

8 Week Program for Age 50 and Over
Starting Thursday, September 19, 2024 from 3:00–5:00 pm
St. Joseph Parish Center
39 N. Carll Ave, Babylon

For losses that have occurred before June 20, 2024.

Registration Required

For more information and registration, please call: Geri Olson 631-661-8994



Bereavement Support Program at St. Mary, East Islip

Eight Week Group beginning Tuesday, October 1, at 7:00pm

Support Groups are opened to anyone who has suffered a loss at **least three months prior** to the start of the group.

Loss must have occurred prior to **July 1, 2024.**

There is no cost, but a commitment to attend each meeting throughout the program is required. Groups are offered in a closed and confidential setting with highly trained facilitators and limited to 13 people. **Pre-registration is required.** Call 631-581-4266 ext.125 to register.



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

Walk-ins welcome for those with insurance.

For those that are under- or uninsured, please call (631) 376-3051 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.

**** Transportation available upon request. ****

Sunday, October 6

9:30 – 11:30 am



goodsamaritanuniversity.org



Grief Support Group

Help and encouragement after the death of a loved one

A GriefShare support group is a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief. At this 13-week group, you'll receive valuable guidance and tips, leading you to relief, comfort, and peace of mind.

Contact Us Today

Westminster United Presbyterian Church
109 Udall Road, West Islip, NY 11795
Wednesdays, Sept. 18 - December 12
4:45- 6:15 pm
Contact Pastor Kerry: 631-482-2033
Register at Griefshare.org, zip code 11795

griefshare.org

RETROUVAILLE

HelpOurMarriage.org
A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

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.

September 29
8:30 - 4pm
followed by
Catholic Mass

worldwide marriage encounter®
Presents

Celebrate Marriage

Come spend the day with the love of your life. This enrichment will renew your dreams, increase your passion and refresh and celebrate the Sacrament of your marriage.

Location:
Seminary of the Immaculate Conception
440 W Neck Rd, Lloyd Harbor, NY 11743

\$100 per couple
mail check payable to **WWME**
497 Clay Pitts Rd
East Northport, NY 11731
includes: breakfast and lunch
Contact: Chuck & Maria Reiss
(631)486-8607
chuck.maria.reiss@wwme.org

worldwide marriage encounter

Longest Married Couple

MAY 15TH - SEPTEMBER 1ST

Celebrate love that stands the test of time!
Join Worldwide Marriage Encounter in honoring couples who have been married the longest. Share your stories and be inspired!

NOMINATE TODAY

More Information
wwme.org



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 **Sept. 14-15, 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 September 20-22, 2024** at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington. Register at: WWME.org or contact: Kevin & Regina Hickson at 516-554-3835. **Registration deadline is Monday, August 30, 2024.**



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.

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: 631-835-8788. 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 “**Vocations**”. To listen online or for more information, visit: www.ReligionandRock.com.

Sharing the Gospel

After Jesus compared himself to manna and said that he was sent from heaven, many of his followers turned away from him. They just could not accept what Jesus was saying. It was too hard for them to understand. We have something they did not have. We have the Holy Spirit to help us. Sometimes what we learn might be hard for us to understand, too, but we never need to walk away. We can have faith in Jesus. We can ask him to help us.



Mission for the Week

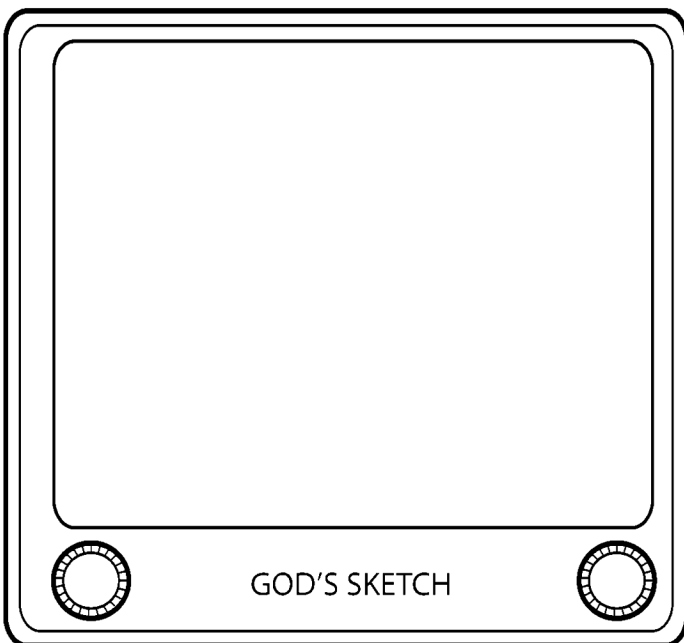


Have you ever learned something about God that was hard to understand? Talk about it with your family, and together pray for each other. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you learn what God wants you to do.



Puzzle

Draw a picture of your friend Jesus.



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Prayer



Dear God,

Give me the faith to trust Jesus always.
Amen.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of yourself next to Jesus.

