Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

455 Hunter Avenue, West Islip, NY 11795

"Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours."

LUKE 6:20



February 16, 2025

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



WELCOME TO OUR PARISH FAMILY

New Parishioners are cordially invited to register as members of our Parish Family. Please call or visit the Parish Office



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Pastoral Team

Rev. Dennis A. Suglia

Pastor

Rev. Charles Mangano

Associate Pastor

Nilo DeLeon

Deacon

Tom Lucie

Deacon

Rich Maher

Deacon

Jack Meehan

Deacon

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.

Liturgical Schedule

Daily Mass

8:30am Monday - Saturday

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

Rosarv

Monday - Saturday 8:00am

Miraculous Medal Novena

Monday 8:00am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday 12:00-7:30pm

Divine Mercy Prayer

Thursday 1:30pm

Nocturnal Adoration

1st Saturday of the Month - 6:00-10pm

Religious Education

Phone: 631-661-5440 (option 3)

Monday-Friday: 9:00am-12:00pm, 1:00-5:00pm,

7:00-9:00pm

Email: ReligiousEd@ollchurch.org

Sr. Nancy Campkin CSJ

Director of Religious Ed

Sr. Diane Liona CSJ

Director of Religious Ed

Rita Spera

Religious Education Office

Parish Outreach Office

Call for an appointment

Phone: 631-661-9262 (option 4)

Director of Parish Social Ministry

Parish Office

Phone: 631-661-3224 (option 2)

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Monday-Thursday: 9:00am-7:30pm Friday: 9:00am-5:00pm

Saturday: 9:00am-3:00pm Sunday: 10:30am-2:30pm

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Coordinator of Worship and Choir Director

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

Maryann Buonaspina

Parish Organist

Pastoral Council

Fr. Dennis A. Suglia

Phil Ambrosino Deborah Lamb
Mary Borgs Robert Lynaugh
Sonia DaSilva Rosalie Mangels
Nilo DeLeon John Muldoon
Jerry Esposito Dottie Perdue
Danielle Guilfoil Eileen Rega

Our Mission

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

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Our first reading from Jeremiah today says, "Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose hope is in him..." How can we grow in our trust and hope? Here is one way. As you may already know, back in December 2024, we celebrated our three-year anniversary of having extended hours of adoration each Tuesday from 12:30pm to 7:30pm. We average over 90 parishioners visiting Jesus on Tuesdays here at Our Lady of Lourdes. People come to spend some time alone with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament after I expose the Holy Eucharist on the altar in a monstrance. It is a very large host so when you enter the church you can see the Eucharist.

This is what the sisters from the Poor Clares of Perpetual Adoration religious community has to say regarding adoration: "The most powerful thing we can do on this earth with our time is spend it in Eucharistic Adoration. Nothing can do more to change the world, to bring about peace, to convert hearts, to make reparation for the many evils committed. Spending time in prayer may seem, on the outside, to be a passive thing; however, it is anything but! Our world is in desperate need of hope, of renewal, of a 'turning back' to things of God. By visiting Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, we take up the best weapon for the battles of our age and contribute to the healing of our culture. Cultivating a Eucharistic life of adoration also bears tremendous fruit in our own hearts and lives. We cannot spend time in the rays of His Eucharistic Presence without receiving His grace, His love, His mercy, His peace. As we gaze upon him face to face, we are transformed little by little into a closer reflection of His Divine image"

Here are some meaningful quotes from the Saints regarding Eucharistic Adoration

St. Alphonsus Liqouri

"Our Lord hears our prayers anywhere, but He has revealed to His servants that those who visit Him in the Eucharist will obtain a more abundant measure of grace."

Blessed Archbishop Fulton Sheen

"The only time our Lord asked the Apostles for anything was the night He went into agony in the garden. Not for activity did He plead but for an Hour of companionship." (In the garden Jesus said, Peter, could you not stay awake one hour with me?)

