# Our Lady of Lourdes Parish 455 Hunter Avenue, West Islip, NY 11795



August 3, 2025

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



#### WELCOME TO OUR PARISH FAMILY

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



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

#### **Pastoral Team**

Rev. Dennis A. Suglia

Pastor

Rev. Charles Mangano

Associate Pastor

Nilo DeLeon

Deacon

**Tom Lucie** 

Deacon

Rich Maher

Deacon

Jack Meehan

Deacon

#### Sacraments

#### Anointing of the Sick

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

#### **Baptism**

Please contact the Parish Office to schedule an appointment.

#### Marriage

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

#### Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)

A process to be embraced by the Catholic Church. For non-Catholics and for Catholics who have never received formal religious education. If interested, please call the Parish Office.

### **Liturgical Schedule**

**Daily Mass** 

Monday - Saturday: 8:30am

**Weekend Masses** 

Saturday: 5:00pm

Sunday: 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am, 12:30pm

and 6:00pm

Reconciliation/Confession

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

Rosarv

Monday - Saturday: 8:00am

Miraculous Medal Novena

Monday: 8:00am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday: 12:30-7:30pm

**Divine Mercy Prayer** 

Thursday: 1:30pm

**Nocturnal Adoration** 

1st Saturday of the Month: 6:00-10:00pm

## **Religious Education**

Phone: 631-661-5440 (option 3)

Monday-Friday: 9:00am-12:00pm, 1:00-5:00pm,

7:00-9:00pm

Email: ReligiousEd@ollchurch.org

Sr. Nancy Campkin CSJ

Director of Religious Ed

Sr. Diane Liona CSJ

Director of Religious Ed

Rita Spera

Religious Education Office

#### **Parish Outreach Office**

Phone: 631-661-3224 (option 4)

Monday - Wednesday - Friday: 9:30am-3:30pm

Call for an appointment

Trish Frodell

**Director of Parish Social Ministry** 

#### **Liturgy & Music**

**Robin Reynolds Brennan** 

Coordinator of Worship, Choir Director

Maryann Buonaspina

Parish Organist

#### **Pastoral Council**

Fr. Dennis A. Suglia

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

### **Parish Office**

Phone: 631-661-3224 (option 2)

Fax: 631-661-7143

Email: ParishOffice@ollchurch.org

Website: www.ollchurch.org

Monday-Thursday: 9:00am-7:30pm Friday: 9:00am-5:00pm Saturday: 9:00am-3:00pm Sunday: 10:30am-2:30pm

Marcelle Crudele

Business Manager, Bulletin Editor

Rosemary Cannarella **Robin Reynolds Brennan** 

Receptionist Receptionist Amy Danowski **Trish Frodell** Receptionist Receptionist

**SAGE** (Senior Advocates for Growth and Enrichment)

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

Cathy Danowski SAGE Coordinator

#### **Our Mission**

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

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

## **Gospel Reflection**

#### by Greg Sunter & Nick Brodie

One of the themes running through the gospels is that wealth can be an obstacle to entering fully into relationship with God. It is not wealth in itself that is problematic but rather valuing material riches above everything else and the constant desire to accumulate more and more. We have the story of the rich young man who asks Jesus what he must do to inherit the kingdom and Jesus tells him to sell everything he has and give away the proceeds. The young man goes away sad because he thought that with his great accumulation of wealth he'd be able to buy anything that he needed to gain the kingdom. We also have the saying of Jesus that it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.

The parable in today's gospel depicts a man who has so much grain that he decides to build bigger barns to store it all. The parable follows Jesus' teaching that "a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs." The point is about having more than we need. What good is served by one person having more than they need while others do not have enough to meet their needs? The rich man who had the abundant harvest could have stored up all that he needed and still been able to share the abundance with others.

"In our life as disciples," Pope Leo says, "we can always risk falling into a rut, a routine." Feeling too comfortable, we can adopt "a tendency to follow the same old pastoral plans without experiencing interior renewal and a willingness to respond to new challenges."

The history of the Church, the pope reminds us, is a story of adaptation. He encourages us to look for apostolic "openness to change, to new events, encounters and concrete situations."

