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

"You shall worship the Lord, your God, and him alone shall you serve."

LUKE 4:8



March 9, 2025

First Sunday of Lent



Lent 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

It is no coincidence that the global inauguration of our 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope occurred on the Solemnity of the Holy Family. The Jubilee Year of Hope in this 2025 Lenten season runs through the family and fidelity to the splendors of the liberating and objective truths of Christ and the Catholic Church on Marriage and the Family.

Lenten prayer, fasting and almsgiving lead individual family members to Christ's light of conversion and repentance. Conversion and repentance, in turn, open families to a family spirit and daily chemistry animated by the Holy Spirit. Family patterns ensuared in the ruts of sin become family patterns transformed by the grooves of grace, humility, charity and the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit. The Jubilee Year of Hope runs through every family experiencing Christ's Cross: grief, tragedy, crisis, tension, alienation and transition.

Pope Francis emphasized: "All of us have received the gift and task of bringing hope wherever hope has been lost, lives broken, promises unkept, dreams shattered and hearts overwhelmed by adversity. We are called to bring hope to the weary who have no strength to carry on, the lonely oppressed by the bitterness of failure, and all those who are broken-hearted. To bring hope to the interminable, dreary days of prisoners, to the cold and dismal lodging of the poor, and to all those places descrated by war and violence. To bring hope there, to sow hope there."

The Holy Family was a refugee family and they are deeply present today to every struggling refugee family in the world to rekindle their hope. The Lenten season of the Jubilee Year of Hope reminds us that while all families are imperfect and have their problems and challenges, all families are called to grow together in holiness and a missionary spirit.

And so we heed the powerful words of St. Paul as they apply to our daily family life: "Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another...Let the peace of Christ control your hearts...Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly." (Colossians 3:12-17)

Our Lady invites us to have a pondering heart as we contemplate God's providential design in the past, present and future of our families, especially as we begin this Lenten season in the Jubilee Year of Hope. In unity with the Holy Family, our own families are called to transform the world and history with Christ's love and the mission of mercy of the Church which He Himself founded.

In the 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope, the Church presents us with the canonizations of soon-to-be Saint Carlo Acutis (1991-2006) and Saint Piergiorgio Frassati (1900-1924). As children, teenagers and young adults, they helped Christ transform their own families with their faith and their holiness as they helped Christ transform the Church and the world to this day. Together, they are asking every young Catholic to do the same in their time, in their place and in their own family.

The 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope is a time for us and our extended families to cast the nets of Eucharistic charity throughout Long Island, understanding that the Eucharist is a "Fountain of Charity" -- a Fountain of the spiritual and corporal works of mercy, a Fountain of the Gospel of Life and a Fountain of every dimension of Catholic Social Justice teaching.

As the Successor of the Apostles on Long Island, I want to thank every Catholic family on Long Island and beyond for being Lights of Christ's Hope and Lights of Catholic evangelization to the world.

Sincerely yours in the Risen Lord,

Most Reverend John O. Barres

Diocese of Rockville Centre

¹Francis, "Opening of the Holy Door and Midnight Mass: Homily" (December 24, 2024). https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/homilies/2024/documents/20241224-omelia-natale.html.

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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

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 12:10pm Monday - Friday

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 12:40-7:30pm

Divine Mercy Prayer

Thursday 1:30pm

Nocturnal Adoration

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

Stations of the Cross

Friday 12:45pm and 7:30pm

Religious Education

Phone: 631-661-5440 (option 3)

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

7:00-9:00pm

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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.

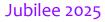
Gospel Reflection Luke 4:1-13

by Dianne Bergant CSA

Lent is a time when we are reminded that there is nothing we can do to win our salvation. It is a pure gift from God. Like Jesus in the wilderness, we are to allow God's plan to unfold in and through us. Lent is a time for us to enter actively into the mysteries of the death and resurrection of Jesus, and there to marvel at what God has done for us.



