

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

455 Hunter Avenue, West Islip, NY 11795

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Parish Office

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

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Saturday: 9:00am-3:00pm

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Monday - Wednesday - Friday

from 9:30am-3:30pm ONLY

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Liturgical Schedule

Daily Mass

8:30am

Weekend Masses

Saturday: 5:00pm

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

Reconciliation/Confession

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

Rosary

Daily at 8:00am

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.

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time • Sunday, January 26, 2025



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
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Mission Statement

As stewards of all that God has given us, the Parish Family of Our Lady of Lourdes serves and ministers to all who come to this place.

Regardless of a person's history, ethnicity, gender, orientation, age or race, we commit ourselves to open wide the doors of our Parish to provide a place of welcome and hospitality.

Readings for the Week of January 26, 2025

Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/ 1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/
Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21
Monday: Heb 9:15, 24-28/ Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday: Heb 10:1-10/ Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday: Heb 10:11-18/ Mk 4:1-20
Thursday: Heb 10:19-25/ Mk 4:21-25
Friday: Heb 10:32-39/ Mk 4:26-34
Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/ Mk 4:35-41
Next Sunday: Mal 3:1-4/ Heb 2:14-18/ Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

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

January 12, 2025

Weekly Collection	\$ 15,120.50
Weekly Budget	- \$ 17,800.00
+/- for the week	\$ (2,679.50)

Buildings and Grounds \$ 4,399.00

January 19, 2025

Weekly Collection	\$ 15,014.50
Weekly Budget	- \$ 17,800.00
+/- for the week	\$ (2,785.50)

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



Requirements for Obtaining a Plenary Indulgence for the Jubilee Year of Hope:

- Visit the Jubilee Cross at St. Agnes Cathedral.
- Make a Sacramental Confession shortly before or after the visit to the Jubilee Cross.
- Be spiritually present in the Holy Eucharist.
- Pray for the Holy Father and his intentions.

“This is the Jubilee. This is the season of hope in which we are invited to rediscover the joy of meeting the Lord.”
– Pope Francis

The faithful of Long Island can attain this Plenary Indulgence by making a pilgrimage to THE CATHEDRAL of ST. AGNES and praying at the 2025 JUBILEE YEAR CROSS enshrined at the Cathedral and installed by Bishop John O. Barres.

Pilgrimages

The faithful, pilgrims of hope, will be able to obtain the Jubilee Indulgence granted by the Holy Father if they undertake a pious pilgrimage **to any sacred jubilee site:**

- To one of the four major papal basilicas.
- To one of the three basilicas in the holy land.
- To the local cathedral or church designated by the local ordinary.

From DECREE ON THE GRANTING OF THE INDULGENCE, POPE FRANCIS

Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Rita Spera*. 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, Tom Cavanagh, Jerry Collins, Grayson Danielski, Susan Dedes, Amanda DiTingo, Wanda Dobias, 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, Robert Kostanoski, Vincent Marinelli, Baby Kieran John McKay, Richard Meyer, 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, Diane Scharen, Robert Scharen, Joseph J. Schiavoni, Vita Scorcia, Kathy Shaddock, Baby Shaddock, Daniel Segreto, Diana Smiloff, 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

Gaetannina Atteniese
Caroline Kelly
Joan Powers
June Surace

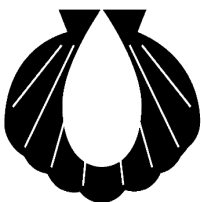
We extend our prayerful sympathy to the families and loved ones of those recently deceased.

Caroline Kelly's name was incorrectly listed as "Catherine" in last week's bulletin. We apologize for the error.



