

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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Marcelle Crudele, Business Manager
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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

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.

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)

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.

The Epiphany of the Lord • Sunday, January 5, 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 January 5, 2024

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/ Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/ Mt 2:1-12
Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/ Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/ Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday: 1Jn 4:11-18/ Mk 6:45-52
Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19-5:4/ Lk 4:14-22
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/ Lk 5:12-16
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30
Next Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/ Ti 2:11-14, 3:4-7/ Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Parish Staff

Patti Anderson
Parish Office/Bulletin Editor

Robin Reynolds Brennan
Parish Office

Maryann Buonaspinna
Parish Organist

Rosemary Cannarella
Parish Office

Amy Danowski
Parish Office

Rita Spera
Religious Education Office


Financial Summary

December 29, 2024

Weekly Collection	11,993.50
Weekly Budget	- \$ 17,800.00
+/- for the week	\$ (5,807.00)

Christmas Flowers	\$ 4,879.00
Christmas Donations	\$ 48,365.50
Parish Ministry Collection	\$ 10,668.00

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



*Fr. Charles and I would like to thank
all of you who wished us a
Merry Christmas!*

*Whether it was a handshake, a card,
some sweets or a gift ,we are ever
grateful for your generosity.*

*Yours in Christ,
Fr. Dennis*

To our Parish Family and Welcomed Guests,

*Thank you for your most kind and generous giving this Christmas
to Our Lady of Lourdes. Your support helps enable us to continue
fulfilling our mission to spread the love of Christ through worship,
outreach and community programs.*

May the Peace of Christ be with you in the New Year!

Yours in Christ,

*Fr. Dennis Suglia, Pastor
Fr. Charles Mangano, Associate Pastor*

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	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, Louie Amato, Marybeth A., Andrew Arena, Kathy Arena, Jeanette Battista, Doris Cameron, Thomas J. Calogero III, Doris Cameron, Filomena Cantone, Tom Cavanagh, Jerry Collins, Grayson Danielski, Susan Dedes, Amanda DiTingo, Joanne Egan, Anna Ferrante, Thomas Geraghty-USMC, Bea Guzzo, Christine Harty, Patrick Anthony Heffron, Paul Johnson, Henry Kahn, Shena Kahn, Dave Kegel, Michael Kegel, Richard Kliegl, Vincent Marinelli, Baby Kieran John McKay, Jennifer Monroe, Wesley Morrell, Tom O'Brien, Edward Pauciullo, Rose Pauciullo, Diane Peterson, Frank Peterson, Cameron Pillitteri, John Posanti, Louise Posanti, Tessie Reilly, Sally Riddle, Patricia Rochford, Donna Rojas, Fabian Rojas, Joseph J. Schiavoni, Vita Scorcia, Kathy Shaddock, Baby Shaddock, Daniel Segreto, Jerry Smotzer, Special Intention/Healing, Celestine Stewart, Louise Sturgeon, Keri Thomas, Chelcea Toth, Marge Valenti,

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



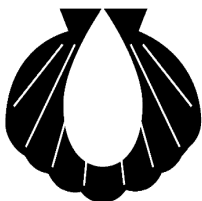
Rest In Peace

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



Upcoming Marriages

*Sarah McIlwaine, OLL
and
Thomas Viverito, OLL*



Baptism

Luca Cru Mayhew

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

Mass Intentions

Monday, January 6

St. André Bessette

8:30am Living Members of the Bencivinni Family

Tuesday, January 7

St. Raymond of Penyafort

8:30am George Wichelns

Wednesday, January 8

8:30am Reneida Rivera

Thursday, January 9

8:30am William Schooley

Friday, January 10

8:30am Sister Nancy Campkin (Living)

Saturday, January 11

**8:30am Basillio Aquino & Family, Louis Galindez,
Ernest Stephen Bayer, Maureen Thompson**

5:00pm

**Frank Aparo, Joan Mahler, Nancy L. Agresti,
Elvera Vieni, Vincent Lichioveri, Rick Stueber**
Fr. Charles Mangano

Sunday, January 12

Baptism of the Lord

8:00am Gerard Millette

Fr. Charles Mangano

9:30am

Joe Carpenter

Fr. Charles Mangano

11:00am

Fortunato & Carmelo Maggi

Fr. Dennis Suglia

12:30pm

Emma Musial & Wladyslaw Bulanowski (Living)

Fr. Dennis Suglia

6:00pm

**People of the Parish, Joseph Carpenter,
Connie Will, Chris Edrei DeLeon Soriano**

Fr. Dennis Suglia

Note: Celebrant information is subject to change without notice.

