

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

455 Hunter Avenue, West Islip, NY 11795



July 27, 2025

Seventeenth 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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All Are Welcome

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

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
Monday - Saturday: 8:30am

Weekend Masses
Saturday: 5:00pm
Sunday: 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am, 12:30pm and 6:00pm

Reconciliation/Confession
Saturday: 4:00pm-4:45pm or by appointment

Rosary
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: 6:00-10:00pm

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: 631-661-3224 (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, Choir Director
Maryann Buonasparina
Parish Organist

Pastoral Council

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

Parish Office

Phone: 631-661-3224 (option 2)
Fax: 631-661-7143
Email: ParishOffice@ollchurch.org
Website: www.ollchurch.org
Monday-Thursday: 9:00am-7:30pm Friday: 9:00am-5:00pm
Saturday: 9:00am-3:00pm Sunday: 10:30am-2:30pm

Marcelle Crudele

Business Manager, Bulletin Editor

Robin Reynolds Brennan

Receptionist

Amy Danowski

Receptionist

Rosemary Cannarella

Receptionist

Trish Frodell

Receptionist

SAGE (Senior Advocates for Growth and Enrichment)

Phone: 631-661-3224, Ext. 122
Email: Sage@ollchurch.org
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.

Gospel Reflection

by Greg Sunter



In today's gospel, Jesus provides his disciples, and all Christians, with a model for prayer. In keeping with this modelling by Jesus, it is significant that the Lord's Prayer, or Our Father, is the common prayer of all Christians, regardless of denomination.

The parable and teaching that follow the Lord's Prayer make clear the particular purpose of prayer that Jesus was highlighting—prayer as petition. In this instance, Jesus assures us that if we pray for what we need with conviction and confidence, then God cannot fail to respond to our prayer. Jesus in fact encourages us to be demanding and persistent in our prayer. However, the parable used to demonstrate the persistent nature of prayer is not focused on demands for selfish purposes, but rather the neighbor needs assistance in fulfilling his obligations of hospitality to a traveler. He is not waking his neighbor in the middle of the night to ask for bread for himself; he asks for bread to give to his guest. He asks for help to fulfill his duty and responsibility. This gives us something of an idea about how we might focus our prayer. Praying for a pony or new bike isn't quite in the same league!

The final element of the gospel passage provides us with a description of God's love and care by something of a negative comparison: if human parents would not do harm instead of good to their children, God is even less likely to act like this towards us. It's a bit of an odd way around of saying that God's love is greater than anything within our experience or imagination.

Living the Gospel – Ask, Search, Knock

Jesus says in the gospel, "Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you." The actions of asking, searching, and knocking are means by which we initiate the encounter with God. If we don't ask, search, and knock, how is anyone (including God) to know our needs or know what it is that we are searching for. Particularly in our spiritual lives, it is only through the search and the knocking on the doors of different experiences that we ever come closer to finding answers.



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."

Pope Leo said the 2025 Holy Year "inspires us all and invites us all to look for hope, but also to be signs of hope." "How important it is that each and every baptized person feel himself or herself called by God to be a sign of hope in the world today," added the Pope.

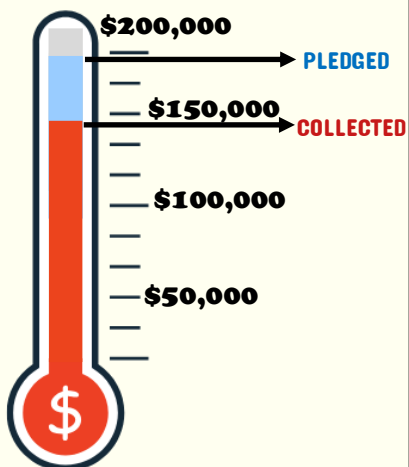
Faith gives Christians strength, he continued, noting that our faith enables us "to see the light of Jesus Christ in our lives and to understand how important it is to live our faith, not only on Sundays, not only during a pilgrimage, but each and every day".

