

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

455 Hunter Avenue, West Islip, NY 11795

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Parish Office

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Saturday: 9:00am-3:00pm
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Monday-Friday: 9:00am-Noon,
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Phone: 631.661.9262 (select option #4)
Monday-Friday: 9:30am-3:30pm

SAGE (*Senior Advocates for Growth and Enrichment*)

Phone: 631.661.3224, Ext. 122
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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.

Third Sunday of Advent • Gaudete Sunday • December 11, 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
Trish Frodell
Pam Gagliano
Deborah Lamb
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John Muldoon
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 December 11, 2022

Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/ Jas 5:7-10/ Mt 11:2-11
Monday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/ Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/ Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday: Is 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25/ Lk 7:18b-23
Thursday: Is 54:1-10/ Lk 7:24-30
Friday: Is 56:1-3a, 6-8/ Jn 5:33-36
Saturday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/ Mt 1:1-17
Next Sunday: Is 7:10-14/ Rom 1:1-7/ Mt 1:18-24

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

December 4, 2022

Weekly Collection	\$ 19,874.00
Weekly Budget	- \$ 17,800.00
+/- for the week	\$ 2,074.00

Christmas Flowers	\$ 4,936.00
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The estimated weekly collection needed to maintain and operate our parish buildings, ministries, programs and salaries is \$17,800.

A Joyful Sunday

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

Two weeks ago, we began the new liturgical year with the season of Advent, a 4-week penitential season that is similar to Lent, though not as strict. It has traditionally consisted of contrite reflection, periodic fasting and small personal sacrifices as spiritual preparation for the coming Christmas season. In those two weeks we prayed that we may no longer be tainted by the corruption of our former ways and be worthy to possess the kingdom of heaven as we prepare for Christ's coming. We also asked God for help and protection to overcome the obstacles we encounter in the world and to hold fast to what endures as we watchfully journey through the season.

We are now midway through the season as we celebrate the Third Sunday of Advent, also called *Gaudete (Rejoice) Sunday*. Mother Church intends this Sunday as a day to ease up on the Advent penance in preparing ourselves for the final stretch of this penitential season and to glimpse at the joy that will soon be ours at Christmas. You may have noticed that the color of the clergy vestments as well as the Advent wreath candle at the Masses changed from violet or purple to rose [I recall my Formation Director at the seminary would insist: "*It is rose...not pink!*"] and so it begs the question: Why is that so?

The term *Gaudete* (Latin for rejoice) is derived from the opening word of the Entrance Antiphon of this Sunday's Mass: "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice." The theme of the day expresses the joy of anticipation at the nearness of the Christmas celebration in about two weeks. This theme mirrors and imitates what we do albeit even more solemnly during Lent which has its own "Rejoice" or "Laetare Sunday". That explains the color change – the rose color represents joy and may be used, where it is the practice, as the liturgical color for *Gaudete* Sunday according to the *General Instructions of the Roman Missal* (GIRM 346). Violet remains the official color for the Season of Advent, the Third Sunday included, because all of Advent has a penitential tone, a time to be absolved of sin and be in the state of grace for Christmas. But *Gaudete* Sunday offers a brief respite to focus on the uplifting, upcoming joyful celebration of the Nativity.

There is joy in looking forward to the annual celebration of Christmas, but there is also joy in recalling the birth of Jesus on the first Christmas. The joy is made greater because Jesus was born to save us from our sins. This joy also extends to the anticipation of his Second Coming, either at the end of our life or the end of time, the time when believers who longed for Christ's appearance will be given "the crown of righteousness" (2 Tm 4:8) and a place in the Father's house (Jn 14:2) to dwell with God and his angels and saints for all eternity.

Even the Scripture texts of the *Gaudete* Sunday Mass hint at the theme of joyfulness: In the first reading the prophet Isaiah says that those whom God has ransomed will be crowned with joy and gladness (Is 35:10); in the Responsorial Psalm the Psalmist proclaims that God "secures justice for the oppressed, gives bread to the hungry and raises those who are bowed down" (Ps 146:7-8); and in the second reading St. James implores us to patiently wait in joyful hope for the coming of Christ (Jas 5:7-8). The Gospel touches upon the joy of healing and life Jesus brings to the blind, the lame, the lepers, the deaf as well as the dead (Mt 11:5).

Yes, Advent is the season of preparing for the arrival of the Lord Jesus (both his First Coming and his Second Coming), and by the Third Sunday of Advent, we are halfway through the season. Therefore, it is appropriate to briefly rejoice today as we see the reason for the season approaching.

May you all find some joyfulness this weekend as we move closer to the greater joy of the Christmas season.

