

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

455 Hunter Avenue, West Islip, NY 11795

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Parish Office

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Liturgical Schedule

Daily Mass

8:30am

Weekend Masses

Saturday: 5:00pm

Sunday: 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am, 12:30pm
and 6:00pm.

Reconciliation/Confession

Saturday: 4:00pm-4:45pm or by appointment

Rosary

Daily at 8:00am

Miraculous Medal Novena

Monday at 8:00am

Sacraments

Anointing of the Sick

Throughout the liturgical year. If needed sooner, please call the Parish Office.

Baptism

Please contact the Parish Office to schedule an appointment.

Marriage

Arranged at least six months in advance, please call the Parish Office.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

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.

First Sunday of Advent • Sunday, November 27, 2022



Welcome to our Parish Family

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

Remember: Together, we can do something beautiful for God!

- Saint Teresa of Calcutta

Pastoral Council

Msgr. Brian McNamara
Eileen Rega
Mary Borgs
Lisa Cantalino
Sonia DaSilva
Dcn. Nilo DeLeon
Jerry Esposito
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Dottie Perdue
Vita Scorcia

Mission Statement

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

Regardless of a person's history, ethnicity, gender, orientation, age or race, we commit ourselves to open wide the doors of our Parish to provide a place of welcome and hospitality.

Readings for the Week of November 27, 2022

Sunday: Is 2:1-5/ Rom 13:11-14/ Mt 24:37-44

Monday: Is 4:2-6/ Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/ Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Rom 10:9-18/ Mt 4:18-22

Thursday: Is 26:1/ Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24/ Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/ Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

Next Sunday: Is 11:1-10/ Rom 15:4-9/ Mt 3:1-12

Parish Staff

Patti Anderson
Parish Office/Bulletin Editor

Michael Buonaspina
Parish Organist

Rosemary Cannarella
Parish Office

S. Kathleen Carberry, CSJ
Parish Office

Carol Grillo
Parish Office

Rita Spera
Religious Education Office

Financial Summary

November 20, 2022

Weekly Collection	\$ 13,604.00
Weekly Budget	- \$ 17,800.00
+/- for the week	\$ (4,196.00)

Human Development & Home Missions \$3,631.00

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

Dear Parishioners:

Well, believe it or not, Thanksgiving is now over, and we are getting set for Christmas. But before we celebrate Christmas, I would strongly encourage everyone to enjoy and celebrate Advent. In many ways, we have lost the season of Advent to the secular forces focusing on Christmas. I would suggest that a great Christmas comes as a result of a great Advent.

Advent is traditionally a time of preparation, not merely waiting. The Church teaches us that during Advent we prepare for the two “comings of Christ”. The first half of Advent focuses on the coming of Christ at the end of time. The second half of Advent focuses on the coming of Christ at Christmas. The lighting of the pink candle in the Advent wreath (which takes place on the third week of Advent) symbolizes the change in focus from the coming of Christ at the end of time to the coming of Christ at Christmas.

I offer us some quotes about Advent.

“At this Christmas when Christ comes, will He find a warm heart? Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving the others with God’s own love and concern.” - **Mother Teresa**,

“It is the beautiful task of Advent to awaken in all of us memories of goodness and thus to open doors of hope.” - Pope Benedict XVI

The Lord is coming, always coming. When you have ears to hear and eyes to see, you will recognize him at any moment of your life. Life is Advent; life is recognizing the coming of the Lord." - Henri Nouwen

Here at Our Lady of Lourdes, we have a variety of spiritual offerings to help in that preparation for Christmas. You should have received a letter this past week, highlighting the various spiritual and family events here at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, both for you and the family. There is the old saying, “You can bring a horse to water, but you can’t make him drink.” These Advent opportunities are a way for the Parish “to bring you to the water” but only you can drink from that water. Drink the water! Take advantage of these Advent opportunities!

