Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

455 Hunter Avenue, West Islip, NY 11795

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Parish Office

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Liturgical Schedule

Daily Mass 8:30am Weekend Masses Saturday: 5:00pm Sunday: 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am, 12:30pm and 6:00pm.

Reconciliation/Confession Saturday: 4:00pm-4:45pm or by appointment 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-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time • Sunday, October 20, 2024



Welcome to our Parish Family

New Parishioners are cordially invited to register as members of our Parish Family. Please call or visit our Parish Office.

Remember: Together, we can do something beautiful for God!

- Saint Teresa of Calcutta

Pastoral Council

Fr. Dennis A. Suglia Eileen Rega Phil Ambrosino Mary Borgs Sonia DaSilva Dcn. Nilo DeLeon Jerry Esposito Danielle Guilfoil Deborah Lamb Robert Lynaugh Rosalie Mangels John Muldoon Dottie Perdue

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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 20, 2024

Is 53:10-11/ Heb 4:14-16/ Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45
Eph 2:1-10/ Lk 12:13-21
Eph 2:12-22/ Lk 12:35-38
Eph 3:2-12/ Lk 12:39-48
Eph 3:14-21/ Lk 12:49-53
Eph 4:1-6/ Lk 12:54-59
Eph 4:7-16/ Lk 13:1-9
Jer 31:7-9/ Heb 5:1-6/ Mk 10:46-52

Financial Summary

October 13, 2024 Weekly Collection Weekly Budget +/- for the week

\$ 14,955.00 <u>- \$ 17,800.00</u> \$ (2,845.00)

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

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Prayer Service:

As you know, we have election day coming up on Tuesday, November 5th. Please join me as we gather in prayer the night before on *Monday, November 4th from 7:00pm to 8:30pm in the Church*. I will be leading us in a holy hour before the Blessed Sacrament during which we will pray the Patriotic Rosary. We will ask God's blessing upon our country and our election, praying for peace, healing and unity among all citizens.

Faithful citizens throughout the nation will have the opportunity, once again, to exercise their sacred right to vote. Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, said this about politics and voting: "None of us can say, "I have nothing to do with this, they govern. No, no, I am responsible for their governance, and I have to do my best so that they govern well. I have to do my best by participating in politics according to my ability. Politics, according to the Social Doctrine of the Church, is one of the highest forms of charity, because it serves the common good. I cannot wash my hands. We all have to give something! A good Catholic meddles in politics, offering the best of himself so that those who govern can govern." Edmund Burke said, "The only thing necessary for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing."

Therefore, I am urging all of you to exercise your civil, moral and spiritual responsibility by voting on Tuesday, November 5th. Please cast your vote by the issues, by the common good of all and not by personalities or partisan politics. Some people vote by rote for a party or candidate but please examine the candidates carefully on the basis of the universal principles that we firmly believe lead to the common good. The Catholic Bishops of New York State remind us, that we are called to do the work of properly informing our 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.

Equal Rights Amendment (Proposal 1)

The relationship between parent and child is very sacred. Parents must be able to support and guide their children in accord with the natural law and without interference from the government or courts which would be reaching beyond their competency. The Equal Rights Amendment (also referred to as Proposal 1), though its title suggests a noble cause, would permit children to make destructive and permanent decisions about their lives without the consent of their parents. Decisions they could well live to regret. Therefore, the Bishops of New York State are urging us to vote NO on the Equal Rights Amendment on November 5th.

Spring Bible Study

Since the spring of 2023 we have had four bible studies in the parish with hundreds of people participating: *Oremus* by Fr. Mark Toups, *The Overview of the Bible* by Fr. Tony Stanganelli, *The Biblical Walk Through the Mass* by Dr. Edward Sri and *The Eucharist* by Bishop Robert Barron. Our next series will lead us in a closer relationship with the one who is closest to Jesus, His Mother Mary. He desires us to know her, love her and be in close relationship with her. Her gave her to us at the foot of his cross before he died. Therefore, during this study we will consecrate ourselves to Mary which will allow her to lead us in deeper intimacy with her Son. We will explain in detail what consecration means. This seven (7) week series will feel more like a retreat in the presentation of the material and the reflection questions. We will also learn what four saints knew about the quickest, surest and easiest way to holiness. Registration for this study will begin the end of March, 2025.

The DVD presentation is by Fr. Michael Gaitley MIC, who is an excellent speaker, followed by small group discussion. We will be using his textbook and workbook entitled *33 Days to Morning Glory* along with the Bible and Catechism of the Catholic Church. The meetings will be on Tuesdays in the Parish Center at 1:00pm and again at 7:30pm in the All Purpose Room. The dates are May 13, 20, 27, June 3, 10, 17, 24. There will be a free will offering to cover the cost of materials. The study/retreat will begin on May 13th which is the Feast of our Lady of Fatima. May is also the month of Our Lady. The last day of the study/retreat is Tuesday, June 24th, which will be the Mass and Consecration to Our Lady. The last day happens to be the anniversary of the day that Our Lady appeared to children in Medjugorje for the first time on June 24, 1981. We hope you will join us.