The temptations of Jesus are the same temptations that we face when we are inclined to think that somehow we are in control. While the goals of the temptations may be admirable—feed the hungry, bring the world under the control of good, trust in God's power to protect us—we often choose to accomplish them in ways that are less than admirable. We try to perform the extraordinary so that what we do reflects favorably on us. We use brute force in order to achieve control. We put God to the test rather than live peacefully with God's plan as it unfolds within and around us. We seek to become the super-hero, the super-minister, the super-Christian on our own. In his responses to the tempter, we see Jesus constantly deferring to the power of God: It is not by bread alone . . . worship only God . . . do not put God to the test. In a real sense, these temptations are a reminder that the fundamental temptation is to deny our human limitations and refuse to let God be God for us.





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 is Prayer All About?

There are many reasons and ways to pray, but at the root of prayer is always the desire to be open to God's presence and His offer of love. It is the Spirit of the Son that calls the Christian community to prayer and brings each person to the Father. It was Jesus who entrusted His disciples with the Lord's Prayer.

The Christian tradition also offers other texts, such as the Hail Mary, that can help to find words to address God: "By a living transmission—Tradition—the Holy Spirit in the Church teaches the children of God to pray" (CCC 2661).

The prayer opportunities on the Jubilee journey show that the pilgrim holds the path to God "in his heart" (Psalm 83:6).

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

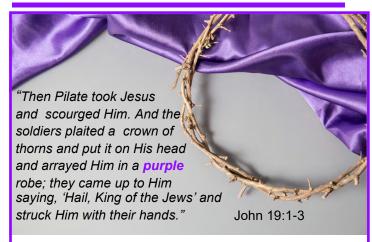
Celebrating the Jubilee at OLL



Oftentimes, a song will come to mind which really seems to express how we are feeling. This is also true for the life of faith, which is a pilgrimage toward the light of the Risen Lord. The Jubilee, which in itself is expressed as an event of people on pilgrimage to the Holy Door, also uses song as one of the ways of expressing its motto, "Pilgrims of Hope".

We at Our Lady of Lourdes will incorporate the Jubilee Hymn and Jubilee Prayer throughout this Jubilee year. You will begin to find cards in the pews with the prayer on one side and the hymn on the other.

Lenten Mindfulness



Purple Lenten Cloth

March 8th & 9th

As we leave Mass on Saturday, March 8th and Sunday, March 9th, each of us will receive a square of purple cloth to carry with us during Lent.

It will remind us of Jesus' suffering and how we should honor Him with our love, prayers and sacrifice during Lent . Our Lenten Cloths will be given out at the doors of the Church.

Purple is traditionally the color of royalty. The soldiers dressed Jesus in a purple robe and placed a crown of thorns on His head to mock His kingship. They did not know that this was no earthly king they were mocking, but the King of heaven and earth. And Jesus bore all of this with humility and divine mercy toward His tormentors.

In order to remember and honor Jesus' divine Kingship and all He endured for us, the color purple is used throughout our liturgies and our church during the Lenten Season.

Weekly Readings

Readings for the Week of March 9, 2025

Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48

Next Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Phil 3:17-4:1 or 3:20-4:1/Lk

9:28b-36 (27)



WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, March 9

- Children's Liturgy of the Word & Girl Scout Sunday 9:30am Mass
- OCIA 11am-1pm
- Secular Franciscans Meeting 1:30pm

Monday, March 10

- Rosary 8am/Mass 8:30am
- Mass 12:10pm
- Pep 3 4:15-5:15pm
- Altar Server Training 4:15 5:30pm
- Baptism Ministry Meeting 7pm
- Grade 6 Rel. Ed. 7:30-8:30pm
- Knights of Columbus Meeting 8pm

Tuesday, March 11

- Rosary 8am/Mass 8:30am
- Mass 12:10pm
- Adoration 12:40-7:30pm
- Anxiety Disorder Recovery Group 2-4pm
- Grade 5 Rel. Ed. 4:15-5:15pm
- Grade 7 Rel. Ed. 7:30-8:30pm

Wednesday, March 12

- Rosary 8am/Mass 8:30am
- Pep 1 Parent Meeting 10am
- Mass 12:10pm
- Altar Server Training 4:15-5:30pm
- Pep 1 4:15-5:15pm
- Grade 8 Rel Ed. 7:30-8:30pm
- Pep 1 Parent Meeting 7:30pm

