

A close-up photograph of a hand holding a heart, set against a warm, golden sunset background. The hand is positioned at the top left, with the heart held in the palm. The lighting is soft and warm, creating a serene and loving atmosphere.

*L*OVE
your enemies

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish
455 Hunter Avenue, West Islip, NY 11795

*D*O *G*OOD
to those who hate you

*B*LESS
those who curse you

*P*RAY
for those who mistreat you
LUKE 6:27-38

February 23, 2025

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 23, 2025

All Are Welcome

455 Hunter Avenue, West Islip, New York 11795
631-661-3224 | ParishOffice@ollchurch.org



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

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

Rosary
Monday - Saturday 8:00am

Miraculous Medal Novena
Monday 8:00am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Tuesday 12:30-7:30pm

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

Phone: 631-661-9262 (option 4)
Monday - Wednesday - Friday: 9:30am-3:30pm
Call for an appointment
Trish Frodell
Director of Parish Social Ministry

Liturgy & Music

Robin Reynolds Brennan
Coordinator of Worship and Choir Director
Maryann Buonasina
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**

Parish Office

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

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SAGE (Senior Advocates for Growth and Enrichment)

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Cathy Danowski
SAGE Coordinator

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.

Preparing for Lent March 5th - April 16th

Lent is a beautiful season the Church has given us to help prepare our souls to celebrate the most important event in the history of the world: the passion, death, and resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ. The first day of Lent is always Ash Wednesday, in which we use ashes on our forehead in the shape of a cross to remember our own mortality and begin our journey of penance.

Each year, **Lent is an opportunity to renew our Christian faith**, and we are encouraged to use prayer, fasting, and almsgiving (the Three Pillars of Lent) as the means to grow in our relationship with God.

Prayer: If you don't have a daily prayer habit, Lent is the perfect time to begin. If you do, you can add a devotion or practice that will enhance your Lenten preparations

Fasting: The Church only requires that we abstain from meat every Friday in Lent and on Ash Wednesday, and that we fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, eating only one full meal plus snacks that only add up to another meal. But fasting can be much broader than that. It may look like giving up things like gossip, your favorite coffee order, or forgoing music in the car and replacing it with prayer. The goal of "offering something up for Lent" is to turn our minds to God. So if you offer up listening to music while driving, try replacing it with prayers or with a Catholic podcast. Fast from social media, especially if you find you're on it too much, and spend that time in prayer or talking to a friend.

Almsgiving: Almsgiving reminds us of Jesus's call to serve and connects us in solidarity with our brothers and sisters in need. It traditionally refers to helping the poor financially, but by extension, we can help anyone in need by our actions, as well.

In contrast to Advent, **Lent is a solemn season** when the sacrament of reconciliation—where we ask God for forgiveness—becomes more of a focus. It's a time when Catholics discover how to confess—and the power of God's forgiveness.

The Stations of the Cross, taking place on Fridays during Lent, allow us to pray and reflect upon Jesus's final hours.

More **solemn songs** replace celebratory hymns during Mass.

Prepare your home - Think about what will help you and your family focus on Lent and put something in your home that will remind you every day: a purple table cloth; a display with a crown of thorns; holy water by your door.

There is no better time to reconnect with or deepen one's faith than Lent. During this time, we can draw closer to God as we prepare for the joyous celebration of Christ's resurrection at Easter.



Ash Wednesday Mass & Prayer Service Schedule

Wednesday, March 5th

8:30am	Mass & Distribution of ashes	4:00pm	Prayer Service & Distribution of ashes
12:10pm	Mass & Distribution of Ashes	5:00pm	Prayer Service & Distribution of ashes
2:00pm	Prayer Service & Distribution of ashes	6:00pm	Prayer Service & Distribution of ashes
3:00pm	Prayer Service & Distribution of ashes	7:30pm	Mass & Distribution of Ashes

During Lent, Daily Mass will be held at 8:30am & 12:10pm. Stations of the Cross will be every Friday at 12:45pm & 7:30pm.

Gospel Reflection Luke 6:27-38

by Nick Brodie

“To go beyond instinct, to go beyond hatred,” Pope Francis suggests, is fundamental. However bad it gets, Jesus calls on us to see those who wrong us as God sees them: as creatures loved into existence, still capable of good.



Understandably, we find this challenging. But, as the Pope points out, Jesus faced such situations himself and shows us what turning the cheek really means.

By not trading strike for strike, Jesus avoids becoming like those who struck him in the first place. Jesus does not give in to injustice. Rather, he reveals it.

During his Passion, as the Pope explains, Jesus “asks for an account of the wrong done to him.” He calls it out, gently but firmly. “With his question,” the Pope affirms, “Jesus denounces what is unjust. But he does so without anger, without violence, indeed with kindness.”

In any conflict, whether personal or international, we are therefore called to unmask the absurdity of hatred by being the “one who has a greater inner strength,” to use our voice rather than fists, or gestures rather than words.

Ultimately, as the Pope declares: “Turning the other cheek does not have to mean suffering in silence, giving in to injustice.” It means transforming the moment to bring light to the darkness.

