

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

455 Hunter Avenue, West Islip, NY 11795

Rev. Dennis A. Suglia, Pastor
Rev. Charles Mangano, Associate Pastor

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Parish Office

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

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Parish Outreach Office

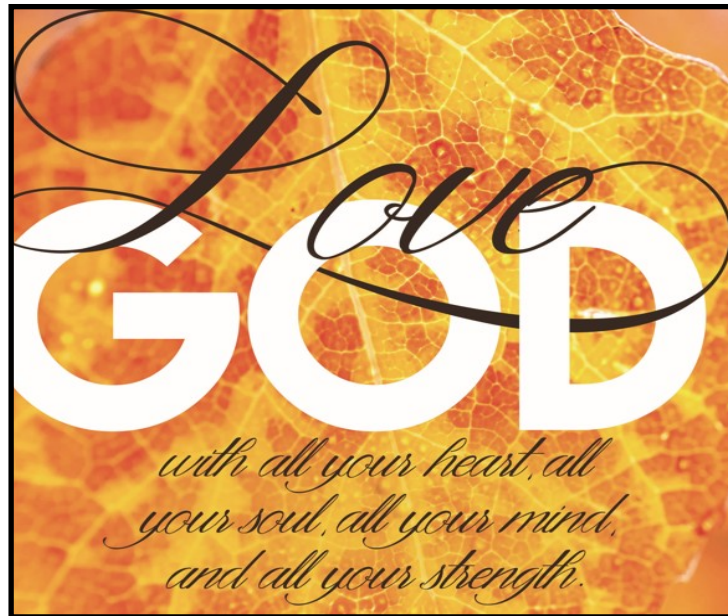
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Monday - Wednesday - Friday
from 9:30am - 3:30pm ONLY

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.

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time • Sunday, November 3, 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

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 November 3, 2024

Sunday: Dt 6:2-6/ Heb 7:23-28/ Mk 12:28b-34
Monday: Phil 2:1-4/ Lk 14:12-14
Tuesday: Phil 2:5-11/ Lk 14:15-24
Wednesday: Phil 2:12-18/ Lk 14:25-33
Thursday: Phil 3:3-8a/ Lk 15:1-10
Friday: Phil 3:17—4:1/ Lk 16:1-8
Saturday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9,12/ 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/ Jn 2:13-22
Next Sunday: 1Kgs 17:10-16/ Heb 9:24-28/ Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

Parish Staff

Patti Anderson
Parish Office/Bulletin Editor

Robin Reynolds Brennan
Parish Office

Maryann Buonaspina
Parish Organist

Rosemary Cannarella
Parish Office

Amy Danowski
Parish Office

Rita Spera
Religious Education Office

Financial Summary

October 27, 2024

Weekly Collection	\$ 15,337.05
Weekly Budget	- \$ 17,800.00
+/- for the week	\$ (2,462.95)

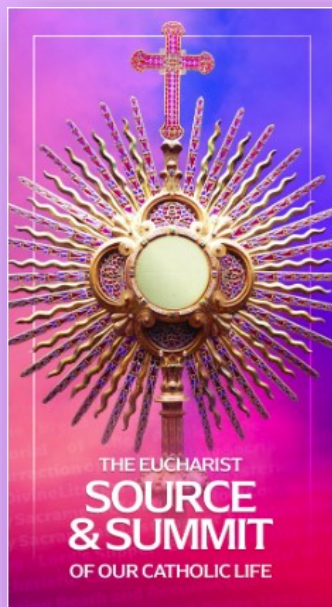
The estimated weekly collection needed to maintain and operate our parish buildings, ministries, programs and salaries is \$17,800.

Liturgical Renewal

presentation by

Bishop Andrzej Zglejszewski
Auxiliary Bishop DRVC

Saturday, November 23, 2024
3:00pm in the Church



All Liturgical Ministers (Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Music Ministers, Ushers, Children's Liturgy Ministers, Art & Environment Ministry and Sacristans) are both invited, and encouraged, to participate in this day of liturgical ministry renewal.