Pope Leo said faith allows us to be "filled with the hope that only Jesus Christ can give us." He expressed his hopes that "all of us together will continue to walk united as brothers and sisters to praise our God, to recognize that everything we have and everything we are is a gift from God, and to place those gifts at the service of others."

LIGHT UP OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Our campaign continues and we almost at our pledge goal! Thank you to all who have already pledged or contributed!! If you have not had a chance to make your contribution, please consider sending a donation to the Parish Office or visit our website and make your donation online with a credit card.

As a note – if you have made a monthly or weekly pledge, your donation can be sent to the Parish Office or placed in the Sunday Collection – just be sure to mark Light Up OLL in the memo – in order to save money, coupons will not be mailed out.



Thank you for your continued support of our Parish!

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 or visit our website.

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
Canned Potatoes
Canned Stew
Pancake Mix
Toothpaste

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 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

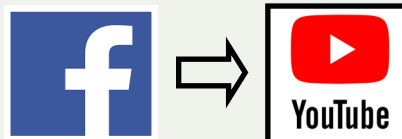


LIVE STREAM

Masses may be viewed via livestream on our Facebook page.

You do not need a Facebook account.

Please join us directly on Facebook or by visiting our website at www.ollchurch.org where you will be redirected.



We are planning to move our parish Live Stream to YouTube in the near future!

Please take a moment to subscribe to our

YouTube page: @OLLChurchWI.

We will share more details in the coming weeks as we prepare for the transition.

JOIN OUR EMAIL LIST!

Don't miss a thing!

Join our email list today! We will be sending out exciting news, events, reminders and other information right to your inbox!

Scan the QR code or visit our website to sign up.



SAGE SUMMER CAFE

All parishioners 55 years old and up are invited to join the SAGE Group for lunch in July and August. Take some time to share a meal, see old friends and meet some new friends. It is just a nice time together.

Bring your own sandwich, salad or whatever you enjoy for lunch. We will provide beverages and some treats for dessert.

TUESDAYS 11:30AM - 1:00 PM

PARISH CENTER

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, July 27

- Grandparents Day at all Masses
- Baptism 2pm

Monday, July 28

- Rosary 8am/Mass 8:30am

Tuesday, July 29

- Rosary 8am/Mass 8:30am
- Adoration 12:30-7:30pm
- Anxiety Recovery Group 2-4pm

Wednesday, July 30

- Rosary 8am/Mass 8:30am

Thursday, July 31

- Rosary 8am/Mass 8:30am
- Divine Mercy Prayer Group 1:30pm
- BSA District Youth Training 7:30pm

Friday, August 1

- Rosary 8am/Mass 8:30am
- Young Men's Ministry 6:45pm

Saturday, August 2

- Rosary 8am/Mass 8:30am
- Baptism 1pm
- Confession 4-4:45pm
- Nocturnal Adoration 6pm

Sunday, August 3

- Regular Mass Schedule

Weekly Readings

Readings for the Week of July 27, 2025

Sunday:	Gn 18:20-32/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13
Monday:	Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday:	Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28 Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday:	Ex 34:29-35/Mt 13:44-46
Thursday:	Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Mt 13:47-53
Friday:	Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Mt 13:54-58
Saturday:	Lv 25:1, 8-17/Mt 14:1-12
Sunday:	Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21