Thursday, March 13

- Rosary 8am/Mass 8:30am
- Mass 12:10pm
- Divine Mercy Prayer Group 1:30pm
- Pep 2 4:15-5:15pm
- Adult Choir Rehearsal 7pm
- BSA Troop 179 & Troop 777 7:30-9pm

Friday, March 14

- Rosary 8am/Mass 8:30am
- Mass 12:10pm
- Stations of the Cross 12:45pm
- Stations of the Cross 7:30pm

Saturday, March 15

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

Sunday, March 16

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

Lenten Practices

March 5th - April 16th

You may notice a few differences in the way we pray and decorate the Church during the season of Lent. These elements in our Lenten liturgies allow us to focus more on the mystery of Jesus' death and resurrection.

Differences in Liturgy

- During Lent, we do not sing the Gloria except during solemnities such as St. Joseph (March 19). Outside of these special Masses, the next time we will sing the Gloria again at Mass will be on Holy Thursday at the Mass of the Lord's Supper.
- + The Alleluia is removed from the Gospel Acclamation (prior to proclaiming the Gospel) and is replaced with a different sung verse. Together we will sing Alleluia during the Easter Vigil.
- + Our liturgical music, in general, will take on a simpler, more solemn tone to reflect the season.
- + At the Penitential Act, we will be singing "Kyrie Eleison" and "Agnus Dei" during the Fraction Rite.
- + At the 11am Mass each week, we have been witnessing the spiritual journey of our OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) candidates. On the First Sunday of Lent, our catechumens will take part in the "Rite of Sending" as they go forth to the Rite of Election at St. Anne's church in Brentwood. On the Second Sunday of Lent, our candidates will participate in the "Call to Continuing Conversion" right here in our parish. During the Third, Fourth & Fifth Sundays of Lent, we will witness our Elect's participation in the Three Scrutinies as they begin the final preparations for full initiation into the Church at the Easter Vigil.

Differences in the Church Environment

- + The décor during Lent is much simpler in order to represent the season. The use of purple and darker tones help us focus on the subdued period of Lent.
- + No flowers should be placed in Church during Lent. The Roman Rite is specific about the use of flowers for this penitential season. The only exceptions are on the solemnity mentioned above and on Laetare Sunday, the Fourth Sunday of Lent. (Note: Flowers brought to church for funeral masses will be removed following the funeral.)
- + The statues in Church will be covered starting with the Fifth Sunday of Lent. Covering the statues is a custom and a stark reminder of the significance of Lent and allows us to experience a glimpse of heavenly joy and resurrected life once the images are unveiled in time for Easter.



Differences in our Practices

- + Each year, Lent is an opportunity to renew our Christian faith, and we are encouraged to use the Three Pillars of Lent, prayer, fasting, and almsgiving 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.
 - + 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.
- + We can participate in Lenten devotions and spiritual offerings in the parish such as:
 - + The Stations of the Cross, taking place on Fridays during Lent, which allow us to pray and reflect upon Jesus's final hours
 - + Shroud Encounter where we will explore the mystery of the Shroud of Turin
 - + Our Parish Lenten Mission "Lent and Life as a Journey to the Promised Land" with Msgr. Charles Fink
 - + and other events as they come up during the season (see the bulletin, our parish website, or our Facebook page for more information).
- + 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, or 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.

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.

Stations of the Cross

When Do We Pray The Stations of the Cross?

We pray the Stations of the Cross at Our Lady of Lourdes twice each Friday of Lent at 12:45pm and 7:30pm.

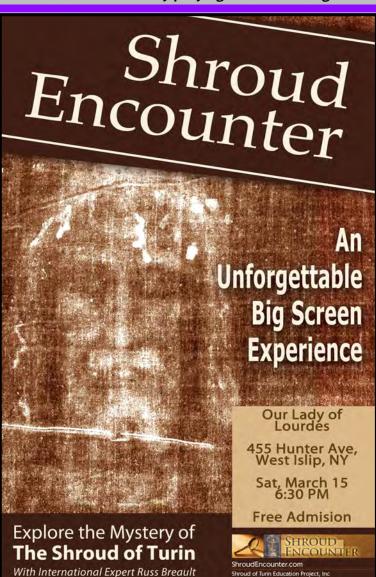
Why Do We Pray The Stations of the Cross?