On Page 9, you will find a listing of the wonderful events for adults and children that will take place here. Please consult our bulletin or website www.ollchurch.org for greater details. I would like to highlight a few fun family events: After all the **morning Masses on Sunday, December 4**, stop by and visit **Bethlehem Village**; see Bethlehem as it was when Christ was born – including live animals! Also, on **Sunday morning, December 18**, come by for our **Family Christmas Fair**, including a visit by St. Nicholas! These events are great opportunities for families, young and old. Bring the grandchildren! And do not forget our Giving Tree! Let us see Christ in the disguise of the poor.

Remember: Together, we can do something beautiful for God.

In Christ,

Fr. Brian

PS: Christmas came a little early this year for Our Lady of Lourdes! Two of our parishioners, **John Cannarella** and **Jim Flori** gave the Parish the gift of brand-new outdoor parking lot lights. This is what stewardship is all about: using their time, talent, and treasure to help the parish. I appreciate their stewardship and generosity very much.

Don’t forget our Christmas raffle; buy some chances for the family!

Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Joyce Petersen*. If you would like to help care for our altar needs, please call the Parish Office at 631-661-3224.

Members in the Military

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

Michael DiMatteo-*US Marine Corps* **Melissa Mockler**-*US Navy*
Michael Fantauzzi-*US Air Force* **Patric Mockler**-*US Navy*
Christopher Florca-*US Marine Corps* **Andrew Perniciaro**-*US Army*
Dominick Gennaro-*US Army* **Brandon Ranzie**-*US Army*
Patrick Harty-*US Coast Guard* **Stephen Rolston**-*US Army*
Ritchard Higham-*US Army* **Jack Shires**-*US Navy*
Colby Matthew Kelly-*US Army* **Raymond Sgambati**-*US Navy*
Luke Loftsgaarden-*US Army* **James Stultz**-*US Army*
Anthony Mannino-*US Marine Corps* **Jack Taffner**-*US Marine Corps*
Msgr. Brian McNamara-*US Air Force* **Michael Wilkinson**-*US Army*
Anthony Memoli-*US Marine Corps* **Peter Zaccaria**-*US Navy*
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.



Pastoral Care of Our Sick

Please call the Parish Office at 631-661-3224 to leave the names of parishioners who:

- Are homebound and would like to receive the Eucharist.
- Are in Good Samaritan Hospital and/or a local nursing home and would like to be visited by a member of our Pastoral Care Ministry.
- Would like to receive the Sacrament of the Sick.

Pray for Our Sick

Please remember to keep in your thoughts and prayers ...

Jon Ackerman, Connie Ambrosino, Baby Ellis, Thomas J. Calogero III, Michele Carrano-McGee, Marykate Cavanagh, Maria Clark, Susan Dedes, Dcn. John DeGuardi, Amanda DiTingo, Paula Edwards, Nicolette Gebhardt, William Hacker, Patrick Anthony Heffron, Henry Kahn, Shena Kahn, Anne Kerrigan, James Leung, Vincent Marinelli, Joseph Marrone, Jr., John McMahon, Zachary Melengic, Richard Meyer, Edward Pauciullo, Bob Petersen, Mary Polik-Gunther, John Posanti, Louise Posanti, Clifford Proctor, Melissa Rogan, Ida Schiavoni, Joseph J. Schiavoni, Vita Scorcica

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



Rest In Peace

Elvira Lombardo
William R. Soenneck

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



Upcoming Marriages

Lisa Ferraro, OLL
and
Patrick Dineen,
St. John Nepomucene, Bohemia

Alyssa Bilello, St. Patrick,
Smithtown
and
Christopher Kleva,
St. Andrew Avellino, Flushing



Baptism

Joseph Michael Calcagno
Anthony James Gallo
Gia Marina Giordano
Nelani Jones
Matthew James Passanante
Salvatore Tony Rivelli

