Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

455 Hunter Avenue, West Islip, NY 11795

Msgr. Brian McNamara, Pastor Rev. Charles Mangano, Associate Pastor

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#### **Parish Office**

Phone: 631.661.3224 (select option #2)

Monday-Thursday: 9:00am-7:30pm Friday: 9:00am-5:00pm Saturday: 9:00am-3:00pm Sunday: 10:30am-2:30pm E-mail: ParishOffice@ollchurch.org Fax: 631.661.7143 Website: www.ollchurch.org

#### **Religious Education Office**

Phone: 631.661.5440 (select option #3) Monday-Friday: 9:00am-Noon, 1:00pm-5:00pm, 7:00pm-9:00pm E-mail: ReligiousEd@ollchurch.org

Parish Outreach Office 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 E-mail: Sage@ollchurch.org



#### 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.

Fifth Sunday of Lent • Sunday, April 3, 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 Rosalie Mangels John Muldoon Dottie Perdue Vita Scorcia

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

#### 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 April 3,2022

 Sunday:
 Is 43:16-21/ Phil 3:8-14/ Jn 8:1-11

 Monday:
 Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/ Jn 8:12-20

 Tuesday:
 Nm 21:4-9/ Jn 8:21-30

 Wednesday:
 Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/ Jn 8:31-42

 Thursday:
 Gn 17:3-9/ Jn 8:51-59

 Friday:
 Jer 20:10-13/ Jn 10:31-42

 Saturday:
 Ez 37:21-28/ Jn 11:45-56

 Next Sunday:
 Lk 19:28-40/ Is 50:4-7/ Phil 2:6-11/ Lk 22:14—23:56 or 23:1-49

Financia	l Summary
March 27, 2022 Weekly Collection Weekly Budget +/- for the week	\$ 14,101.00 <u>- \$ 17,800.00</u> \$ (3,699.00)
<b>Catholic Relief Services</b>	\$ 4,899.00

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, we are in the "homestretch" of Lent. I found it hard to believe that Ash Wednesday appeared to come so quickly but now we are on the brink of Easter. Palm Sunday is next week, April 9/10.

How have you done with your Lenten practices of sacrifice (giving something up), almsgiving (giving to those who are poor or in need) and increased prayer? Lent is not over; even if you have not really done anything so far, make a resolution to make the last two weeks spiritually fruitful for you!

Pope Francis has challenged us to "fast from" and "feast on" various activities:

FAST FROM	FEAST ON
discontent	gratitude
anger	forgiveness
bitterness	compassion
self-concern	hope
despair	commitment
guilt	truth
suspicion	patience
laziness	the mercy of God

I would like to highlight the Lenten practice of almsgiving. If you have not already received some information regarding the Catholic Ministries Appeal, you should be contacted shortly. I encourage you to contribute to the Catholic Ministries Appeal. The Appeal helps the good work of the Diocese and helps our own parish here as well. Once we reach 80% of our goal, the parish keeps the remaining 20%. Your donation helps the diocese and our own parish at the same time. I think it is a very worthwhile charity.

Finally, we can still do increased prayer. We have an extra 12:10pm Mass, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every Tuesday (12:30pm – 8:00pm) and weekly Stations of the Cross (12:45pm & 7:30pm). Take advantage of these increased Prayer opportunities. Also, do not forget Reconciliation Monday on Monday, April 11. Confessions will be available from 2:00pm – 9:00pm on that day.

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

In Christ,

Fr. Brian



#### **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	<b>Timothy Milligan-</b> US Marine Co
Michael Fantauzzi-US Air Force	Melissa Mockler-US Navy
Christopher Florca-US Marine Corps	Patric Mockler-US Navy
Dominick Gennaro-US Army	Andrew Perniciaro-US Army
Patrick Harty-US Coast Guard	Brandon Ranzie-US Army
Ritchard Higham-US Army	Stephen Rolston-US Army
Colby Matthew Kelly-US Army	Jack Shires-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
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... 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.

Corps

- 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 ...

