Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

455 Hunter Avenue, West Islip, NY 11795

Msgr. Brian McNamara, Pastor

Rev. Charles Mangano, Associate Pastor

Deacon Nilo DeLeon, Deacon Tom Lucie, Deacon Rich Maher, Deacon Jack Meehan, Deacon John Teufel

Sr. Nancy Campkin CSJ, Director of Religious Ed
Trish Frodell, Director of Parish Social Ministry
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Worship and Choir Director
Vita Scorcia, Ministry Spiritual Director



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.

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time • Sunday, August 14, 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

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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 August 14, 2022

Sunday: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/ Heb 12:1-4/ Lk 12:49-53

Monday: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/ 1 Cor 15:20-27/ Lk 1:39-56

 Tuesday:
 Ez 28:1-10/ Mt 19:23-30

 Wednesday:
 Ez 34:1-11/ Mt 20:1-16

 Thursday:
 Ez 36:23-28/ Mt 22:1-14

 Friday:
 Ez 37:1-14/ Mt 22:34-40

 Saturday:
 Ez 43:1-7ab/ Mt 23:1-12

Next Sunday: Is 66:18-21/ Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/ Lk 13:22-30

Financial Summary

August 7, 2022

 Weekly Collection
 \$ 16,241.00

 Weekly Budget
 - \$ 17,800.00

 +/- for the week
 \$ (1,559.00)

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

Dear Parishioners:

A parishioner sent me the following and I thought it would be interesting to all of us.

"Ready or not, some day it will all come to an end."

There will be no more sunrises, no minutes, hours, or days. All the things you collected, whether treasured or forgotten will pass to someone else.

Your wealth, fame and temporal power will shrivel to irrelevance. It will not matter what you owned or what you owed.

Your grudges, resentments, frustrations and jealousies will finally disappear.

So, too, your hopes, ambitions, plans and to-do lists will expire. The wins and losses that once seemed so important will fade away.

It won't matter where you came from or what side of the tracks you lived on at the end. It won't matter whether you were beautiful or brilliant.

So what will matter? How will the value of your days be measured?

What will matter is not what you bought but what you built, not what you got but what you gave.

What will matter is not your success but your significance.

What will matter is not what you learned but what you taught.

What will matter is every act of integrity, compassion, courage, or sacrifice that enriched, empowered or encouraged others to emulate your example.

What will matter is not your competence but your character.

What will matter is not how many people you knew, but how many will feel a lasting loss when you're gone.

What will matter is not your memories but the memories that live in those who loved you.

What will matter is how long you will be remembered, by whom and for what.

Living a life that matters doesn't happen by accident. It's not a matter of circumstance but of choice.

Choose a life that matters.

Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Ann Sippel*. 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 Hart-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 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 ...

Connie Ambrosino, Thomas J. Calogero III, Michele Carrano-McGee, Maria Clark, Susan Dedes, Dcn. John DeGuardi, Robin Delisola, Amanda DiTingo, Xavier DiPalm, Frank Dobias, Paula Edwards, Joseph Feminella, Anna Ferrante, Mike Ferrante, Nicolette Gebhardt, Patrick Anthony Heffron, Betsy Johnson, Henry Kahn, Shena Kahn, Margaret Kavoures, Anne Kerrigan, Marty Kerrigan, Bill Libasci, George Mangels, Joseph Marrone Jr., John McMahon, Kristina Messina, Glenn Meyer, Richard Meyer, Kenneth Monroe, Dan Murphy, Edward Pauciullo, Joseph Pepe, Mary Polik-Gunther, John Posanti, Louise Posanti, John Principe, Clifford Proctor, Daniel Ramaikus, Melissa Rogan, Stephanie Russo, Joseph J. Schiavoni, Vita Scorcia, Kathy Shaddock, Richard Shaddock, Jennifer Stoop, Larry Sturgeon, Louise Sturgeon

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



Rest In Peace

Bertha Ann Hannigan Helen Cardali

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



Upcoming Marriages

Kelly Scheid, OLL
and
Anthony Saenz, OLL

Sarah Choksi

Garrett Gorrasi, OLL

Evelina Roszkowska,

St. Stanislaus, Brooklyn

Michael Kaponyas St. Stanislaus, Brooklyn



Baptism

Michael Thomas Haggerty Scarlet Ruby Rose Jack Jordan Anthony Masi Lucia Rose Mondelli Anthony Valentino 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, August 15

