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 Mever.** Business Manager Robin Reynolds Brennan, Coordinator of 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

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Monday-Friday: 9:00am-Noon, 1:00pm-5:00pm, 7:00pm-9:00pm E-mail: ReligiousEd@ollchurch.org

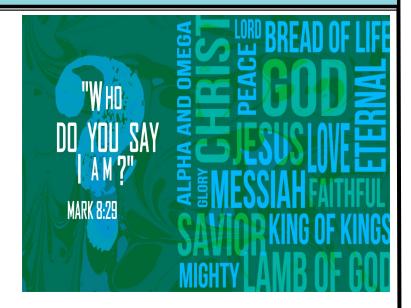
Parish Outreach Office

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.

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time • Sunday, September 15, 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
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Jerry Esposito
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Parish Office

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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 September 15, 2024

Sunday:Is 50:4c-9a/ Jas 2:14-18/ Mk 8:27-35Monday:1 Cor 11:17-26, 33/ Lk 7:1-10Tuesday:1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/ Lk 7:11-17Wednesday:1 Cor 12:31—13:13/ Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11/ Lk 7:36-50 **Friday:** 1 Cor 15:12-20/ Lk 8:1-3 **Saturday:** Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/ Mt 9:9-13

Next Sunday Wis 2:12, 17-20/ Jas 3:16—4:3/ Mk 9:30-37

Financial Summary

September 8, 2024

 Weekly Collection
 \$ 17,817.00

 Weekly Budget
 - \$ 17,800.00

 +/- for the week
 \$ 17.00

Catholic University \$ 3,314.00

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

Sacred Heart Banner

I am writing to you to discuss the environment in the Church. You may have seen our new beautiful Tabernacle, which was donated by an anonymous person, centered in our sanctuary. What a beautiful receptacle to reserve Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

I believe Fr. Brian moved the Tabernacle to the center of our worship space some time ago. This is the proper place for Jesus, Our Lord, truly present in his Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity in the Blessed Sacrament. Centering the Blessed Sacrament in our worship space is what the Church calls for and teaches.

When the Tabernacle was moved to the center of the worship space, it left somewhat of a void in the previous location where the Tabernacle used to reside, in the southernmost part of the Church. We removed that now empty Tabernacle around Holy Week because it was redundant and could also be misleading to worshippers who may have thought that that it was still in use. That provided us with an opportunity to enhance our worship space in this former sanctuary.

Most recently, in June we placed an image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in this place. June is the month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. What an appropriate way to honor Our Lord by having this image decorate our worship space. The placement of this image was meant to be temporary, but it has become so popular we have kept it up standing for a time.

With October approaching fast, this month dedicated to the Rosary we will be putting up a new image for the month: an image of Our Lady of Lourdes and Saint Bernadette. While I know some of you will be sad to see the Sacred Heart image taken down, you need not worry, it will be back in November. Then, in December, we have Advent and Christmastime approaching so we will decorate that small former sanctuary space appropriately for the season.

Thank you for your time and attention and for understanding of what our vision is for decorating the worship space. We know the Sacred Heart of Jesus banner has become very popular so we will keep that fact under advisement as we make future decisions regarding our worship space. It does much to supplement our Statue of the Sacred Heart of Jesus which is located nearest the door at the southwest exit of the Church.

Yours in Christ.

Fr. Dennis Suglia

Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Angela MacDermott*. 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 Loftsgaarden-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
Brandon Ranzie-US Army
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 ...

Patricia Amabile, Connie Ambrosino, Andrew Arena, Kathy Arena, Jeanette Battista, Benjamin J. Calogero, Thomas J. Calogero III, Thomas Cavanagh, Frank Cognetta, Amanda DiTingo, Joanne Egan, 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, Gaye Mazzo, Baby Kieran John McKay, Jennifer Monroe, Dennis Morgan, Tom O'Brien, Peter O'Connor, Edward Pauciullo, Rose Pauciullo, Diane Peterson, Frank Peterson, Cameron Pillitteri, John Posanti, Louise Posanti, Wyatt Rajotte, Jamie Raynor, Sally Riddle, Donna Rojas, Robert Saraceno, Joseph J. Schiavoni, Vita Scorcia, 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, Marge Valenti, Phyllis Van Dyken

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



Michael Reisinger Gary Rohan Edward Valenti

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



Upcoming Marriages

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

St. John the Baptist, Wading River

Meghan Eileen Haggerty Maria Regina, Seaford

Edward Alexander Markiewicz Maria Regina, Seaford



Mila Nevaeh Benitez

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, September 16 St. Cornelius, St. Cyprian 8:30am Stephen J. Gili

Tuesday, September 17

St. Robert Bellamine, St. Hildegard of Bingen

8:30am Arthur Lee

Wednesday, September 18 8:30am James W. Caramico

Thursday, September 19

St. Januarius

8:30am Janet Mancusi (Living)

Friday, September 20

St. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Paul Chong Ha-sang and Companions

8:30am Mary Anderson

Saturday, September 21

St. Matthew

8:30am People of the Parish

5:00pm James Grillo, Barbara & Louie Argento,

Matt & Anna Lattanzio, Russel Salerno,

Edward Valenti, Bob Denner

Fr. Dennis Suglia

Sunday, September 22

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am Joseph A. Kelly, Jr.

