

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

455 Hunter Avenue, West Islip, NY 11795

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Rev. Charles Mangano, Associate Pastor

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Parish Office

Phone: 631.661.3224 (select option #2)

Monday-Thursday: 9:00am-7:30pm

Friday: 9:00am-5:00pm

Saturday: 9:00am-3:00pm

Sunday: 10:30am-2:30pm

E-mail: ParishOffice@ollchurch.org

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Website: www.ollchurch.org

Religious Education Office

Phone: 631.661.5440 (select option #3)

Monday-Friday: 9:00am-Noon,

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Parish Outreach Office

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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-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time • Sunday, October 13, 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
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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 October 13, 2024

Sunday: Wis 7:7-11/ Heb 4:12-13/ Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27
Monday: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31—5:1/ Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday: Gal 5:1-6/ Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday: Gal 5:18-25/ Lk 11:42-46
Thursday: Eph 1:1-10/ Lk 11:47-54
Friday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b/ Lk 10:1-9
Saturday: Eph 1:15-23/ Lk 12:8-12
Next Sunday Is 53:10-11/ Heb 4:14-16/ Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45

Financial Summary

October 6, 2024

Weekly Collection	\$ 17,170.00
Weekly Budget	- \$ 17,800.00
+/- for the week	\$ (630.00)

Respect Life	\$ 4,836.00
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The estimated weekly collection needed to maintain and operate our parish buildings, ministries, programs and salaries is \$17,800.

Dear Parishioners,

Many of you are aware that the Diocese of Rockville Centre has been going through a Chapter 11 Bankruptcy process since October 2020. This was the result of the New York State Legislature's passage of the Child Victims Act in 2019, which allowed lawsuits for historical accusations of child sexual abuse, regardless of how many years or decades ago the alleged abuse took place. The number of lawsuits that were brought against the Diocese, our parishes, schools and other ministries made it impossible to equitably compensate victim-survivors of child abuse with meritorious claims through court trials. Trials would have resulted in the first survivors in line with claims receiving compensation and the rest receiving little or nothing.

Bankruptcy offered the possibility of equitable compensation and some measure of healing for survivors, while allowing the Church to continue the saving mission of Jesus Christ by, first and foremost, securing the future of our parishes. The Diocese, as well as every parish and ministry, contributed to the settlement in order to accomplish these goals. To resolve all past claims of abuse of minors and to secure the future of the Church's ministries throughout Long Island, it was necessary that every parish participate in the Chapter 11 Bankruptcy process. This is to ensure that no historical claims could place parishes or schools at risk in the future.

We know that the horrific scandal of child abuse was not caused by us, but we inherited the devastating effects. In 2019, as a result of the law passed by the New York State Legislature, our parishes became subject to lawsuits based upon claims of abuse from decades ago, long before any of the current priests or staff members arrived here and, in fact, before most of our current parishioners lived within the parish. The law has affected not only the Church, but many public and private institutions across the state. By participating in the bankruptcy process, along with the whole Church throughout Long Island, we have helped to resolve all claims and to secure the future of our Parish. As a result, historical lawsuits can no longer be brought against Our Lady of Lourdes in West Islip.

Victim survivors of child abuse deserve our respect, our prayers, and our pastoral support. This has been a terribly painful time for them, for their families, and for the whole Church, but we pray that the settlement will give everyone an opportunity for healing and a new beginning. For over twenty years, the Diocese, our parishes, schools, and ministries, have enacted strict Child Protection Protocols to ensure that the Church is among the safest of places for everyone. Our record throughout these past twenty years has proven that these measures work.

We pray for all survivors of child abuse, that by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the compassion of others, they may find healing and comfort. We pray for our parishes and all ministries that serve God and the common good of all people on Long Island, that Mary, Mother of the Church will intercede for us. Out of this dark chapter in the Church's history, we look to a time of resurrection, to a Church purified and eager to bring the saving message of Jesus Christ to all people.

With prayers and gratitude to you and your family for your faithfulness, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Dennis Suglia



DIocese OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

September 23, 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

At this year's general election, New York voters will decide whether to approve a proposed amendment to the State Constitution. Officially known as "Proposal One", the amendment would add new language to the State's version of the "Bill of Rights" that, if approved, could insert gender ideology into child and adult sports, schools, hospitals, and even our churches.

The proponents of Proposal One refer to it as the "Equal Rights Amendment" and claim that the amendment is intended to protect the right to access an abortion. Proposal One, however, does nothing to ensure "equal rights" nor does it have anything to do with the legality of abortion in New York.