Come and refresh your ministry to the people of Our Lady of Lourdes, while deepening your relationship with God. Pope Francis tells us that it is through Liturgy that we meet the living Christ. Allow Bishop Andrzej to invigorate our participation, refresh our response, and strengthen our spirituality.

Bishop Andrzej will also join us as Celebrant at the 5:00pm Mass.



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.

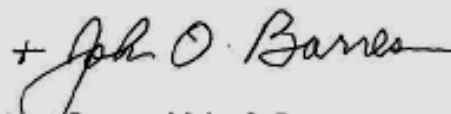
Catholic hospitals that do not perform gender-related surgeries could be sued for illegal discrimination against people who wish to express their gender identity through a medical procedure.

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 *Joyce Petersen*. If you would like to help care for our altar needs, please call the Parish Office at 631-661-3224.

Members in the Military

We ask that you pray especially for those in our parish that are on active duty.

Maria Caputo - <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, Christine Harty, 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, Dennis Morgan, Tom O'Brien, Peter O'Connor, Edward Pauciullo, Rose Pauciullo, Diane Peterson, Frank Peterson, Cameron Pillitteri, John Posanti, Louise Posanti, Sally Riddle, Patricia Rochford, 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.



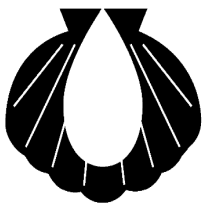
Rest In Peace

Doris Alessi
Diane Leder
William M. McPhail Jr.
Eleanor Rubino

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



Upcoming Marriages



Baptism

Dylan Shane DellAccio
Luke Vincent DellAccio
Finn James O'Donnell

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, November 4

St. Charles Borromeo

8:30am Marie & Sam Piazza

Tuesday, November 5

8:30am Cornelius Peterson

Wednesday, November 6

8:30am Mario Francavilla

Thursday, November 7

8:30am Joseph & Joan Henn

Friday, November 8

8:30am Salvatore Pinello

Saturday, November 9

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

**8:30am Louis Galindez, Betty Langan, Barbara DeMotta,
Grayson Danielski, Diane Leder**

**5:00pm Massimo Ferro (Living), Gaye Mazzo,
Betty Langan, Hilary Boehme, Harold Kurrus.
Vincent Castagna**

Fr. Dennis Suglia

Sunday, November 10

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am Giro Giamaro

Fr. Dennis Suglia

9:30am Johanna Iracane

Fr. Dennis Suglia

11:00am Patrick Manley

Fr. Charles Mangano

12:30pm Santa & Frank Quevedu

Fr. Charles Mangano

6:00pm People of the Parish

Fr. Charles Mangano

Note: Celebrant information is subject to change without notice.

Second Collection - November 9-10 - Catholic Ministries Appeal

The Catholic Ministries Appeal is an Island-wide effort by our Church to support the critically important services and programs that serve more than 600,000 people every year. 100% of every dollar raised is restricted to fund the objectives, programs and mission supported by the CMA.

Book of the Names of the Deceased

Beginning November 2, and continuing throughout the month of November, a special book will be placed in the Sanctuary, inscribed with the names of all who have died in our Parish Family over the past year. In prayer, let us remember all of these men and women who have gone before us, "marked with the sign of faith." May our united prayers help us to better understand and appreciate our faith in Christ, our risen Lord, who conquers sin and death and brings new life to all!



Rosary Christian Mothers

The Rosary Christian Mothers meet on the first Monday evening of each month. The next meeting will be on **Monday, November 4th**. We will begin with Rosary at 7:00pm in the **Parish Center**, immediately followed by our business meeting.

SAGE

Our next SAGE meeting will be **Tuesday, November 5th** at 9:30am in the Parish Center.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

We will be having Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on this **Tuesday, November 5th 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.



Prayer Shawl Ministry / Baby Blanket Bunch

Bring your prayer and creativity together in a gift of love.