Upcoming Marriages

Sarah McIlwaine, OLL
and
Thomas Viverito, OLL



Baptism

Juliana Michele Guida

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 27

St. Angela Merici
8:30am Pat Liszewski

Tuesday, January 28

St. Thomas Aquinas
8:30am The Henry & Munkwitz Families

Wednesday, January 29

8:30am Thomas Savin

Thursday, January 30

8:30am Stephen Gili

Friday, January 31

St. John Bosco
8:30am People of the Parish

Saturday, February 1

8:30am Louis Galindez, Mitch & Dolores Bivona,
Mary Jane Concannon-Richardson

5:00pm Carl Schmid, LaRocca & Sweeney Families,
Ted Gladkowski & James Collins
Fr. Dennis Suglia

Sunday, February 2

The Presentation of the Lord
8:00am Cosimo Ciocia
Fr. Dennis Suglia

9:30am Jim Weydig & Scouting
Fr. Dennis Suglia

11:00am Mario D'Alessandro Domenicone
Fr. Charles Mangano

12:30pm Jersy Musial & Snock Family (Living)
Fr. Charles Mangano

6:00pm People of the Parish, The Hibernian Purgatorial Society, John De Guardi, Joyce Smith (Living)
Fr. Charles Mangano

Note: Celebrant information is subject to change without notice.

Last Year's Palm Becomes This Year's Ashes

Each year, prior to the beginning of Lent, parishes burn the previous year's palm to provide the ashes used on Ash Wednesday. We invite you to return the blessed Palm branches you received at Mass last Palm Sunday so that we can include them in the ashes we will use this year for Ash Wednesday, March 5th. Baskets will be available near the doors as you enter the church from February 7th through February 16th.



Deadline for returning palm is Sunday, February 16th.

Pregnant? Need Help?

Birthright, Inc. 24 Hour Helpline 1-800-550-4900

Islip: 631-277-3888 - Hampton Bays: 631-728-8900 - Rocky Point: 631-821-9727

Southold: 631-876-5138 - Wantagh 516-785-4070

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

We will be having Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on this **Tuesday, January 28th 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.



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, February 1**, concluding with Benediction at 9:50pm. Please come and pray with us. All are invited and welcome. Bring a friend!



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



Oatmeal
Pasta Sauce in Jar
Jelly/Jam
Ketchup
Toothpaste

Presentation of the Lord - Candlemas Day

February 2 is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, also traditionally known as “Candlemas Day”. When Jesus was presented by Mary and Joseph in the Temple, as was required by Jewish Law, Simeon proclaimed, “For my eyes have seen your salvation which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a LIGHT for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel.” Simeon saw immediately that Jesus was to be the Light of the World. In celebration of the Presentation of the Lord, we invite you to bring candles to Mass on February 2. The candles you bring will be blessed at Mass, and serve as a reminder that we too were presented at church by our parents (or sponsors) when we were baptized. We must be the beacon (Light) that guides others to Christ.



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 27th in the Parish Center



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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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



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DIocese OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

January 26, 2025
Catholic Schools Week

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Each year, the Church across the United States joyfully celebrates the gift of Catholic Education during Catholic Schools Week, which begins today and concludes on February 1, 2025. The theme for Catholic Schools Week 2025 is, *United in Faith and Community*. As Bishop of the Diocese of Rockville Centre, I am profoundly proud of how our Catholic Schools on Long Island continue to evangelize our young Catholics with dedication and love.

In his Apostolic Exhortation, *The Joy of the Gospel*, Pope Francis highlights that “Catholic schools, which always strive to join their work of education with the explicit proclamation of the Gospel, are a most valuable resource for the evangelization of culture” (§134). This mission-driven approach is particularly timely in our Diocese. This year, as the capstone to our local Eucharistic Revival efforts, we are preparing for our significant Eucharistic Congress on June 8, 2025, accompanied by Eucharistic Pilgrimages that will traverse across Long Island, leading up to this transformative event. The mission of these initiatives is woven into the very fabric of Catholic Education, aiming to deepen our students' love for Jesus through the transformative power of the Eucharist and to empower them to evangelize their families and communities.

As our schools celebrate Catholic Schools Week 2025 with Masses, open houses, and various activities, we give thanks to the Lord for all who make Catholic Education possible. To our dedicated administrators, teachers, and staff members: thank you for tirelessly advancing the Church's mission by sharing your love for Christ and nurturing His presence in the lives of His children. To the parents and guardians who generously contribute your time and talents: your love for Christ and His Church is inspiring, and your dedication is deeply appreciated.

