

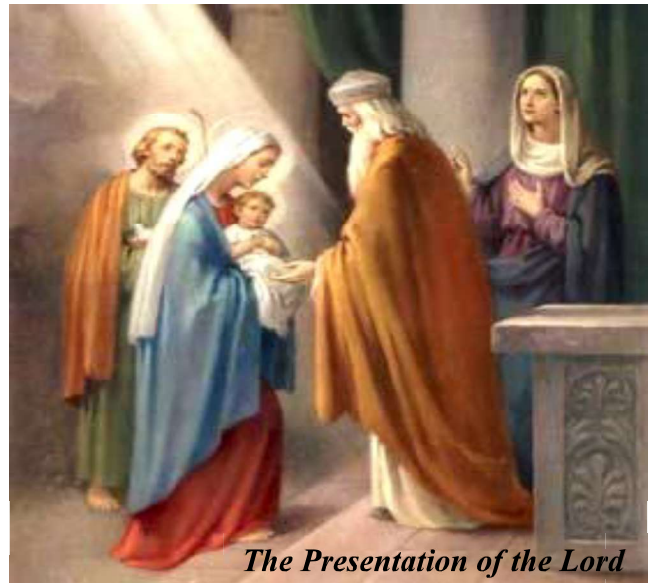
# Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

455 Hunter Avenue, West Islip, NY 11795

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

Deacon Nilo DeLeon, Deacon Tom Lucie,  
Deacon Rich Maher, Deacon Jack Meehan

Sr. Nancy Campkin CSJ, Director of Religious Ed  
Trish Frodell, Director of Parish Social Ministry  
Sr. Diane Liona CSJ, Director of Religious Ed  
Marcelle Crudele, Business Manager  
Robin Reynolds Brennan, Coordinator of  
Worship and Choir Director



*The Presentation of the Lord*

## 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.

**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 Presentation of the Lord • Sunday, February 2, 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
- 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 February 2, 2025

- Sunday:** Mal 3:1-4/ Heb 2:14-18/ Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
- Monday:** Heb 11:32-40/ Mk 5:1-20
- Tuesday:** Heb 12:1-4/ Mk 5:21-43
- Wednesday:** Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/ Mk 6:1-6
- Thursday:** Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/ Mk 6:7-13
- Friday:** Heb 13:1-8/ Mk 6:14-29
- Saturday:** Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/ Mk 6:30-34
- Next Sunday:** Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/ 1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/ Lk 5:1-11

## 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

<b>January 26, 2025</b>	
Weekly Collection	\$ 14,078.10
Weekly Budget	- \$ 17,800.00
+/- for the week	\$ 3,721.19

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

## Members in the Military

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

**Maria Caputo**-US Army  
**Christopher Florca**-US Marine Corps  
**Dominick Gennaro**-US Army  
**Patrick Harty**-US Coast Guard  
**Ritchard Higham**-US Army  
**Luke Loftsgaarden**-US Army  
**Msgr. Brian McNamara**-US Air Force  
**Anthony Memoli**-US Marine Corps  
**Timothy Milligan**-US Marine Corps  
**Melissa Mockler**-US Navy  
**Patric Mockler**-US Navy  
**Thomas F. Parson**-US Marine Corps  
**Brandon Ranzie**-US Army  
**Jack Shires**-US Navy  
**Raymond Sgambati**-US Navy  
**James Stultz** -US Army  
**Alvaro Suarez**-US Army  
**Jack Taffner**-US Marine Corps  
**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.

Our whole parish family rejoices with the Horyczun family in gratitude for the safe return of their son, **Keith Horyczun** - US Army, from active duty. We thank you, Keith, for your generous service to our country.