The Stations of the Cross, also known as the Way of the Cross, are a prayerful meditation on the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus. It consists of an Opening Prayer, 14 Stations, a Closing Prayer, and Blessing. The Stations are the story of how Our Lord suffered, died, and rose from the dead. There are meditations and prayers for each of the Stations that all participate in.

How Do We Pray The Stations of the Cross?

Our priests and deacons are the Presiders at the Stations. They lead us through the prayer, providing any direction that is needed. There is nothing to memorize as there are booklets at the entrances of the Church that have the meditations and prayers that are used. It is very easy to follow along. The Presiders will lead us through and make it a beautiful prayerful experience. During the prayer, the Presider will travel around the Church to each of the Stations located on the walls. The Stations will be introduced and then prayed, and we will use the booklet as our guide.

Consider praying The Stations of the Cross this Lent. They provide us an opportunity to enter more deeply into the Lenten Season by praying and meditating on the great sacrifice that Our Lord gave for each of us.



The Shroud of Turin is the most analyzed artifact in the world and yet remains a mystery. The 14-footlong 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 to be the actual burial shroud of Jesus.

The **SHROUD ENCOUNTER** is a fast-moving, bigscreen 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 the Shroud's origins. As recently as 2022, new scientific techniques were used 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, and art, as well as theories of how the image may have been formed. Join us for this highly acclaimed presentation.

Join Us OUR LADY OF LOURDES

LENTEN Mission



"LENT AND LIFE AS A JOURNEY TO THE PROMISED LAND"

Monday April 7th
Tuesday April 8th
Wednesday April 9th

The Nature of the Journey

Tools for the Journey

Wednesday April 9th We Never Walk Alone



7:30pm in the Church

WITH MSGR. CHARLES FINK

Msgr. Fink is a convert to the Catholic faith and an Army infantry veteran of the Vietnam War. Following his military service, he entered the seminary and was ordained a priest of the Diocese of Rockville Centre in 1976, serving in four parishes, two as a pastor, and as Director of Spiritual Formation and later as Rector of the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington, NY. He resides now in retirement from administrative duties at Notre Dame Parish actively helping out where he can.



Spiritual Adoption Program March 22nd and 23nd

Everyone loves the beauty and innocence of a baby. As an expression of that love, we will begin a Spiritual Adoption Program on March 22^{nd} and 23^{rd} .

WHAT IS A SPIRITUAL ADOPTION?

Not all babies make it to birth. In fact, more than 4,000 babies lose their lives to abortion each day. These are the babies we are being asked to "adopt" by pledging to pray for him or her each day.

HOW DO WE SPIRITUALLY ADOPT BABIES?

We are asked to pledge to pray daily for a baby that is conceived this month that will not make it to birth. We name the child for whom we will be praying, thereby giving the baby the humanity he or she deserves. At the end of the term, on Dec 6th-7th gifts will be accepted for the baby and donated to Life Centers of Long Island.

WHO CAN SPIRITALLY ADOPT?

Babies can be "adopted" individually or by a family simply by signing up during the Spiritual Adoption Weekend.

Throughout the nine months of pregnancy there will be updates on our baby's development and reminders to keep them in our prayers.

The power of prayer is great – consider spiritually adopting an unborn baby and share the love for life that God has given us.





The next
Knights of Columbus
Council 17379
Meeting is
Monday, March 10th
8:00pm in the Parish Center

New members always welcome!

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

Parish Outreach

631-661-3224 (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.