To all our faithful parishioners, I warmly invite you to visit our schools during this special week. Attend an open house, meet our educators, and witness firsthand the vibrant communities of faith and learning that thrive within our Catholic Schools. Your support and presence affirm the vital role of Catholic Education in forming future generations rooted in faith.

St. John Bosco, a patron saint of school children, captured the essence of Catholic Education when he said, “If we want to have a good society, we must concentrate all our forces on the Christian education of the young.” The incredible work being accomplished in our Catholic Schools fills me with great hope for the future of our society on Long Island—a future bright with young Catholics who are on fire for Jesus Christ and His Church.

Through the intercession of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, the patron saint of Catholic Education, Saint John Bosco, and Mary, Star of Evangelization, may the Lord continue to bless our Catholic Schools and all those involved in Catholic Education on Long Island, especially our students!

Sincerely yours in Christ,


Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre

Your heart, your health: Stay informed



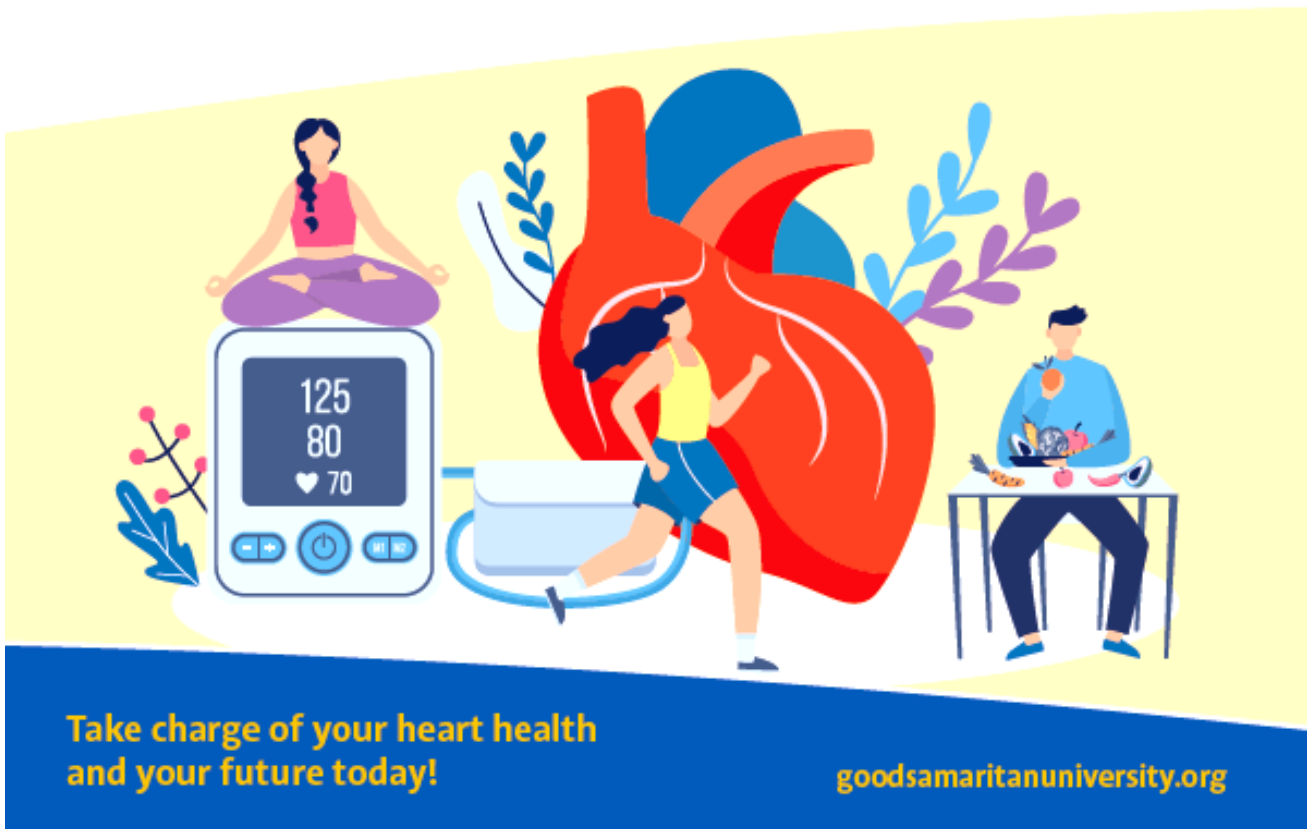
Join Timothy Carter, MD, as he presents the latest advancements in heart health and shares valuable tips on keeping your heart strong and healthy!