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

Mass Intentions

Monday, November 28

8:30am Louis Gambardella

Tuesday, November 29

8:30am Geraldine H. McCabe

Wednesday, November 30

St. Andrew

8:30am Richard Loehr

Thursday, December 1

8:30am Salvatore Pinello

Friday, December 2

8:30am Martin O'Dea

Saturday, December 3

St. Francis Xavier

8:30am Martin O'Dea, Fr. John Sureau (Living),
Gorzelnik Family (Living), Kathy Macioch,
Frank Corso, Charles Kalinowski
Fr. Charles Mangano

5:00pm John & Denise Yost

Sunday, December 4

Second Sunday of Advent

8:00am Anna La Pitera
Msgr. Brian McNamara

9:30am Salvatore Pinello
Msgr. Brian McNamara

11:00am Nichole O'Connor
Fr. Charles Mangano

12:30pm Sweeney & LaRocca Families
Fr. Charles Mangano

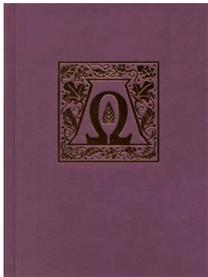
6:00pm People of the Parish, Salvatore Sciortino,
Francoise Heim, Darlene Moritz (Living),
Virginia Schickler, William P. Burns,
Joy Johnston, Anne & Paul Tropeano (celebrating
100th birthdays, both deceased)
Msgr. Brian McNamara



Winter Clothing Drive

We are in desperate need of Gently Used and New Winter Clothes for Boys and Girls in sizes Newborn through 4T.
Please consider donating today!

Our four centers in **Hempstead, Massapequa, Deer Park, and Smithtown** will all gladly take donations. Thank you so much for all of the time, talent, and treasure you give us in our shared mission of protecting and cherishing every life, from the womb through eternity. For more information, please contact our Deer Park location at 631-273-2373.



Book of the Names of the Deceased

Beginning November 2, and continuing throughout the month of November, a special book will be placed in the Sanctuary, inscribed with the names of all who have died in our Parish Family over the past year.

In prayer, let us remember all of these men and women who have gone before us, “marked with the sign of faith.” May our united prayers help us to better understand and appreciate our faith in Christ, our risen Lord, who conquers sin and death and brings new life to all!



Christmas Flower Offerings

Christmas Flower offerings received by next **Sunday, December 4th** will be published in the December 25th bulletin. Offerings received after that date will be published in subsequent bulletins.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

We will be having extended hours of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on this **Tuesday, November 29th from 12:30pm to 7:30pm**. Come, spend some intimate time with Jesus during our Extended Adoration. Invite a family member or friend along too! In case of inclement weather, please call the parish office at 631-661-3224 ext.0, or log onto the parish website (ollchurch.org) to check if adoration has been canceled.

Divine Mercy Prayer Group

We come together in the Church every Thursday from 1:30pm-2:30pm to pray and reflect on the Divine Mercy. We welcome anyone wishing to join us in this mission.

Donations to Outreach

If you would like to make a donation to Parish Outreach in memory of a loved one, please call Trish Frodell, Director of Parish Social Ministry at 631-661-3224, option 4.



Pancake Mix
Pasta Sauce in Jars
Canned Beets
Cannellini Beans
Hamburger Helper



Our Parish Advent Wreath

A family from the parish will be lighting a candle on our Parish Advent Wreath at the beginning of each Mass for each week of Advent. This is a meaningful way to be part of our preparation for Christmas during this Advent. If you wish to be one of the families to light a candle, please speak to Robin or one of the ushers at Mass.

Needed: Eucharistic Ministers and Ushers for Christmas Masses

Additional Eucharistic Ministers will be needed to serve at the Christmas Masses. If you are an EM and would like to help, please add your name, contact information and the Mass you can assist with to the Christmas Eucharistic Minister sheet posted in the Sign-in Room.

Anyone who would like to assist as an Usher at Christmas Masses is requested to add their name, contact information and the Mass they will help with to the Volunteer Usher list, also in the Sign-in Room.