Connie Ambrosino, James Patrick Barrett, Jr. (infant), Joyce Berlangero, Morgan Brennan, Thomas J. Calogero III, Maria Clark, Dcn. John DeGuardi, Robin Delisola, Amanda DiTingo, Paula Edwards, Anna Ferrante, Mike Ferrante, Sarah Franckowski, Nicolette Gebhardt, Ted Gladkowski, Patrick Anthony Heffron, Joseph Isoldi, Betsy Johnson, Henry Kahn, Shena Kahn, George Mangels, Joseph Marrone Jr., Pat McKeefery, John McMahon, Dan Murphy, Cynthia Nieves, Edward Pauciullo, William Pellegrino, John Posanti, Louise Posanti, Clifford Proctor, Catherine Randazzo, Stephanie Russo, Anthony San Filippo, Joseph J. Schiavoni, Vita Scorcia, Jennifer Stoop, Barbara Turnbull

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





**Rest In Peace** 

Sister Jane Carolyn Fritz, CSJ Jamie Munkwitz Joseph P. Piazza Frank Riggio

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



**Upcoming Marriages** 

*Lisa Wamsley* First Presbyterian Church, Greenlawn and Alexander Mathe, OLL



Baptism

Layla Jean Johnson Mackenzie Rae Triola Masses may be viewed via livestream on our Facebook page. Please join us directly on Facebook or by visiting our website at: <u>ollchurch.org</u>, where you will be redirected. You do not need a Facebook account.

#### **Mass Intentions**

Monday, April 4 St. Isidore 8:30am **Helen Lynch** Araceli Cruz (Living) 12:10pm **Tuesday**, April 5 St. Vincent Ferrer 8:30am **Tom Collins** 12:10pm **Carmela Causeman** Wednesday, April 6 8:30am Grace Ciocia, Julia Ange and Joseph Giglio 12:10pm **Peter Cassiere (Living)** Thursday, April 7 St. John Baptist de la Salle 8:30am Linda Francavilla 12:10pm **Anthony LaRocca** Friday, April 8 8:30am Valerie Moscarelli 12:10pm Peter & Diane Cassiere (Living) Saturday, April 9 8:30am Dcn. John & Anne DeGuardi (Living), Anthony Tito, Jr. 5:00pm **Robert Burke** Msgr. Brian McNamara Sunday, April 10 Palm Sunday 8:00am **Rita Marchese** Msgr. Brian McNamara 9:30am Sean Carlin Degen Msgr. Brian McNamara 11:00am **Salvatore Pinello** Fr. Charles Mangano 12:30pm **Josephine Cornetta** Fr. Charles Mangano 6:00pm People of the Parish, Cynthia Breitfeller, Charles P. Abruzzo, Mary Lennon, Mansour, Joseph & Antoinette Attallah, **Rosario Y. Lacson** 

Fr. Charles Mangano

# DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

In the words of Pope Francis

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.

Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.

Fast from anger and be filled with patience.

Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.

Fast from worries and have trust in God.

Fast from complaints; contemplate simplicity.

Fast from pressures and be prayerful.

Fast from bitterness; fill your hearts with joy.

Fast from selfishness and be compassionate.

Fast from grudges and be reconciled.

Fast from words; be silent and listen.

#### Are You In Need of Mercy?

Are you familiar with the Divine Mercy of Jesus? On February 22, 1931, Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ appeared to a nun by the name of Sister Maria Faustina. She was from the Congregation of Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in Cracow, Poland. Jesus appeared to her bringing with Him a wonderful message of Mercy for all people. In the apparition she saw Jesus



standing before her in a white robe. With His left hand He was pulling back His garment revealing His heart, out of which came white and red rays (symbolic of the blood and water which flowed from His side when pierced with a lance on the cross. This image reminds us of the tender Mercy of God which was shed upon the world at Calvary). It is in the heart of Jesus that we find love, mercy, strength, hope and healing. Jesus said to St. Faustina, the greater the sinner, the greater their right to my mercy. No matter what sin one commits, if their heart is truly repentant, God will forgive them.

This image of Jesus as He appeared to St. Faustina can be seen hanging on the wall in the area of the church where the tabernacle used to be.

