

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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Deacon Rich Maher, Deacon Jack Meehan

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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

Fax: 631.661.7143

Website: www.ollchurch.org

Religious Education Office

Phone: 631.661.5440 (select option #3)

Monday-Friday: 9:00am-Noon,

1:00pm-5:00pm, 7:00pm-9:00pm

E-mail: ReligiousEd@ollchurch.org

Parish Outreach Office

Phone: 631.661.9262 (select option #4)

Monday - Wednesday - Friday

from 9:30am-3:30pm ONLY

SAGE (*Senior Advocates for Growth and Enrichment*)

Phone: 631.661.3224, Ext. 122

E-mail: Sage@ollchurch.org

Liturgical Schedule

Daily Mass

8:30am

Weekend Masses

Saturday: 5:00pm

Sunday: 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am, 12:30pm
and 6:00pm.

Reconciliation/Confession

Saturday: 4:00pm-4:45pm or by appointment

Rosary

Daily at 8:00am

Miraculous Medal Novena

Monday at 8:00am

Sacraments

Anointing of the Sick

Throughout the liturgical year. If needed sooner, please call the Parish Office.

Baptism

Please contact the Parish Office to schedule an appointment.

Marriage

Arranged at least six months in advance, please call the Parish Office.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

A process to be embraced by the Catholic Church. For non-Catholics and for Catholics who have never received formal religious education. If interested, please call the Parish Office.

First Sunday of Advent • Sunday, December 1, 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 December 1, 2024

Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/ 1 Thes 3:12—4:2/ Lk 21:25-28, 34-36
Monday: Is 2:1-5/ Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/ Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/ Mt 15:29-37
Thursday: Is 26:1-6/ Mt 7:21, 24-27
Saturday: Is 29:17-24/ Mt 9:27-31
Next Sunday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/ Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

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

November 24, 2024

Weekly Collection	15,112.50
Weekly Budget	- \$ 17,800.00
+/- for the week	\$ (2,687.50)

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

Advent at OLL!

Happy New Liturgical Year! You may have noticed a few differences in the way we pray and decorate the church during the season of Advent. These elements in our Advent liturgies allow us to focus more as we prepare for the celebration of Jesus' birth.



Liturgy:

- + Our priests and deacons will wear the color purple or violet except for the Third Sunday of Advent (*Gaudete Sunday*) when rose vestments may be worn.
- + We will begin our practice of entering a time of **sacred silence**, fifteen minutes prior to the start of Mass, as a way to prepare ourselves for our encounter with God during the celebration.
- + We do not sing or recite the *Gloria* except during solemnities such as the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (*celebrated on Monday, Dec 9 this year*) and the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe (*Dec 12*).
- + Our liturgical music, in general, will take on a simpler tone to reflect the season.

Church Environment & Other Elements:

- + Contrary to the secular world, the church décor during Advent is much more modest to represent this season of preparation.
- + Our parish Advent Wreath will be lit at all liturgies. The candles represent Christ who is the light of the world and the wreath's evergreen boughs remind us of new and eternal life in Christ, the eternal son of the Father. At the weekend Masses, families will participate in the lighting of the Advent Wreath.
- + *No flowers should be placed in church during Advent.* The only exceptions are on the solemnities mentioned above and on *Gaudete Sunday*, the Third Sunday of Advent, December 15. **Note:** *Flowers brought to church for funeral masses will be removed following the funeral.*

Additional Advent Traditions to help you prepare...

- Help fellow parishioners in need by taking a tag from our parish Giving Tree in the All Purpose Room.
- Attend the Diocesan-wide Day of Reconciliation on Monday, December 23. *Check elsewhere in the bulletin or our website for more information.*
- ...take part in other Advent activities in our parish, such as **Advent Lessons & Carols** on Thursday, December 5, the **Frassati Young Adult Group's Paint & Sip Night** on Saturday, December 7 and **Breakfast with St Nicholas** on Sunday, December 8. Please see the bulletin, our parish website at www.ollchurch.org or our Facebook page for additional information.

As we journey together through these four weeks of Advent, let us mindfully work to prepare our hearts and homes for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Angela MacDermott*. If you would like to help care for our altar needs, please call the Parish Office at 631-661-3224.