The first apostles showed us the way. We should, Pope Leo says, try and recapture "their readiness to consider new approaches to evangelization in response to the problems and difficulties raised by our brothers and sisters in the faith."

"We need to ask ourselves," he says: "Who is Jesus Christ for us today? What place does he occupy in our lives and in the life of the Church? How can we bear witness to this hope in our daily lives and proclaim it to those whom we meet?"

"If we want to keep our identity as Christians from being reduced to a relic of the past," the pope suggests, then, "as Pope Francis often reminded us, it is important to move beyond a tired and stagnant faith." We are not called to be hoarders of piety, but givers of hope.





### **JOIN OUR EMAIL LIST!**

Don't miss a thing!

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

inbox!

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



## SAGE SUMMER. CAFE

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

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

TUESDAYS 11:30AM - 1:00 PM

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## **Weekly Readings**

### Readings for the Week of August 3, 2025

Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21

Monday: Nm 11:4b-15/Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14 Wednesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/2 Pt 1:16-19/Lk 9:28b-36

Thursday: Nm 20:1-13/Mt 16:13-23
Friday: Dt 4:32-40/Mt 16:24-28
Saturday: Dt 6:4-13/Mt 17:14-20

Sunday: Wis 18:6-9/Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/

Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40



### **WEEKLY CALENDAR**

## Sunday, August 3

• Regular Mass Schedule

#### Monday, August 4

- Rosary 8am/Mass 8:30am
- Rosary Christian Mothers 7pm

## Tuesday, August 5

- Rosary 8am/Mass 8:30am
- SAGE Summer Café 11:30am
- Adoration 12:30-7:30pm
- Anxiety Recovery Group 2-4pm
- Frassati Young Adult Group 7:30pm

## Wednesday, August 6

- Rosary 8am/Mass 8:30am
- Prayer Shawl Ministry 9:30am
- VIRTUS Training 6pm

## Thursday, August 7

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

## Friday, August 8

- Rosary 8am/Mass 8:30am
- Butterfly Memory Café 1:30pm
- Outdoor Movie Night 8:00pm

#### Saturday, August 9

- Rosary 8am/Mass 8:30am
- VIRTUS Training 9am
- Confession 4-4:45pm

#### Sunday, August 10

- Secular Franciscan Meeting 1:30pm
- Baptism 2pm



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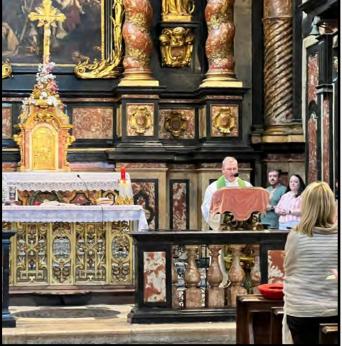












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## Rest In Peace

## Teresa Reilly



## **Baptism**

**Maverick James Houston** 



## **Weekly Collection**

## July 27, 2025

Weekly Collection \$ 14,325.00 Weekly Budget - \$ 17,800.00 +/- for the week (\$ 3,475.00)

2nd Collection for Utilities \$4,292.00

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

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

Monday, August 4 - Memorial of Saint John Vianney,

8:30am Eileen Clifford

Tuesday, August 5

8:30am Albert Feliney

Wednesday, August 6 - Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

8:30am Enrico & Rose Laurretta

Thursday, August 7

8:30am William Mace

Friday, August 8 - Memorial of Saint Dominic, Priest

8:30am Salvatore Pinello

Saturday, August 9

8:30am Joan Arnao, Virginia Barry, Salvatore Giamo Theresa Ledek, Teresa Reilly, For a decrease in

the loss of personal effects of the elderly in

retirement homes

5:00pm Patrick J. Carley, Helen Diamond,

Albert Feliney, Mary Flynn, Aurora Goglas,

La Rocca & Sweeney Families

Fr. Dennis Suglia

## Sunday, August 10

8:00am Janet Bruckner

Fr. Dennis Suglia

9:30am Vincent Lichioveri

Fr. Dennis Suglia

11:00am Robert & MaryAnn Brulhardt

Fr. Felix Odibe

12:30pm Mary Jane Darcy

Fr. Felix Odibe

6:00pm James Creighton, John J. Kimball, Jr.,

Reverend Kevin A. Thompson,

People of the Parish

Fr. Felix Odibe

Celebrant information is subject to change without notice.