Pancake Mix

Hamburger Helper

Beets

Mixed Vegetables

Laundry Detergent



Rest In Peace

Eileen Clifford Peter Rizzotto



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



Baptism

Kobe Louis Santos Irang
Melody Rose Johnson



Upcoming Marriages

Weekly Collection

March 2, 2025

Weekly Collection \$ 19,233.25 Weekly Budget - \$ 17,800.00 +/- for the week \$ 1,433.25

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

Mass Intentions

Monday, March 10

Monday of the First Week of Lent 8:30am Benedetto Cucinella

12:10pm Nancy Bencivinni

Tuesday, March 11

Tuesday of the First Week of Lent

8:30am Salvatore Martino

12:10pm Janet Johnson (Living)

Wednesday, March 12

Wednesday of the First Week of Lent

8:30am Sylvester Caramico

12:10pm Massimo Ferro (Living)

Thursday, March 13

Thursday of the First Week of Lent

8:30am Deacon Nilo DeLeon & Family (Living)

12:10pm People of the Parish

Friday, March 14

Friday of the First Week of Lent

8:30am Philip Wong

12:10pm People of the Parish

Saturday, March 15

Saturday of the First Week of Lent

8:30am Louis Galindez

5:00pm Barbara & Louie Argento, Frank Cesario

Elizabeth Finnegan, Matt & Anna Lattanzio

June Surace

Fr. Charles Mangano

Sunday, March 16

Second Sunday of Lent

8:00am Grace Ciccarello

Fr. Charles Mangano

9:30am Jimmy Reilly

Fr. Charles Mangano

11:00am Robert Ferruggiari & Raffaele DiMarco

Fr. Dennis Suglia

12:30pm Tom Collins

Fr. Dennis Suglia

6:00pm People of the Parish, Kim Burke, Patricia Hein, Josephine Messina, Gaetana Novello, Arthur Wenzel

Fr. Dennis Suglia

Celebrant information is subject to change without notice.

Susan Dedes Marybeth A. Baby Kieran John McKay Fabian Rojas Al DiMasi Patricia Amabile Richard Mever Diane Scharen Louie Amato Anna Ferrante Wesley Morrell Robert Scharen Connie Ambrosino Christine Harty Tom O'Brien Vita Scorcia Jeanette Battista Paul Johnson Edward Pauciullo Diana Smiloff Rose Pauciullo Thomas J. Calogero, III Richard Kliegl Special Intention/Healing Doris Cameron Robert Kostanoski Cameron Pillitteri Louise Sturgeon Tom Cavanagh Geraldine Lacovo Steve Pylp Keri Thomas Vincent Marinelli Jerry Collins Sadie Williams Tessie Reilly Grayson Danielski Rose Mattiello Donna 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 add 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 **Nora Neshta**

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



Legion of Mary

Interest Meeting Wednesday, March 19th 7:00pm in the Parish Center

The Legion of Mary is a lay apostolic association of Catholics whose members give service to the Church on a voluntary basis. The object of the Legion of Mary is the glory of God through the holiness of its members developed by prayer and active co-operation in Mary's and the Church's work.

Our Lady of Lourdes is forming a unit of the Legion of Mary called a praesidium, which will hold meetings where prayer is intermingled with reports and discussion. The Legion runs on the 3 C's - Conversation, Conversion and

Consolation and works closely with other ministries at the Church.

Is Our Lady calling you to join her mission of prayer and a closer relationship with her and the Holy Trinity in this journey of Love?





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 6- 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.



Baptism Ministry

Monday, March 10th at 7pm in the Church

Holy Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit, and the door which gives access to the other sacraments. In Baptism, we are incorporated into Christ's Body, freed from original sin and sent on Christ's Mission as members of His Church.

The Our Lady of Lourdes Baptism Ministry assists the Priests and Deacons of our parish in welcoming the new members of our Church at their Baptism. If you would be interested in learning more about this ministry and possibly becoming a member, please join us.



Ministry of Lectors

Invitation for New Lectors

The proclamation of the Word of God is a special service to the Church. Each Sunday at Mass, lectors bring the living Word of God to those assembled to worship.

If you feel called to demonstrate your own faith while proclaiming the Word to others, we invite you to join our Ministry. Please call the Parish Office if you are interested in training to become a lector.





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Church Ministry Meetings

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

We will be having Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Tuesday from 12:40pm 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. Please come and pray with us. All are invited and welcome.

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.