Fr. Dennis Suglia

9:30am Joseph Anthony Vitale

Fr. Charles Mangano

11:00am Deceased Members of Bronkhurst Family

Fr. Charles Mangano

12:30pm Esperanza Gomez

Fr. Felix Odibe

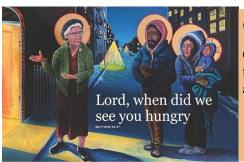
6:00pm People of the Parish, Sal Conigliaro,

Russel Salerno, Philomena M. Adams,

Andrew Meola

Fr. Felix Odibe

Note: Celebrant information is subject to change without notice.



Catechetical Sunday - September 15, 2024

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Family blesses our devoted Catechists today, at the 11:00am Mass. We ask God to bless them in their ministry, as they journey sharing their faith and knowledge.

Please remember our Catechists in your prayers during this coming year.

SAGE

Our next SAGE meeting will be **Tuesday**, **September 17th** at 9:30am in the Parish Center.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

We will be having Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on this **Tuesday, September 17th 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.



Men's Prayer Group

The Men's Prayer group will meet on Wednesday, September 18th from 9:00am-11:00am in the Parish Center. All men are welcome to join us for prayer, conversation and fellowship.

Our Lady's Rosary Makers

Rosary Makers will meet on Wednesday, September 18th at 1:00pm and 7:30pm in the Parish Center.

Calling All Singers!

Do you enjoy singing in the privacy of your home and car or maybe while sitting in the pew at Mass? Have you ever thought about praising the Lord by singing! We are always looking for people to sing in the 11:00am Mass Choir, and we would love to have YOU! Why don't you come to a rehearsal and try it out? We rehearse on Thursday evenings in the church at 7:00pm and then sing at the 11:00am Mass on Sundays. If you are interested, please contact Robin Reynolds Brennan at robin@ollchurch.org or call the rectory office.

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



Laundry Detergent Coffee Tea Hot Chocolate Canned Pasta

Blessing of the Backpacks - September 22 - 9:30am Mass

ALL STUDENTS are invited to bring their BACKPACKS AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES for a special blessing at the 9:30 Mass on September 22. We will join together to bless these children and the tools they will use to learn and grow during this school year. We will also pray for their teachers and parents who will guide them on their learning journey. Hospitality will follow in the Parish Center.



Bible Study Begins this Week!

Bible Study classes (afternoon & evening) begin on Tuesday, September 17^{th.}

El Salvador Night: Informational Meeting

There will be an informational meeting on Sunday, September 30th to discuss our proposed Mission Trip to El Salvador June 28 – July 4, 2025. It will be at 7:30pm in the All Purpose Room. We will have young adults, who have gone on previous trips, to discuss their experiences. Plans are under way to have some guests to demonstrate traditional Salvadorian dances. Of course, it would not be a meeting at Our Lady of Lourdes without food. We will have pupusas, some dessert, and beverages. More information to follow in the coming weeks.

Come join us. Look forward to seeing you. - Deacon Rich

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

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.



A Pilgrim's Thoughts on Medjugorje...

Recently, I was on one of the Pilgrimages to visit Medjugorje. Every night, watching hundreds of people line up for an hour or more for the sacrament of Penance from 6:00pm to midnight, to thousands praying the rosary and participating in adoration was beyond amazing. Mass at St. James or Ivan's chapel was absolutely magnificent. Also, the meals we shared with the 34 Pilgrims in the peace and love of Our Heavenly Mother was nourishing and joyful.

There were 11 young adults (six OLL) from the Frassati group that looked after and watched over myself and others. They helped and encouraged those climbing and struggling up Apparition Hill, Cross Mountain and Blue Cross Hill. Two from OLL climbed a sharp, rocky, steep hill in bare feet as a penance! They lived, and were, examples of what Jesus calls each of us to be!

But the PROFOUND, GLORIOUS AND AMAZING experience in Ivan's (one of the visionaries) home was praying the rosary and then praying silently in AWE as he was in deep conversation with Our Blessed Mother Mary. Words cannot express the wonder of those moments! We were blessed!!

I want to thank everyone on the trip, but especially Father Charles and Father Tony and the wonderful young adults (the future of our church) for their grace and presence. You all are an inspiration to me on my faith journey. I was nurtured and nourished!