## Mailing Team Help

Do you have some free time during the day to help us with parish mailings? While we only do a few mailings a year—we could always use some help.

We are preparing to do our annual Feast mailing on August 6th & 7th. If you are interested in coming to help, please call the Parish Office and let us know! 631-661-3224 option 0

"Many hands make light work!"



## FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY

The Fellowship Ministry has a lot of great events in the works for the upcoming months. We have been working hard to come up with fun opportunities for parishioners of all ages to come out and spend time together as a church family!

Events like fellowship after Mass, bowling, Gift Card BINGO, lighting of the parish Christmas Tree, and more!

If you are interested in joining the ministry to help make these events possible let us know. Call the Parish Office and leave your contact information or email mcrudele@ollchurch.org.

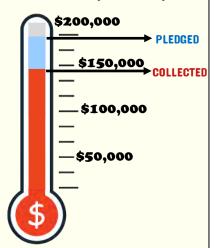
Our next meeting will be Thursday, August 21st at 7pm In the Parish Center All are Welcome!

## LIGHT UP OUR LADY OF LOURDES

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

*As a note – if you have made a monthly or weekly* 

pledge, your donation can be sent to the Parish Office or placed in the Sunday Collection – just be sure to mark Light Up OLL in the memo – in order to save money, coupons will not be mailed out.



Thank you for your continued support of our Parish!

## LIVE STREAM

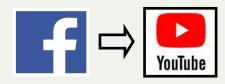
Masses may be viewed via livestream on our Facebook page.

You do not need a Facebook account.

Please join us directly on Facebook or by visiting our

website at <a href="https://www.olchurch.org">www.olchurch.org</a>

where you will be redirected.



We are planning to move our parish Live Stream to YouTube in the near future! Please take a moment to subscribe to our YouTube page: @OLLChurchWI. We will share more details in the coming weeks as we prepare for the transition.

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

## **How Do I Become VIRTUS Trained & Compliant?**

VIRTUS compliance has 4 Key Components:

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

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

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

## UPCOMING TRAINING DATES AT OUR LADY OF LOURDES The following dates for VIRTUS training will be held in the Parish Center

Wednesday, August 6 at 6pm Monday, August 18 at 6pm Thursday, September 4 at 6pm Saturday, August 9 at 9am Thursday, August 21 at 9am Saturday, September 6 at 9am Tuesday, August 12 at 6pm Tuesday, August 26 at 6pm Saturday, October 4 at 9am

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

Join us at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

## **BIBLE STUDY / RETREAT**

**Entitled "Consoling the Heart of Jesus"** 

Awaken Your Spiritual Life

Find out what Jesus has to say to you
Receive an Abundance of Graces to

overcome weaknesses

2 SESSIONS AVAILABLE

TUESDAY AFTERNOON 1:00 Sept 16, 23, 30. Oct 14, 21, 28 Nov 4, 11, 18. Dec 2

OR

WEDNESDAY EVENING 7:30PM

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

\$30 pp Free Will Donation covers the expenses

To Register visit OLLChurch.org or call the Parish Office 631-661-3224 ext.2

DVD presentation, Text & Workbook by Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC

followed by small group discussion.

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

## **Parish Outreach**

631-661-3224 (option 4)

Hours for Outreach: Monday - Wednesday - Friday

from 9:30am - 3:30pm ONLY Appointments are preferred.

## **Donations to Outreach**

If you would like to make a donation to Parish Outreach in memory of a loved one, please call Trish Frodell, Director of Parish Social Ministry or visit our website.

## **PANTRY NEEDS**

Outreach is also in need of these items for our Food Pantry. Donations can be left in the vestibules before/ after Mass on Saturday/Sunday or during Outreach hours.



Spaghetti Canned Potatoes Canned Stew Pancake Mix Toothpaste

## Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

What's it all about?