## 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, Wanda Dobias, Anna Ferrante, Bea Guzzo, Christine Harty, Patricia Horne, Paul Johnson, Richard Kliegl, Robert Kostanoski, Vincent Marinelli, Baby Kieran John McKay, Richard Meyer, Wesley Morrell, Tom O'Brien, Edward Pauciullo, Rose Pauciullo, Diane Peterson, Frank Peterson, Cameron Pillitteri, John Posanti, Louise Posanti, Tessie Reilly, Sally Riddle, Donna Rojas, Fabian Rojas, Diane Scharen, Robert Scharen, Vita Scorcia, Daniel Segreto, Diana Smiloff, Special Intention/Healing, Louise Sturgeon, Kerry Thomas, Chelcea Toth, Marge Valenti, Sadie Williams*

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



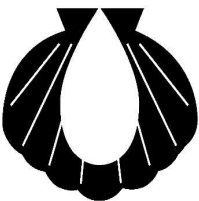
## Rest In Peace

Frank A. Cesario  
Marilyn C. Duffy  
Jane (Jeanne) Niitzel  
Patricia Rochford

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



## Upcoming Marriages



## Baptism

Wayne Charles Nielsen

Masses may be viewed via livestream on our Facebook page. Please join us directly on Facebook or by visiting our website at: [allchurch.org](http://allchurch.org), where you will be redirected. You do not need a Facebook account.

## Mass Intentions

**Monday, February 3**

*St. Blaise, St. Ansgar*

**8:30am Tom Collins**

**Tuesday, February 4**

**8:30am Deborah Batson**

**Wednesday, February 5**

*St. Agatha*

**8:30am Herbert J. Cox**

**Thursday, February 6**

*St. Paul Miki and Companions*

**8:30am Deacon Jack Meehan & Family (Living)**

**Friday, February 7**

**8:30am Carlos & Florencia Delfin**

**Saturday, February 8**

*St. Jerome Emiliani, St. Josephine Bakhita*

**8:30am Grazia Giuseppe Ciocia, Cecilia Wolf, Rose Landry, Rocco DeRoma, Louis Galindez, Camille & Bob Watts, Rita Chukwumalume, Corazon Smith (Living)**

**5:00pm Donna Carbonaro (Living)**

**Francis Carbona (Deceased), Frank Antonowich, Rev. Msgr. Donald M. Hanson**

*Fr. Charles Mangano*

**Sunday, February 9**

*Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - World Marriage Day*

**8:00am Lily Monzon**

*Fr. Charles Mangano*

**9:30am Joe Carpenter**

*Fr. Charles Mangano*

**11:00am Dennis Morgan**

*Fr. Dennis Suglia*

**12:30pm Bulanowski Family & Musial Family (Living)**

*Fr. Dennis Suglia*

**6:00pm People of the Parish, John Schneller,**

**Jane Niitzel, Madeline Amato**

*Fr. Dennis Suglia*

**Note: Celebrant information is subject to change without notice.**

## 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.



## Rosary Christian Mothers

The Rosary Christian Mothers meet on the first Monday evening of each month. The next meeting will be on **Monday, February 3rd**. We will begin with Rosary at 7:00pm in the **Spiritual Life Center**, immediately followed by our business meeting.

## Prayer Shawl Ministry / Baby Blanket Bunch

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

Join us ... **Wednesday, February 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

## SAGE

Our next SAGE meeting will be **Tuesday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am** in the Parish Center.

## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

We will be having Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on this **Tuesday, February 4<sup>th</sup> 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](http://ollchurch.org)) to check if Adoration has been canceled.



## 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**



Cannellini Beans  
Spaghetti  
Canned Fruit  
Juice  
Toothpaste

## Second Collection - February 8-9 - Winter Expenses

There will be a Second Collection on February 8-9 to help defray the cost of snow removal and de-icing for the season. As always, we thank you for your generosity.

### 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 5<sup>th</sup>. Baskets will be available near the doors as you enter the church from February 7<sup>th</sup> through February 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Deadline for returning palm is Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup>.**



### 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](http://OLL17379.org).



**Our next meeting will be Monday, February 10<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:OCIA@ollchurch.org) or call the Parish Office at 631-661-3224, and we would be happy to help you.



DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE  
**EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS**  
**BEHOLD** 2025

PENTECOST  
 SUNDAY

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

**JUNE 8**

[WWW.DRVC.ORG/CONGRESS](http://WWW.DRVC.ORG/CONGRESS)

## Diocese of Rockville Centre Eucharistic Pilgrimage

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 31<sup>st</sup> - June 7<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://www.drvc.org/congress) for more information or to apply.