Join us ... **Wednesday, November 6th at 9:30am in the Parish Center**. All you need to bring is scrap yarn, knitting needles or crochet hooks (patterns and instructions will be given to you) and your gifts of love and prayer.

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.

Due to Confirmation on November 7, Divine Mercy will be cancelled and will resume on November 14.

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



Cereal
Oatmeal
Canned Tomatoes/Puree
Mustard/Ketchup
Cookies/ Crackers

Gifts From Bethlehem: Olivewood Handcrafted from the Holy Land November 9-10 in the All Purpose Room after all Masses.



A Traditional Art and Livelihood for Holy Land Christians.

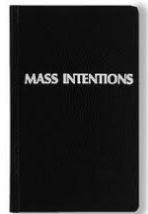
The handicrafts trade evolved as a cultural tradition of Christians in the Holy Land for many centuries. This indigenous form of art has since become an industry of great importance to the local people of the Holy Land who rely on it for livelihood, and to Christian pilgrims from all around the world whose holy pilgrimage can be memorialized for a lifetime in cherished olive-wood or mother of pearl souvenirs. The olivewood carving market is the major source of income in the Bethlehem area. More than 65 percent of the income of the community in Bethlehem comes from this work. In recent years, however, the holy crafts trade has suffered many hardships due to social and economical pressures. Because of a sharp fall in tourism and also as a result of diminishing numbers of craftsmen who leave their traditional trade and emigrate due to the difficult conditions in their homeland, the Holy Land handicraft market is facing serious danger, and so is the Christian community in the Holy Land. Sixty five years ago, Christians represented more than 28% of the total population in the Holy Land, today they are less than 1.5%. The loss of Christians in the land of Christianity's birth represents a tragedy of immeasurable proportions for the billions of Christians worldwide. Thank you for your vital support for a Christian tradition and in protecting this very important culture and industry.

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 **seven** (7) Mass intentions at a time.



Confirmation 2024

On **Thursday, November 7** the Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered by Most Reverend John O. Barres, Bishop of Rockville Centre. These Confirmation Candidates are the chosen members of this community who have studied, served and prepared with their Sponsors for this Sacrament. During the past few weeks, they have continued their journey towards Confirmation and even greater involvement in the life of our church. The Confirmation Candidates of our Parish have participated in "Spirit Nights" with their parents and sponsors. These times together were an opportunity for them to experience how important it is to be active, faith-filled members of the church community. Please pray for our Confirmation Candidates as they embrace this very important commitment in their faith journey and that they will continue to be strengthened, loved and supported by YOU... their Parish family.



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





Prayer Service for the United States of America

Monday, November 4, 2024

**7:00pm–8:30pm in the Church
(the night before the Election)**

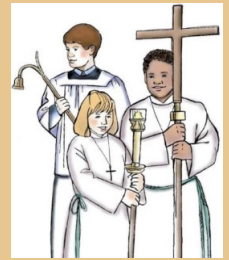
Please join us as we pray for the healing and unity of our Country no matter the outcome of the presidential election. There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the Praying of the Patriotic Rosary.

Music will be provided by Woods Worship (*Christopher and Elizabeth Woods*).

Looking for Altar Servers!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Are you in 4th grade, 5th grade or higher?

Do you feel in your heart that Jesus is calling you to serve as an Altar Server during Holy Mass? Jesus could be looking for you to serve him in this way. It is a real honor to serve Jesus at Holy Mass. Please call the rectory to register at: 631-661-3224 Ext. 2 and come to the following training.



Important Dates: All meetings are in the Church

Monday, November 18 th	from 5:15pm to 6:30pm	Training
Wednesday, November 20 th	from 4:15pm to 5:30pm	Training
Monday, November 25 th	from 5:15pm to 6:30pm	Training
Wednesday, December 4 th	from 5:15pm to 6:30pm	Training
Wednesday, December 11 th	from 4:15pm to 5:30pm	Training and rehearsal for the installation
Saturday, December 14 th	5pm Mass	Altar Server Installation during the Mass

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

Walk in the Footsteps of Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati

TURIN, PALLONE, SIENNA, FLORENCE, & ROME
(Assisi - Optional Post Tour)

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 through January 2026.