Jubilee 2025



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.

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

What are the Holy Doors All About?

From a symbolic viewpoint, the Holy Door takes on a special significance: it is the most powerful sign of the Jubilee, since the ultimate aim of the pilgrim is to pass through it. The opening of the door by the Pope constitutes the official beginning of the Holy Year. Originally, there was only one door, at the Basilica of St. John Lateran, which is the cathedral of the Bishop of Rome. Later, to allow as many pilgrims as possible to take part in the Jubilee experience, the other Roman Basilicas also opened their own holy doors.

In crossing the threshold of the Holy Door, the pilgrim is reminded of the passage from chapter 10 of St John's gospel: “I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture.” Passing through the Holy Door expresses the decision to follow and be guided by Jesus, who is the Good Shepherd. The door is a passageway that ushers the pilgrim into the interior of a church. For the Christian community, a church is not only a sacred space, to be approached with respect, with appropriate behavior and dress code, but it is a symbol of the communion that binds every believer to Christ: it is a place of encounter and dialogue, of reconciliation and peace which awaits every pilgrim, the Church is essentially the place of the community of the faithful.

In Rome, this experience takes on a special significance because of the special links between the Eternal City and Saints Peter and Paul, the apostles who founded the Christian community in Rome and whose teachings and example are models for the universal Church. The tombs of Saints Peter and Paul are located in Rome, they were martyred here; and together with the catacombs, these sacred sites are places of continuous spiritual inspiration.

Characteristics of the Jubilee

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

- Pilgrimage
- Holy Door
- Reconciliation
- Prayer
- Liturgy
- Profession of Faith
- Indulgences

Saints of the Week



February 27th
Saint Gregory of Narek,
Abbot and Doctor of the Church

Born about 950 in the historic Armenian district of Andzevatsik, Gregory grew up in a family that encouraged learning. As a youth he entered Narek Monastery which Ananias, his mother's great-uncle, governed as abbot. He enrolled in the monastery's renowned school and there, as priest and abbot, he spent his whole life which was on fire with love for the Virgin Mary. He attained the height of holiness and mystical experience and displayed his learning in various works of mystical theology. In the year 1003 he produced his celebrated *Book of Lamentations*, and about two years later he died.



Next weekend we are asking you to give your loose change to our Casa Project. Place your donations in the wooden house

located in the north vestibule by the Father Joe Garden. In the past, the "Casa House" has provided housing, bedding and ecostoves for our friends in El Salvador. We couldn't do this without your support and generosity. Thank you!

Weekly Readings

Readings for the Week of February 23, 2025

Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/1 Cor 15:45-49/
 Lk 6:27-38
Monday: Sir 1:1-10/Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11/Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday: Sir 4:11-19/Mk 9:38-40



WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, February 23

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

Monday, February 24

- Rosary 8am/Mass 8:30am
- Pep 3 4:15-5:15pm
- Grade 6 Rel. Ed. 7:30-8:30pm
- Knights of Columbus 8pm

Tuesday, February 25

- Rosary 8am/Mass 8:30am
- Adoration 12:30-7:30pm
- Anxiety Disorder Recovery Group 2-4pm
- Grade 5 Rel. Ed. 4:15-5:15pm
- Grade 5 Catechist Workshop 5:15-6pm
- Grade 7 Rel. Ed. 7:30-8:30pm

Wednesday, February 26

- Rosary 8am/Mass 8:30am
- Women's Prayer Group 9:30-11am & 7:30-9pm
- Pep 1 4:15-5:15pm
- Grade 8 Rel. Ed. 7:30-8:30pm

Thursday, February 27

- Rosary 8am/Mass 8:30am
- Divine Mercy Prayer Group 1:30pm
- Butterfly Café Caregiver Support Grp. 5:30-6:30pm
- Respect Life Ministry 7-8:30pm
- Adult Choir 7-9pm
- BSA Troop 179 & Troop 777 7:30-9pm

Friday, February 28

- Rosary 8am/Mass 8:30am

Saturday, March 1

- Rosary 8am/Mass 8:30am
- Rel Ed. Saturday Program 10-11am
- Confession 4-4:45pm
- Nocturnal Adoration 6-10pm

Sunday, March 2

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

Mass Intentions

Monday, February 24

8:30am Ann & Frank Van Bramer

Tuesday, February 25

8:30am Thomas J. Calogero

Wednesday, February 26

8:30am Ann Batt

Thursday, February 27

Saint Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor of the Church

8:30am Rosa Vito Mastrorocco

Friday, February 28

8:30am Pietro Bruno

Saturday, March 1

8:30am Mildred Bart & Jeff Solar, Louis Galindez, Martin Moses
Nelson Pagan, Ida Schiavoni

5:00pm Donna Carbonaro (*Living*) & Frances Carbonaro (*Deceased*)
Wallace Foo, Freddy Gallagher, Cornelius J. Guider,
LaRocca & Sweeney Families, Catherine O'Neill

Fr. Dennis Suglia

Sunday, March 2

8:00am Frank Gregorio

Fr. Dennis Suglia

9:30am Richard Mongelli (*First Anniversary*)

Fr. Dennis Suglia

11:00am Linda Marie Macholz

Fr. Charles Mangano

12:30pm Sal Bencivinni

Fr. Charles Mangano

6:00pm People of the Parish, Marie Ciccarelli,
The Hibernian Purgatorial Society,
Rev. Msgr. Donald M. Hanson, Elizabeth McGann
Richard Voigt

Fr. Charles Mangano

Celebrant information is subject to change without notice.