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30am S. Jane Fritz

12:10pm Beshara Beshara

7:30pm Patricia Ward

Tuesday, August 16St. Stephen of Hungary

8:30am Walter Vollmuth

Wednesday, August 17 8:30am Arthur Petrino

Thursday, August 18

8:30am Rosario Fedele, Julia Boccia

Friday, August 19

St. John Eudes

8:30am Dcn. Tom & Maria Lucie (Living)

Saturday, August 20

St. Bernard

8:30am Alice B. Weckerle, RC, Charles Mangano, Sr.,

Angela Santa Mastrandrea, Rosalee Neil (Living), Quisha Joyner Silva (Living), Joseph Giaconda

5:00pm LaRocca & Sweeney Families

Msgr. Brian McNamara

Sunday, August 21

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am Salvatore Pinella

Msgr. Brian McNamara

9:30am Robert & Audrey Cullen

Msgr. Brian McNamara

11:00am Pat Iocovo

Msgr. Brian McNamara

12:30pm Mrs. Irene Edwards

Fr. Anthony Akabogu

6:00pm People of the Parish, Richard Loehr,

Maryann Johanning, Jamie Munkwitz,

Lillian Marone, Gerry Fogarty
Msgr. Brian McNamara



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. For assistance in navigating the end-of-life challenges that you and/or your loved ones face, please visit: www.CatholicEndofLife.org. Learn about the key principles of Catholic teaching in this area, and how to apply them in the complex world of medical advance directives.

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

Men's Prayer Group

The Men's Prayer group will meet on Wednesday, August 17th from 9:00am-11:00am in the Parish Center. All men are welcome to join us for prayer, conversation and fellowship.

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.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

We will be having extended hours of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on this **Tuesday**, **August 16th 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! 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.

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.



Canned Fruit Applesauce Cannellini Beans Canned Stew Feminine Products

Feast of the Assumption - Monday, August 15th - Holy Day

Mass will be celebrated on Monday, August 15th at 8:30am, 12:10pm and 7:30pm in observance of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.



Fr. Frank Iacona - Cross Catholic Outreach

This weekend we are blessed to be hosting a priest representing Cross Catholic Outreach. This official Catholic ministry was founded to link parishes in the U.S. with priests, religious brothers and sisters, and laypeople working in Church missions overseas. Its programs span the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, and Central and South America. Please be generous in your response to his appeal. Please be sure to say "hi" after Mass. Brochures with a donation envelope will be provided if you wish to support this worthy Catholic ministry. For more information on Cross Catholic Outreach, please go to CrossCatholic.org/outreach, or text BLESSINGS to 474747.



Fr. Frank Iacona was born in the hills of Montelepre, Sicily, near Palermo, but his family left for a better life; first to Canada then to the U.S. He grew up in Detroit where he began his professional career as a teacher, lawyer and CPA. His career path led to the "good life" but he hungered for more, which led him to the inner city of Indianapolis working with the poor, seniors and widows. Fr. Iacona was ordained on January 4, 2002 and is a priest in the Diocese of St. George's-in-Grenada. As an itinerant preacher, he strives to raise funds for the poor and to awaken the Christ in those in the pews. His guide and spiritual quest: Peace and joy, by

affirming and giving thanks for the blessings in each of us. As it is said, "No God, no peace. Know God, know peace." To know God, look for the good in you and others. It is a great joy to have Fr. Frank as a part of the Cross Catholic Outreach family serving the poorest of the poor!

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.

Our next meeting will be Monday, August 22, 2022 at 8:00pm in the Parish Center.



Secular Franciscan Order

The Secular Franciscan Order was established by St. Francis of Assisi more than 800 years ago. Our purpose is to bring the Gospel to life where we live and where we work. We look for ways to embrace the Gospel in our lives and try to help others to do likewise.

Secular Franciscans are men and women, married and single, living in secular life. We have jobs, homes, cars, hobbies and families. Francis founded our third order with the intention of having men and women who can evangelize in everyday life.

Would you like to become closer to Jesus through St. Francis of Assisi?

Come to one of our monthly meetings and discover how you can bring the Gospel to life every day!

The Secular Franciscans meet here at OLL on the **Second Sunday** of each month from 1:30pm – 4:30pm in the **Parish Center**

For more information, please contact Dan at: 631-432-0453



Dementia Caregiver Support Group Thursday, August 18th, 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: <u>michele@agentletouchseniorcare.com</u> to reserve your place.



Butterfly Memory Café - August 19th 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, August 19th 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.

Annual Italian Feast - Volunteers Needed

Volunteers needed for our Annual Parish Italian Feast. Whether you have volunteered in the past or would like to volunteer for the first time, we could use your help!