**Wednesday, February 5
6 pm**

Food and beverage will be served.

Our Lady of Lourdes
455 Hunter Avenue
West Islip
Multi-Purpose Room

RSVP
Call (631) 376-4444
to reserve your spot.



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.

Blood Drive

CRITICAL NEED!!!

Our Lady of Lourdes Church Blood Drive

Friday January 31, 2025

1:45pm-7:45pm

455 Hunter Avenue, West Islip, NY

Parish Center



Please Scan the QR Code to
Schedule your donation

Prepare to donate



Eat well
and hydrate



Bring a
photo ID



Feel good and
symptom free



Must be 17+ or
16 with parental
consent form



Meet minimum
weight requirements

For full eligibility requirements
and COVID-19 information, visit
nybc.org/eligibility.

800.933.BLOOD • nybc.org



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.



Dementia Caregiver Support Group Thursday, February 20, 2025

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 - February 21, 2025 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, February 21** 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*

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July 26 - August 06, 2025

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- Assistance of a local guide
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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



Around the Parish

Hello, 2025! My thoughts, hopes and prayers for each of you are that you felt and knew God's love and grace in your hearts this holiday, and that you will carry it with you as we face our journey in this new year. I really never know where I'll be lead or what I'll share here, but these past mornings our prayer space has been calling me.

I was drawn to Our Lady of Lourdes for many reasons. The fact that I found God's house in the midst of homes was powerful. Upon entering, there was a warmth and definitely a welcoming feeling. My daughter, Jamie, and I instantly became members. In case you missed it, I am a visual learner and the elements around certain things jump out to me. I would like to share my experiences and love for our prayer space. In the mid 80's, a renovation took place. It was a concern that so many were so far away from the altar, and to encourage active participation, the altar was placed where it is today. Yes, as you can imagine, many were not happy.

As you enter our prayer space in the narthex, you are greeted by Mary! She stands there welcoming us into her Son's home, with the light and warmth from the candles. She tells us, "all are welcomed". Many years later, Deacon John DeGuardi painted Christ with His open arms leading the way. As you come down the main aisle, you become members of the church at the Baptismal font. We are seated and nurtured by the Word of God proclaimed from the ambo. Then we come to the altar, where we are nourished by the Eucharist.

We are all much closer now so that we can hear, see and share in the Mass. Originally, the altar was by the narthex doors and the entrance was located where the large stain glass Pentecost window is now. The ceiling of our building remained the same dark wood it is today. All the light oak is new. The significance of that speaks to me... the old ceiling, the Old Testament (Hebrew scripture), all the new lighter wood the New Testament (Christian scripture). Then we come to the altar area. The large area where the cross hangs so majestically (again the light wood of the New Testament) brings us to the gift He gave us at the last supper...the TABLE and the continuation of that sacrifice and gift, the Eucharist.

There are two other things I'd like to bring to light. The Pentecost window; when the morning sun hits it and the window dances with beautiful color and the images come alive. The Holy Spirit in the form of the Dove and the twelve flames, again the Spirit coming alive in each of the Apostles and, of course, the Lily representing Our Lady. In the beginning, the Blessed Sacrament reposed in this area. It was called the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. It was a lovely prayer space. Now, each season, it has a special theme leading us to prayer and quiet time. The last item I would like to share is the body of Christ which hangs above the altar, is NOT the original one. It was a modern (some called it a Polynesian) Christ. Really, I was not a fan. For many years, it hung to the left of the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. At Easter time, it would be place in the Narthex (the cross still hangs there). I often thought how we, as parishioners, rejected that image of Christ in our church, just as He was rejected on Good Friday. Father Bill, a wise man, brought it out as a reminder. I do believe it was lost on many of us (me included). It took years for me to come to that realization. It has opened my eyes to what I experience on my daily journey; God isn't always how we picture Him. As Mother Teresa said, "See the face of God in everyone."