St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta:

- --"The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time that you will spend on earth. Each moment that you spend with Jesus will deepen your union with Him and make your soul everlastingly more glorious and beautiful in heaven, and will help bring about an everlasting peace on earth."
- -- "The Eucharist is connected with the Passion... To make sure that we do not forget, Jesus gave us the Eucharist as a memorial of His love... When you look at the Crucifix, you understand how much Jesus loved you then, when you look at the Sacred Host you understand how much Jesus loves you now."
- -- "Every Holy Hour we make so pleases the heart of Jesus that it is recorded in Heaven and retold for all eternity"

St. Padre Pio:

"A thousand years of enjoying human glory is not worth even an hour spent sweetly communing with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament."

St. John Bosco:

"Trust all things to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and to Mary Help of Christians and you will see what miracles are."

If you do not already visit with Jesus each Tuesday in adoration, please pray about spending some time with him in this way.

Have a great week walking with your God. With him you can do the unthinkable, the unimaginable and forgive what you think is unforgivable.

Peace and blessings, Fr. Charles

by Nick Brodie

We cannot be authentic followers of Christ if we adore riches to the neglect of the poor.

Followers of Jesus, Pope Francis reflects, "do not find their joy in money, power, or other material goods; but in the gifts they receive every day from God: life, creation, brothers and sisters, and so on."

In fact, he adds, true disciples of Jesus are "content to share

even the goods they possess, because they live according to the logic of God."

The Beatitudes, the Pope explains, "may sound strange, almost incomprehensible to those who are not disciples." But as challenging as they are, they ultimately "define the identity of the disciple of Jesus." For Christians, they are non-negotiable.

What the Beatitudes do, the Pope suggests, is remind us that "disciples allow themselves to be challenged, aware that it is not God who must enter into our mindset, but we into his." "Disciples," the Pope reminds us, "in the end, are those who let themselves be led by Jesus, who open their heart to Jesus, who listen to him and follow his path."

Such a path involves openness to the joys of the present, wherever we may find them. It also involves a readiness and willingness to become Christ's blessing to others.



s is the kingdom of God.



2025 is the Jubilee Holy Year, the 2,025th anniversary of the Incarnation of our Lord, an "event of great spiritual, ecclesial, and social significance in the life of the Church." The concept of "Jubilee" has its origins in the Book of Leviticus (chapter 25) as a special year of reconciliation, pilgrimage, and coming home.

How happy are you who are poor: yo

Pope Francis has designated the 2025 Holy Year as a time to renew ourselves as "Pilgrims of Hope."

What is a Pilgrimage All About?

The jubilee calls for us to set out on a journey and to cross boundaries. When we travel, we do not only change place physically, but we also change ourselves. Hence, it is important to prepare ourselves well, to plan the route, and learn about the destination. In this sense, the Jubilee pilgrimage begins before the start of the journey itself: the starting point is the decision to set out. The etymology of the word "pilgrimage" is quite telling and has undergone little change in meaning over the years. The word comes from the Latin "per ager," meaning "across the fields," or perhaps from "per eger" meaning "border crossing": both possible origins point to the distinctive aspect of undertaking a journey.

The journey takes place gradually: there are various routes to choose from and places to discover; it is made up of particular sets of circumstances, moments of catechesis, sacred rites and liturgies. Along the way our traveling companions enrich us with new ways of understanding things and fresh perspectives. Contemplation of creation is also part of the journey and helps us to realize that care for creation "is an essential expression of our faith in God and our obedience to his will" (Pope Francis, Letter for the Jubilee 2025). Pilgrimage is an experience of conversion, of transforming one's very being to conform it to the holiness of God.

Characteristics of the Jubilee

Throughout the year we will examine and learn more about the Characteristics of the jubilee:

- Pilgrimage
- Reconciliation
- Liturgy

Indulgences

- Holy Door
- Prayer
- Profession of Faith

Honor Roll Students

Congratulations to our young parishioners who have achieved Honor Roll status. We are very proud of your accomplishments!