Warm Winter For All Clothing Drive

In the spirit of giving and helping others the Vitello boys, Joseph and Johnathan, are collecting winter weather wear to give to those in need. Help those who may be struggling to stay warm this winter by donating your used or new cold weather gear (hats, gloves, scarves, coats, snowsuits, boots etc.). We will have a drop box set up at our home 66 Penney St. West Islip, N.Y. 11795 until December 1st if you would like to donate. Thank you for helping with anything you can give. Warm Wishes, The Vitello Family



Are You Being Called to Serve as a Deacon?

Come to any one of these meetings prepared to LISTEN - to PRAY- to REFLECT- to DISCERN where God is calling you!

EVENINGS are being offered conveniently at THREE LOCATIONS:

7:00pm, Tuesday, January 10th

St. Joseph Ronkonkoma, 45 Church Street

7:00pm, Wednesday, January 11th

Maria Regina Seaford, 3945 Jerusalem Avenue

7:00pm, Thursday, June 19th

St. Aidan Williston Park, 505 Willis Avenue

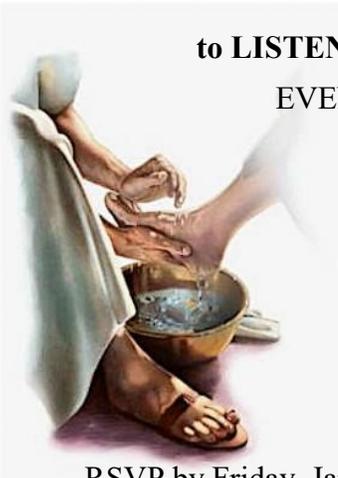
EARLY WEEKEND option to be held at

1:00pm, Sunday, January 15th

St. John the Evangelist Center Moriches, 25 Ocean Avenue

RSVP by Friday, January 6th to 631-423-0483 ext.179 or by e-mail to diaconateformation@drvc.org

We thank you and look forward to being with you



Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

What's it all about?

IF you are an adult *AND*

- ... you were never Baptized
- ... you were Baptized in another faith and would like to become a baptized Catholic
- ... you never received Holy Communion (Eucharist)
- ... you never received your Confirmation

IF you are an adult *AND* one or more of the circumstances above apply to you ...

IF you feel you would like to become a baptized Catholic or become more fully initiated into your Catholic faith... Our email address is RCIA@ollchurch.org or call the Parish Office at 631-661-3224, and we would be happy to help you.



Visit a Street Called:

Bethlehem Boulevard

Walk among the common folk on the day JESUS was born. Meet Roman Soldiers, the Census Taker, and Shop Keepers. Eavesdrop on the Shepherds and Angels. Talk with the Inn Keeper and Mary and Joseph.

December 4, 2022 in the All Purpose Room
After the 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 and 12:30 Masses

A Christmas Experience for the Whole Family

See the Live Animals!!! Don't Miss It!!



Christmas Raffle



Below please find a set of 6 chances. It is a 50-50 drawing. Chances are \$25 each or 6 chances for \$100. 1st place winner will win 35% of the money, 2nd place will win 10% of the money and 3rd place will win 5% of the money. You have to be in it to win it!

The drawing will take place on **Sunday, January 15 after the 12:30pm Mass.**

Hopefully, the Wise Men will bring you a gift of a winning ticket!

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Name _____

Phone _____

1 Ticket for \$25; 6 Tickets for \$100

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O Come, O Come Emmanuel!

ADVENT OFFERINGS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4:

8:30am – 2:00pm (APR)

BETHLEHEM VILLAGE

Stop by and visit a busy Bethlehem village, just as it was on the night Jesus was born (with live animals). Invite your friends and neighbors as well!