Peace and blessings, Father Charles



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,

+ Joh O. Barres

Most Reverend John O. Barres Bishop of Rockville Centre

Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Christine Malenda-Brudi*. 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, 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, Patricia Rockford, 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

Mary Barnes Laurie Jean Holland Jeffrey W. Jorgensen Harold (Skip) Kurrus Concetta Simeone

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



Upcoming Marriages



John Andrew Dolan, IV James Joseph McIntyre, IV Vallen Domonique Paukner Joseph John Pellati 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, October 21 8:30am Barbara A. Mangano

Tuesday, October 22St. John Paul II8:30amRobert C. Harvey

Wednesday, October 23 St. John of Capistrano 8:30am Janet Mancusi

Thursday, October 24St. Anthony Mary Claret8:30amJack & Bernadette Mullins

Friday, October 25 8:30am Robert Ward

Saturday, October 26 8:30am Louis Galindez, Betty Langan, Barbara DeMotta

5:00pm Valerie Moscarelli, Sal Sciortino, Anthony Mazzo, Berry Langan, Isabel Caltabellotta Frost, Harold Kurrus Fr. Dennis Suglia

Sunday, October 27 Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:00am Marilyn Dyner Fr. Dennis Suglia

9:30am John Anthony Vitale Fr. Dennis Suglia

- 11:00am Robert B. Ferruggiari Fr. Charles Mangano
- 12:30pm Judith & Ray Mercer Fr. Charles Mangano

6:00pm People of the Parish, Anna Pantano, Eileen Carroll, Hilary Boehme, Betty Langan, Catherine Marie Happ Fr. Charles Mangano

Note: Celebrant information is subject to change without notice.



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

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 <u>white</u> yarn** for the blankets. It is available at Michael's, JoAnn's, Walmart, Hobby Lobby and on <u>Amazon.com</u>. 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!

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.

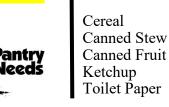
Divine Mercy Prayer Group

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







2025 Mass Intention Book

The 2025 Mass Intention Book will be opened on Friday, November 8th from 9:00am until 4:00pm in the Parish Center.

As always, individual Mass intentions are not accepted for Christmas, Easter, Mother's Day, Father's Day and All Souls Day. These days are part of a novena of Masses.

Due to the overwhelming requests for Mass intentions in recent years, we have found it necessary to limit requests. Each person may only request a maximum of <u>seven</u> (7) Mass intentions at a time.



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.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

We will be having Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on this **Tuesday**, **October 22nd from** <u>**2:00pm to 7:00pm**</u>. Come, spend some intimate time with Jesus. Invite a family member or friend along too! In case of inclement weather, please call the parish office at 631-661-3224 ext. 0, or log onto the parish website (<u>ollchurch.org</u>) to check if Adoration has been canceled.

Please note: On 10/22, Adoration will begin at 2:00pm and end at 7:00pm.

"Special K"

Attention Parents and Grandparents of children in Kindergarten!

Designed for children in Kindergarten, this program fosters their interest in and understanding of the process of Religious Education. We meet in the **Solarium** (room near the statue of Jesus

with the Children) monthly, on **Friday afternoons at 4:30pm**. The theme has been "Welcoming Jesus" and we have covered many topics: Prayer, Sharing, and Community among them. This year, the Program will begin in October. We have expanded our range of topics to include some holiday traditions and explanations of the Church seasons so that a young child may connect more easily with parish life. The program is entirely voluntary - so come and see! If you plan on coming, e-mail Sister Diane so we will have enough materials: <u>sdiane@ollchurch.org</u>.

Fridays from 4:30-5:15pm on Oct. 25, Nov. 22, Dec. 13, Jan. 31, Feb. 28, Mar. 28, Apr. 25.

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

(Formerly... 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 <u>RCIA@ollchurch.org</u> or call the Parish Office at 631-661-3224, and we would be happy to help you.



MASS INTENTION





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 27th at 10:30 AM

An informal reception will follow in Canning Hall.



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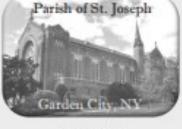
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An Invitation for Adult Men (18 years or older) to Join our Parish Knights of Columbus Council 17379

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: <u>*OLL17379.org*</u>.

Our next meeting will be Monday, October 28, 2024 in the Parish Center





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: <u>diaconateformation@drvc.org</u>

We look forward to seeing you!

Thank you to Deacon Tom and all who participated in our Blessing of the Animals on Sunday, October 6th

We'd also like to thank Gloria Monaco for providing these delightful photos.



DID YOU KNOW Washing of the Hands - Why do Priest wash their hands at the altar?