St. Anthony's High School

Caio Baione Ava Higbie Adam Lavelle **Brooke Berger** Nathan Blind Kelsey Mueller Justin Cetero Michael Santaly Salvatore Colletti Martina Stannish **Bryce Cutrone** Grace Tripp **Grace Walas Jack Cutrone** Savannah Walsh Lauren Gallagher Chase Hartmann Joseph Zerbo



Chaminade High School Christopher J. Sullivan Matthew J. Rao

St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School

Lucy Agoglia Alexander McConnell
Seth Agoglia Brenden McKeon
Daniella Alessandro Brian McPhail
Marin Biggers Isabella Nieradko
Emilie Bobrowski Olivia Palmer
Gweneth Dolan Brandon Raber
Patrick Dolan Kevin Ryan

Jacob Flammio Samantha Seibert

Lilianna Flocco Lila Vivona Gavin Lattuga Ciara Wright



WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, February 16

• Children's Liturgy of the Word 9:30am Mass

Monday, February 17 - President's Day (Office Closed)

Rosary 8am/Mass 8:30am

Tuesday, February 18

- Rosary 8am/Mass 8:30am
- SAGE 9:30-11am
- Adoration 12:20-7:30pm
- Anxiety Disorder Recovery Group 2-4pm
- Frassati Young Adult Ministry 7:30-10pm

Wednesday, February 19

- Rosary 8am/Mass 8:30am
- Men's Prayer Group 9-11am
- Our Lady Rosary Makers 1-2:30pm & 7:30-9pm

Thursday, February 20

- Rosary 8am/Mass 8:30am
- Divine Mercy Prayer Group 1:30pm
- Butterfly Café Caregiver Support Group 5:30-7pm
- Adult Choir 7-9pm

Friday, February 21

- Rosary 8am/Mass 8:30am
- Butterfly Memory Café 1:30-2:30pm
- Youn Men's Ministry 7-9pm

Saturday, February 22

- Rosary 8am/Mass 8:30am
- Confession 4-4:45pm

Sunday, February 23

- Children's Liturgy of the Word 9:30am Mass
- OCIA 11am-1pm

Weekly Readings

Readings for the Week of February 16,2025

Sunday: Jer 17:5-8/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26

Monday: Gen 4:1-15, 25 /Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday: Gen 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Gen 8:6-13, 20-22 /Mk 8:22-26

Thursday: Gen 9:1-13/Mk 8:27-33

Friday: Gen 11:1-9/Mk 8:34-9:1 Saturday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Mt 16:13-19

Next Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/1 Cor 15:45-49/

Lk 6:27-38

Mass Intentions

Monday, February 17 8:30am Caroline Kelly & Joseph A. Kelly, Jr.

Tuesday, February 18 8:30am Sylvester & Marguerite Caramico

Wednesday, February 19 8:30am Thomas & Lillian Calogero

Thursday, February 20 8:30am Massimo Ferro (Living)

Friday, February 21 8:30am Tom Collins

Saturday, February 22 8:30am Robert Cea, Louis Galindez, Sal Graziano Enrico Laurretta

5:00pm John Damasco, Kyle Eppers,
Rev. Msgr. Donald M. Hanson, Joseph Pepe,
Patricia A. Rochford, Tom Romola
Fr. Dennis Suglia

Sunday, February 23
The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle
8:00am Esperanza Gomez
Fr. Dennis Suglia

9:30am Dcn. Tom Lucie & Family (Living)
Fr. Dennis Suglia

11:00am Joseph Tessitore

Fr. Charles Mangano

12:30pm Golanski Family & Gayda Family

Fr. Charles Mangano

6:00pm People of the Parish, Madeline Amato,
Donna Carbonaro (Living) & Frances Carbonaro (Deceased)
Beverly Anne Johnson, Gary Mankiewicz, Sr.
Nancy Foo Young

Fr. Charles Mangano

Celebrant information is subject to change without notice.