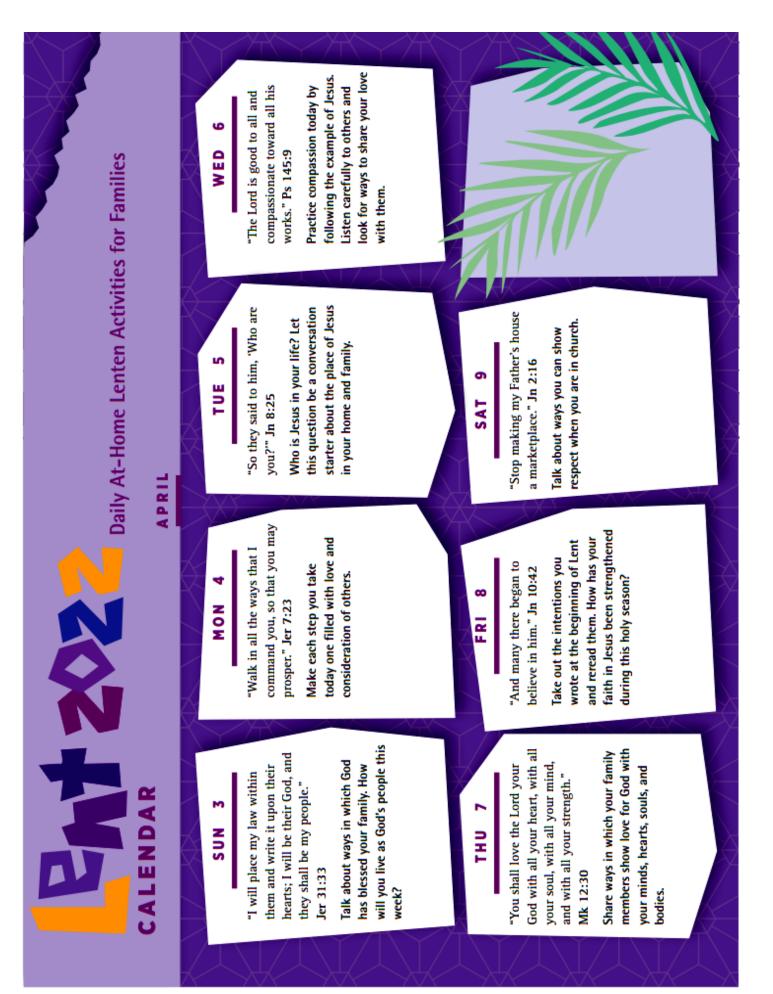
In the year 2000, Saint Pope John Paul II canonized Sister Faustina and made this apparition worthy of belief. The Holy Father also declared the Second Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday throughout the whole Church.

Therefore, as a parish, we will be celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday on **April 24, 2022**. We will praise God for His eternal love and abundant mercy. How? There will be a prayer service in the Church from 2:30pm - 4:30pm. The prayer service will consist of exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, readings from scripture, praying the chaplet of Divine Mercy (*which consists of various prayers which Jesus gave to Sister Faustina to give to the world. This chaplet is prayed on ordinary rosary beads*), the sorrowful mystery of the rosary, singing and the opportunity to venerate the image of the Divine Mercy and the first class relic of Saint Faustina. All are welcome to join us.

In the apparition of Jesus to St. Faustina, He also gives us the Divine Mercy Novena to pray and, like all novenas, is 9 days. The Novena begins on Good Friday and ends the day before Divine Mercy Sunday. The Novena is very unique because we are praying for God's intentions, not our own. Jesus gave St. Faustina the intentions that He would like us to pray for each day. It is a most beautiful and selfless prayer. There are red Novena pamphlets at the doors of the church in case you need one.

A huge and merciful gift, given us on Divine Mercy Sunday, is that we can receive a plenary indulgence. Jesus promised this to us through St. Faustina when He reminded us of His great mercy. What is a plenary indulgence? It is the total remission *(washing away)* of temporal punishment due to sin. When I confess my sin with a sincere and contrite heart, I am totally forgiven but the temporal *(the here and now)* damage that was done to others *(and myself)* as a result of my sin remains. That's why we do penance to try to repair the damage we have done. That is what purgatory is about. That's why a plenary indulgence is a merciful gift from the Lord. How can one receive it? Here are the requirements: One must go to Mass and receive Holy Communion on the day of the feast of Divine Mercy, April 24<sup>th</sup>. One must go to Confession within 10 days of the feast *(either before or after)*, pray the Apostles Creed *(which is your profession of faith)*, take a few moments to reflect on the mercy you have received in your life, pray one our Father and Hail Mary for the Pope's intention and, lastly, have a desire to be freed from the attachment to sin.