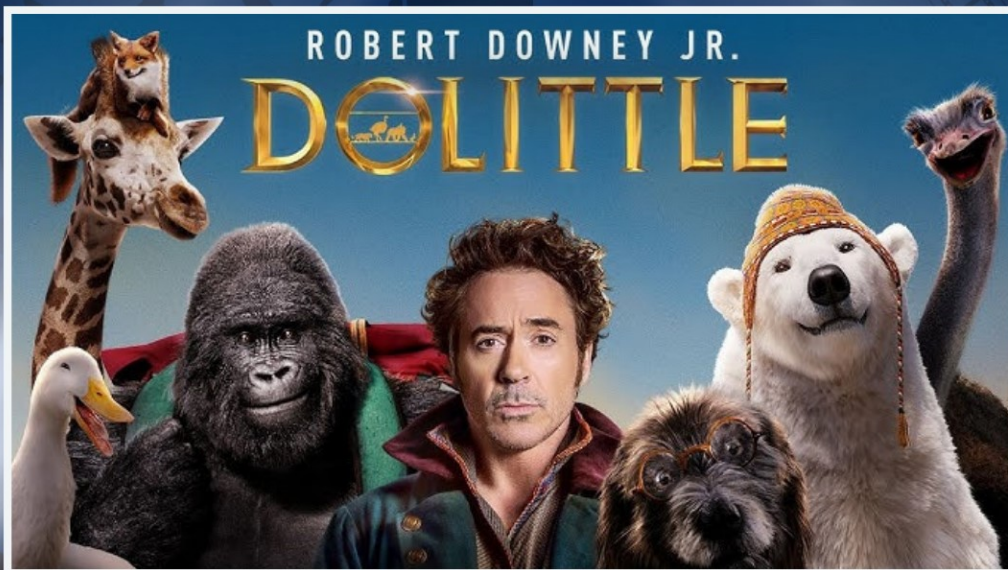
NOCTURNAL ADORATION



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, August 2nd**. Come and spend some quiet time with the Lord. The Blessed Sacrament is taken to the altar and exposed after the 5:00pm Mass concluding with Benediction at 9:50pm. All are welcome.

MOVIE NIGHT

FRIDAY, AUGUST 8



OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH
THE GREAT LAWN



Presented by the

FELLOWSHIP
MINISTRY

MOVIE STARTS AT DARK @8:15PM

BRING A LAWN CHAIR OR BLANKET

MOVIE CONCESSIONS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE



Rest In Peace

Nick Italico
Nancy M. Rentz "Anne"



Baptism

John Joseph Anzalone Jr.
Chase Daniel Dale
Kinsley Nicole Kallas
Emilia Grace Montalvo
Leo Gianni Vinci



Upcoming Marriages

Daniella Marie Latino
St. Mary's, East Islip, NY
&
Christopher Philip Beyer
Ss. Cyril & Methodius, Deer Park, NY

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, July 28

8:30am Gallagher & McDermott Families

Tuesday, July 29 - Memorial of Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus

8:30am Siobhan Clancy

Wednesday, July 30

8:30am Lillian LaRocca

Thursday, July 31 - Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

8:30am Fr. John Sureau (*Living*)

Friday, August 1 - Memorial of Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:30am David Michael Calogero

Saturday, August 2

8:30am Ann Batt, Geraldine Bellizzi, Jimmy Corrado,
James Guma, Gaspare Messina
Souls in Purgatory

5:00pm Joan Arnao, Albert Feliney, Gerry Fogarty
Doris Fritag, Silvio Giambo, John M. Small
Fr. Saji Jose

Sunday, August 3

8:00am Beverley G. Caparella
Fr. Saji Jose

9:30am Brittney Wolf
Fr. Saji Jose

11:00am Michael Ferrante
Fr. Felix Odibe

12:30pm Kulaga & Swidzinski Families (*Living*)
Fr. Felix Odibe

6:00pm Susan Cassara, Lisa Marie Forino,
Arlene Gajdos, Marieange Myrthil-Pierre,
Hibernian Purgatorial Society,
People of the Parish
Fr. Felix Odibe

Weekly Collection

July 20, 2025

Weekly Collection \$ 13,992.50
Weekly Budget - \$ 17,800.00
+/- for the week (\$ 3,807.50)

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

Celebrant information is subject to change without notice.

Join us at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

BIBLE STUDY / RETREAT

Entitled *"Consoling the Heart of Jesus"*

- Awaken Your Spiritual Life
- Find out what Jesus has to say to you
- Receive an Abundance of Graces to overcome weaknesses



2 SESSIONS AVAILABLE

TUESDAY AFTERNOON 1:00

Sept 16, 23, 30. Oct 14, 21, 28
Nov 4, 11, 18. Dec 2

OR

WEDNESDAY EVENING 7:30PM

Sept 17, 24 Oct 15, 22, 29
Nov 5, 12, 19. Dec 3

*\$30 pp Free Will Donation
covers the expenses*

To Register visit OLLChurch.org or call the Parish Office 631-661-3224 ext.2
DVD presentation, Text & Workbook by Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC

followed by small group discussion.