Weekly Collection

February 9, 2025

Weekly Collection \$ 12,302.00 Weekly Budget - \$ 17,800.00 +/- for the week \$ (5,498.00)

2nd Collection - Snow Removal \$2,603.00

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



Rest In Peace

Linda J. Hales Lawrence Howley Diane King



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



Baptism



Upcoming Marriages

Wanda Dobias Wesley Morrell Diane Scharen Marybeth A. Patricia Amabile Anna Ferrante Tom O'Brien Robert Scharen Edward Pauciullo Louie Amato Bea Guzzo Vita Scorcia Connie Ambrosino Christine Harty Rose Pauciullo Diana Smiloff Patricia Horne Andrew Arena Diane Peterson Special Intention/Healing Kathy Arena Paul Johnson Frank Peterson Louise Sturgeon Jeanette Battista Richard Kliegl Cameron Pilliteri Keri Thomas Thomas J. Calogero, III Robert Kostanoski John Posanti Marge Valenti Doris Cameron Geraldine Lacovo Louise Posanti Sadie Williams Tom Cavanagh Vincent Marinelli Tessie Reilly Jerry Collins Rose Mattiello Sally Riddle Grayson Danielski Baby Kieran John McKay Donna Rojas Susan Dedes Richard Meyer Fabian Rojas

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

Please call or email the Parish Office if you wish to include a name to the Prayer List.

Pastoral Care of Our Sick

Please call the Parish Office at 631-661-3224 or email ParishOffice@ollchurch.org 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.



Members in the Military

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



Maria Caputo-US Army
Logan Coppola-US Marine Corps
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

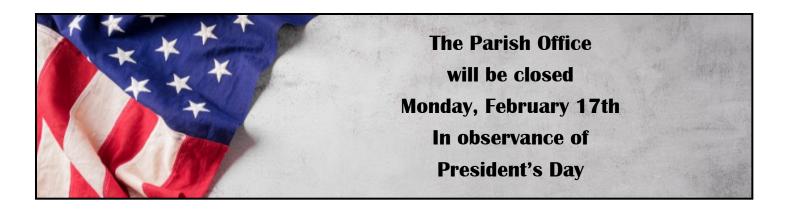
Melissa Mockler-US Navy
Patric Mockler-US Navy
Thomas F. Parson-US Marine Corps
Brandon Ranzie-US Army
Jack Shires-US Navy
Raymond Sgambati-US Navy
James Stultz -US Army
Alvaro Suarez-US Army
Jack Taffner-US Marine Corps

... and remember those of our Parish family that are in the armed services, listed in our Parish Book of Intentions.

Altar Society

Alter linens this week will be cared for by **Pat Wissing**

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



Looking for Altar Servers!

Are you in 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th 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 Parish Office to register at 631-661-3224 ext. 2 and come to the following training sessions.

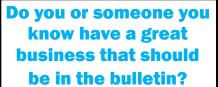
Important Dates: All trainings are in the Church

Monday, March 10th from 4:15pm to 5:30pm---- Training Wednesday, March 12th from 4:15pm to 5:30pm---- Training Monday, March 17th from 4:15pm to 5:30pm---- Training Wednesday, March 19th Monday, March 24th Wednesday, March 26th Sunday, March 30th

from 4:15pm to 5:30pm---- Training from 5:30pm to 6:30pm----- Training and rehearsal for the installation from 5:30pm to 6:30pm----- Training and rehearsal for the installation

12:30pm Mass Altar Server Installation during the Mass

The next Meeting of The Frassati Young Adult Group Ages 21-39 This We Believe: Tuesday, February 18 7:30 pm Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Center Come to our next meeting as we continue our series of what we believe in as Catholics. Learn more about the Beautitudes and how they are so essential to our lives.



Our weekly bulletin is supported by the sponsors on the advertising pages of our publication.

Parishioners like to support businesses that support the Church.

Advertising in the weekly bulletin is a tax deductible way to promote your business.