Members in the Military

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

Maria Caputo -US Army	Melissa Mockler -US Navy
Christopher Florca -US Marine Corps	Patric Mockler -US Navy
Dominick Gennaro -US Army	Thomas F. Parson -US Marine Corps
Patrick Harty -US Coast Guard	Brandon Ranzie -US Army
Ritchard Higham -US Army	Jack Shires -US Navy
Keith Horyczun -US Army	Raymond Sgambati -US Navy
Luke Loftsgaarden -US Army	James Stultz -US Army
Msgr. Brian McNamara -US Air Force	Alvaro Suarez -US Army
Anthony Memoli -US Marine Corps	Jack Taffner -US Marine Corps
Timothy Milligan -US Marine Corps	Logan Coppola -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, Marybeth A., Andrew Arena, Kathy Arena, Jeanette Battista, Doris Cameron, Thomas J. Calogero III, Filomena Cantone, Jerry Collins, Susan Dedes, Amanda DiTingo, Joanne Egan, Albert Feliney, Thomas Geraghty-USMC, Bea Guzzo, Christine Harty, Patrick Anthony Heffron, Patricia Horne, Paul Johnson, Henry Kahn, Shena Kahn, Dave Kegel, Michael Kegel, Richard Kliegl, Vincent Marinelli, Baby Kieran John McKay, Jennifer Monroe, Dennis Morgan, Wesley Morrell, Tom O'Brien, 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 Scorcio, 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.



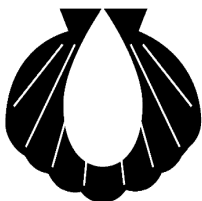
Rest In Peace

George Wichelns

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



Upcoming Marriages



Baptism

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, December 2

8:30am Margaret Donnelly

Tuesday, December 3

St. Francis Xavier

8:30am Fr. John Sureau (Living)

Wednesday, December 4

St. John Damascene

8:30am Margaret Varley

Thursday, December 5

8:30am Bill & Clair Thomson

Friday, December 6

St. Nicholas

8:30am David Michael Calogero

Saturday, December 7

St. Ambrose

8:30am Salvatore Pinello, Pierre-Louie Family (Living), Diane Leder, Bridget Keane, Juliette Burbige, Antoinette Ritacco

5:00pm Barbara & Louie Argento, Angel Salazar, Matt & Anna Lattanzio, Catherine Collins, Lawrence G. Beierle, Rose Delaney Duquette, Bob Weber