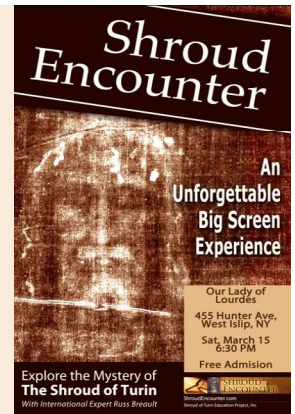


# Shroud Encounter

## Explore the Mystery of the Shroud of Turin

The highly acclaimed SHROUD ENCOUNTER will be coming to Our Lady of Lourdes located at 455 Hunter Ave, in West Islip on Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. Free Admission.

The presentation is a fast-moving, big-screen experience using over 200 images. The program is a production of the Shroud of Turin Education Project, Inc. and will be presented by international expert and author, Russ Breault.



Mr. Breault has been featured in several national documentaries seen on *CBS*, *History Channel*, *EWTN* and *Discovery*. He has been interviewed for *History's Greatest Mysteries*, *Good Morning America* and *ABC World News Tonight* and was a consultant for *CNN's Finding Jesus* series. He has presented at numerous colleges and universities including Duke, West Point, Johns Hopkins, Penn State and many others. See [www.ShroudEncounter.com](http://www.ShroudEncounter.com) for more info.

The Shroud of Turin is the most analyzed artifact in the world yet remains a mystery. The 14-foot-long linen cloth that has been in Turin, Italy for over 400 years and bears the faint front and back image of a 5'10" bearded, crucified man with apparent wounds and bloodstains that match the crucifixion account as recorded in the bible. Millions of people over the centuries have believed it be the actual burial shroud of Jesus.

A team of 33 scientists in 1981 concluded it was not the work of an artist. They found no visible trace of paint, pigment, dye or other artistic substances on the cloth. The blood is type AB with human male DNA as determined in 1995. Skeptics have mounted numerous attempts to show how a medieval artist could have produced the image, but all have been inadequate to fully explain how it was formed.

The Shroud was largely dismissed in 1988 when three carbon dating labs indicated a medieval origin. However chemical research published in a peer reviewed scientific journal in 2005 showed that the single sample cut from the outside corner edge may not have been part of the original Shroud material. In violation of the sampling protocol, only one sample was used for dating and was cut from the most handled area of the cloth, an area that should have been avoided. The sample may have been part of a section that was repaired sometime during the Middle Ages. Many scientists now believe the carbon dating result is inconclusive.

Adding more doubt to the carbon dating tests is the result of a new test published in 2022 by scientists with Italy's Institute of Crystallography. Using a new technique called Wide Angle X-ray Scattering which measures the amount of natural aging in linen, they determined the amount of aging seen in fibers from the Shroud are compatible with a first century linen.

The mystery continues. National Geographic called it "One of the most perplexing enigmas of modern times." SHROUD ENCOUNTER will cover all aspects of history, science, art and theories of how the image may have been formed.

# Your heart, your health: Stay informed



**Catholic  
Health**  
Good Samaritan  
University Hospital

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.



**Take charge of your heart health  
and your future today!**

[goodsamaritanuniversity.org](http://goodsamaritanuniversity.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.



**Friends of Troop 179**  
**2025 Pasta Dinner Fundraiser**  
**January 25, 2025**  
*Thank you for your support!*



## **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](mailto:troop179cc@yahoo.com).



## Butterfly Memory Café - February 7, 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](mailto:hannah@agentletoauchseniorcare.com).**



## 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

[www.206tours.com/frmangano](http://www.206tours.com/frmangano)





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

**Contact:** [piernha@206tours.com](mailto:piernha@206tours.com) (800) 206-8687  
[olivia@206tours.com](mailto:olivia@206tours.com)



## Looking for additional Altar Servers!

Are you in 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> grade or higher? Do you feel in your heart that Jesus could be calling you to serve as an Altar Server during Holy Mass? It is a real honor to do so.