Peace and blessings,

Deacon Nilo

Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Rosemary Kaste*. 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
Michael Fantauzzi-US Air Force
Christopher Florca-US Marine Corps
Dominick Gennaro-US Army
Patrick Harty-US Coast Guard
Ritchard Higham-US Army
Colby Matthew Kelly-US Army
Luke Loftsgaarden-US Army
Anthony Mannino-US Marine Corps
Msgr. Brian McNamara-US Air Force
Anthony Memoli-US Marine Corps
Timothy Milligan-US Marine Corps

Melissa Mockler-US Navy
Patric Mockler-US Navy
Andrew Perniciaro-US Army
Brandon Ranzie-US Army
Stephen Rolston-US Army
Jack Shires-US Navy
Raymond Sgambati-US Navy
James Stultz-US Army
Jack Taffner-US Marine Corps
Michael Wilkinson-US Army
Peter Zaccaria-US Navy

... 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, 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 Pauciuлло, Bob Petersen, Mary Polik-Gunther, John Posanti, Louise Posanti, Clifford Proctor, Dina Rajotte, Ida Schiavoni, Joseph J. Schiavoni, Vita Scorcia, Jack Teufel

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



Rest In Peace

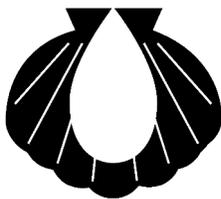
Dominick Bove
Rosalie Di Bene
Anna Marie Juba
John O'Brien
Gene Sowinski

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



Upcoming Marriages

Layna Sheridan, OLL
and
Anthony Berta, OLL



Baptism

Tyler Daniel Whaley

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, December 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:30am Pedro DeRoxas (3rd Anniversary)

Tuesday, December 13

St. Lucy

8:30am Noel Patrick MacDermott

Wednesday, December 14

St. John of the Cross

8:30am Living Members of the Bencivinni Family

Thursday, December 15

8:30am Mr. & Mrs. Frank Sniadowski

Friday, December 16

8:30am Salvatore Pinello

Saturday, December 17

8:30am Brion Family, Carolyn Wissing, Noelle Kuchler, James McCann, Lillian Vulpis, William Maggiore

5:00pm Lou & Barbara Argento

Msgr. Brian McNamara

Sunday, December 18

Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00am Frank Aparo

Fr. Charles Mangano

9:30am Diane Cullen, Joseph & Mary Rizzo

Fr. Charles Mangano

11:00am Nancy & Joseph Ferrara

Msgr. Brian McNamara

12:30pm Salvatore Pinello

Msgr. Brian McNamara

6:00pm People of the Parish, Mrs. Catherine La Femina, Richard Jensen, Encarnacion Culpepper, Patricia & Eugene Vitiello, Scott J. Moxim, Primo Fiore, Antoinette Ritacco

Fr. Charles Mangano

Winter Clothing Drive



The Life Center is 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.

Pregnant? Need Help?

Birthright, Inc. 24 Hour Helpline 1-800-550-4900

Islip: 631-277-3888 - Hampton Bays: 631-728-8900 - Rocky Point: 631-821-9727
Southold: 631-876-5138 - Wantagh 516-785-4070

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.

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.



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.



Tomato Puree
Pancake Mix
Canned Chicken
Canned Stew
Toothbrushes

Second Collection December 10-11 – Help Aging Religious

Senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have devoted their lives to prayer, service, and works of mercy. Most ministered for little or no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. Your gift to today's Retirement Fund for Religious collection helps to furnish medications, nursing care, and other necessities. As always, thank you for your generosity.



Retirement Fund for Religious

Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

Elderly religious need your help. Like those pictured, nearly 25,000 senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have devoted their lives to prayer and ministry—educating the young, tending the sick, aiding the needy, and more. Yet years of serving for little or no pay have left a profound shortage in retirement savings. Your support of the Retirement Fund for Religious helps furnish care, medicine, and other necessities. Please give generously.

Please give at your local parish.

To donate by mail:
National Religious Retirement Office
3211 Fourth Street NE
Washington DC 20017-1194
Make check payable to Retirement Fund For Religious

retiredreligious.org

Visit retiredreligious.org/2022photos to meet the religious pictured.
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Christmas Candles

This year, we are once again offering a *Loving Candle*. This symbolic light is a beautiful way to remember our loved ones - both living and deceased - and will remain lit throughout the life of the candle (approximately a week). The candles will be available for a donation of \$10.00. They will be sold after all weekend Masses on December 10-11 and December 17-18, and will also be available in the Parish Office. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at 631-661-3224, ext.121.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

We will be having extended hours of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on this **Tuesday, December 13th 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.

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.