IF you are an adult AND

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

IF you feel you would like to become a baptized Catholic or become more fully initiated into your Catholic faith...

## ...we would be happy to help you!

Our email address is: OCIA@ollchurch.org or call the Parish Office at 631-661-3224





Is Excited to Present:



**Program Information:** 

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

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

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

## **Our Mission statement:**

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



Scan the QR code to Register!

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

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

Please call or email the Parish Office if you wish to add a name to the Prayer List.

### Pastoral Care of Our Sick

Please call the Parish Office at 631-661-3224 or email <a href="mailto:ParishOffice@ollchurch.org">ParishOffice@ollchurch.org</a> to leave the names of parishioners who:

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



## **Members in the Military**

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



Maria Caputo-US Army
Logan Coppola-US Marine Corps
Christopher Florca-US Marine Corps
Dominick Gennaro-US Army
Patrick Harty-US Coast Guard
Ritchard Higham-US Army
Luke Loftsgaarden-US Army
Msgr. Brian McNamara-US Air Force
Anthony Memoli-US Marine Corps
Timothy Milligan-US Marine Corps

Melissa Mockler-US Navy
Patric Mockler-US Navy
Thomas F. Parson-US Marine Corps
Julianna Petrosino-US Navy
Jack Shires-US Navy
Raymond Sgambati-US Navy
James Stultz -US Army
Alvaro Suarez-US Army
Jack Taffner-US Marine Corps

... and remember those of our Parish family that are in the armed services, listed in our Parish Book of Intentions.

## **Altar Society**

Alter linens this week will be cared for by Christine Malenda-Brudi

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



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

1 Peter 4:10

## Sharing Our Gifts through the CMA

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

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

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

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

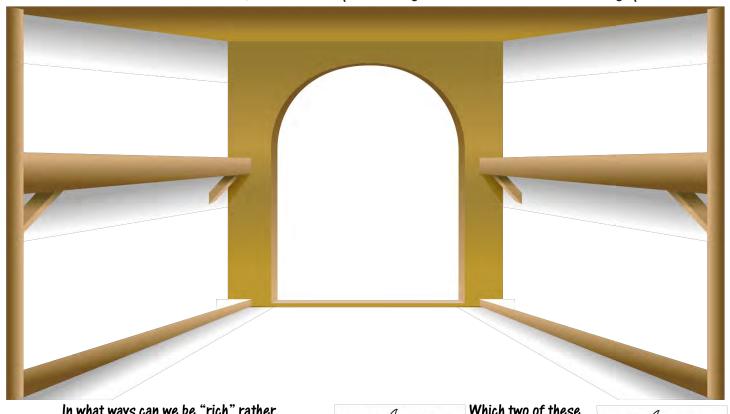
## The Catholic Ministries Appeal is Stewardship in action!

To donate, you can also visit <a href="https://www.drvc.org/donate/cma/">https://www.drvc.org/donate/cma/</a>

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



Instead of wealth and riches, what are the important things in our lives that are worth storing up?





Luke 12:16-21 © Creative Ministry Resources

## **Church Ministry Meetings**

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

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



#### **Nocturnal Adoration**

"Come to me all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest."

This is Jesus Christ's invitation every **first Saturday of the month**. The Blessed Sacrament is taken to the altar and exposed after the 5:00pm Mass concluding with Benediction at 9:50pm. Everyone is invited to spend some time in front of the Blessed Sacrament to offer prayers, petitions and thanksgiving to Jesus. Please come and pray with us. All are invited and welcome.

#### **Adult Choir**

Do you like to sing? New choir members are always welcome!

Choir Mass: Sundays at 11:00am Rehearsals: **Thursdays at 7:00pm to 8:00pm** in the Church. Season: September to June. Interested singers are invited to come to a rehearsal and try it out!

## Children's Liturgy of the Word

We invite young people from age 4 to 4th Grade to hear God's Word in a special way at the 9:30am Mass every Sunday from September through June.