If you are interested, please call the rectory to register today at 631-661-3224 ext. 2 and come to the following training sessions.



## Important Dates: All trainings are in the Church

Monday, March 10 <sup>th</sup>	from 4:15pm to 5:30pm-----	Training
Wednesday, March 12 <sup>th</sup>	from 4:15pm to 5:30pm-----	Training
Monday, March 17 <sup>th</sup>	from 4:15pm to 5:30pm-----	Training
Wednesday, March 19 <sup>th</sup>	from 4:15pm to 5:30pm-----	Training
Monday, March 24 <sup>th</sup>	from 5:30pm to 6:30pm-----	Training and rehearsal for the installation
Wednesday, March 26 <sup>th</sup>	from 5:30pm to 6:30pm-----	Training and rehearsal for the installation
Sunday, March 30 <sup>th</sup>	12:30pm Mass	Altar Server Installation during the Mass



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.

## **The “Moving On” Group**

An ‘After-Bereavement’ Group  
for Widows and Widowers presents:

### **“How to Protect Yourself from Financial Fraud”**

presented by SUNY Old Westbury’s Masters in Forensic Accounting Students

**Friday, February 14, 2024 at 7:00pm**

**St. Joseph Parish Center**

39 North Carll Avenue, Babylon, NY 11702

For further information please call: St. Joseph’s Parish Center at: 631-669-0068





## Bereavement Support Groups

The following groups will be offered at St. John Nepomucene  
1140 Locust Ave. Bohemia, NY 11716

**Loss of Spouse    General Loss    Loss of Adult Child**

**Each group will be eight weeks in duration beginning  
Wednesday, March 12th – April 30th at 7:00pm**

The General Support Group & Loss of a Spouse Group is open to anyone who has suffered a loss at least three months prior, which would be December 12, 2024.

The Loss of Adult Child Group has no wait requirement.

Each group meets weekly for 90 minutes followed by refreshments and hospitality.

There is no cost but a commitment to attend each meeting throughout the program is required.

All groups are offered in a closed and confidential setting with trained facilitators and are limited to 12 people.

**Pre-registration is required. Please call 631-589-0540, ext. 250**

## THE ROSARY WITH BLESSED PIER GIORGIO

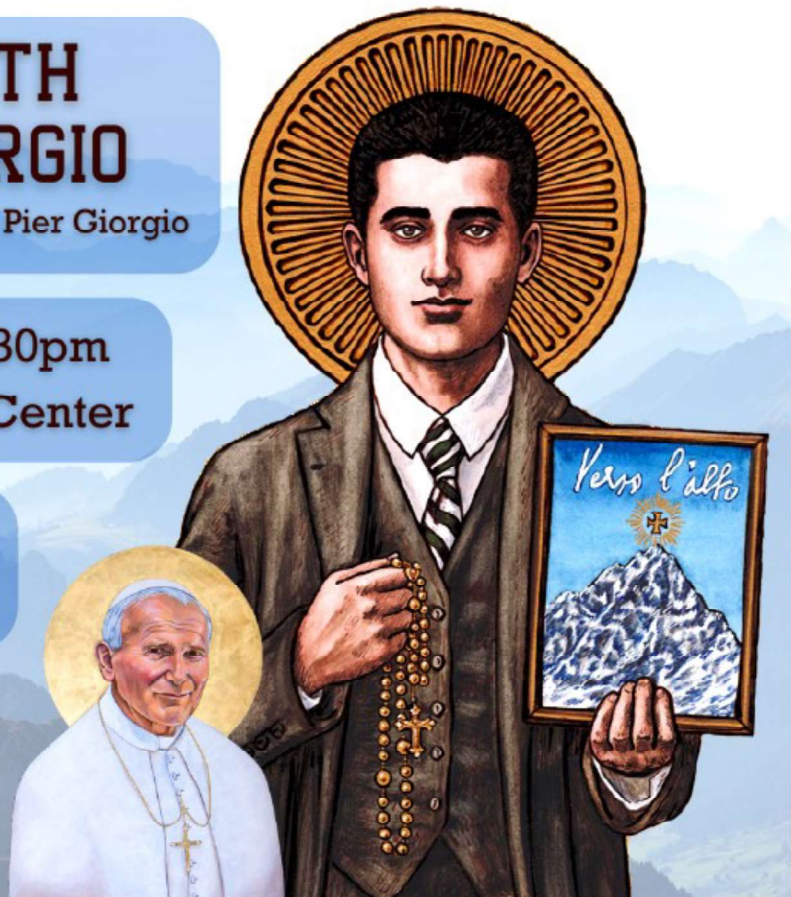
The Bond Between St. Pope John Paul II & Pier Giorgio