Since 1938, the State Constitution has guaranteed the right to the equal protection of the laws and has barred discrimination against any individual by a public or private institution based upon "race, color, creed or religion." Now, eighty-five years after the adoption of the Constitution's prohibition on discrimination, the State Legislature has discovered that we need an "Equal Rights Amendment" that ensures a "right" to an abortion in New York.

New York's abortion laws are already among the most permissive in the nation. Proposal One does nothing to alter the abortion laws or to further liberalize them. In fact, the word "abortion" does not appear anywhere in the proposed amendment. New Yorkers who vote in favor of Proposal One because they believe it will provide additional legal guarantees related to abortion are victims of a misleading campaign that masks the true purpose of the amendment.

Voters need only to read the language set forth in Proposal One to learn its actual purpose and to discern its potential for harm. While they will find no mention of abortion, voters will discover that, if adopted, Proposal One would prohibit discrimination based upon "gender identity" or "gender expression." This language would transform the laudable and longstanding anti-discrimination article in the State Constitution into a legal weapon that would force institutions across the state—public and private, religious, and secular—to accommodate the most radical forms of gender ideology.

Under this language, for example, a CYO girls' basketball team, or a local girls' soccer club, could be forced to allow a biological male to participate on the team if he wishes to do so because of his "gender expression." To bar such a person from the team would constitute an act of illegal discrimination.

The same language can be employed against health clubs, public and private schools, restaurants, and other public places to mandate that these institutions open their bathrooms and locker rooms to anyone, regardless of biological sex, based upon an individual's "gender identity." To restrict access to a bathroom or locker room according to biological sex would be another form of unconstitutional discrimination.

Furthermore, Proposal One would undermine the bedrock religious liberty protections that the State Constitution is supposed provide for Catholic parishes, schools, and hospitals, as well as for the religious institutions administered by other faiths. The amendment would expose a church or school to a lawsuit if, for example, it refused to hire a "transgender" catechist or dismissed an employee for the promotion of notions about gender that are antithetical to Church teaching. A teacher could demand to be called by a "preferred pronoun", as could any student, regardless of age. A refusal to adopt this sort of language regime would violate the Constitution.

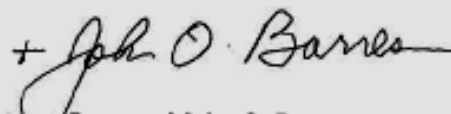
Catholic hospitals that do not perform gender-related surgeries could be sued for illegal discrimination against people who wish to express their gender identity through a medical procedure.

Supporters of Proposal One dismiss these concerns as far-fetched fearmongering. Yet they cannot offer any other plausible application of the language in the amendment. Unlike proposals in other states that were designed to limit the power of a state legislature to regulate access to abortion, Proposal One never mentions abortion, nor does it expressly restrict the power of the State Legislature to pass laws related to abortion. Instead, the amendment adds a "word salad" of terms to the State Constitution that would turn the shield of anti-discrimination protection into a sword that can be used to pierce religious and secular institutions in order to impose, by force of law, a gender ideology that voters have never endorsed.

New York's Constitution has, for nearly a century, expressly prohibited discriminatory practices. Proposal One does nothing to enhance the universally accepted principle of equality before the law. Proposal One is, instead, a deceptive effort to impose an ideological agenda upon the State disguised by popular and inoffensive rhetoric about "equal rights" and by appealing to voters who believe the state's abortion laws are at risk of change. But, to paraphrase the Gospel, by its language you shall know it. The words of Proposal One reveal its true intent and the effects it would have if adopted.

New Yorkers who do not wish to see the State Constitution used to implement a harmful gender ideology that would reach into nearly every facet of ever day life, from sports to schools, from bathrooms to gyms to hospitals—even into churches, synagogues and mosques—must vote "NO" on Proposal One.

Sincerely in Christ,



Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre

Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Nora Neshta*. 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 ...