Blessings always, Ann Munkwitz

As an after thought, the 35 members of the Frassati group are an amazing group of young men and women that are so prayerful, kind and inspiring. It is amazing to watch them in prayer, singing and playing instruments and enjoying the love of God! Please keep them in prayer as they continue their journey. The Church is in good hands.





















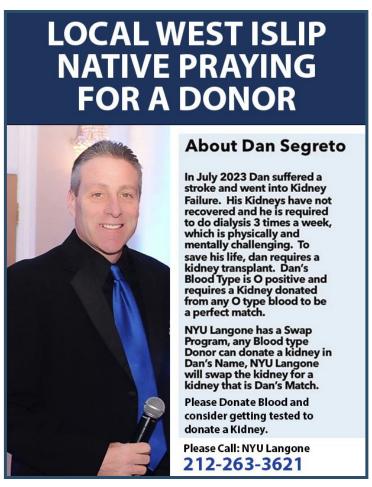


An Invitation for Adult Men (18 years or older) to Join our Parish Knights of Columbus Council 17379

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, September 23, 2024 in the Parish Center







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.



Butterfly Memory Café - September 27, 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 27th 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.



Seminary Communion Breakfast

The Friends of the Seminary invite you to their Annual Communion Breakfast on Sunday, September 29, 2024. Mass at 10:00am followed by brunch and presentation by Msgr. Steven Camp, Seminary Rector and Pastor of St. Patrick, Huntington. Reservations required (\$60 per guest; \$50 member of Friends). Information/reservations, SeminaryDevelopment Office, bmalone@icseminary.edu, 631-423-0483 x 102, www.icseminary.edu/events.







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.





Proposal 1: A Wolf in Sheep's Clothing

A statement of the Catholic Bishops of New York State

On November 5, faithful citizens throughout the nation will have the opportunity once again to exercise their sacred right to vote. Pope Francis has reminded us that as thoughtful Catholics, we must participate in the public square for the sake of the common good. Every Catholic is called to do the work of properly informing his or her conscience and voting for candidates and policies that will best advance the natural law, the protection of human rights, the dignity of the human person, the sacredness of all life, and the teachings of Christ and His Church. It is a presidential election year, and there are important votes to be cast for Congress and the state Legislature as well. Importantly, in New York, like several other states, there is also a critical referendum on the ballot.

Educating oneself will be especially important in the case of Proposal 1, sometimes referred to as the "Equal Rights Amendment." The title suggests a noble cause, as all children of God should be treated equally under the law. However, this proposed amendment to the state Constitution is broadly written and could have dangerous consequences if enacted, which is why we oppose it and urge you to vote no. The measure would, effectively, permanently legalize abortion without restriction and up until the moment of birth in New York. Aside from being redundant in a state that already has stripped away all abortion limitations, the amendment would render impossible any change to the law if the hearts and minds of New Yorkers were ever to shift toward protecting the child in the womb.

The amendment's sweeping language and inclusion of "age" as a protected class could also lead to parents' rights being stripped away. Courts could decide that parents have no authority over their minor children on important matters and permit children to make destructive and permanent decisions on their own which they could well live to regret, including but not limited to so-called "gender affirming" treatments and surgeries. The relationship between parents and their children is sacred. Parents must be able to support and guide their children in accord with the natural law, without interference from the government or courts, which would be reaching beyond their competency.

Proposal 1 is a wolf in sheep's clothing that could lead to darkness for many New York families. This amendment disregards the lives of unborn and struggling children in the name of political agendas. It could have dangerous consequences for these children and their parents. As they look to make their voices heard in the public square, faithful Catholics should consider these consequences and vote no. Likewise, they should thoughtfully vote their informed conscience up and down the ballot so that we might usher in change for good.

September 5, 2024 Feast of St. Teresa of Calcutta

Volunteers Needed! - Guilds of Good Samaritan University Hospital

The Guilds of Good Samaritan University Hospital are seeking new members to join our team of volunteers. We are currently seeking the help of adult and junior volunteers for the following areas:

- 1. The Good Samaritan Guild Thrift Shop, Located at 179 Deer Park Avenue in Babylon (seeking cashiers and sales associates)
- 2. The Gift Shop, Located in the main lobby of Good Samaritan Hospital (seeking cashiers)
- 3. Gift Cart, (a gift shop on wheels, which visits patient units and waiting rooms)
- 4. Patient Service roles, concierge, assisting as needed & directed on nursing units.

Adult Program: (The Guilds of Good Samaritan), you must be 18 (high school graduate) or older to apply. **Junior Volunteers**, students 15 years old through high school graduation are eligible for the program. Earn you Community Service Hours with us.