If you would like to help support our communications efforts, please contact the Parish Office today!

631-661-3442 (option 4)

Hours for Outreach: Monday - Wednesday - Friday from 9:30am - 3:30pm ONLY Appointments are preferred.

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.

PANTRY NEEDS

Outreach is also in need of these items for our Food Pantry. Donations can be left in the vestibules before/after Mass on Saturday/Sunday or during Outreach hours.



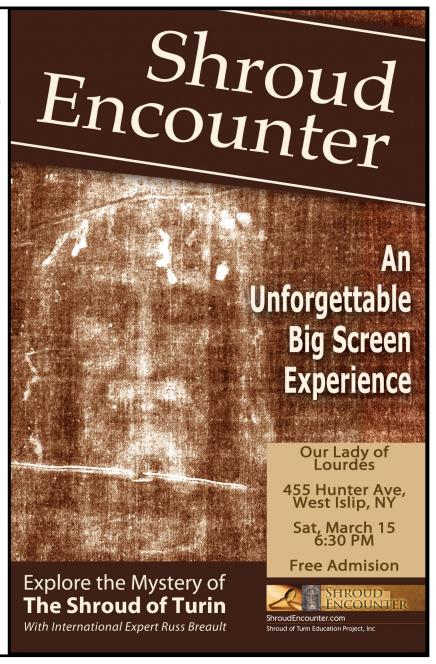
Spaghetti Cannellini Beans Canned Chili Hot Chocolate Toothpaste

The Shroud of Turin is the most analyzed artifact in the world and 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.

The **SHROUD ENCOUNTER** 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.

There have been many tests and studies done in modern times to authenticate its origins. As recently as 2022, new scientific techniques were done to further counter inconclusive carbon dating tests performed in the 1980s attempting to discredit the artifact.

SHROUD ENCOUNTER will cover all aspects of history, science, art and theories of how the image may have been formed. Join us for this highly acclaimed presentation.



Order 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...

...we would be happy to help you!



Our email address is: OCIA@ollchurch.org or call the Parish Office at 631-661-3224



St. Patrick School Green & Gold Gala Honoring

Msgr. Brian McNamara

Friday, March 14th 7:00pm

Flower Field, St. James 199 Mills Pond Road, St. James, NY Cocktail reception followed by dinner and dancing

Tickets, donations and sponsorship opportunities are available at www.spsgreenandgoldgala.com

General donations via check may be written to: St. Patrick School

(Please address envelope: St. Patrick School, Attention: Gala Committee, 280 E. Main St.; Smithtown, NY 11787)

2025 Spring Bible Study/Retreat

33 Days to Morning Glory

Our next series will lead us in a closer relationship with the one who is closest to Jesus, His Mother, Mary.

Dates: May 13, 20, 27, June 3, 10, 17, 24

Time: 1:00pm or 7:30pm (2 sessions available)

Place: All Purpose Room

A \$30.00 per person donation will cover the cost of materials. However, a free will offering is greatly appreciated if the cost creates a hardship. All are welcome.

Facilitator training will be Tuesday, May 6th at 1:00pm and 7:00pm in the Parish Center.

The DVD presentation is by Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC, 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.



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

Jesus desires us to know Mary, to 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.

Canonization Pilgrimage to Italy for

Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati

Walk in the Footsteps of Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati

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Your Trip Includes:

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







Pilgrimage with Spiritual Directors: Fr. Charles Mangano & Fr. Tony Stanganelli

Book Now:

www.206tours.com/frmangano SCAN HERE Booking Code: CM081125

Church Ministry Meetings

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

We will be having Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament **every Tuesday 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 visit 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 and exposed after the 5:00pm Mass concluding with Benediction at 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, March 1st** Please come and pray with us. All are invited and welcome. Bring a friend!

Children's Liturgy of the Word

We invite young people from age 4 to 4th Grade to hear God's Word in a special way at the 9:30am Mass every Sunday from September through June.