Several years ago Fr. Charles and his sister recorded a Divine Mercy Album which consists of the Divine Mercy Chaplet presented in three different ways: scriptural, traditional and sung. It also has the Litany of the Divine Mercy and several reflection songs. The purpose of the CD is to help you pray and reflect more deeply on the love of our Lord, expressed in His Passion. The CDs are sold through their music ministry website: www.frcharleslaurie.com. Proceeds go to charity.





#### LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES

Tuesday, April 5: 7:00pm in the PARISH CENTER

**MOVIE: THE CHOSEN** Join us as we watch this wonderful portrayal of

Friday, April 8: 12:45pm & 7:30pm in the CHURCH

Monday, April 11: 2:00pm - 9:00pm the 12 Apostles: Episode 9 & 10

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** Meditate upon the Passion and Death of Jesus.

**RECONCILIATION MONDAY** Confessors will be available throughout this time. Come and be reconciled to God through Confession.

Tuesday, April 12: 7:00pm in the PARISH CENTER

**MOVIE: THE CHOSEN** Join us as we watch this wonderful portrayal of the 12 Apostles: Episode 11 & 12

#### Attention Ushers

Holiday Ushers are needed for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday at all Masses. Please note your availability in the "Sign In Room." Thank you for your service to our Parish family.

#### Lectio Unveiling Scripture and Tradition: Eucharist

"The Lamb of God," "The Bread of Life," "The Body and Blood of Christ"... These are phrases we know from the Mass. Do you know where they come from? Do we understand what they mean in the greater and deeper context of Scripture and Church teaching?



Join Adult Faith Formation to watch a new Bible study called "Lectio: Eucharist, Discovering the Mass in the Bible." Experience Dr. Brant Pitre leading us to a greater and deeper understanding of the Scripture and discover God's wondrous plan for our salvation.

This is a wonderful way to journey through Lent in preparation for the Triduum. We'll celebrate the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday evening with renewed faith and thanksgiving. Hope to see you there!

Day /Time	Mondays 9:00am-11:00am
Place	Parish Center
Dates	April 4, 11
Contact	Carol Paprocky: 631-666-4312 or Vita Scorcia: 631-669-4717



#### Now and at the Hour of Our Death Catholic Guidance for End-of-Life Decision Making

Illness and aging, coupled with rapid advances in medical technology, can lead to heightened anxiety when health care decisions must be made. Go to <u>www.CatholicEndofLife.org</u> for assistance in navigating the end-of-life challenges that you and/or your loved ones face. Learn about the key principles of Catholic teaching in this area, and how to apply them in the complex world of medical advance directives.

#### SAGE

Our next SAGE meeting will be **Tuesday**, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am in the Parish Center.

#### **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

We will be having extended hours of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on this **Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> from 12:30pm to 8:00pm**. Come, spend some intimate time with Jesus during our new Extended Adoration. Invite a family member or friend along too! Below are the Tuesday dates when adoration will end a little earlier because of other events happening in the church. Otherwise, all the other Tuesdays of the year will be 12:30pm to 8:00pm. In case of inclement weather, please call the parish office at 631-661-3224 ext.0, or log onto the parish website (<u>ollchurch.org</u>) to check if adoration has been canceled.

Tuesday, April 12 adoration ending at 7:00pm

#### **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.

#### **Rosary Christian Mothers**

The Rosary Christian Mothers meet on the first Monday evening of each month. The next meeting will be on **Monday, April 4**. We will begin with Rosary at 7:30pm in the Church, followed by our business meeting at 8:00pm in the Parish Center.

#### Young Men's Ministry

The Young Men's Ministry will gather Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00. This ministry is growing rapidly and we have capacity to add more! We look forward to seeing you there for a night of spiritually, sports, fun, and other guy stuff.

#### **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.



Spaghetti Black Beans Hamburger Helper Crackers Juice



#### **Easter Flower Offering**

Easter Flower Offerings received by March 20<sup>th</sup> will appear in the Easter Sunday bulletin. Flower Offerings received after that date will appear in a subsequent bulletin. It would be very helpful if you would <u>CLEARLY PRINT</u> the name of your loved one and drop the envelope, along with your donation, in the collection basket.

#### Easter Candles

Once again, we are offering the *Loving Candles* which will be lit on Holy Saturday. 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 *Loving Candles* will be available after all weekend Masses on the weekends of April 2-3 and April 9-10, and will also be available at the Parish Office (Rectory) during the week for a donation of \$10. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at 631-661-3224, ext. 121.