Our Volunteer Meeting will be Wednesday, August 17th at 7:00pm-9:00pm in the Parish Center. The dates for this year's feast are Wednesday, September 14th through Sunday, September 18th. Mark your calendars!



~Deacon Rich

Baby Blanket Bunch - Volunteer Opportunities

The Baptism Program and the Prayer Shawl Ministry recently introduced the Baby Blanket Bunch.

We are hoping to give a *blessed*, white baby blanket to each child baptized in the parish. This gift to the family will be a sign of this special day on which we welcomed our newest members into our parish family. We always need more people to knit or crochet the white baby blankets. The blankets can be brought to the Prayer Shawl Ministry meeting at 9:30am on the first Wednesday of each month in the Parish Center or dropped off at the Rectory. We



also need volunteers who will help by donating soft white yarn for the blankets. The yarn can be dropped off at the rectory or brought to the meeting as well. Please share your special creative talent, generosity and love with the youngest of our parish.

Do you know a Senior, graduating from High School?

It is especially important to connect our graduating High School Seniors to the campus minister at their chosen college so they can connect with other Catholic students. As our teens move onto college, you can help them continue their journey of faith.



Many colleges, secular and parochial, provide a *Newman Center* for incoming Catholic students. These Centers provide pastoral support and ministry to students, in addition to providing a space to meet other Catholic students interested in growing in their faith. This year, students will be able to connect immediately by downloading our newly created "Newman Connection App" on their phone!

Please send the graduate's <u>First & Last Name</u>, <u>e-mail address</u>, and <u>phone number</u> as well as the <u>Name of College</u>, <u>City/State</u> they will be attending to Patti Anderson at: <u>panderson@ollchurch.org</u>.

The respective *Newman Connection* campus leader will be informed and will welcome the student when he or she arrives in the fall.



Boy Scout Troop 179

For 50 years, Our Lady of Lourdes has been sponsoring Boy Scout Troop 179 of West Islip. Troop meetings are held every Thursday at 7:30pm.

If you are interested in learning more about Boy Scouts and our Troop, please check out our website: https://witroop179.wixsite.com/bsatroop179 or contact us at: troop179cc@yahoo.com.

Calling all Boy Scout Troop 179 Alumni!!!

OLL's own Troop 179 is celebrating its 50th Anniversary. There are many events being finalized for this Golden Anniversary. To ensure you don't miss out on any of our great upcoming events please email: troop179cc@yahoo.com to get on our alumni list.

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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?

Another marriage-saving weekend is coming to the Metro/New York Area: September, 9-11 2022

The Retrouvaille Program helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. To be connected directly and confidentially to someone who can help, or to register, contact:

or

www.helpourmarriage.org

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.



(Retro vi - French for rediscover)

Because No Marriage is Beyond Hope

All Volunteers - VIRTUS TRAINING

Are you aware that the Diocese of Rockville Centre requires **ALL volunteers** (18 years or older) to attend the Virtus class? CYO Coaches, Religious Education, Catechists, Cantors, Ushers, Parish Volunteers (feast workers, mailing team, etc.) are **ALL** required to complete the Virtus training course, if they have not yet done so. You MUST register online by visiting www.Virtus.org, then click the link for first time registrants. View the list of sessions to find a course, and then complete the registration online. If you have already taken the VIRTUS course you need not repeat it.">view the PLEASE NOTE: After completion of VIRTUS training, you will receive a certificate of completion. Please retain your certificate and training completion date for future use.

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.



Every day, people in our community are helped because of support from funds raised through the Catholic Ministries Appeal. Our hope is that each family will make a gift. We cannot ask everyone to consider the same size gift, but after prayer and reflection, each family is invited to make a gift in response to God's generosity in their lives. No gift is too small and all gifts make a difference in the lives of others!

Make checks payable to: Catholic Ministries Appeal			
Parish		Pledge:	\$
Name		Down payment:	\$
Address			
City, State, Zip:			
Phone:	Signature:		Date:

Thank you, and for more information or to donate online, please visit: www.drvc.org/CMA



Altar Society Volunteers Needed!

Looking for volunteers to join the Altar Society. Pick up church linens, wash, iron and return them to the sacristy. We currently have eleven members, which means you would be responsible once every eleven weeks. The more members we have, the longer in between obligations.

If interested, please call the rectory and leave your name and number or call me direct - Joyce Petersen (631) 539-2917.