Christmas Flower Offering

Maria Ambrose

Mary Jo Lorello

SAGE

Our next SAGE meeting will be **Tuesday, January 7** at 9:30am in the Parish Center.

Prayer Shawl Ministry / Baby Blanket Bunch

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

Join us ... **Wednesday, January 8 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.

Rosary Christian Mothers

The Rosary Christian Mothers meet on the first Monday evening of each month. The next meeting will be on **Monday, January 6.** We will begin with Rosary at 7:00pm in the Church, immediately followed by our business meeting in the Parish Center.

Divine Mercy Prayer Group

We come together in the Church **every Thursday from 1:30pm-2:30pm** to pray and reflect on the Divine Mercy. We welcome anyone wishing to join us in this mission.

Donations to Outreach

If you would like to make a donation to Parish Outreach in memory of a loved one, please call Trish Frodell, Director of Parish Social Ministry at 631-661-3224, option 4.

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



Canned Pasta
Pancake Mix
Canned Stew
Canned Beets
Laundry Detergent



FREE – Men and women, young and old, strengthen and grow in your faith for your families with five short videos produced by the Knights of Columbus called the “Mission of The Family”. The videos can be found on the Knights of Columbus website for free! Here is the link and QR Code to find “**The Mission of The Family**” videos: <https://www.kofc.org/en/campaigns/into-the-breach.html>. The five videos are less than 14 minutes in length.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

We will be having Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on this **Tuesday, January 7th 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.



Abuse Claim Information

For anyone who believes they have a Sexual Abuse Claim against an Additional Debtor (parish) arising prior to December 3, 2024, the claim form to submit and related information can be found at: <https://dm.epiq11.com/case/drvc/info> under the “Proof of Claim Form” heading. The deadline for filing claims is January 13, 2025, at 11:59pm prevailing Eastern time.

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





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St. Martin of Tours School

Amityville, NY
Sunday, Jan. 26 | 10 AM - 1 PM



Our Lady of Guadalupe School

Deer Park, NY
Sunday, Feb. 2 | 12 PM - 2:30 PM



St. Patrick School

Bay Shore, NY
Sunday, Jan. 26 | 10:30 AM



St. Mary School

East Islip, NY
Saturday, Jan. 25 | 10 AM - 1 PM



St. Rose of Lima School

Massapequa, NY
Sunday, Jan. 26 | 11:15 AM - 1:30 PM



Scan the QR Code to Learn More!

www.drvcschools.org/visit



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, January 13th in the Spiritual Life Center (Convent)



Church Census Information

Has your contact information changed, or are you moving?

The process of updating our Parish Data System information is an ongoing process. We ask that you please submit any recent changes -- address, family members, phone numbers, etc. With your help, our parish data information will be more accurate, and receipt of Parish Offering Envelopes and other church information can be processed more efficiently.

Please mail the information to the Parish Office, or email to: parishoffice@ollchurch.org.

Did You Know

Central Prayer—Is Mass a Prayer?

Did you know that the Mass has been the central prayer of the People of God, the Church, for almost two thousand years? Since the time of the Last Supper, Christians have been asked to gather together once a week to celebrate the Lord's Supper as commanded by Jesus. The language of the Mass originally celebrated by Jesus and the Apostles was Aramaic. Then later the prayers of the Mass were in Greek and later in many other languages of the ancient world: Syriac, Coptic, Latin, etc. Today Mass is celebrated in all the languages of the world.



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PENTECOST SUNDAY

LOCATION
ST. ANTHONY'S HIGH SCHOOL
SOUTH HUNTINGTON, NY

JUNE 8

WWW.DRVC.ORG/CONGRESS





Diocese of Rockville Centre Eucharistic Pilgrimage

During those days, Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to the town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.