For more information, or to obtain a volunteer application, please visit our website,

https://www.chsli.org/good-samaritan-hospital/ways-give/volunteer

Please see below for additional contact information:

Brittany Colasanto, Manager of Volunteer Services, Good Samaritan Hospital

Email: brittany.colasanto@chsli.org

Adult Volunteer Program: Phone: 631-376-3659 **Junior Volunteer Program**: Phone: 631-376-3396



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 September 25, and October 23, 2024. All are welcome.



Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children's Liturgy takes place on Sundays at the **9:30am Mass**. The children are invited to the **PARISH CENTER** to hear and learn about the scripture readings of the day at their level. Children from 4 years old through 4th grade are welcome. Parents may join us, if they wish.



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



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Prep Course- \$400.00

- Five Saturday ClassesSept 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.

St. Agnes of Assisi – The Secular Franciscan Order

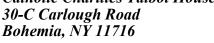
Would you like to give more time to God, but wonder how to do that when your life is so busy? Do you long for holiness, and feel a need for saupport in growing spiritually? Perhaps your heart has been moved by stories of St. Francis of Assisi, or the Peace Prayer attributed to him, and you are seeking 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.

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



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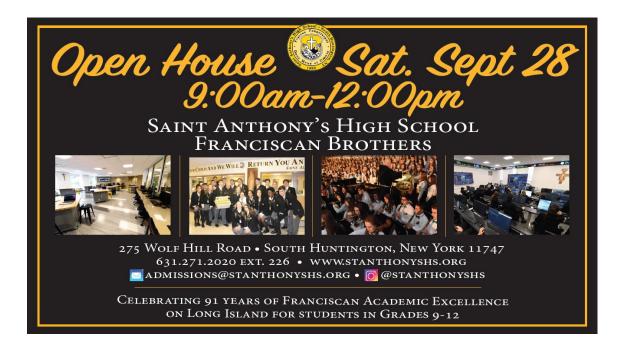
Residential Stabilization (detox)

Looking for per diem/on call: LPN, RN, and NP (family health)

Days, Evenings, Overnights, Weekends available

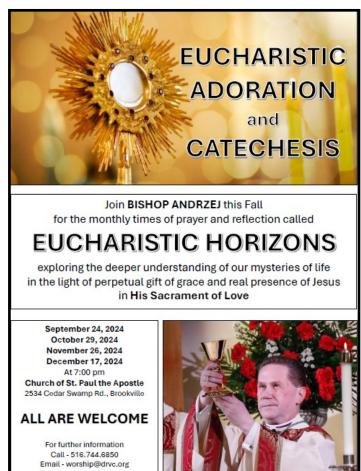
Contact: Toni DeFelice defelice.toni@catholiccharities.cc 631-589-4144













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 November 1-3, 2024

Immaculate Conception Seminary, Huntington

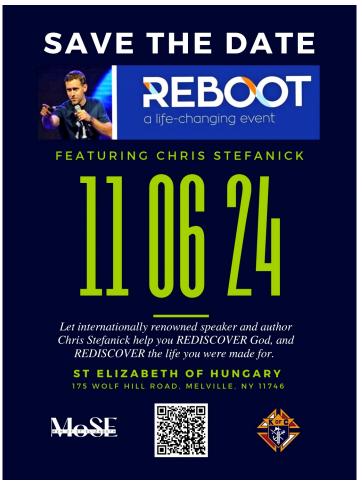
To register or for more information: 1-800-470-2230

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 **February 15-16**, **2025**. 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.

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: 631-835-8788. 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 "Reconciliation". To listen online or for more information, visit: www.ReligionandRock.com.

Sharing the Gospel

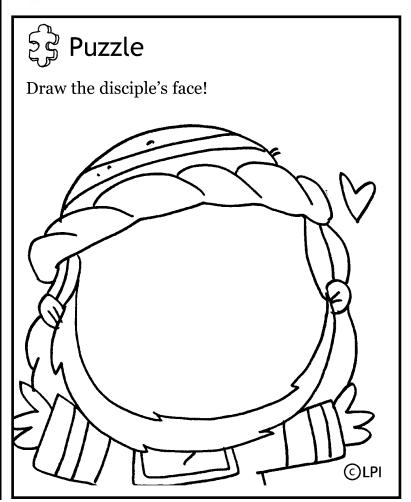
Jesus was the king, the Messiah that God's people had been waiting for. In today's Gospel reading, the disciples were confused. If Jesus was the king, why was He saying He would die soon? Jesus' friends did not understand yet that, by dying on the cross, Jesus would save them from their sins.



Mission for the Week



With your family, talk about what you would enjoy if you were a king or queen. Tell how Jesus was different from other kings.



Prayer

Dear God, thank you for coming to save me from my sins.



Something to Draw

Draw a picture of Jesus carrying His cross.