Patricia Amabile, Connie Ambrosino, Andrew Arena, Kathy Arena, Jeanette Battista, Benjamin J. Calogero, Thomas J. Calogero III, Susan Dedes, Amanda DiTingo, Joanne Egan, Thomas Geraghty-USMC, Bea Guzzo, Patrick Anthony Heffron, Patricia Horne, Sara Iannaccone, Paul Johnson, Henry Kahn, Shena Kahn, Dave Kegel, Michael Kegel, Richard Kliegl, Vincent Marinelli, Baby Kieran John McKay, Jennifer Monroe, Tom O'Brien, Peter O'Connor, Edward Pauciullo, Rose Pauciullo, Diane Peterson, Frank Peterson, Cameron Pillitteri, John Posanti, Louise Posanti, Sally Riddle, Donna Rojas, Fabian Rojas, Joseph J. Schiavoni, Vita Scorcia, Kathy Shaddock, Baby Shaddock, Susan Shaddock, Daniel Segreto, Jerry Smotzer, Special Intention/Healing, Celestine Stewart, 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.



Rest In Peace

Peter Boyle
Brian Michael Kelly
Elizabeth (Betty) Langan
Gaye Mazzo

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



Upcoming Marriages



Baptism

Evie Ryan Garofolo
Sunny Ryan Garafolo
Charles Thomas Landi
Evelyn Louise Scharfschwerdt

Masses may be viewed via livestream on our Facebook page. Please join us directly on Facebook or by visiting our website at: allchurch.org, where you will be redirected. You do not need a Facebook account.

Mass Intentions

Monday, October 14 Columbus Day/ Indigenous Peoples Day
St. Callistus I

8:30am Dolores Theresa Murphy

Tuesday, October 15

St. Teresa of Jesus

8:30am Martha Cronin

Wednesday, October 16

St. Hedwig, St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

8:30am Faith Gany, Dominick Mancusi

Thursday, October 17

St. Ignatius of Antioch

8:30am Joseph Capo II

Friday, October 18

St. Luke the Evangelist

8:30am Elizabeth Helen Walls

Saturday, October 19

St. John de Brébeuf, Issac Jogues and Companions

8:30am Lillian Scuderi Calogero and Rita Licciardola,
Louis Galindez

5:00pm LaRocca & Sweeney Families, Riley Goot,
Gaye Mazzo

Fr. Charles Mangano

Sunday, October 20

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time - World Mission Sunday

8:00am Marilyn Tyner

Fr. Charles Mangano

9:30am Eddie Cameron III

Fr. Charles Mangano

11:00am Tina Alfano

Fr. Dennis Suglia

12:30pm Patricia Matsen

Fr. Dennis Suglia

6:00pm People of the Parish, Robert Harvey

Note: Celebrant information is subject to change without notice.



Facing a difficult pregnancy?

Say "Yes" with
FIAT
Let it be done
Pregnancy
Support

from
Catholic
Health

Hope is here.

If you or someone you know needs assistance with an unexpected or difficult pregnancy, help is available:
Call 631-476-LOVE (5683) any day, any time (24/7).
All conversations are safe and confidential.

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All Souls Day Remembrance Candle

Once again, in memory of your deceased family and friends, we are offering a *Loving Memory Candle* which will be lit on Friday, November 1. This symbolic light will remain for the life of the candle (approximately a week). This is a beautiful way to remember our deceased loved ones. The *Loving Memory Candles* will be available after all the Masses the weekends of October 20 and October 27 and also (after October 20) at the Parish Office (Rectory) during the week for a donation of \$10. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at 631.661.3224, ext. 121.

SAGE

Our next SAGE meeting will be **Tuesday, October 15** at 9:30am in the Parish Center.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

We will be having Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on this **Tuesday, October 15^h 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.

**Please note: Adoration will end at 7:00pm until 10/15 due to Bible Study classes.
On 10/22, Adoration will begin at 2:00pm and end at 7:00pm.**

Our Lady's Rosary Makers

Our Lady's Rosary Makers will meet on Wednesday, October 16th at 1:00pm in the Parish Center and at 7:30pm in the Spiritual Life Center.

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 Chili
Canned Stew
Pancake Mix
Cannellini Beans
Mac & Cheese

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

Italian Family Feast - 2024

Thank You for Your Support

The Parish of Our Lady of Lourdes would like to thank Catholic Health Services for their generous \$2,500.00 donation to our Annual Family Italian Feast. This is their second year of sponsoring our Feast. Their continued support means a great deal to our Parish, and we look forward to next year's Feast. Thanks also go out to Justin Jaycon and Christina Woods-Fusco from Catholic Health Services for making the donation possible.

Second Collection - World Mission Sunday - October 20, 2024

Next Sunday, we will celebrate **World Mission Sunday**. Pope Francis invites the entire Church to support mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious, and lay leaders serve the world's most vulnerable communities. Please keep the Pope's missions in your prayers. As always, thank you for your generosity in the collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. Please make any checks out to: **Society for the Propagation of the Faith**.