Adult Choir

Do you like to sing? New choir members are always welcome!!

Choir Mass: Sundays at 11:00am Rehearsals: **Thursdays at 7:00pm to 8:00pm** in the Church. Season: September to June. Interested singers are invited to come to a rehearsal and try it out!

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.

Men's Prayer Group

We invite all men of the parish to meet for prayer and reflection **after the 8:30am Mass on February 19th** in the Parish Center. We meet once a month to read and discuss the Scriptures for the following Sunday. Come with your ideas and suggestions. We'll gather for conversation and fellowship.

Our Lady's Rosary Makers

Our Lady's Rosary Makers welcomes all men and women who are interested in learning the art of making corded / beaded rosaries. All materials will be supplied. You may also take home pre-packaged kits to complete additional rosaries. Completed rosaries will be blessed and given free-of-charge to the homeless, the sick, hospitals, developing nations, the military, police, etc. The We meet on the **third Wednesday of each month**. Meetings are usually in the Parish Center from **1:00pm-2:30pm and from 7:30pm-9:00pm**. You may choose which group to attend. Free-will offerings will be graciously accepted and will be used in purchasing additional supplies.

Rosary Christian Mothers

The Rosary Christian Mothers meet on the **first Monday 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 Spiritual Life Center.

SAGE (Senior Advocates for Growth and Enrichment)

Come join other mature parishioners as we walk through this chapter of our life journey. We share our experiences, our hopes. our laughter and our spirituality at our meetings. Next meeting February 18th at 9:30am

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 For more information, contact Jackie Totino, SFO at 516-320-1326.

Women's Prayer Group

The Women's Prayer Group will meet on February 26th at 9:30am and at 7:30pm in the Parish Center. All are welcome to attend

Young Men's Ministry

All boys from 6th to 12th grades are invited to meet in the All Purpose Room on the **first and third Fridays of the month from 6:45-9:00pm**. Each meeting includes time for the boys to discuss religious and spiritual topics of their choosing followed by games which include basketball, hockey, kickball, wiffle ball and relay races. There are also board games and art activities for those who are interested. These days our young people hear messages which are incompatible with our values. Our goals are to encourage the boys to keep God in their lives, live faithful lives, be of service, be respectful of others, and be gentlemen at all times. We welcome men 18 years and older to serve as volunteers in this ministry. For further information please call Robert Natale at 631-943-5962.

Groups

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 or to join, please scan the QR code listed here or visit: www.OLL17379.org



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.

Alcoholics Anonymous

Monday and Tuesday at 8:00pm, Saturday at 11:00am & 7:00pm and Sunday at 9:30am All meeting are in Lourdes Hall (lower level of Convent)

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. All meeting are in Lourdes Hall (lower level of Convent)

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 next to Outreach). For more information and to register, please call Bob at 631-235-2229.

Butterfly Memory Café - Friday, February 21st 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. There is no charge to participate, but space is limited and reservations are required. For more information or to register, please call Grace at A Gentle Touch Senior Care at: 631-647-7622 or e-mail: grace@agentletoauchseniorcare.com.

Dementia Caregiver Support Group - Thursday, February 20th from 5:30-7:00pm

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 Jennafer at 631-647-7622 or via e-mail at: Jennafer@agentletouchseniorcare.com to reserve your place.

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: www.FamiliesAnonymous.org



Bereavement Support Group for the Loss of Adult Child

St. John Nepomucene 1140 Locust Ave. Bohemia, NY 11716 8-Week Group - Wednesday, March 12th - April 30th at 7PM

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

Pre-registration is required. Please call 631-589-0540, ext. 250 to reserve your seat.