Fr. Dennis Suglia

Sunday, December 8

Second Sunday of Advent

8:00am Betty Langan

Fr. Dennis Suglia

9:30am Valeria DiSolvo

Fr. Dennis Suglia

11:00am Mary Gracey

Fr. Charles Mangano

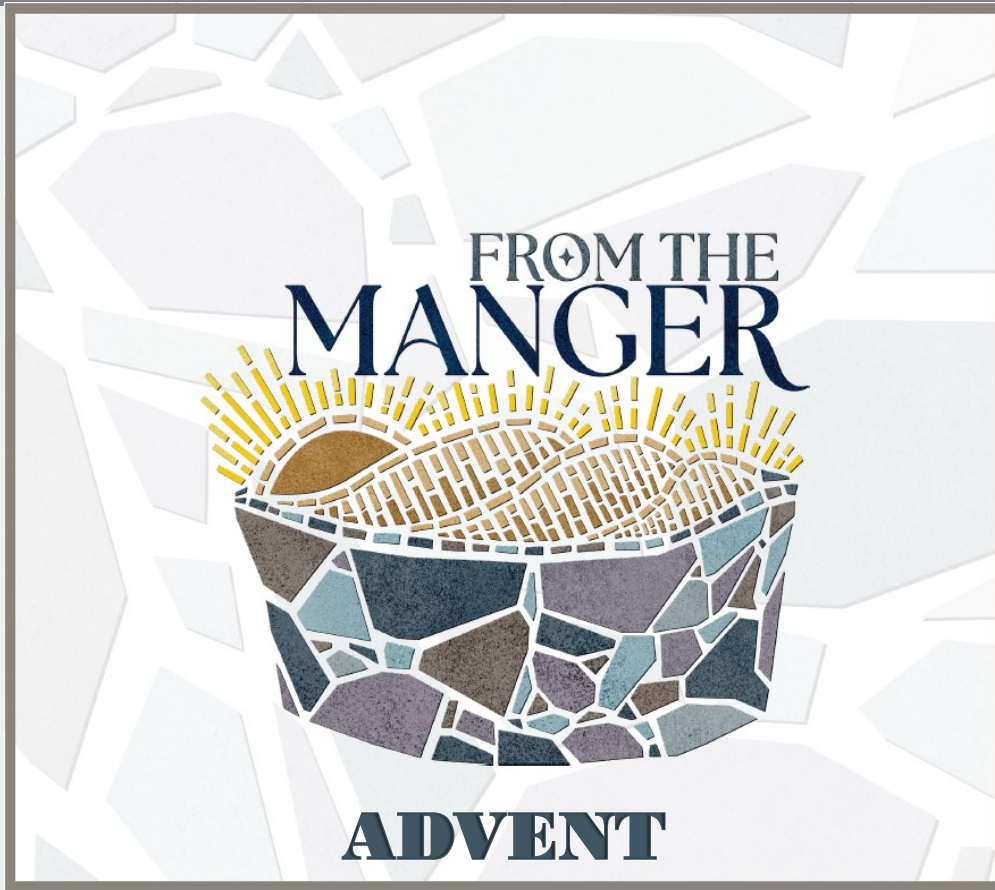
12:30pm Laura Beigler

Fr. Charles Mangano

6:00pm People of the Parish, Robert Bolin, Anita Falabella, Victoria V. Gerena (Living), Martin Post (Living)

Fr. Charles Mangano

Note: Celebrant information is subject to change without notice.



2000 Years Ago

A Small Child Was Born

In a small town called Bethlehem...

which means HOUSE OF BREAD

He was placed in a Manger...

which was a FEEDING TROUGH

And He grew up to be...

THE BREAD OF LIFE

Jesus Came to Feed Us All Spiritually and Physically.

On this First Week of Advent, **HOPE** Comes From the Manger.

*May We Find **Hope** This Season*

Second Collection - December 7-8 Religious Retirement Fund

The Religious Retirement Collection will take place in all parishes in the Diocese of Rockville Centre on the weekend of December 7th and 8th. Our continued goal is to provide financial assistance for the challenges that our religious face because of the rising cost of healthcare. This collection helps to fund daily essentials like prescription medications and nursing care.

**Retirement Fund
for Religious**

Please give to
those who have
given a lifetime.



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

“Vocation, more than our own choice, is a response to the Lord’s unmerited call.” Our Holy Father shared these words in his recent message for the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. In doing so, Pope Francis made clear what lies at the heart of every vocation: God’s initiative. He calls. He invites. In freedom, we simply respond.

Our Religious Sisters and Brothers in the Diocese of Rockville Centre heard God’s call and responded generously. They have selflessly dedicated their lives to serving the Lord and his people. Through their devotion to Christ and greater configuration to Him in their vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience, they have lived out their call of discipleship and service in education, healthcare, parochial ministry, and so many other apostolates.

We are grateful for the countless ways they have served and ministered among us, and we are grateful for their witness to us! As you prayerfully reflect on how your life has been touched by the ministry and witness of our consecrated religious men and women, I would ask that you consider making a gift to the Religious Retirement Fund.

In the name of our dedicated and faithful Religious Sisters and Brothers, thank you for your generosity! May God to bless you and your loved ones.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend John O. Barres



Rosary Christian Mothers

The Rosary Christian Mothers meet on the first Monday evening of each month. The next meeting will be on **Monday, December 2**. We will begin with Rosary at 7:00pm in the Church, immediately followed by our business meeting in the Parish Center.

SAGE

Our next SAGE meeting will be **Tuesday, December 3** at 9:30am in the Parish Center.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

We will be having Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on this **Tuesday, December 3rd 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, December 4 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.