Tuesday, February 4th - 7:30pm  
Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Center

Pray a special rosary with us and learn about the special bond between two men who lived holy lives through their friendship with Christ.



Ages 21-39





# 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup>, 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.



**To register, scan the QR code or call the Parish Office at 631-661-3224 ext. 2.**

**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: [SJSSpring2025AcademicLecture.eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sjsspring2025academiclecture)  
Questions? Contact Joan Brisson at:  
[sjacademics@duwoodie.edu](mailto:sjacademics@duwoodie.edu) | 914-968-6200 x8145

## Upcoming Bereavement Support Groups Offered at St. Mary, East Islip

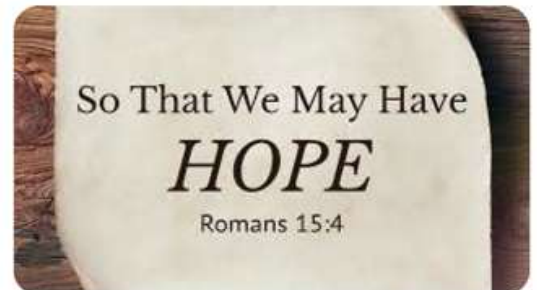
Eight Week Group  
beginning Tues, March 18<sup>th</sup>, at 7pm.

Support groups are open to anyone who has suffered a loss at least three months prior to the start of the group. Loss must have occurred prior to Dec. 24, 2024

There is no cost but a commitment to attend each meeting throughout the program is required.

Our groups are offered in a closed and confidential setting with highly trained facilitators and limited to 13 people.

*Pre-registration is required*  
Call 631- 581-4266 ext. 125 to register.







In addition to our parish website ([ollchurch.org](http://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](http://longisland.engagedencounter.com).

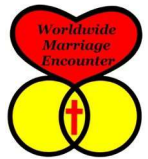


## Worldwide Marriage Encounter

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](http://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. 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday meetings are via Zoom. For more meeting info visit: [al-anon.org](http://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](mailto:Donna526@aol.com) or call Diane at: 631-587-0966 or Donna at: 631-835-8788. Website: [FamiliesAnonymous.org](http://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 “**Renewal**”. To listen online or for more information, visit: [www.ReligionandRock.com](http://www.ReligionandRock.com).



Mary and Joseph fulfill a custom of their Jewish faith by going to Jerusalem with Jesus. As Catholics, we have many customs and traditions – as well as sacraments. What sacrament does the Presentation of Jesus at the Temple remind you of in our Catholic faith?

Simeon and Anna in this Gospel are good examples of faith-filled servants. Each has been moved by the Holy Spirit to be present in the temple. By their prayers and communion with the Holy Spirit, they are able to see Jesus for who he is – not just a baby, but the “Light for all the nations.” Prayer leads them to this place and event in history. Little did they know that their names would be inscribed in the Bible for generations – they simply obeyed what the Spirit moved them to do. Prayer is how we communicate with God. Be sure to take the time to pray each and everyday

M \_\_\_ and Jo \_\_\_ took  
their son J \_\_\_ to the temple.  
They wanted to thank G \_\_\_ for  
their beautiful son.

S \_\_\_ and A \_\_\_ were  
elderly people who went to the  
t \_\_\_ to p \_\_\_ every day.  
They were happy to see J \_\_\_.