\$6,929 per person
from New York, All Inclusive

- Round-trip Airfare
- Accommodations at first class hotels
- Breakfast and dinner daily
- Assistance of a local guide
- And so much more!

Optional Post-Tour to Assisi:
August 6 - 8, 2025 | \$849 per person
See the Body of Blessed Carlo Acutis

www.206tours.com/frmangano



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**Spiritual Directors: Fr. Dennis Suglia,
Fr. Charles Mangano, & Fr. Tony Stanganelli**

Contact: piernha@206tours.com (800) 206-8687
olivia@206tours.com





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 28, 2024 in the Parish Center



St. Nicholas is coming to OLL!!

Pancake Breakfast with St. Nicholas

Sunday, December 8

9:00am to 12:30pm in the School Cafeteria

**Enjoy a delicious breakfast with family and friends
\$10.00 per person / Children under 5 yrs. are FREE**



**Bring your camera for Pictures with St. Nicholas
and Family Holiday Pictures
CRAFTS and GAMES**

sponsored by

Knights of Columbus Council #17379 & Children's Liturgy Committee

**TICKETS ON SALE AFTER MASS ON:
NOV. 9-10, NOV. 16-17 & NOV. 23-24**

Thanksgiving at OLL

It's November..... and Thanksgiving is fast approaching.

Once again, we ask our generous parish family and friends to help those less fortunate by making a donation to Outreach.

We would like to suggest that when you are shopping for your Thanksgiving dinner, you buy a duplicate item for one of our families in need and bring it to Parish Outreach for distribution.

Any donations of Thanksgiving food, including turkeys or hams would be gratefully accepted. If your budget has room to donate a complete dinner, we are working with families of 2 -9 members.

We'll be in the Parish Center on Sunday, November 24th, from 1:00pm to 4:00pm to accept donations. We will be also be accepting donations from November 20th to November 22nd at the Outreach office from 10:00am to 3:00pm.

Thank you for all you do!



Thanksgiving Baskets

Praying for
America
Tuesday, November 5
8:00 pm
Our Lady of Lourdes
Church & Parish Center
West Islip

FRASSATI
young adult group
Ages 21-39

We invite all young adults to join us in praying for our nation on election night with Adoration and the Patriotic Rosary, followed by fellowship. The night will begin half an hour later than usual to allow young adults the opportunity to vote after work.



Thank you to all who helped to make our recent Blood Drive such a tremendous success!

Our goals were: 36 units of “whole blood” and 6 units of “double red”.
Our actual donations were: 39 units of “whole blood” and 10 units of “double red”.
Your most generous gift of blood has saved lives!



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.

To All Parishioners:

The following is what was spoken at all the Masses last weekend, October 26th / 27th, by the members of our Frassati Young Adult Group. They want all parishioners, even those who were unable to be at the Masses last weekend, to hear of their invitation.

As the Frassati Young Adults of our parish we invite all parishioners, family, and friends to attend our Christmas Paint & Sip on December 7th at 6:30pm in the All Purpose Room. Join us in a fun evening of painting a Christmas scene led by local artist and parishioner Molly Whalen. There will be raffle baskets, a 50/50, festive music and decor. We will enjoy cheese and crackers, other foods, cookies and coffee, wine, water, and much more! Tickets are \$45 per person and will be on sale in the narthex (lobby) the weekends of November 16/17 and November 23/24. You can also purchase tickets through the Parish Office or online. Please see the bulletin flyer for details. This event was such a success among the young adults we wanted to bring it to the entire parish!