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



Tomato Sauce
Canned Fruit
Canned Potatoes
Canned Chicken
Pudding

Advent Lessons and Carols

Thursday, December 5, 2024

7:00pm in the Church

You are invited to come and gather together in our church to hear beautiful music and inspiring Scripture to help us prepare again for the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ at Christmas.

Nocturnal Adoration

“Come to me all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest.”

This is Jesus Christ’s invitation every first Saturday of the month. The Blessed Sacrament is taken to the altar after the 5:00pm Mass and will be exposed up to 9:50pm. Everyone is invited to spend some time in front of the Blessed Sacrament to offer prayers, petitions and thanksgiving to Jesus. Nocturnal Adoration will follow the 5:00pm Mass on **Saturday, December 14th** concluding with Benediction at 9:50pm. Please come and pray with us. All are invited and welcome. Bring a friend! **Please note: Due to the Paint & Sip event on December 7th, the December Nocturnal Adoration has been moved to December 14th.**



Confirmation 2024

On **Thursday, November 7th** the Sacrament of Confirmation was administered by Bishop John Barres in our Parish. Eight classes of grade 9 students, a total of 122 students were confirmed. They are sent forth now to live out their Catholic faith with even greater enthusiasm and conviction. Please pray for our newly Confirmed 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 ...

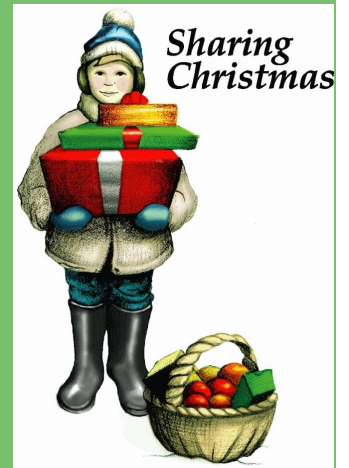
IF you feel you would like to become a baptized Catholic or become more fully initiated into your Catholic faith... our email address is RCIA@ollchurch.org or call the Parish Office at 631-661-3224, and we would be happy to help you.



Christmas at Outreach

Once again, we will be requesting gift cards for Christmas. We are asking that you take a tag from the **Giving Tree** with a specific gift card request for one of the families we will be assisting. The families will be able to use the gift cards for Christmas. In order for them to have time to use them before Christmas, they will need to get them earlier, so we are requesting that **any donation of gift cards be brought in by December 10th**. We are requesting gift cards from **Target, Walmart, Amazon, Kohl's Macy's, and Old Navy**.

Thank you for all the support you have given throughout the year. Your generosity is such a blessing to the families who come to us. Hopefully, their celebration of Christmas will be a bright spot in their lives that are many times filled with difficulty.



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. Nicholas is coming to OLL!! Pancake Breakfast with St. Nicholas

Enjoy a delicious breakfast with family and friends!
Special visit by St. Nicholas
Holiday Crafts and Games!



Sunday, December 8, 2024

9:00am to 12:30pm in the School Cafeteria
\$10.00 per person / Children under 5 yrs. are FREE

sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council #17379 and Children's Liturgy Committee

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



**TICKETS ON SALE AT THE PARISH OFFICE
AND ALSO ON OUR KNIGHT'S WEBSITE: OLL17379.org**



Deadline for Ticket purchase: Tuesday, December 3



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, December 9, 2024 in the Parish Center.



Our Lady of Lourdes Knights of Columbus *Annual Christmas Poinsettia Sale*

AFTER ALL MASSES
on
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14
and
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

*Select a beautiful plant to decorate your home
or as gifts for family members and friends,
while also supporting our Parish!*



Early Bird Special: **\$200 Discount!** Register with deposit by Jan 1, 2025. Promo Code: **EBD**



Pilgrimage to Medjugorje | August 11 - 19, 2025

\$3,765 per person
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Your Trip Includes:

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- All Airport Taxes & Fuel Surcharges
- 7 Nights: Dragicevic Family Home with Private Baths & Air Conditioning in Double Occupancy Only (No Single Rooms)
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- Wine with Dinners
- Transfers by Private Motor Coach
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- Mass Daily & Spiritual Activities
- Special Times of Prayer and Group Meetings
- And more!