Priest Washing Hands: Did you know that many of the components of our mass have their roots in Judaism? When the priest washes his hands at the altar, cleansing himself, he is acting like an
ancient Jewish priest in the temple, signaling to us that he is preparing to enter the Holy of Holies, which is the presence of God the Almighty. The priest today, as the ancient priest of Israel must be ritually clean before he enters the presence of Almighty God.

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



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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: <u>maegan@agentletouchseniorcare.com</u> 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: <u>hannah@agentletoauchseniorcare.com</u>.*

"Surviving the Holidays Without You"

hosted by: St. Mary's Bereavement Ministry Guest Speaker Dr. Lou Sabatini, PhD Psychologist specializing in bereavement counseling

Thursday, November 21, 2024 - 7:30pm to 9:00pm Church of Saint Mary - Sacred Heart Hall 20 Harrison Avenue, East Islip, NY 11730 Refreshments will be served. Please **RSVP** to 631-581-4266 ext. 125 to reserve your seat.





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: <u>https://witroop179.wixsite.com/bsatroop179</u> or contact us at: <u>troop179cc@yahoo.com</u>.

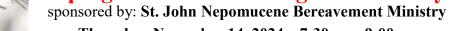
St. Agnes of Assisi – The Secular Franciscan Order

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.





Coping with Grief Through the Holidays



Thursday, November 14, 2024 7:30pm - 9:00pm 1140 Locust Avenue, Bohemia, NY (Elevator access to lower level of Church)

Please RSVP to: 631-589-0540 ext. 250 to reserve your seat. Refreshments will be served. Free will offering is appreciated.



Molloy University - Fall Open House

Sunday, November 17, 2024 Campus Tours begin at 12:00pm 1:00pm - Presentations and Informational sessions begin Register at: <u>https://www.molloy.edu/openhouse24</u> Scan the QR Code to RSVP to Molloy's Fall Open House





CATHOLIC CEMETERIES OF LONG ISLAND

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CANDLE LIGHTING VESPERS SERVICES

Catholic Cemeteries of Long Island invites all families to attend our Candle Lighting Vespers Services on Sunday, October 27th at 3 PM.

Vespers is a traditional and solemn evening prayer service of thanksgiving and praise in the Roman Catholic liturgy. We welcome you to join us in our Chapels at **Cemetery of the Holy Rood**, **Queen of Peace Cemetery**, and **Holy Sepulchre Cemetery** as we honor the memories of those who have been laid to rest at our cemeteries. The ceremonies will include prayer, song, and a candle lighting service. During each service, all attendees will have the opportunity to say aloud the name of their dearly departed family members and friends.

Date: Sunday, October 27, 2024

Time: 3:00 PM

Locations

Cemetery of the Holy Rood 111 Old Country Rd, Westbury, NY 11590

Queen of Peace Cemetery 321 Jericho Tpke, Old Westbury, NY 11568

Holy Sepulchre Cemetery 3442 Route 112, Coram, NY 11727





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EUCHARISTIC ADORATION and CATECHESIS

Join BISHOP ANDRZEJ this Fall for the monthly times of prayer and reflection called

EUCHARISTIC HORIZONS

exploring the deeper understanding of our mysteries of life in the light of perpetual gift of grace and real presence of Jesus in **His Sacrament of Love**

October 29, 2024 "Eucharist -Feast of the Lamb" November 26, 2024 December 17, 2024 At 7:00 pm Church of St. Paul the Apostle

2534 Cedar Swamp Rd., Brookville

ALL ARE WELCOME

For further information Call - 516.744.6850 Email - worship@drvc.org





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. <u>Retrouvaille can help.</u>

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

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,



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: <u>WWME.org</u> 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: <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: <u>Donna526@aol.com</u> or call Diane at: 631-587-0966 or Donna at: 631-835-8788. Website: <u>FamiliesAnonymous.org</u>.

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 **"Family Life"**. To listen online or for more information, visit: <u>www.ReligionandRock.com</u>.

Sharing the Gospel

Do you ever catch yourself being bossy? That is a mistake grown-ups make, too. It is no fun to work or play with bossy people. They don't honor God when they order people around. In today's Gospel, Jesus told his friends to be kind, not bossy. God wants us to help and serve other people.



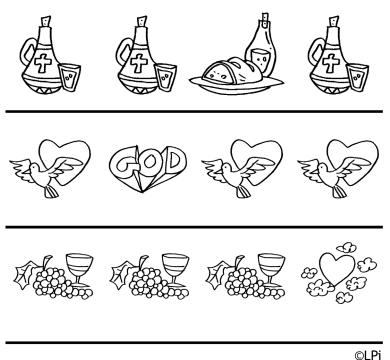
Mission for the Week



Invite a friend over to visit, and think of ways to serve her. Hang up her jacket, offer her something to eat, and ask her what she would like to do. Share your best toys with her, and let her have the first turn.

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Circle the picture that is **different**. Then color in all the pictures.



Prayer



Dear God, When I want to get my own way, help me to stop. Show me ways I can help other people instead. Amen.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of yourself being bossy. Then draw a picture of yourself being helpful.