Frassati Young Adult Group

Young adults between the ages of 21 and 39 are invited to join the Frassati Young Adult Group. Our group is named after Pier Giorgio Frassati, a young adult from Turin, Italy, who lived from 1901 to 1925. Pier Giorgio, soon to be canonized as a saint this summer, is the patron of young Catholics of all kinds due to his immense devotion to the Eucharist and his great works of charity despite his short life. Come gather with your peers to discover more about prayer and all that God has planned for you while making good memories with great people! Our meetings are held the first and third Tuesday of every month at 7:30pm in the Parish Center. Verso l'alto!

Men's Prayer Group

We invite all men of the parish to meet for prayer and reflection the third Wednesday of the month 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 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.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The prayer shawl ministry meets the first Wednesday of every month at 9:30am in the Parish Center. New members are always welcome! Bring your knitting needles or crochet hooks if you have them - if not we have some you can use. The ministry makes blankets for our newly Baptized babies in the Parish.

Respect Life Ministry

The Respect Life Ministry promotes the principles 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 7pm in the Parish Center.

Rosary Christian Mothers

The Rosary Christian Mothers meet on the **first Monday of each month**. We will begin with Rosary at **7:00pm** 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 the first and third Tuesdays of the month.

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 meets the fourth Wednesday of the month 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 grade 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 the Parish Office.

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 many other parish 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 and 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 above 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 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, March 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 caregivers 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

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 third 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



Almsgiving in Lent

us stand beside our brothers and sisters in need, sharing our spiritual and material goods with them." - Pope Francis

During the Lenten Season we are asked to pray, fast and give alms.

Lent is a perfect time for us to pray for those in need - whether it is for their material, emotional or spiritual needs. And when you practice fasting and abstinence during these forty days, please remember those of our neighbors who reach out to us for help.

One way to do this is by making a gift to the **Catholic Ministries Appeal**, which supports programs that help people in our community each year through Catholic Charities and our Parish Outreach programs.

For more information please visit <u>CatholicMinistriesAppeal.org</u> or call 516-678-5800 ext. 296.

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 two-day weekend will be held at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington on June 21st-22nd. For information please call Lenny & Pat Walker at 631-563-1032 or visit www.longisland.engagedencounter.com



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Let's pretend we're looking through a "blind" eye with a log stuck in it. You see how good you are compared to everybody else. You see other people stuck in sin, and you avoid them or hurt them with your words. Now let's take that log out and look through a good eye. You see your own sins, and you know you need God's kindness and forgiveness. You see other people stuck in sin, and you show God's kindness and forgiveness to them.

Mission for the Week



When you catch someone in sin (stealing, lying, using hurtful words) be kind. Remember you own sins, and show God's forgiveness.



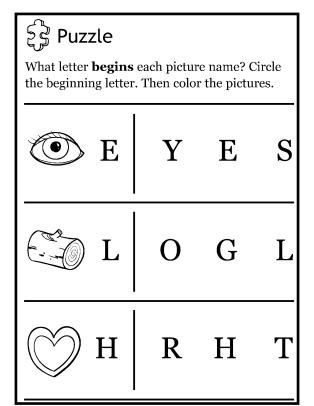
Prayer



Dear God, Keep my eyes open to see my sins and Your kindness. Give me a good heart.



Draw a picture of one good eye and one bad eye with a log in it.





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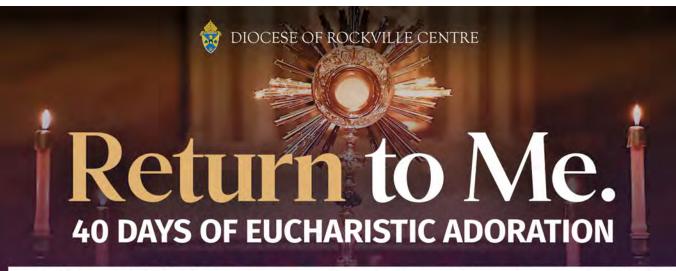
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Starting on March 7th, visit 40 different parishes across Long Island for the 40 days of Lent.

MARCH

March 7: Our Lady of Ostrabrama Cutchogue | 7:00-8:00 p.m.

March 8: St. Gertrude Bayville | 3:00-4:45 p.m.