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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



Giving Tuesday - Tomorrow's Hope Foundation

This Giving Tuesday, December 3rd, we invite you to join us in a powerful mission that changes lives: "Hope for the Future: Empowering Tomorrow's Leaders Today."



At Tomorrow's Hope Foundation, we're dedicated to providing scholarship support to students in need across Long Island, giving them the chance to benefit from a transformative Catholic education.

tomorrowshopefoundation.org 50 Charles Lindbergh Blvd. Suite 500, Uniondale, NY 11553 516-745-7611

Did You Know

Bread from Heaven —How is the Eucharist similar to the "manna in the desert?"

In the Book of Exodus, God provided the Israelites with manna or "bread from Heaven." The Bible describes manna as a wet dew that appeared in the morning which the Israelites made into cakes that provided for their physical needs. Initially, the Israelites "grumbled" and "complained" over the manna but eventually recognized that the manna was a gift that came every day and was what they needed to survive and thrive. In the New Testament, Jesus compares himself to manna because He is our daily Eucharistic bread which satisfies our eternal and spiritual needs. Just as the Israelites were nourished by the "bread from Heaven," so are we nourished by the Eucharistic Bread from Heaven every time we approach the Lord's altar at Mass. Jesus also goes on to describe the difference between the manna their ancestors ate and the bread that he would give. He said, I am the bread of Life. Your ancestors ate manna in the desert, yet they died. If anyone eats of the bread that I will give, he will live forever. (See Exodus 16:4-36 and John 6:48-51)



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

Our Lady of the Snow Prayer Night

Join us for prayer
and fellowship!



Ages 21-39

Ring in the winter season and
refresh your soul!

Tuesday, December 3rd, 7:30pm
Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Center

We will learn about the story of Our
Lady and enjoy making decorations for
the upcoming Paint n' Sip!





Give the gift of a Catholic education this Christmas season!



- ★ Since 2005, more than \$34 million in scholarships provided
- ★ Approximately 25,000 students served
- ★ 35 Catholic elementary schools in network

"We are sincerely grateful, bumbled and excited to commence this Catholic education journey with my daughter. Our hopes for her would not be possible if it were not for this award!"

- THF 24-25 Scholarship Recipient

To make a tax deductible donation, please mail your check to Tomorrow's Hope Foundation II, Inc. at the address below with "Church Bulletin" in the memo OR scan the QR code to donate online:



www.tomorrowshopefoundation.org
50 Charles Lindbergh Blvd., Suite 500
Uniondale, NY 11553
516-745-7611

The mission of Tomorrow's Hope Foundation is to ensure the excellence as well as the continuance of Catholic elementary schools on Long Island by increasing awareness and by providing scholarship and program funding for the needs of students and schools.



Butterfly Memory Café - December 6, 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, December 6th** 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, December 19, 2024

Caregiving for someone with Alzheimer's or a related dementia can cause frustration, fear, anger, sadness and other emotions. Our support group can provide emotional, social, and educational help to caregivers whose lives are affected by dementia.

Join us on the 3rd Thursday of each month from 5:30pm-7:00pm in the Parish Center
There is no charge to participate, but please contact Maegan at 631-647-7622 or via e-mail at: maegan@agentletouchseniorcare.com to reserve your place.

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.



The Babylon Chorale presents: *Peace* featuring Taylor Scott Davis' "Magnificat"

A performance of holiday songs performed with orchestra.

Sunday, December 8, 2024 at 4:00pm

St. Peter's By The Sea Episcopal Church

500 South Country Rd. (Montauk Hwy), Bay Shore

Advance Sale: \$20 / Adults; \$14 / Students & Seniors 60+

Door Sale: \$25 / Adults, \$19 / Students & Seniors 60+

\$10 / Children 10 and under at all times

To purchase tickets online or for further information,

visit our website at: www.babylonchorale.org or email: info@babylonchorale.org

IN CELEBRATION OF THE 750TH ANNIVERSARY
OF ST. THOMAS' DEATH

**VENERATION OF THE MAJOR RELICS OF
ST. THOMAS AQUINAS**

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2024

10AM VOTIVE MASS OF ST. THOMAS AQUINAS
CELEBRANT: HIS EXCELLENCY BISHOP ANDRZEJ ZGLEJSZEWSKI
GUEST HOMILIST: FR. JOSEPH-MARY HERTZOG, O.P.