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6:

7:30pm (CHURCH)

ADVENT STATIONS

Pray with us as we reflect upon God's plan for us which includes God becoming one of us in Jesus Christ.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7:

5:00pm

HOLY DAY: FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

CHURCH: Mass for the Holy Day

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8:

8:30am, 12:10pm, 7:30pm

HOLY DAY: FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

CHURCH: Masses for the Holy Day

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13: MOVIE: *THE CHOSEN: A Story of the First Christmas*

7:30pm (PARISH CENTER)

This movie is produced by the same people who have produced The Chosen series.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18:

10:30am – 2:00pm (Parish Center)

FAMILY CHRISTMAS FAIR

Come join us for a fun Christmas festival with St. Nicholas!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18: BLESSING OF THE CHRIST-INFANT

At all the MASSES

Bring the infant from your family Nativity scene for a special blessing.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 19:

3:00pm – 8:00pm (PARISH CENTER)

RECONCILIATION/CONFESSIONS

Confessors will be available throughout this time.

***** NOVEMBER 27 – DECEMBER 18: GIVING TREE GIFT PROGRAM FOR THE NEEDY *****

**** DECEMBER 11 – JANUARY 15: STOP BY & VISIT A COLLECTION OF NATIVITY SETS IN THE PARISH CENTER**

**** JANUARY 15: Christmas Raffle Drawing (following the 12:30pm Mass in the All-Purpose Room)**

****PLEASE SEE THE BULLETIN/WEBSITE (ollchurch.org) FOR DETAILED DESCRIPTIONS****

Christmas at Outreach

Once again, we will be requesting gift cards for Christmas. We are asking that you take a tag from the **Giving Tree** with a specific gift card request for one of the families we will be assisting. The families will be able to use the gift cards for Christmas. In order for them to have time to use them before Christmas, they will need to get them earlier, so we are requesting that **any donation of gift cards be brought in by December 11th**. We are requesting gift cards to **Target, Walmart, Amazon, Kohl's Macy's, and Old Navy**.

Thank you for all the support you have given throughout the year. Your generosity is such a blessing to the families who come to us. Hopefully, their celebration of Christmas will be a bright spot in their lives that are many times filled with difficulty.



Christmas Gifts

Christmas is a busy, magical time of year. We begin to have hustle and bustle around us. One of the first things we think of at Christmas is GIFTS or PRESENTS. What shall we get for everyone on our list or what shall we get as a present?

At Christmas we receive the greatest gift of all, Jesus Christ our Lord, born as a baby in Bethlehem. While He is the greatest gift, He comes bearing other gifts for each of us. He brings gifts that we can treasure and nurture all year long.

This Advent we will look at one of these special gifts each week to help us prepare for Jesus' coming into our hearts at Christmas.



Our gift this first week of Advent is HOPE. For the children of Israel, it seemed as if all HOPE for the coming of the Savior that had been promised had passed. When the Christ Child was born, the gift of HOPE came with Him. All HOPE was restored in the promises of God.

We receive the gift of HOPE that Christ will come into our hearts and His teachings will spread throughout the world this Christmas.

Thank You

We would like to extend a heartfelt **Thank You** to the wonderful “Mailing Team” that answers the call to make our annual mailings happen.

They are: *John Amabile, Marilyn Barthel, Connie Cristaudo, Marie Davidson, Rosetta Fragola, Liz Gorassi, Ed Guiffre, Sara Iannaccone, Peggy Kapalko, Steve MacQuade, Josephine Pastore, Michael Poveromo, Ralph Sciaruto, Dona Teague, and Pat and Bill Young*. Thank you, too, to those who are not listed, that I may have missed. Let's not forget *Rita Spera*, Religious Education Office, who prints ALL the letters - front and back, raffle tickets, etc. It is a monumental task and we can't thank you enough for your time and talent. We could not get these mailings done without each one of you!

- Fr. Brian and Debbie Meyer, Business Manager

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 after the 5:00pm Mass and will be exposed up to 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 December 3rd** concluding with Benediction at 9:50pm. Please come and pray with us. All are invited and welcome. Bring a friend!