Luke 1: 39-40

Beginning on May 31, 2025, the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, two nine-day Eucharistic Pilgrimages will embark across Long Island, both culminating at St. Anthony's High School on Sunday June 8, 2025, for the celebration of our local Diocesan Eucharistic Congress. The Western Route will journey from St. Agnes Cathedral (Rockville Centre) through Nassau County, while the Eastern Route will journey from the Parish of Saint Therese of Lisieux (Montauk) through Suffolk County.

The Holy Eucharist will be carried in procession across the Diocese through many of our towns, schools, hospitals, cemeteries, and parishes. During this pilgrimage, there will be opportunities for Eucharistic Adoration, the celebration of Mass, Eucharistic Catechesis, Praise and Worship, public processions, and other Eucharistic celebrations. The People of God will be invited to walk with Jesus, truly present in the Holy Eucharist, pray in the pilgrim churches, and proclaim the Gospel to bystanders as Jesus passes through their towns.

Perpetual Pilgrims

The Diocese of Rockville Centre is inviting a dedicated group of young adults, ages 18 to 29, to apply to be *Perpetual Pilgrims*. These Perpetual Pilgrims will make the entire nine-day journey with the Lord in the Eucharist across the Diocese from May 31st - June 7th, 2025, along with priest chaplains and an official pilgrimage team.

These pilgrims will represent the many young people from across Long Island who are on fire with Eucharistic love and missionary fervor. Applicants should be in good physical condition, capable of walking long distances, and committed to Christ, the teachings of his Church, and ongoing intellectual and spiritual formation.

Applications for Perpetual Pilgrims are now open and will close on February 2, 2025. Please visit www.drvc.org/congress for more information or to apply.



FRIENDS OF TROOP 179 West Islip, NY

Annual Pasta & Dinner Fundraiser

Date: 1/25/2025 **Snow Date:** 2/1/2025

Time: 4 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Location: Our Lady of Lourdes Church, school cafeteria
455 Hunter Avenue, West Islip, NY 11795

Cost: \$10.00 per person (includes 2 \$1 raffle tickets)

All You Can Eat Pasta, Meatballs, Bread, Salad & Dessert

Tickets Can Be Purchased At The Door

If you can't make the event the troop will be taking pre-orders after mass on select weekends at Our Lady of Lourdes Church. You choose a pick up time. Just fill out and submit one of our pasta dinner order forms before 1/19/25. Any questions message us on Facebook at Friends of Troop 179 West Islip, NY.

Prizes: Friends Of Troop 179 will be selling raffle tickets to win many donated prizes as well as a 50/50 drawing.



To contact us outside of Facebook, please call Paul at 646-341-0783 or Mike at 631-495-3632



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/bsatrop179> or contact us at: troop179cc@yahoo.com.

Babylon Chorale Auditions

The Babylon Chorale will hold auditions on Monday evening, January 6, 2025, starting with rehearsal at 7:30pm, at Sisters of St. Joseph Brentwood Campus.

All voice parts are welcomed.

For further information, visit: www.babylonchorale.org or email: info@babylonchorale.org

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.*

Butterfly Memory Café - December 20, 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 20th 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.*

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.

Canonization Pilgrimage to Italy for 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

\$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
*Pay a visit to the body of the newly canonized
Saint Carlo Acutis*

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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



Adoration - 3 Year Anniversary

On December 14, 2021 the parish started extended hours of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Tuesday from 12:30pm to 7:30pm. Thank you to all of you who have come each week and spent quiet time with Jesus over the past three years.

Jesus is inviting ALL of YOU! Will you come?

The church teaches that the Eucharist is the Summit and Source of the Christian's life. So, in addition to Holy Mass, a special way to spend time with Jesus in the most intimate of ways - one on one - is in Eucharistic Adoration. Besides having Nocturnal Adoration the first Saturday of each month from 6:00pm to 10:00pm in the church, we also have extended hours of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament as stated above on Tuesdays from 12:30pm to 7:30pm each week in the Church. Some may say, why do I have to go to adoration, I can stay home and pray. You can pray at home, but here is what Bishop Robert Barron says so beautifully about adoration in **Catholicism, A Journey to the Heart of Faith**: *"Adam, the first man, we hear walked in easy fellowship with God in the cool of the evening and spoke to Him as to a friend. This ordering of Adam to God meant that our first parent was effortlessly caught up in adoration. The term 'adoration' comes from the Latin adoratio, which in turn is derived from ad ora (to the mouth). To adore, therefore, is to be mouth to mouth with God, properly aligned to the divine source, breathing in God's life. When one is in the stance of adoration, the whole of one's life – mind, will, emotions, imagination, sexuality – becomes ordered and harmonized, much as the elements of a rose window arrange themselves musically around a central point."* This happens when seated in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