11AM-12PM VENERATION

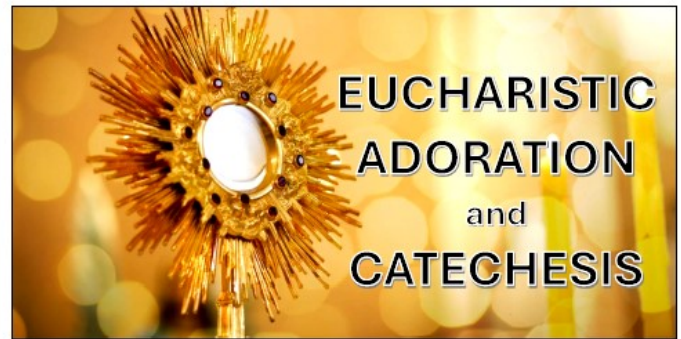
12PM PREACHING - ST. THOMAS: THEOLOGIAN AND MYSTIC
FR. BASIL COLE, O.P., S.T.D., S.T.M.

12:30PM-1:30PM CONFESSIONS
12:30PM-3PM VENERATION

PLENARY INDULGENCE GRANTED FOR PILGRIMAGE TO A HOLY PLACE
CONNECTED WITH THE ORDER OF FRIARS PREACHERS UNDER THE USUAL
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St. Barnabas the Apostle Church
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**EUCCHARISTIC
ADORATION
and
CATECHESIS**

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

TWO sessions remain!

- November 26, 2024
"Eucharist – the Liturgical Thanksgiving"
- 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@drv.org



DIocese of ROCKVILLE CENTRE



SAVE THE DATE

MARCH FOR LIFE

FOR **LIFE**

FRIDAY JANUARY 24

2025

All are encouraged to attend the annual March for Life in Washington DC.

Following the march, pilgrims from the Diocese of Rockville Centre are invited to gather at Saint Joseph Church on Capitol Hill for refreshments and prayer with Bishop Barres.

313 Second Street NE
Washington, D.C. 20002



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
January 24-26, 2025
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 (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.

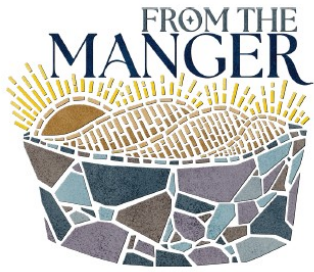
ALANON: Wednesday at 10:00am. Beginner's meeting at 9:30am. Free babysitting available. 2nd and 4th Wednesday meetings are via Zoom. For more meeting info visit: al-anon.org.