Upcoming Bereavement Support Program St. Mary's Parish, East Islip

Eight Week Group beginning Tuesday, September 13th at 7:00pm Support Groups are open to anyone who has suffered a loss at least three months prior to the start of the group. Loss must have occurred prior to June 13, 2021. There is no cost but a commitment to attend each meeting throughout the program is required.

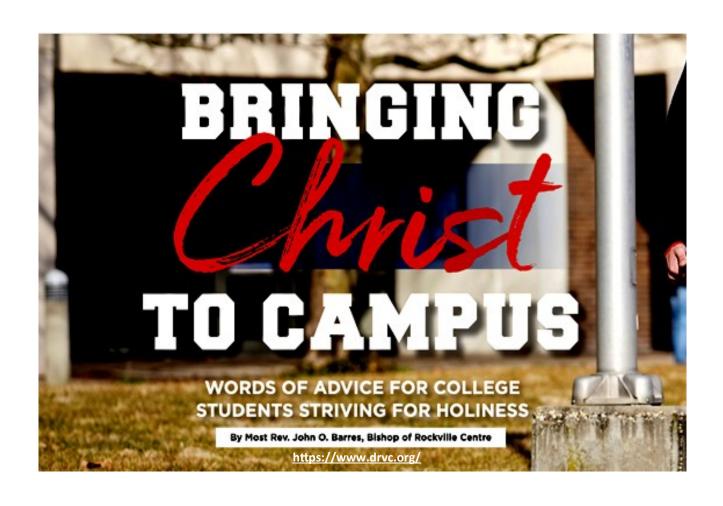


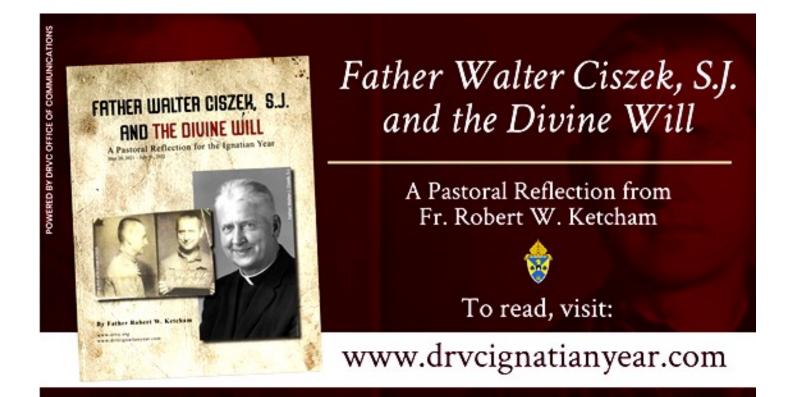
Groups are offered in a closed and confidential setting with highly trained facilitators and limited to 13 people. All Covid CDC guidelines will be followed.

Pre-registration is required.

Please call 631-581-4266 ext. 125 to register.







Father Mychal Judge 911 Walk of Remembrance

All are invited to attend the Father Mychal Judge 911 Walk of Remembrance in NYC.

Held the Sunday before 9/11, the walk was started in 2002 by Det. Steven McDonald in Honor of his friend who perished in his role as Fire Dept. Chaplain. It remembers all civilians, police and fire fighters who were victims of that day. Join us as we retrace Fr. Mychal's steps beginning at St. Francis of Assisi Church where Father lived and ending at St. Peter's in lower Manhattan where Father was brought, the first identified victim of 9/11. Stops will be made along the way to honor police and fire department units. Join us as we come together to pray and never forget.

Walk begins at 9:30am Sunday, September 4, 2022 at FDNY 31st Street and 7th Avenue, directly across from St. Francis of Assisi Church, where the rosary will be said at 9:00am. Walk concludes 12:00pm at St. Peter's RC Church, Barclay Street, NYC.

911WalkOfRemembrance@gmail.com 646-856-Walk www.911WalkOfRemembrance.com

SJB Offers Prep Course for TACHS Exam

St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School is offering a Prep Course to prepare students for the test for ADMISSION INTO CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS (TACHS EXAM). This course consists of five 2½ hour sessions beginning in September. A Test taking Strategies Class is also being offered





on the Friday evening before the exam. For additional information please visit <u>www.stjohnthebaptistdhs.net</u> or call 631-587-8000 ext.117

Employment Opportunity - St. Kilian Parish, Farmingdale

Administrative Assistant needed for busy Parish Social Ministry/Outreach program. Hours are: Monday to Friday 8:30am-1:30pm.