Our Lady of Lourdes Knights of Columbus
Annual Christmas Poinsettia Sale

AFTER ALL MASSES
on
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10
and
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

*Select a beautiful plant to decorate your home
or as gifts for family members and friends,
while also supporting our Parish!*




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.

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 in the All Purpose Room after the 12:30pm Mass.**
Hopefully, the Wise Men will bring you a gift of a winning ticket!

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O Come, O Come Emmanuel!

ADVENT OFFERINGS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13:

7:30pm (PARISH CENTER)

MOVIE: THE CHOSEN: A Story of the First Christmas

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:

At all the MASSES

BLESSING OF THE CHRIST-INFANT

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



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.

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.



Our Gift this Second Week of Advent is JOY. The angel told the shepherds that the Good News was of GREAT JOY. The gift of JOY helps us recognize that we are blessed in every way by having Jesus in our lives. Jesus is among us to comfort and guide us at all times, even when times are hard. We continue to have Good News in our lives every day. Take JOY in knowing that God is with you.



Our Gift for the Third Week of Advent is PEACE. The angels announced the wonderful gift of PEACE to the shepherds on the first Christmas. Our world, more than ever, is in need of PEACE right now. The Peace that Jesus brings flows to each of us if we open our hearts. This PEACE allows us to be calm and know that we are in God's hands.



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

Family Christmas Fair

Sunday, December 18 – Parish Center
after the 9:30, 11:00 and 12:30 Masses

We're having a party and everyone is invited!
Christmas Games, Crafts for the Kids, Treats
and
SANTA WILL BE THERE!

Bring your cameras for pictures with Santa!

Christmas at the Seminary

Friday
December
16th

Main
Chapel
7pm

Join us for an evening of Christmas Cheer!

A selection of sacred and contemporary Christmas Music featuring special performances by
Fr. Joe Catafago • Fr. Ed Sheridan • St. Anthony H.S. Pipe Band • Trinity Regional School Senior Chorus
The Schubart Family • Nina Baumann • Phoon Yu • and Others!

Reception to follow in the Refectory

Reservations required Adults \$50 Students \$25

Seminary Development Office
(631)423-0483 x 102
bmalone@icseminary.edu



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, December 12, 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.

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.

Butterfly Memory Café - December 16th 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 16th 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.

St Anthony's High School Honor Roll

Congratulations to the following young parishioners who have received Honor Roll Certificates for the first quarter at St. Anthony's High School.

We are all very proud of your accomplishments!

*Brooke Berger
Ava Bosco
Justin Cetero
Nicole DeCanio
Amanda Dolan
Chase Hartmann*

*Ava Higbie
Brian McPhail
Gerard Nealon
Christian Oliva
Eriq Polanco-DellaUniversita
Grace Ratuszny*

*Martina Stannish
Grace Walas
Joseph Walas
Alyssa Woltmann*



Kellenberg Memorial High School Honor Society

Congratulations to the following young parishioners who have named to the Honor Society at Kellenberg Memorial High School.

We are all very proud of your accomplishments!

Eryn Brodtman

Michaela Clifford

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the **free**
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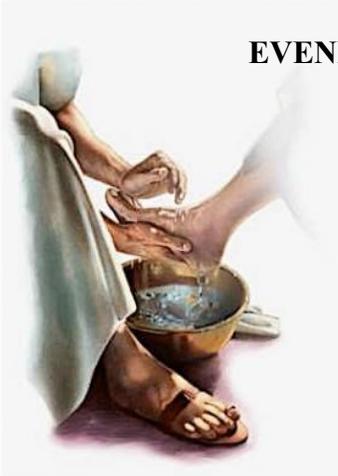
[www.drvc.org/
newsletter](http://www.drvc.org/newsletter)

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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

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

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>.

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.



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.

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:

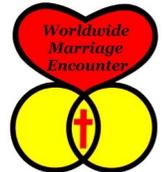
longisland.engagedencounter.com.



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 "Wanting Too Much". To listen online or for more information, visit: www.ReligionandRock.com.

Sharing the Gospel

Name someone that you think is very important. Jesus said that John the Baptist was the greatest man ever born. John the Baptist did not live in a big house or wear nice clothes. He was not the president, and he did not own a huge company. You would probably think he was very poor. But John the Baptist was truly great because he loved and trusted God with his whole heart. He helped other people follow God, too.



Mission for the Week



If you have any videos that tell Bible stories, watch one or two together with your family.



Puzzle

Which picture name **begins** with this letter?
Circle the picture that starts with that sound.

C



A



E



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Prayer

Dear God,
Show me ways to help
my friends follow
God, too.



Something to Draw

Draw a picture
of the greatest
man ever born.