Thank you for allowing me to share my thoughts. Be open to the blessings all around us!

- Ann Munkwitz



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.



ALL THREE BUSES HAVE BEEN FILLED.

ANY FUTURE INQUIRIES FOR A SEAT ON THE BUS WILL BE PLACED ON A WAITING LIST.



Pilgrimage to Medjugorje

August 11 - 19, 2025



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2025 Spring Bible Study / Retreat



So far we have done four bible studies in the parish since the spring of 2023: *Oremus* by Fr. Mark Toups, *The Overview of the Bible* by Fr. Tony Stanganelli, *The Biblical Walk Through the Mass* by Dr. Edward Sri and *The Eucharist* by Bishop Robert Barron.

Mark your calendar! This next series will lead us in a closer relationship with the one who is closest to Jesus, His Mother, Mary. He desires us to know her, love her and be in close relationship with her. Therefore, during this study, we will consecrate ourselves to Mary which will allow her to lead us in deeper intimacy with her Son. This seven week series will feel more like a retreat in the presentation of the material and the reflection questions. We will also learn what four saints knew about the quickest, surest and easiest way to holiness.

The DVD presentation is by Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC, an excellent speaker, followed by small group discussion. We will be using his textbook and workbook, entitled *33 Days to Morning Glory*, along with a bible and Catechism of the Catholic Church. The meetings will be on Tuesdays in the Parish Center at 1:00pm or at 7:30pm in the All Purpose Room depending on which session works best for you. The dates are May 13, 20, 27, June 3, 10, 17, 24. The facilitator training will be Tuesday, May 6th at 1:00pm and 7:00pm in the Parish Center. A \$30.00 per person donation will cover the cost of materials. However, in lieu of the \$30.00 fee, a free will offering is greatly appreciated if the cost creates a hardship. All are welcome.

The study/retreat will begin on May 13th which is the Feast of our Lady of Fatima. May is also the month of Our Lady. The last day of the study/retreat is Tuesday, June 24th, which will be the Mass and Consecration to Our Lady. The last day happens to be the anniversary of the day that Our Lady appeared to children in Medjugorje for the first time on June 24, 1981.



OPEN YOUR  FOR PARISH OUTREACH

Join us for the LOAH Annual Fundraiser
Sunday, February 16, 2025

Division 2 Hall
 27 Locust Ave, Babylon, NY
 3:00—7:00 pm

 **MUSIC BY ED RYAN** 

TICKETS \$40 PER PERSON
 INCLUDES BEER, WINE, SODA, BUFFET DINNER,
 DESSERT, IRISH COFFEE BAR

Raffle Baskets  **50/50**  Grand Raffles

Bring a bag of non-perishable food for inclusion in a
SPECIAL RAFFLE!

Reservations are a **MUST**
 Call or Text **Mary Gibbons 631-671-6178**



RESISTING PHYSICIAN-ASSISTED SUICIDE
Insights from the Saints and the Monks



St. Joseph's Seminary and College
SPRING 2025
ACADEMIC LECTURE
 Thursday, February 20
 Lecture begins at 7:00 PM

Tickets: \$25 per person (plus event fee)
 Attend at St. Joseph's historic campus or online via Zoom

SPEAKER: DR. CHARLES CAMOSY, PhD

Msgr. Michael J. Curran Fellow in Moral Theology, St. Joseph's Seminary

Discussion of relevant topics often involves grappling with emotional issues – join us this spring as Dr. Charles Camosy explores the topic of assisted suicide, looking at the sanctity and dignity of human life through the lens of some of our most beloved saints and monks.