Eucharistic Adoration is when the Sacred Host is placed in a container called a monstrance and placed upon the altar. People come and pray before the Lord himself, exposed on the altar, truly present in the Eucharist; body, blood, soul and divinity. Both the young and the old are being invited to adoration each week.

Our journey through this life is to lead us to a deep intimacy with God. He wants to prepare us for eternal life and what helps us tremendously in this is spending time before the Blessed Sacrament or, in other words, Eucharistic Adoration. One may say, I don't have time for this, I am too busy. Yes, we are all very, very busy but we all make time for the things we love to do. Christ, who is truly present in the Eucharist, touches our heart and soul and we never leave adoration of the Blessed Sacrament the same (*even if we feel we are getting nothing out of it*).

What happens during Adoration: Prayer brings us into union with God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. In prayer, we allow our Saviour to touch and fulfill the longing, desire, thirst and hunger in our hearts for love and acceptance. In prayer, the saints experienced this and so can we because we follow and love the same God. The Holy Scriptures remind us that Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever. The Jesus who said over 2000 years ago that he came to heal the broken hearted, set the captives free and bring recovery of sight to the blind is the same Jesus who is with us today in the Blessed Sacrament. Therefore, let us respond to the Lord's invitation and come to Eucharistic Adoration each week. Let us open our hearts fully to him because when we do, we fall more in love with the one who in love with us, making our triune God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit, the center of our hearts and lives.

When we take time to sit, pray and gaze upon the Blessed Sacrament, we realize that the Eucharist is about humility. It is God almighty choosing to be a prisoner of love in the Eucharist for our sake. God longs for us to come to Him, sit before him, be with him and let Him love us. In the gospels, Jesus heals the blind. What is the blindness that exists in you and me? Sitting before the Blessed Sacrament in Adoration allows Jesus the time to surface our blindness and begin to heal it. The blindness of bias, prejudice, arrogance, lust, selfishness, self-reliance, etc. Sometimes we don't see these things in ourselves but the more we spend time with Jesus, he opens our eyes and then we can place these before him and allow him to transform our hearts. St. John Vianney writes, *"When we go before the Blessed Sacrament let us open our heart; our good God will open His. We shall go to him; he will come to us, the one to ask, the other to receive. It will be like a breath passing from One to the other. What delight we find in forgetting ourselves that we may seek God."*



Join Our Lady of Lourdes Parish for a Day Trip

To the Saint Mother Cabrini Shrine in NY

Saturday, March 29, 2025

Join Fr. Dennis and Fr. Charles on this special day of prayer. Mother Cabrini was the first American Citizen to be canonized a saint in 1950. She was declared Patroness of Immigrants because of her extensive work with the Italian immigrants. Below is the schedule for the day of prayer:

- 8:30am- Meet in the rectory parking lot by the garages
- 9:00am- The bus leaves our parking lot for the NY Shrine
- 11:00am- Arrive at the Shrine
 - 1st Talk on the Life of Mother Cabrini by the Shrine staff member
 - Mass celebrated by Fr. Dennis
 - Holy Hour led by Fr. Charles
 - Lunch in the shrine
 - 2nd Talk on the Life of St. Mother Cabrini by the Shrine staff member
 - Viewing the artifacts / relics plus visiting the gift shop.
- 4:00pm The Bus leaves the Shrine to return home
- 6:00pm The bus arrives back home at Our Lady of Lourdes

We have reserved 2 buses for this day of prayer which can give us a total of 108 seats. If we do NOT fill the 2nd bus by February 28 (one month before the trip), we will have to cancel the second bus and only fill the first bus with pilgrims. Please call the parish office and register today (631) 661-3224 (x2). Payment is due by March 3rd. The cost is \$72.00 per person. Please make all checks payable to *Our Lady of Lourdes Church*. In the memo line please write: ***Cabrini Shrine 3/29.***

This photo is of the body of Mother Cabrini in a glass casket beneath the altar at the shrine. We will be celebrating Mass at this altar. From the time Mother Cabrini was a child, she dreamed of going to China as a missionary. As an adult she founded schools, hospitals, and orphanages in more than 40 locations for immigrants across three continents, but she never made it to the Far East. Nine years after Mother Cabrini's death, six Missionary Sisters entered China. Please join us for this special day of prayer. All are welcome.