This Christmas event is going to be a fundraiser. Our Young Adult Group formed July of 2023 under the patronage of Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati. During the last 14 months, we have grown to love him as we strive to emulate his faith-filled young adult life through our ministry. In June of 2024 the Vatican announced that Pier Giorgio would be canonized a saint next summer. This has been joyful news for our young adult group and parish. We are so grateful to Fr. Dennis, our pastor, for blessing our fundraising efforts so we can be present at Blessed Pier Giorgio's canonization in Rome. In addition to helping members of the young adult group attend the canonization, proceeds from the fundraiser will also support our parish. We hope to see you there to celebrate a joyous Christmas season!

Thank you and God Bless

Sponsored by



ALL PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED BY
THE FRASSATI YOUNG ADULT GROUP TO

A CHRISTMAS PAINT & SIP

FUNDRAISER

DECEMBER 7, 2024 6:30PM
OUR LADY LOURDES - ALL PURPOSE ROOM
455 HUNTER AVE WEST ISLIP, NY 11795

COME PAINT A CHRISTMAS SCENE
LED BY MOLLY WHALEN | FEATURED IN
SERENA & LILY MAGAZINE

TICKETS ARE **TRANSFERABLE** BUT ARE **NON-REFUNDABLE**
FOR ANY QUESTIONS, CALL OR TEXT:
(631) 627-5557

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PURCHASED ONE OF
THREE WAYS

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MASSES ON
OCT 26/27,
NOV 16/17
& NOV 23/24
CASH, CHECK, OR
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THE PARISH
OFFICE
CASH OR
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The “Moving On” Group
An ‘After-Bereavement’ Group for Widows and Widowers presents:
“Citizen Disaster Preparedness”



conducted by
James O’Brian and 1st LT US Army Dennis O’Hara
Friday, November 8, 2024 at 7:00pm
St. Joseph Parish Center
39 North Carll Avenue, Babylon, NY 11702
For further information please call: Linda Sparaco at 631-225-9530



Butterfly Memory Café - November 15, 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, November 15th** from 1:30pm-2:30pm. ***There is no charge to participate, but space is limited and reservations are required. For more information or to register, please call Hannah at A Gentle Touch Senior Care at: 631-647-7622 or e-mail: hannah@agentletoauchseniorcare.com.***



Dementia Caregiver Support Group
Thursday, November 21, 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.

“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.



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.

Around the Parish by Ann Munkwitz

A new month, a new column! First, let me thank all those who offered kind words and continued to share appreciation for the blessing of Father Felix at OLL. This month I am sharing about a new ministry. Personally I'm thrilled that this area of the church community was finally addressed, our young adults (oh how I wished this existed a few, okay many many years ago!). Can't tell you how many parishioners just over 39 said the same thing to me.

I asked Father Charles about his reason for starting the ministry. He said it wasn't on his radar nor even a thought in his mind. It was during the first Bible Study when he looked out at the sharing groups and everyone was a blur except all the young adults scattered about. A light went on he'd felt a calling to do something about it (you don't say no to God). At the end of the night, he requested that the young adults meet with him. That evening changed everything for the young men and women, 21 to 39 years old, who wanted to feel more a part of the parish and be active in their Catholic faith!

Our parish is one of only about four groups in the Diocese that is addressing this. That being said, the mailing list consists of about a hundred names representing about thirteen parishes from all over Nassau and Suffolk counties (plenty are right here from Lourdes). Doesn't that say SOMETHING! The group meets twice a month but often see each other and call/text daily sharing the daily joys, struggles and faith! The Lourdes group has chosen the name Frassati after a young Italian man who is about to be canonized a Saint next summer, Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati.

As I asked around about the reasoning for joining, most said for fellowship with like minded people who put faith first, but also growing in faith. Everyone felt welcomed and included. Some had support in college, but came home to nothing. Others realized they needed to learn about their faith! One person said to me, "What didn't I get out of this group!" Another told me, she was at Adoration in St. Patrick's praying for guidance and a young stranger asked her afterward if she would like to join a new group here at OLL. The rest is history! (what a kind word can do for a stranger). Of course I was told the great snacks help! (we, at Lourdes, are known for that! Father Jim taught us well-every table where we break bread God is with us)

When I talked to the members, I experienced a joy and wonder that moved me! God is at work here and it is exciting to think what OLL has allowed to be planted and what will grow. We need to pray, support, nourish and nurture these wonderful faith filled adults! GOD BLESS THEM!!