Families Anonymous Meetings

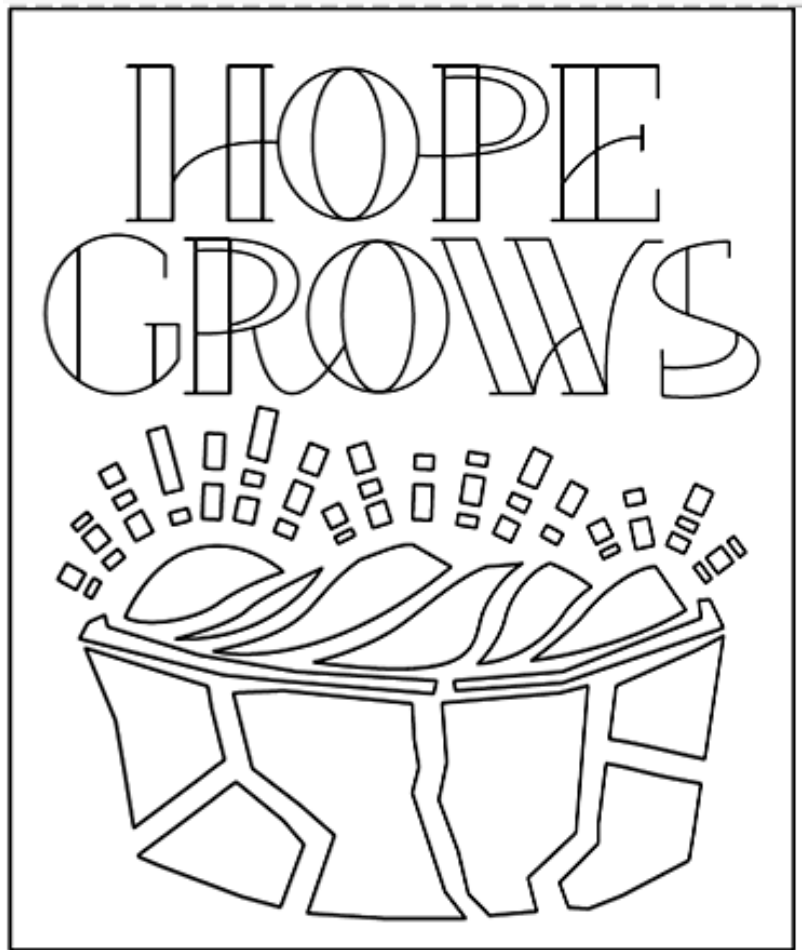
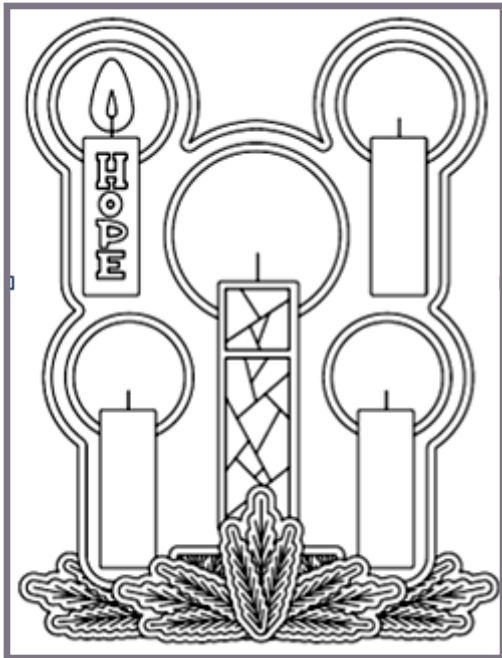
12-Step support group giving Hope & Strength to parents, family and friends concerned with a loved one's destructive behavior caused by Alcohol, Drugs or Related Behavioral Problems will meet virtually and in person. For additional information e-mail: Donna526@aol.com or call Diane at: 631-587-0966 or 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 “**Healing**”. To listen online or for more information, visit: www.ReligionandRock.com.

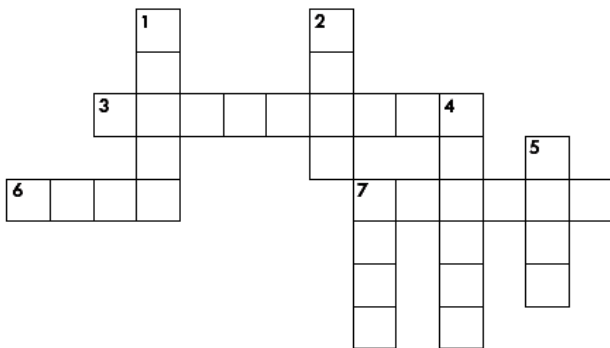


We mark each week of Advent by lighting a candle.
Color the Advent candle we lit today.



CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Jesus was born to provide hope and food is foundational to that hope! Read the clues below to solve the crossword puzzle connecting food and the hope Jesus brought. If you get stuck, feel free to ask a neighbor!



ACROSS

3. "House of Bread"
6. Nutritious substance our bodies depend on
7. An empty, hollow feeling in our bellies

DOWN

1. Starchy food that can be used for sandwiches
2. Opposite of want
4. Where animals find their food
5. Multiple food items consumed at once
7. Believing things can get better with compassion and imagination

Words to Carry

Write down three words from today's service on Hope that you will carry with you this week.