Facilitator Training Tuesday, SEPT 9 at 1:00pm OR 7:00pm



Is Excited to Present:



Program Information:

- Starting September 13th, 2025
- Saturday Morning **7:00 - 8:30am**
- A light breakfast will be served
- Our Lady of Lourdes, West Islip, Parish Center
- All men over the age of 18
- Fr. Dennis and Fr. Charles will be the groups spiritual advisors

That Man is You! is an interactive men's program combining the best research from science with the teachings of the Catholic faith and the wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of man fully alive.

By honestly addressing the pressures and temptations that men face in our modern culture, That Man is You! seeks to form men who will be capable of transforming homes and society. We hope that you will join the Men of Lourdes and become a part of a group of men committed to growth, faith, transformation and brotherhood!

Our Mission statement:

The Men of Lourdes Men's Group exists to build a community of spiritually strong men who unite and stand together to become godly men, who submit to the authority and wisdom of the Church, and encourage each other to make commitments and forge convictions that last a lifetime, to Jesus Christ, their families, and to one another!



Scan the QR code
to Register!



Next weekend, August 2nd & 3rd, there will be an added second collection to assist those suffering from the effects of the floods in Texas.

Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

We pray for those who died in the flood, for all those who are suffering and for those who are assisting them.



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!

**Are you a member of a Parish Ministry or Group? Do you volunteer for the Church?
If you answered “YES” then the Diocese requires you to be VIRTUS trained & compliant.**

How Do I Become VIRTUS Trained & Compliant?

VIRTUS compliance has 4 Key Components:

1. Completing the Virtus training “Protecting God’s Children”
2. Acknowledging and signing a Code of Conduct
3. Undergoing a Background Screening (*every 5 years*)
4. If your Ministry/Group works directly with children you are required to read “Bulletins” (online newsletters) every month and answer the question at the end.

If you need training you will register online by visiting www.Virtus.org, then click the link for first time registrants. Begin the registration process by creating a Virtus account. The first screen requests the location: **Please select Rockville Centre from the drop-down list.**

- * Follow directions on each page.
- * During the registration process you will receive a copy of the Code of Conduct and Pastoral Code of Conduct. Please sign each Code electronically.
- * Select the class you wish to attend.
- * Complete the background screening application provided. Background screening is conducted by Sterling Volunteers.

UPCOMING TRAINING DATES AT OUR LADY OF LOURDES

The following dates for VIRTUS training will be held in the Parish Center

Wednesday, August 6 at 6pm

Monday, August 18 at 6pm

Thursday, September 4 at 6pm

Saturday, August 9 at 9am

Thursday, August 21 at 9am

Saturday, September 6 at 9am

Tuesday, August 12 at 6pm

Tuesday, August 26 at 6pm

Saturday, October 4 at 9am

Questions? Contact your Ministry/Group Coordinator or
Marcelle Crudele, Safe Environment Coordinator at the Parish Office or email mcrudele@ollchurch.org