The Parish Office will be **closed on Monday, October 14** in observance of *Columbus Day* and will reopen at 9:00am on Tuesday, October 15.



Men's Prayer Group

The Men's Prayer group will meet on Wednesday, October 16 from 9:00am-11:00am in the **All Purpose Room**. All men are welcome to join us for prayer, conversation and fellowship.

DID YOU KNOW

We Dare to Say - Why do we dare to say the Our Father Prayer?

At mass the priest invites people to pray the Our Father with the words "we dare to say?" We dare to say it because we are personally and intimately addressing God as our father. While the prayer was taught by Jesus, in his times and before, God was thought of as a fatherly figure to all of Israel, but people did not directly address him as such. Jesus was the one to teach us to have a more personal relationship with God, where we are his children, and we can address him as our father or "Abba" as it says in the bible.

(See Matthew 6:9, Luke 11:1-4, Mark 14:36, Romans 8:15, Galatians 4:4-6)

Taken from: The Biblical Walk Through the Mass by Dr. Edward Sri



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.



*As you have shared in his life as a priest
through your prayers, love and support*

MSGR. BRIAN JOHN McNAMARA

*warmly invites you to join with him to celebrate
his 40th anniversary of priestly ordination
at the celebration of the Eucharist on*

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2024

10:30am

**ST. PATRICK R.C. CHURCH
280 East Main Street
Smithtown, NY 11787**

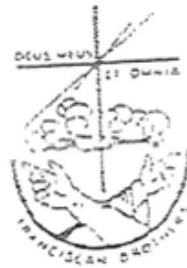
An informal reception will follow in Canning Hall.



1984-1989



1989-1992



1992-1998



1998-2002



2002-2008



2007-2012



2012-2023



2023-



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, October 14, 2024 in the Parish Center



Women's Prayer Group

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 October 23, 2024. All are welcome.



Are You Being Called? LISTEN!—PRAY!—REFLECT!—DISCERN!

Attend ONE of the following dates:

- 7:00pm, Wednesday, October 23rd *St. Aidan Williston Park, 505 Willis Avenue*
- 1:00pm, Saturday, October 26th *Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, Huntington*
- 7:00pm, Tuesday, October 29th *St. Elizabeth Melville, 175 Wolf Hill Road*

RSVP by Monday, October 21st, to 631-423-0483 ext. 178
or by email to: diaconateformation@drvc.org

We look forward to seeing you!

Canonization Pilgrimage to Italy for **Blessed Carlo Acutis & Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati**



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Photo (c) Associazione Pier Giorgio Frassati, Rome. Used with permission

*We will walk in the Footsteps of
Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati*

July 26 – August 06, 2025

Canonization Date is subject to change, and is pending official confirmation from the Vatican. If the canonization date changes, we will offer you an option to transfer your deposit to the new dates or another 206 Tours Pilgrimage up to January 2026.

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Fr. Dennis Suglia

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See the Body of Blessed Carlo Acutis

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Fall Festival



Thank you to all of the families who came out to enjoy the event - it was a beautiful day of fun & fellowship for our parish!
 Thank you to all of the volunteers, VJ Entertainment for great music throughout the day, the Frassati Young Adults Group, Religious Ed families, the Parish Office staff, Parish Outreach & Groundskeeping for all your help and support. Special thanks to the OLL Knights of Columbus Council 17379 members who once again were there to help!

FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY



*grateful
 thankful
 & blessed*



Baby Blanket Bunch - Needs Your Help!

Our Baptism Ministry gives a *blessed*, white baby blanket to each child baptized in the parish. This gift to the family will be a sign of the special day on which we welcomed our newest members into our parish family. The blankets are handmade by our Baby Blanket Bunch, a division of our Prayer Shawl Ministry. We need generous volunteers who will help by donating Lion Brand “**Pound of Love worsted weight #4**” (the weight can be found on the packaging) **soft white yarn** for the blankets. It is available at Michael’s, JoAnn’s, Walmart, Hobby Lobby and on [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com). The yarn can be dropped off at the rectory or brought to our meeting (first Wednesday of the month from 9:30am-11:30am in the Parish Center). We thank you for your generosity!



Dementia Caregiver Support Group Thursday, October 24, 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 - October 25, 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, October 25th** 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@agentletouchseniorcare.com.*



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.

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.