Weekly Collection

February 16, 2025

Weekly Collection \$ 14,483.00

Weekly Budget - \$ 17,800.00

+/- for the week \$ (3,317.00)

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

A Loss 
IN THE CHURCH FAMILY

Rest In Peace

Kathleen Graham



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



Baptism

Caden Michael Hodgkinson

With  *this Ring... Upcoming Marriages*

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

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.



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| Maria Caputo -US Army | Melissa Mockler -US Navy |
| Logan Coppola -US Marine Corps | Patric Mockler -US Navy |
| Christopher Florca -US Marine Corps | Thomas F. Parson -US Marine Corps |
| Dominick Gennaro -US Army | Brandon Ranzie -US Army |
| Patrick Harty -US Coast Guard | Jack Shires -US Navy |
| Ritchard Higham -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 | |

... 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

Claire McLoughlin

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

Shroud Encounter

An
Unforgettable
Big Screen
Experience

Our Lady of
Lourdes

455 Hunter Ave,
West Islip, NY

Sat, March 15
6:30 PM

Free Admission

Explore the Mystery of
The Shroud of Turin

With International Expert Russ Breault



ShroudEncounter.com
Shroud of Turin Education Project, Inc

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.

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



Parish Outreach

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.



Tomato Sauce in Jar
Cereal
Cookies
Hot Chocolate
Shampoo



NOCTURNAL ADORATION

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**. Come and spend some quiet time with the Lord. All are welcome. The Blessed Sacrament is taken to the altar and exposed after the 5:00pm Mass concluding with Benediction at 9:50pm.

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.



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)



After a long hiatus since COVID, the Respect Life Ministry is beginning again. The ministry promotes the principals that human life, from to conception to natural death, is a gift from God and deserves respect and protection. The group will meet for prayer, pro-life activities, education, and planned fundraising. Meetings are the last Thursday of each month at 7 pm in the Parish Center. For more information contact the Parish Office.

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



The next
Knights of Columbus
Council 17379
Meeting is

Monday, February 24th

8:00pm

In the Parish Center

New members always welcome!

To learn more or to join visit: www.OLL17379.org



Growing with the Gospel

Sharing the Gospel

Treat others the way you want to be treated. God doesn't want us to treat other people the same way they treat you. Choose to be kind, even when other people are mean. Choose to forgive, even when someone has hurt you.



Mission for the Week



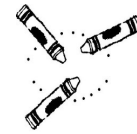
When someone hurts your feelings this week, instead of getting even, pray for that person.

Prayer



Dear God,
Help me to love other people the way You love me.

Something to Draw



Draw a picture of yourself helping someone who has hurt your feelings in the past.

Puzzle

Say the name of each picture name. Circle the picture that **begins** with this letter.

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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!

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!

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.



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 March 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. 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.

Respect Life Ministry

The ministry promotes the principals that human life, from to conception to natural death, is a gift from God and deserves respect and protection. The group will meet for prayer, pro-life activities, education, and planned fundraising. Meetings are the **last Thursday of each month at 7 pm** in the Parish Center.

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 March 4th 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.

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.

Support Groups

Alcoholics Anonymous

Monday and Tuesday at 8:00pm, Saturday at 11:00am & 7:00pm and Sunday at 9:30am

All meetings 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 meetings 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, March 7th 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. The group meets **every other Friday, from 1:30-2:30pm**. 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 27th from 5:30-7:00pm (special date this month)

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

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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.

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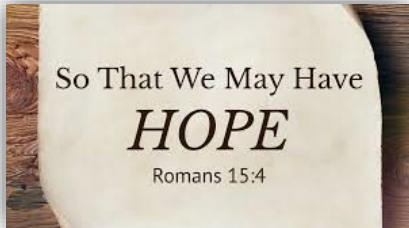
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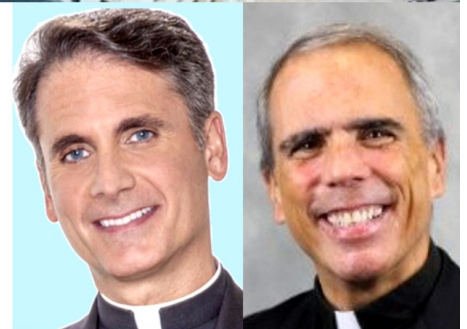
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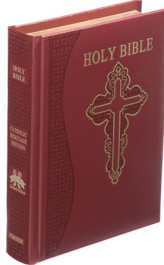
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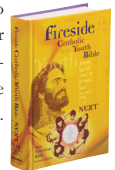


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