Respect Life CHALKING CONTEST



Pray for Our Sick

<i>Matilda Allocca</i>	<i>Billy Davis</i>	<i>Lisa Kimmel</i>	<i>John Posanti</i>
<i>Connie Ambrosino</i>	<i>Al DiMasi</i>	<i>Marilyn Kolk</i>	<i>Louise Posanti</i>
<i>Elizabeth Assoon</i>	<i>Mark Dixon</i>	<i>Stephen Leahy</i>	<i>Nanette Proscia</i>
<i>Jeanette Battista</i>	<i>Carol Enright</i>	<i>Vincent Marinelli</i>	<i>Dina Rajotte</i>
<i>Maryann Buonasina</i>	<i>Valerie Falzone</i>	<i>Vincenza Marks</i>	<i>Marie Rajotte</i>
<i>Thomas J. Calogero, III</i>	<i>Pam Gagliano</i>	<i>Barbara McCarthy</i>	<i>Tessie Reilly</i>
<i>Doris Cameron</i>	<i>Palmina Gagliardi</i>	<i>Una McGrave</i>	<i>Pedro Rivera</i>
<i>Doug Cameron</i>	<i>Christine Harty</i>	<i>Kieran John McKay</i>	<i>Vita Scorgia</i>
<i>Joe Carvalho</i>	<i>Luke Waylon Ioannou</i>	<i>Tom O'Brien</i>	<i>Doris Shaddock</i>
<i>James Corrado</i>	<i>Paul Johnson</i>	<i>Edward Pauciullo</i>	<i>Keri Thomas</i>
<i>Maria Crisci</i>	<i>Henry Kahn</i>	<i>Rose Pauciullo</i>	<i>William Valentine</i>
<i>Grayson Danielski</i>	<i>Shena Kahn</i>	<i>Cameron Pillitteri</i>	<i>Sadie Williams</i>

"Heartfelt thanks for all the care and prayers for my great-grandson. Our prayers have been answered!"
From the Barthel and Kisonas families

**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	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	Julianna Petrosino-US Navy
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

Nora Neshta

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



"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace"
1 Peter 4:10

Sharing Our Gifts through the CMA

Stewardship is the grateful response of every Christian disciple to share our God-given gifts of time, talent and treasure in a way that passionately sets our hearts on fire and touches the lives of others, as we live the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. The Catholic Ministries Appeal is an excellent way to journey through the Pillars of Hospitality, Prayer, Formation and Service to express your gratitude to God.

Through the Pillar of Hospitality and Service, many parishes form CMA committees to support a smooth and organized Appeal effort and by creating a welcoming environment for all. Others share their gifts by volunteering in the ministries that the CMA supports, such as formation classes and parish outreach programs.

Through the Pillar of Prayer and Formation, the Catholic Ministries Appeal brings us closer to those we help and support as we become more "connected" with our sisters and brothers through prayer and evangelization ministries. We may wish to pray for those who support and volunteer for the committee and for those who receive support from the appeal.

The CMA provides an opportunity for stewards to use their treasure to serve more than 600,000 of our sisters and brothers each year in our formation and Catholic Charities pastoral programs. It is rare that just one person or one parish could touch this many lives. The CMA brings us beyond the individual, the group and the parish and unites us as one Church of Long Island.

The Catholic Ministries Appeal is Stewardship in action!

To donate, you can also visit [**https://www.drvc.org/donate/cma/**](https://www.drvc.org/donate/cma/)

or call us at **516-678-5800 ext. 296.**

Growing with the Gospel

Sharing the Gospel

Do you know how to pray? All you need to do is talk to God. He is your loving Father. Tell Him how you would like to make Him happy. Ask Him to give you the things you really need. Ask Him to help you forgive other people, just like He forgives you. God loves you, so talk to Him often.

Mission for the Week

Make time to pray every day this week.



Prayer

Dear God, thank you for loving me and listening to me.



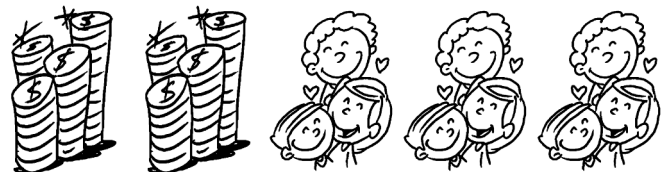
Amen.

Puzzle of the Week

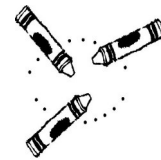


Puzzle

Circle the group in each row that has **more**. Then color in all the pictures.



Something to Draw



Draw a picture of your favorite place to talk to God.

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. 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.

Fellowship

The Fellowship Ministry organizes fun activities for our parish family. If you are interested in helping with these social events please join us! Call the Parish Office for more information.

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 Parish 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

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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

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Anxiety 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, August 8th 1:30-2:30pm



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@agentletouchseniorcare.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.



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