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EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION

St. Patrick's Cathedral | New York, NY | Oct. 15, 2024

Join us for Mass, Eucharistic Procession, and Benediction at St. Patrick's Cathedral. This is a **FREE** event **open to all**. Seating is first come, first served.



Most Rev.
Joseph Espaillat
Holy Hour Reflection



Most Rev.
Paul S. Coakley
Celebrant



Msgr.
James Shea
Homilist

- 3:00 pm: Holy Hour, Confession, Rosary
- 4:00 pm: Holy Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral
- 4:45 pm: Eucharistic Procession Through Manhattan
- 5:45 pm: Eucharistic Procession Ends at Cathedral
- 5:50pm: Benediction
- 6:15pm: Event Concludes

Register Today
napa-institute.org



Want to bring a group? Email us at events@napa-institute.org

Join us the following day, October 16th for the Napa Institute East Coast Conference



Catholic Health Care Ethics Seminar



A Tradition of Compassion and Care for the Human Person

Friday October 25th & Saturday 26th, 2024

St. Agnes Parish Center
Rockville Centre, NY



THE NATIONAL CATHOLIC BIOETHICS CENTER

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REGISTRATION:
<http://ncbcenter.org.regfox.com/rockville-centre-ny-2024>



REBOOT
FEATURING
CHRIS STEFANICK

St Elizabeth of Hungary
175 Wolf Hill Rd
Melville, NY 11747

November 6, 2024 | 7:00pm
Tickets: \$33 - \$39

Early Bird pricing until October 16th!






Scan here to purchase your tickets to Reboot!

FREE prostate cancer screening

Wednesday, October 23


6 - 9 pm

Good Samaritan University Hospital Radiation Oncology
Department 1000 Montauk Highway West Islip, NY 11795
(Entrance in rear of building)
By appointment, only. Limited spots available.

This free screening is for:

- Men who have not had a PSA done in the last 6 months.
- Men ages 40+ at high risk due to African American heredity, family history and/or personal history.
- Asymptomatic men over age 50.



To schedule an appointment, call
(631) 376-4444

HelpOurMarriage.org

RETROUVAILLE
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
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,



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 **February 15-16, 2025**. 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 November 8-10, 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, October 28, 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 “**Music in Our Lives**”. To listen online or for more information, visit: www.ReligionandRock.com.

Sharing the Gospel

The man in today's Gospel reading thought he was pretty good. He had been careful to obey most of God's rules. But he forgot the most important rule of all - love God with all your heart, mind, soul and strength. When Jesus asked the man to give away all he owned, the man went away sad. He loved money more than he loved God.



Mission for the Week

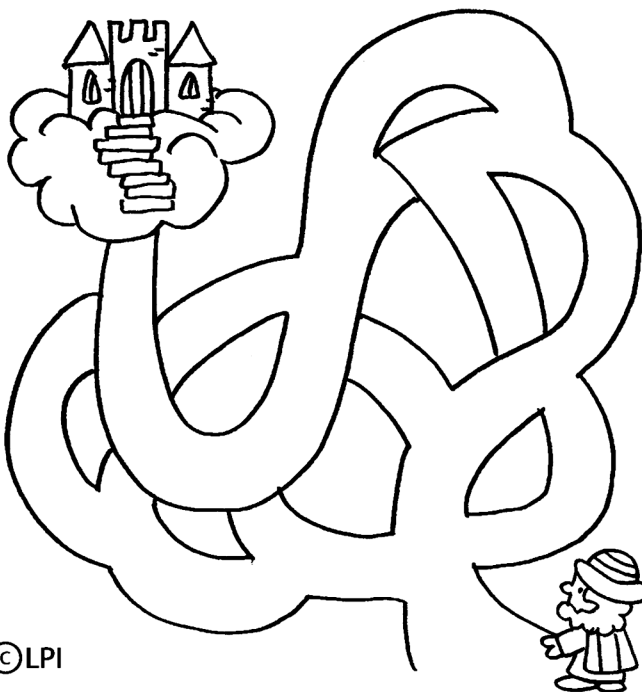


Make a list of things that are special to you. If God asked you to give away your favorite toy or game to someone who's poor, could you do it? Be honest with God, and ask Him to help you love Him more than anything.



Puzzle

Help the disciple find the kingdom.



Prayer

Dear God,
 Help me to
 love You
 more than
 all the gifts
 You have given to me.
 Amen.



Something to Draw

Draw a picture of things that are very special to you.