FATHER CHARLES & LAURIE MANGANO



Celebrate
30th Anniversary
of Mater Dei
Music Ministry

Please join with us as we celebrate the awesome love of God which we have experienced together over these past 30 years! In thanksgiving to Him, we offer a program to include:

- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Divine Mercy Chaplet, talk and reflection
- Celebration of Holy Mass (*fulfilling our Sunday obligation*)
- Refreshments and finger foods
- Concert

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11TH ✦ 2:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.

(Doors open at 1:00 p.m. Open seating, capacity 350)

At the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception

440 West Neck Road, Lloyd Harbor

*\$40
Per
Person*



✦ A ticket charge is necessary to cover the cost of the Seminary rental fee and refreshments. ✦

Tickets are now on sale and may be purchased by calling Alice at 203-970-7862.



An Invitation from the Knights of Columbus

Men of the Parish (18 years and older), are you interested in serving your Faith, your Church, and your Community? If so, then you are invited to join the Knights of Columbus, Our Lady of Lourdes Council 17379. Joining the Knights will make you part of a 129 year old Catholic Fraternal Order that exemplifies the high ideals of our faith and has contributed to our communities through charitable works and community outreach. We meet on the second and fourth Monday of each month in the Parish Center. The fourth Monday is an Officers' meeting, but members are welcome to attend. Meetings begin at 8:00pm. So begin your journey of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism by becoming a Knight!

Online membership is also available at: www.KofC.org.

Our next meeting will be Monday, November 28, 2022 at 8:00pm in the Parish Center.



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 visit our website: <https://witroop179.wixsite.com/bsatroop179> or contact us at: troop179cc@yahoo.com.

Casa Project Update

In the past, the "Casa House" in the Narthex has provided housing, bedding and ecostoves for our friends in El Salvador. We couldn't do this without your support and generosity. Next weekend (12/3 and 12/4) 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. Thank you for your support. We truly appreciate your generosity.



Butterfly Memory Café - December 2nd from 1:30-2:30pm

What is a Memory Café? It is a program designed for persons with mild to moderate cognitive impairment and their caregiver to promote social engagement with others navigating through dementia's journey. Activities include crafts, music, reminiscing, art or movement. Light refreshments will be served. Our next event will take place on Friday, December 2nd from 1:30pm-2:30pm. There is no charge to participate, but space is limited and reservations are required. For more information or to register, please call Michele at A Gentle Touch Senior Care at: 631-647-7622 or e-mail: michele@agentletouchseniorcare.com.



Dementia Caregiver Support Group Thursday, December 15, 2022

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 Michele at 631-647-7622, ext. 2006 or via email at: michele@agentletouchseniorcare.com to reserve your place.

HOPE HOUSE MINISTRIES PRESENTS

Andy Cooney's Christmas Celebration

Starring **Andy Cooney** and **The New York Tenors**

DECEMBER 5, 2022 • 7:30 PM

accompanied by **The Big Apple Ensemble**
with Musical Director PJ Cardinal

DANIEL RODRIGUEZ **ANDY COONEY** **CHRISTOPHER MACCHIO**

With Special Guests: Arianna Paz, Hibernian Festival Singers & The HIMS & Her

Come enjoy an uplifting Christmas concert to benefit Hope House Ministries featuring Andy Cooney and the New York Tenors December 5, 2022 at Patchogue Theatre. Celebrate the spirit of Christmas as the New York Tenors team up with The Big Apple Ensemble, Adrianna Paz, The Hibernian Festival Singers and the HIMS & Her. All proceeds will benefit Hope House Ministries. Purchase tickets online at <https://www.patchougetheatre.org/events/2022-12-05-andy-cooney-s-christmas-celebration> or by calling the box office at 631-207-1313.

Church Census Information

Has your contact information changed, or are you moving?

The process of updating our Parish Data System information is an ongoing process. We ask that you please submit any recent changes -- address, family members, phone numbers, etc. With your help, our parish data information will be more accurate, and receipt of Parish Offering Envelopes and other church information can be processed more efficiently.