#### LENT / 2022 Come and pray this Lent - Sunday, 6:00pm Mass

All 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders and their families: Please join the 6:00pm Mass with your grade...

5th Sunday of LentApr. 3Grade 7"Serve" our Parish FamilyPalm SundayApr. 10Grade 8"Pray" as Holy Week begins

#### R.C.I.A. – The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Sunday, March 6, 2022, *Teresa Carlson, Haley Newberg and Mike Rashwan* participated in the Diocese of Rockville Centre Rite of Election at St. Anne's Brentwood with Bishop Andrzej Zglejszewski as Presider and all Parishes in Suffolk County attending. Our R.C.I.A. is now called "The Elect" and no longer called Catechumen.

These are important steps in the journey of the R.C.I.A.. It's a clear sign to the community that they are coming closer to receiving the Sacraments of Initiation at our Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 16.

On Sundays, March 20, March 27 and April 3, the Third Sunday of Lent, and continuing on the Fourth and Fifth Sundays of Lent, at the 11:00am Mass we will celebrate the "Scrutinies" – "The Elect" will continue to remain "united with Christ and make progress in their efforts to love God more deeply".

The Church gives us this public and life-giving process DURING LENT so that these good and holy people can be nourished and supported by our parish family. At the same time, we know that when we initiate others, we confront and renew our own identity as members of the Catholic Christian community. *Please continue to pray for our R.C.I.A. and our R.C.I.A. team.* 

#### **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 <u>*RCIA@ollchurch.org*</u> or call the Parish Office at 631-661-3224, and we would be happy to help you.



#### 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.

Note: All COVID-19 guidelines are followed. *Everyone is encouraged to wear a mask.* 

Our next meeting will be Monday, April 11, 2022 at 8:00pm in the Cafeteria.

#### **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. This weekend (4/2 and 4/3) 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.





#### **Girl Scout Cookie Season**

It's Girl Scout Cookie Season again! Look for the girls selling cookies outside in front of the Rectory/ Parish Office on most Sundays between 9:00am-1:00pm and please support their Troops!



#### **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: <u>https://witroop179.wixsite.com/bsatroop179</u> or contact us at: <u>troop179cc@yahoo.com</u>.



The "Moving On" Group

An 'After- Bereavement' Group for Widows and Widowers Presents:

"Socializing and Other Tips" Friday, April 8, 2022 at 7:30pm

St. Joseph Parish Center 39 North Carll Avenue, Babylon, NY 11702 For further information please call: Linda Sparaco at 631-225-9530

# EASTER FLOWER SALE

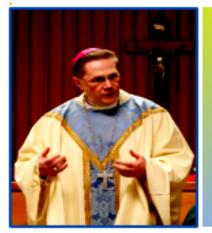
# Palm Sunday Weekend after all Masses



**OUR LADY OF LOURDES KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #17379** 







Join Bishop Andrzej for Liturgical Catechesis SYNOD on SYNODALITY

Journeying Together Communion + Participation + Mission

This lecture will be presented via ZOOM All are Invited to Participate.

> Monday, April 25 Participation Wednesday, May 18 Evangelization All at 7:30 pm

To receive the ZOOM link, please call Suzanne at 516-744-6850 or email westernvicariate@drvc.org. If you previously registered for prior ZOOM calls, there is NO need to register again – you will automatically receive the ZOOM link via email.



"The Synod calls the People of God, in all their diversity, to embark on a journey together toward a common mission to witness to the love of God at work in the world."

Synod Preparatory Document





### Butterfly Memory Café - April 22<sup>nd</sup> 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, April 22<sup>nd</sup> 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, April 21, 2022

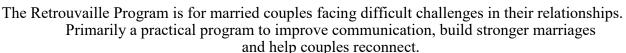
Caregiving for someone with Alzheimer's or a related dementia can cause frustration, fear, anger, sadness and other emotions. Our support group can provide emotional, social, and educational help to caregivers whose lives are affected by dementia.

Join us on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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: <u>michele@agentletouchseniorcare.com</u> to reserve your place.

#### Retrouvaille Weekend - You Can Help Heal Your Marriage

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?



Presenters are not trained marriages counselors, but rather couples sharing their personal stories of marital struggles and the tools they used to rediscover their love.