March 9: Mary Immaculate
Bellport | 1:30-2:30 p.m.

March 10: St. Raymond East Rockaway | 7:00-8:00 p.m.

March 11: St. Luke Brentwood | 5:00-6:00 p.m.

March 12: Our Lady of Lourdes Malverne | 3:00-4:00 p.m.

March 13: Our Lady of the Assumption Copiague | 7:00-8:00 p.m.

March 14: St. Catherine of Sienna Franklin Square | 3:00-4:00 p.m.

March 15: St. Francis Cabrini Coram | 3:30-4:30 p.m.

March 16: Holy Cross Nesconset | 1:00-2:00 p.m.

March 17: St. Patrick Huntington | 12:00-8:00 p.m.

March 18: St. Joseph Hewlett | 7:00-8:00 p.m.

March 19: Most Holy Trinity East Hampton | 8:30-9:30 a.m.

March 20: Our Lady of Mercy Hicksville | 9:30-10:30 a.m.

March 21: St. Aloysius Great Neck | 5:30-6:30 p.m.

March 22: Sacred Heart Island Park | 3:30-4:30 p.m.

March 23: St. Anthony of Padua East Northport | 7:00-8:00 p.m.

March 24: St. Mary East Islip | 7:00-8:00 p.m.

March 25: Resurrection Farmingville | 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

March 26: St. Boniface Elmont | 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

March 27: St. Agnes Greenport | 5:00-9:00 p.m.

March 28: Our Lady of Lourdes
Massapequa Park | 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

March 29: Good Shepherd Holbrook | 7:00-8:00 p.m.

March 30: Sacred Heart North Merrick | 1:00-2:00 p.m.

March 31: St. Joseph Kings Park | 6:00-7:00 p.m.

APRIL

April 1: St. Bernard Levittown | 12:30-1:30 p.m.

April 2: St. Jude Mastic Beach | 1:00-3:00 p.m.

April 3: St. Gerard Majella
Port Jefferson Station | 7:00-8:00 p.m.

April 4: St. Aidan

Williston Park | 1:00-3:00 p.m.

April 5: Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Roosevelt | 6:30-7:30 p.m.

April 6: St. John the Evangelist Riverhead | 1:00-2:00 p.m.

April 7: St. Martin of Tours Bethpage | 7:30-9:00 p.m.

April 8: Our Lady of the Mirac. Medal Wyandanch | 8:00-9:00 p.m.

April 9: Holy Name of Mary Valley Stream | 7:00-8:00 p.m.

April 10: St. Louis de Montfort Sound Beach | 7:00-8:30 p.m.

April 11: St. Thomas the Apostle West Hempstead | 9:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

April 12: Our Lady of Grace West Babylon | 8:30-9:30 a.m.

April 14: St. Rose of Lima Massapequa | 8:00-9:00 p.m.

April 15: Our Lady of Lourdes West Islip | 12:30-7:30 p.m.

April 16: St. Kilian Farmingdale | 12:45-7:30 p.m.





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Return to Me: 40 Days of Eucharistic Adoration

Join us for Eucharistic Adoration at the parish listed in the circle, and joyfully add a sticker for each day you spend time with Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament! Stickers will be available at the parishes.

MARCH 7 Our Lady of Ostrabrama Cutchogue 7:00-8:00 p.m. MARCH 8 St. Gertrude Bayville 3:00-4:45 p.m. MARCH 9 Mary Immaculate Bellport 1:30-2:30 p.m. MARCH 10 St. Raymond East Rockaway 7:00-8:00 p.m. MARCH 11 St. Luke Brentwood 5:00-6:00 p.m. MARCH 12 Our Lady of Lourdes Malverne 3:00-4:00 p.m. MARCH 13 Our Lady of the Assumption Copiague 7:00-8:00 p.m. MARCH 14 St. Catherine of Sienna Franklin Square 3:00-4:00 p.m.

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Holy Week

APRIL 15 Our Lady of Lourdes West Islip 12:30-7:30 p.m. Holy Week APRIL 16 St. Kilion Formingdale 12:45-7:30 p.m. Holy Week



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