Please mail the information to the Parish Office, or email to: parishoffice@ollchurch.org.

Important DRVC Information

Information regarding a new deadline to file proofs of claim for victims of sexual abuse who were over 18 or older when the alleged conduct occurred and the forms to use, can be found by clicking on the following link to the Diocese's bankruptcy website and scrolling down the page: <https://dm.epiq11.com/drvc>.

Breakfast with Santa

On Saturday, December 10, Westminster United Presbyterian Church (109 Udall Road), will be hosting Breakfast with Santa. There will be two (2) seatings: 9:00am – 10:30am & 11:00am – 12:30pm. There will be a Craft Fair and Chinese Auction as well. For more information call: 631-661-6740 or visit: www.westminsterupc.org.



Friends of the Seminary - Celebration of Mary

Enrich your Advent devotion! Join the Friends of the Seminary for a Celebration of Mary at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, Sunday, December 4th. Journey to the heart of Mary through Theology, Spirituality, and the Arts. Program begins with Mass followed by presentations by Msgr. Charles R. Fink (Seminary Rector, 2019-2021), Erin McAtee (Visual Artist), and concluding with a selection of Marian music provided by Theresa Bissex Volpe. Advance registration required. \$50 per guest.

Contact Seminary Development Office: 631-423-0483 x 102, bmalone@icseminary.edu or visit the Seminary website: www.icseminary.edu.



In addition to our parish website (ollchurch.org), please visit us on *Facebook* at *The Parish Family of Our Lady of Lourdes*. Click “Like” and you will receive the latest news on upcoming parish events and information.

Important Information for ALL Parish Volunteers

The Diocese of Rockville Centre requires all clergy, employees, and volunteers (18 yrs. or older) to participate in the Safe Environment Guidelines as established by the Charter for the Protection of Children/Young People (2002) and outlined in the Diocesan Child Protection Policy.

Note: If you already have a Virtus account (www.Virtus.org), have signed the Code of Conduct and attended the Class, all you need to do is initiate the updated background screening through Sterling Volunteers.

Requirements are as follows:

1. Attend a Virtus: Protecting God’s Children class.
2. Undergo background screening.
3. Sign the Diocesan Code of Conduct.

Instructions to Complete the Safe Environment Requirements:

- Log into the Virtus website: www.Virtus.org.
- 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.

When you complete the registration process, you will have a Virtus account and an account with Sterling Volunteers. Your Virtus account will contain the date you signed the Codes of Conduct; date you submitted the background screening application and date you will attend Virtus. Please keep your username and the password for both your Virtus account and Sterling account as these are required to access each account.

Please contact the Office for the Protection of Children/Young People if you have questions or require assistance. cprotection@drvc.org

Advent Events with the Sisters of St. Dominic in Amityville

The Sisters of St. Dominic welcome you to Study, Pray, Celebrate and Serve as we prepare to live into the full meaning of Christmas.

PRAY: Wednesdays at 8:30 pm (Nov. 30, Dec. 7, 14, 21): Via zoom, pray the Liturgy of the Hours known as Compline.

CELEBRATE: Sunday, December 11th at 3 pm: Come to Lessons and Carols at our Motherhouse, Queen of the Rosary Chapel, 555 Albany Ave., Amityville. ***Bring a bell.***

SERVE: Bring a supermarket gift card to Lessons and Carols to be distributed to those in need or mail cards to the Associates' Office at 555 Albany Ave., Amityville.

To Register, email: belsole1@fordham.edu

Calling All Sisters of St. Joseph Alums “Together Again”

The Sisters of St. Joseph invite alums from all classes, faculty and staff to the Annual Alum Holiday Event on Thursday, December 8 at Giando on the Water in Brooklyn. For more information or to purchase tickets, please visit www.brentwoodcsj.org or call 631-273-1187 ext. 154.

The Babylon Chorale presents *Out of the Darkness – Into the Light*

A choral concert to remind us of the light all around at this special time of year.