Duties include ensuring efficient day-to-day office operations and assisting director and volunteers through a variety of tasks related to organization and communication Proficiency with computers (including Microsoft Outlook, Word, Excel, Publisher and Access), ability to multi-task, attention to detail and ability to work independently is required. Sensitivity to diverse cultures and backgrounds is necessary Must always maintain appropriate confidentiality. Bilingual (Spanish/English) a plus.

Please email resume to: <u>jeanal@stkilian.com</u>.



2022-2023 Enrollment

Long Island Head Start is a comprehensive early learning program for children 3-5 years of age. This no cost childcare program is designed to promote school readiness for children from income eligible families. Central Islip Head Start, located on the campus of Our Lady of Lourdes Church at 44 Toomey Road in West Islip, is now enrolling children for the 2022-2023 school year. This program serves children in the Babylon, North Bay Shore, Deer Park and Town of Islip areas.

The program provides full day sessions, including developmentally appropriate indoor and outdoor activities, utilizing a research-based curriculum. Developmental screenings, health, mental health, oral health and nutrition support are included. Breakfast, lunch and snack are also provided daily.

Spots are going fast. Act now! Apply online at: www.liheadstart.org or call 631-348-1816.



Employment Opportunities

Long Island Head Start is now hiring at all locations!

Long Island Head Start is a no cost comprehensive early learning pre-school program for income eligible families. Long Island Head Start has 17 locations throughout Suffolk County, including one located at 44 Toomey Road in West Islip, NY. They also have 3 Early Head Start programs serving children birth through 3 years of age and services to expectant women.

Various positions are available including Teachers, Teacher Assistants, Teacher Aides, Family Advocates/ Educators, and Kitchen Staff. The agency has competitive salaries, health and dental benefits, paid holiday, sick, vacation and personal time, retirement plan and life insurance. Go online at: www.@liheadstart.org to complete an application or call the Human Resource Department at 631-758-5200.

St. Michael Academy, NYC - Reunion 2022 ALL ALUMNAE INVITED

The annual Reunion of the St. Michael Academy Alumnae Association (NYC) will be held this year at Noon on Saturday, September 24, 2022 at Connolly's Pub and Restaurant, 121 West 45th Street, New York City. It is open to ALL Alumnae but especially honors the Golden Anniversary Classes of 1970, 1971 & 1972 and the Silver Anniversary Classes of 1995, 1996 & 1997. We are honoring three years of classes due to the Covid epidemic cancellation of recent reunions.

For further information and reservations please consult the website at: saintmichaelacademyny.com, or by email at: smaaanyc@gmail.com or call: 631-667-8875. The cost is \$75 for the luncheon before August 29, 2022, \$85 thereafter. Cash bar. ALL SMA Alumnae (from any year) are welcome to attend.

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 **Nov. 19-20, 2022**. For information please call Lenny & Pat Walker at: 631-563-1032 or visit: **longisland.engagedencounter.com**.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring a variety of in-person and virtual marriage experiences, some on weekends and some on seven weekdays. Couples will explore their relationship with each other, God, and the Church. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call Chuck & Maria Reiss at 631-486-8607 or visit them at: https://www.envli.org/.



The Feast of the Assumption of Mary to heaven is tomorrow. Let Mary bring your needs to her son, Jesus. Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experiences also focuses on your needs. Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter experiences on **September 23-25** or **November 11-13** at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington, NY.

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.

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 "Moderation". To listen online or for more information, visit: www.ReligionandRock.com.

Sharing the Gospel

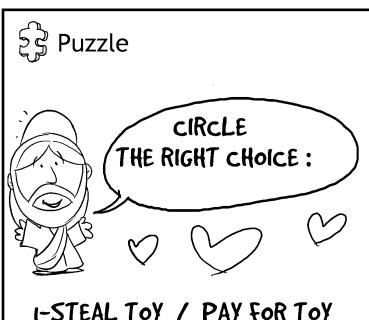
When you talk about Jesus, you will probably get a strong reaction from people. Some people love Jesus with their whole heart, and their lives really show it. Other people don't want to follow Jesus, and talking about Him may even make them angry. Families and friends can be torn apart by that anger. No matter what, stay close to Jesus, and He will stay close to you.



Mission for the Week



Be very loving when you tell others about Jesus.



I-STEAL TOY / PAY FOR TOY
2-FIGHT / TALK NICELY
3-LOVE / HATE
4-HIDE CANDY / SHARE CANDY

Prayer

Dear Jesus, Help me to stay close to You always.

Amen.



Something to Draw

Draw a picture of a family broken apart because speaking about Jesus makes some of them happy, and the rest of them angry.