For confidential information about the Retrouvaille program, or to register for the upcoming weekend May 13-15 2022, please visit our website at: <u>www.helpourmarriage.org</u> 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

#### Is the Holy Spirit calling YOU? Volunteers Needed.

Maria Regina Residence, at 1725 Brentwood Rd., Brentwood, is a 188-bed Skilled Nursing Facility, currently under the care of the Sisters of St. Joseph. We are seeking compassionate, dedicated men and women who are willing to volunteer their time and talent in various service areas (usually for one or two mornings or afternoons per week.) Current priority needs include: transporting residents in their wheelchairs within the building, serving as visitors or Eucharistic ministers, helping in the gift



LIFE-GIVING CARE CENTER

shop and more. Is the Holy Spirit calling YOU? For more information, please contact Sister Mary Sheppard, CSJ and leave your contact information at 631-299-3288. Prayerfully and thankfully, we look forward to hearing from you and will respond on the next scheduled office day.



#### **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 **July 16-17, 2022**. For information please call Lenny & Pat Walker at: 631-563-1032 or visit: www.engagedencounterli.org.

#### "Virtual" and "In-Person" Worldwide Marriage Encounters

To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences. Some are on weekends and there are seven virtual sessions on weekdays from 7:00pm to 9:30pm. Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. There will be an "in person" Marriage Encounter on June 24-June 26 at Immaculate Conception Seminary in Huntington. For more information or to apply, call Chuck & Maria Reiss at 631-486-8607 or visit them at: <a href="https://wwmenyli.org/">https://wwmenyli.org/</a>. Commit to strengthening your marriage this Lent. Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experiences.

#### Parish Business/ Facilities Manager - St. Kilian, Farmingdale

St. Kilian Parish in Farmingdale is seeking a full time Business and Facilities Manager responsible for the day-to-day operations of the parish and parish facilities, including financial administration, plant management, and staff supervision. Additional duties as assigned by and in support of the Pastor. Minimum 5-10 years managerial/professional experience. Please e-mail cover your letter and resume in Word format to: <a href="mailto:pastor@stkilian.com">pastor@stkilian.com</a>. Indicate "Business/Facility Manager" in subject line. Detailed job description available at <a href="https://www.drvc.org/career-opportunities/">https://www.drvc.org/career-opportunities/</a>

#### **Bookkeeping Position**

Diocese of Rockville Centre is seeking a Bookkeeper for the Office of Parish Support. Full time and part time positions available. Individual will be expected to work with all Parish Support Managers and Associate Parish Support Staff, in providing financial services and administrative support to a select group of parishes and schools. Regular travel to assigned parishes and schools required. Some responsibilities include, processing payments, deposit cash receipts and tuition in a timely manner, process weekly and monthly ACH giving in G/L. Please e-mail your cover letter and resume in Word format as an e-mail attachment. Please note Full-Time or Part Time Bookkeeper in subject line of e-mail to our Human Resources Department: Diocese of Rockville Centre, P.O. Box 9023, Rockville Centre, NY 11570 - E-mail: <u>employment@drvc.org</u>.

#### **Families Anonymous VIRTUAL 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 until further notice. For additional information e-mail: <u>Donna526@aol.com</u> or call Diane at: 631-587-0966 or Donna at: 631-589-3790. Website: <u>FamiliesAnonymous.org</u>.

#### **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 "**Community**". To listen online or for more information, visit: <u>www.ReligionandRock.com</u>.





# Sharing the Gospel

Instead of telling people He was the Savior, Jesus showed them. By raising Lazarus from the dead, Jesus sent a message loud and clear. Jesus was the Savior they had all been waiting for. He was filled with God's love and power, and many people believed in Him.



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# **Mission for the Week**



Sometimes life feels hard, and we may not always understand how God is working in us. His plans don't always follow our time table, but we can trust that He always has our best interests in mind, and that one day all things will be made new.

# ຊ໌ຊີ່ Puzzle

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel							
GOD'S SON	LAZARUS	BELIEVES					
SICKNESS	MARY	WEEPING					
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SICKNESS RISE				MARY MARTHA				WEEPING WRAPPED			
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# Prayer

Thank you for showing me that You are my Savior, Jesus.

Amen.

# Something

#### to Draw

Draw a picture of Lazarus wrapped up like a mummy, walking to Jesus.