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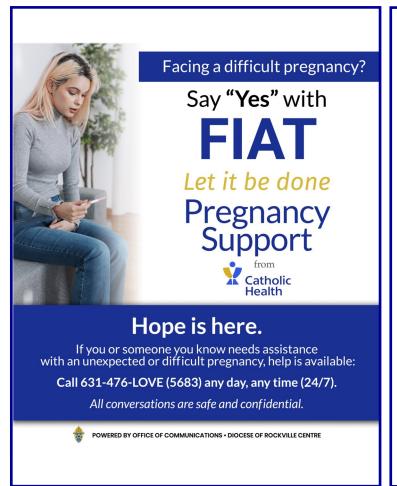
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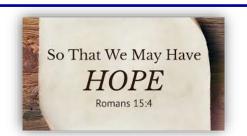
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Worldwide Marriage Encounter







Bereavement Support Group St. Mary, East Islip

Eight Week Group

Beginning Tuesday, March 18th at 7pm

Group is open to anyone who has suffered a loss at least three months prior to the start date (December 24, 2024)

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

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

Pre-registration is required

To register call 631-581-4266 ext. 125

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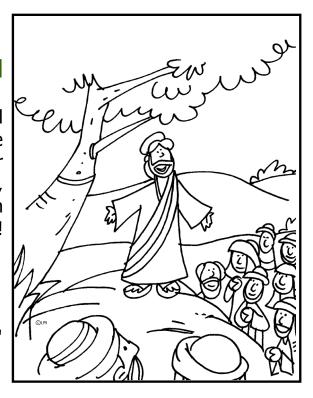
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Mission for the Week



Are any of your neighbors lonely? Go out of your way to show Jesus' love to those people.



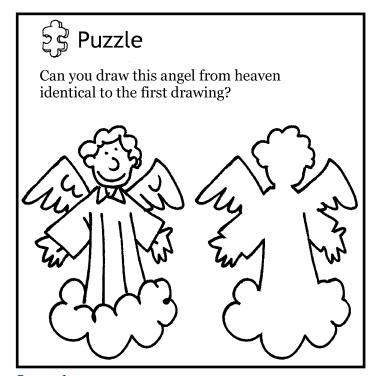
Prayer



Dear God,
Help me love
you with my
whole heart.
Help me do
things that will
make You smile.

Something to Draw

Draw yourself playing with a classmate who does not have many friends.



Handicapped Encounter Christ Ministry



Handicapped Encounter Christ (HEC) is a ministry for adults with physical, mental, cognitive and/or sensory disabilities. It is based on the Cursillo movement of the Catholic Church. HEC brings together the communities of disabled and enabled adults so they can get to know our Lord, Jesus Christ. During the year, we have many events and annually there is a three-day HEC retreat held in the spring. We are always looking for participants to join this ministry — those that are disabled and those who are not — so that together we are one community learning from each other, enjoying each other's company, and establishing many beautiful friendships as we all get to know our Lord.

The 2025 HEC retreat takes place Thursday evening April 24th and ends Sunday afternoon April 27th

PLEASE join our HEC retreat planning meetings for enabled adults who wish to volunteer and be of service on the retreat weekend:

Monday, February 10: 7pm at St. Francis of Assisi Church, 29 Clay Pitts Road, Greenlawn

Wednesday, March 5: 7pm at St Kilian Parish, 485 Conklin Street, Farmingdale (Green Room)

Monday, April 7: 7pm at St. Francis of Assisi Church, 29 Clay Pitts Road, Greenlawn

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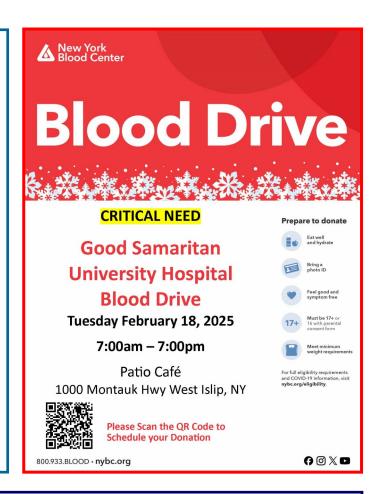
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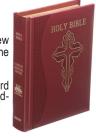
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