I know you have seen the Frassati group at events trying to raise funds. They are hoping to go on Pilgrimage to Italy to experience the canonization of Blessed Frassati. They are hoping to support as many as possible in the group to attend. Any support is greatly appreciated.

DID YOU KNOW

HOLY WATER - WHY DO WE BLESS OURSELVES WITH THE HOLY WATER BEFORE MASS?

Did you know that just before entering church sanctuary, Holy Water is set out for us? We dip our finger into the Holy Water and make the sign of the Cross as a gesture to remind us of our Baptism when we died and rose again with Christ, cleansing us of our original sin. While all Holy Water is blessed and holy, it is the actions we take as Catholics that bring the power of Holy Water fully into being.



TAKEN FROM: THE BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH THE MASS BY DR. EDWARD SRI



Molloy University - Fall Open House Sunday, November 17, 2024

Campus Tours begin at 12:00pm

1:00pm - Presentations and Informational sessions begin

Register at: <https://www.molloy.edu/openhouse24>

Scan the QR Code to RSVP to Molloy's Fall Open House



LECTIO DIVINA

- Lectio
- Meditatio
- Oratio
- Contemplatio



Join Bishop Andrzej
For Scripture Reflection Series
on JESUS and NICODEMUS
Wednesday, November 6, 2024
at 7:30 pm - ZOOM webinar.



Bible Study Verse
NICODEMUS the PHARISEE
Living the New Life in Spirit
Gospel of John 3. 1-21




Registration is required in order to receive the ZOOM link to each session.
Please contact the Western Vicariate office with your name, parish, email address and phone number.
Send your email to:
westernvicariate@drvc.org
or call Suzanne at 516-744-6850.

2024  2025

REVIVE SPEAKER SERIES

7:30PM

Thursday, November 7

 Church of St. Paul the Apostle
2534 Cedar Swamp Road, Brookville, NY 11545



Featured Speaker
Sr. Maria Veritas Marks, OP

Presentation:
Mary, Mother of the Eucharist

Admission is free.

All are invited to gather at the Church of St. Paul the Apostle in Brookville for a special event as we encounter Eucharistic Revival on Long Island.



Originally from Queens, NY, Sister Maria Veritas Marks entered the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist, in 2010 and made her final vows in 2018. She earned her PhD in theology at The Catholic University of America in 2024 and, since 2014, has taught theology at the high school and college levels. She authors a monthly column for the Detroit Catholic and regularly speaks and writes on spiritual topics.

For more information, please email: mcooke@drvc.org

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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



RETROUVAILLE

HelpOurMarriage.org
A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

Because no marriage is beyond hope...

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

Retrouvaille can help.

Our Next Weekend is

January 24-26, 2025

Immaculate Conception Seminary, Huntington

To register or for more information:

1-800-470-2230

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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 (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 Encounter experiences will be on: January 7-February 18, 2025, Virtual 3RE, NY, and then on September 19-21, 2025** at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington. Register at: WWME.org or contact: Kevin & Regina Hickson at 516-554-3835.



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 “**Inspiration**”. To listen online or for more information, visit: www.ReligionandRock.com.

Sharing the Gospel

The man in today's Gospel reading was a scribe. It was his job to write out copies of God's word. Many of the scribes did not care for Jesus, but this one man really understood the heart of God's law-love. To love God and to love others is more important than anything else.



Mission for the Week



Pretend you are a scribe. Copy Mark 12:32-33 in your own handwriting. Hang it up in a place where you will read it every day.



Puzzle

Count the objects in each group. Draw lines to **match** the groups with the right **number**. Then color in all the pictures.

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Prayer

Dear God,
help us to
love You and
love others
the way You
want us to.
Amen



Something to Draw

Draw a picture of the scribe talking to Jesus.