Register at: [SJSpring2025AcademicLecture.eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sjspring2025academiclecture)
 Questions? Contact Joan Brisson at: sjacademics@duwoodie.edu | 914-968-6200 x8145



St. Martin of Tours School
 Amityville, NY

OPEN HOUSE

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SUNDAY, JAN. 26, 2025

MASS @ 9AM OPEN HOUSE 10AM-1PM

FROM NURSERY TO 8TH GRADE, OUR STUDENTS ARE THRIVING!

WHY ST. MARTIN OF TOURS?

For over 100 years, SMT has offered academic excellence, which fosters individual growth and development according to time-tested, Catholic faith-based models of teaching and learning. SMT provides a safe and supportive community that recognizes the dignity of every person and promotes a loving family atmosphere.

A CATHOLIC EDUCATION

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St. Patrick School

Montauk Highway, Bay Shore NY
 Nursery - Grade 8

celebrating 103 years of Catholic Education and 140 years as a parish!

Open House
Sunday, January 26th 10:30AM

Pastor Fr. Seán J. Gann

Principal Christine E. Glynn

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- Parents Association & Fathers Guild
- Weekly and Monthly Mass Attendance
- After School Clubs and Programs
- Middle School Sports Teams
- First Holy Communion and Confirmation



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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**. Registration deadline is January 30, 2025. For information please call Lenny & Pat Walker at: 631-563-1032 or visit: longisland.engagedencounter.com.

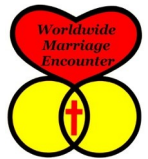


Worldwide Marriage Encounter

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: February 7-9, 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

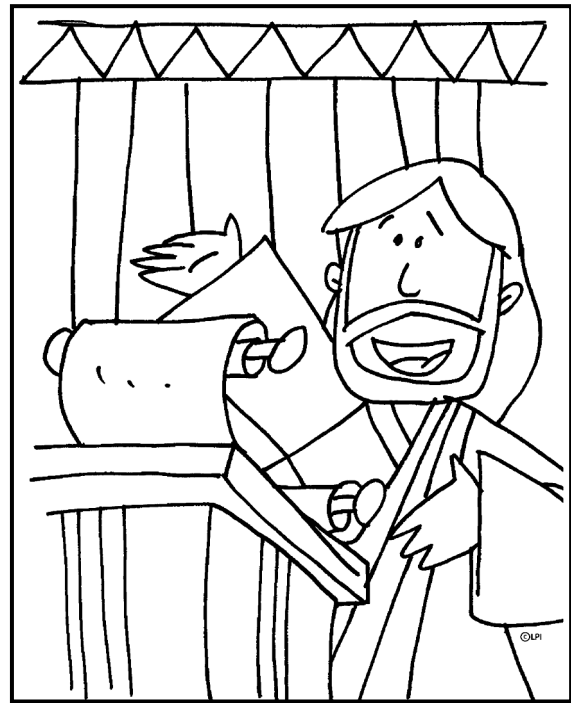
12-Step support group giving Hope & Strength to parents, family and friends concerned with a loved one's destructive behavior caused by Alcohol, Drugs or Related Behavioral Problems will meet virtually and in person. For additional information e-mail: Donna526@aol.com or call Diane at: 631-587-0966 or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

Sharing the Gospel

The prophet Isaiah wrote about Jesus a long time before he was even born. When Jesus read Isaiah's words, they described Jesus perfectly. Jesus did come to free people from sin, to help those in pain, and even to help blind people see.



Mission for the Week

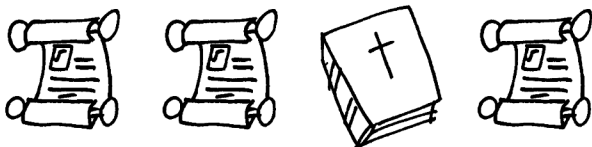


Look up Isaiah chapter 61 and read it with your family. Then read Luke 4:14-21. Jesus kept all of those promises!



Puzzle

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



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Prayer

Dear God,
Thank You for
sending Jesus
to help us.



Something to Draw

Draw a picture of Isaiah, the prophet, writing about Jesus.