Sunday, December 4, 2022 at 4:00 pm

at St. Peter’s By-the-Sea Episcopal Church

500 South Country Rd., Bay Shore, NY

Advance Sale: \$20 / Adults; \$12 / Students & Seniors 60+

Door Sale: \$25 / Adults, \$15 / Students & Seniors 60+

\$10 / Children 10 and under at all times.

For more information and to purchase tickets online visit our website at: www.babylonchorale.org

or email: info@babylonchorale.org

Retrouvaille Weekend - Marriage Struggling?

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other?

Do you argue or have you just stopped talking to each other?

Does talking about it only make it worse?

Are you separated or divorced or *thinking about separation or divorce*?

The Retrouvaille Program helps couples through difficult times in their marriages.

Long Island/Metro Retrouvaille is a 5013c non-profit, peer ministry. Couples of all faiths, or no faith, are encouraged to attend, and no one is ever turned away for lack of funds.

For confidential information about the Retrouvaille program, or to register for the next weekend

January 27-29, 2023, please visit our website at: www.helpourmarriage.org

or call: **1-800-470-2230** and you will be connected directly and confidentially to a couple from Long Island/Metro Retrouvaille who can help.

Weekend Location: Immaculate Conception Seminary

440 West Neck Road, Huntington, NY 11743

*Pronunciation: “retro vi” - French for rediscover **Because No Marriage is Beyond Hope***



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. Couples are provided with social-distancing during this time.

Our next 2-day weekend will be held at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington on **March 18-19, 2023**. For information please call Lenny & Pat Walker at: 631-563-1032 or visit:

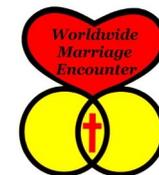
longisland.engagedencounter.com.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Attention Married Couples & Priests

Are you ready for more growth and happiness in your marriage or priesthood? Uncover the secrets to a lasting, supportive, transformational marriage on a **World Wide Marriage Encounter Weekend**. If you're thinking forward towards the New Year, think about thanking the special person in your life, your spouse. Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience together: **February 3-5, 2023** at Immaculate Conception Seminary in Huntington. Register at: WWME.org or contact: Chuck & Maria Reiss at: 631-486-8607



Anxiety Disorder Sufferers

The group, led by a trained and certified Anxiety Disorder Group Leader, will meet every Tuesday from 2:00pm-4:00pm in the Parish Center (located across from the playground and to the right of Outreach). For more information and to register, please call Michael at 631-968-9154.

Everyone is encouraged to wear a mask, regardless of vaccination status.

Support Groups *(all meetings are in Lourdes Hall - lower level of Convent)*

Alcoholics Anonymous: Monday and Tuesday at 8:00pm and Saturday at 11:00am and 7:00pm.

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.

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: 631-589-3790. Website: FamiliesAnonymous.org.

Religion and Rock

Tune into "Religion and Rock" with Msgr. Jim Vlaun on Sunday from 7:00am to 8:00am on WBAB 102.3 FM or 95.3 on the East End of Long Island. Listen on Saturdays at 11:00pm on Sirius Radio, Channel 159, the Catholic Channel and at 11:00pm on XM Satellite, Channel 117. Next Sunday's theme is "The Best Presents". To listen online or for more information, visit: www.ReligionandRock.com.

Sharing the Gospel

Remember that when God told Noah to build an ark, his neighbors laughed at him. Then one day God sent the flood. Only Noah's family was saved because they listened to God, and they were ready. Jesus has already told you that one day He will come back. He wants you to be saved. He wants you to be ready. When you read Bible stories, listen carefully. Love God like Noah did, and learn to do what God asks.



Mission for the Week



Make sure the movies, games, and music you choose help you grow closer to Jesus.



Puzzle

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



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Prayer

Dear God,
Help me to
love You and
to be ready
for Jesus.



Something to Draw

Draw a picture of Noah and his family on the ark with all the animals.