For questions call or text Christine at (631) 901-7397.





Pilgrimage to Medjugorje | August 11 - 19, 2025

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Fr. Charles Mangano
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What We Believe:

The Apostles' Creed

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7TH
7:30PM




OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH CENTER

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young adult group



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 **ST. JAMES THE GREATER**
 **ST. ANDREW**
 **ST. MATTHEW**
 **ST. SIMON THE ZEALOT**
 **ST. MATTHIAS**

Join us at our first meeting of the new year in the first of a series on 'What We Believe' and learn more about the Apostles Creed and what unites us as the Body of Christ in One, Holy, and Apostolic Church.

DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

MARCH FOR LIFE

SAVE THE DATE

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

Marriage Struggling?

REGISTER NOW!

RETROUVAILLE
A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

HelpOurMarriage.org
JANUARY 24-26TH • HUNTINGTON, NY
Register by: January 10th • www.HelpOurMarriage.org

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?

No Marriage is Beyond Hope.

Important Information for ALL Parish Volunteers

The Diocese of Rockville Centre requires all clergy, employees, and volunteers (18 yrs. or older) to participate in the Safe Environment Guidelines as established by the Charter for the Protection of Children/Young People (2002) and outlined in the Diocesan Child Protection Policy. Note: If you already have a Virtus account (www.Virtus.org), have signed the Code of Conduct and attended the Class, all you need to do is initiate the updated background screening through Sterling Volunteers.

Requirements are as follows:

1. Attend a Virtus: Protecting God's Children class.
2. Undergo background screening.
3. Sign the Diocesan Code of Conduct.

Instructions to Complete the Safe Environment Requirements:

- Log into the Virtus website: www.Virtus.org.
- Begin the registration process by creating a Virtus account. The first screen requests the location: Please select Rockville Centre from the drop down list.
- Follow directions on each page.
- During the registration process you will receive a copy of the Code of Conduct and Pastoral Code of Conduct. Please sign each Code electronically.
- Select the class you wish to attend.
- Complete the background screening application provided. Background screening is conducted by Sterling Volunteers.

When you complete the registration process, you will have a Virtus account and an account with Sterling Volunteers. Your Virtus account will contain the date you signed the Codes of Conduct; date you submitted the background screening application and date you will attend Virtus. Please keep your username and the password for both your Virtus account and Sterling account as these are required to access each account.

Please contact the Office for the Protection of Children/Young People if you have questions or require assistance: cprotection@drvc.org

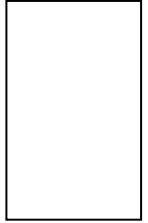


In addition to our parish website (ollchurch.org), please visit us on *Facebook* at *The Parish Family of Our Lady of Lourdes*. Click “Like” and you will receive the latest news on upcoming parish events and information.

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 was not available at time of printing, To listen online or for more information, visit: www.ReligionandRock.com.

Sharing the Gospel

Isn't God amazing? He made all the stars and planets to move, so every night the sky looks a little different. When God created the world, He planned exactly when the wise men would see the star. He wanted them to find Jesus.



Mission for the Week



Visit a planetarium to learn more about the Star of Bethlehem.



Puzzle

Unscramble these words from today's Gospel:

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| wise men | king | Mary |
| child | star | gifts |
| born | worship | dream |

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knig _ _ _ _

derma _ _ _ _ _

cildh _ _ _ _ _

wrsohpi _ _ _ _ _ _ _

Mrya _ _ _ _

gfsti _ _ _ _ _

sрта _ _ _ _

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Prayer

Dear God,
Thank you for
making the
planets and
stars so the wise men
could find Jesus
Amen.



Something to Draw

Draw a picture
of stars and
planets shining
in the night sky.