## **Divine Mercy Prayer Group**

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

## **Fellowship**

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

## **Frassati Young Adult Group**

Young adults between the ages of 21 and 39 are invited to join the Frassati Young Adult Group. Our group is named after Pier Giorgio Frassati, a young adult from Turin, Italy, who lived from 1901 to 1925. Pier Giorgio, soon to be canonized as a saint this summer, is the patron of young Catholics of all kinds due to his immense devotion to the Eucharist and his great works of charity despite his short life. Come gather with your peers to discover more about prayer and all that God has planned for you while making good memories with great people! Our meetings are held the **first and third Tuesday of every month at 7:30pm** in the Parish Center. Verso l'alto!

### Men's Prayer Group

We invite all men of the parish to meet for prayer and reflection the **third Wednesday of the month** in the Parish Center. We meet once a month to read and discuss the Scriptures for the following Sunday. Come with your ideas and suggestions. We'll gather for conversation and fellowship.

## **Our Lady's Rosary Makers**

Our Lady's Rosary Makers welcomes all men and women who are interested in learning the art of making corded / beaded rosaries. All materials will be supplied. You may also take home pre-packaged kits to complete additional rosaries. Completed rosaries will be blessed and given free-of-charge to the homeless, the sick, hospitals, developing nations, the military, police, etc. We meet on the **third Wednesday of each month** in the Parish Center from 1:00pm-2:30pm and from 7:30pm-9:00pm. You may choose which group to attend. Free-will offerings will be graciously accepted and will be used in purchasing additional supplies.

## **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

The prayer shawl ministry meets the **first Wednesday of every month at 9:30am** in the Parish Center. New members are always welcome! Bring your knitting needles or crochet hooks if you have them - if not we have some you can use. The ministry makes blankets for our newly Baptized babies in the Parish.

## **Respect Life Ministry**

The Respect Life Ministry promotes the principles that human life, from to conception to natural death, is a gift from God and deserves respect and protection. The group will meet for prayer, pro-life activities, education, and planned fundraising. Meetings are the **last Thursday of each month at 7pm** in the Parish Center.

## **Rosary Christian Mothers**

The Rosary Christian Mothers meet on the **first Monday of each month**. We will begin with Rosary at **7:00pm** immediately followed by our business meeting in the Parish Center.



## **SAGE** (Senior Advocates for Growth and Enrichment)

Come join other mature parishioners as we walk through this chapter of our life journey. We share our experiences, our hopes, our laughter, and our spirituality at our meetings the **first and third Tuesdays of the month**.

## St. Agnes of Assisi - The Secular Franciscan Order

Would you like to give more time to God but wonder how to do that when your life is so busy? Do you long for holiness and feel a need for support in growing spiritually? Perhaps your heart has been moved by stories of St. Francis of Assisi, or the Peace Prayer attributed to him? If so, Christ may be calling you to explore the Secular Franciscan life. We invite you to join our monthly meetings, 2nd Sunday of the month, 1:30pm-4:30pm in the Parish Center. For more information, contact Jackie Totino, SFO at 516-320-1326.

## **Women's Prayer Group**

The Women's Prayer Group meets the **fourth Wednesday of the month at 9:30am and at 7:30pm** in the Parish Center. All are welcome to attend.

## Young Men's Ministry

All boys from 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to meet in the All Purpose Room on the **first and third Fridays of the month from 6:45-9:00pm**. Each meeting includes time for the boys to discuss religious and spiritual topics of their choosing followed by games, which include basketball, hockey, kickball, wiffle ball and relay races. There are also board games and art activities for those who are interested. These days, our young people hear messages which are incompatible with our values. Our goals are to encourage the boys to keep God in their lives, live faithful lives, be of service, be respectful of others, and be gentlemen at all times. We welcome men 18 years and older to serve as volunteers in this ministry. For further information please call the Parish Office.

Groups

## Knights of Columbus - Council 17379



Our Lady of Lourdes Council 17379 is looking for Parish men to help enrich our Parish and community. The Knights of Columbus will help you live your Faith and become closer to Jesus. Our Council has been very active in contributing to Parish Ministries and the community through charitable works. Our Plant Sales and recent Pancake Breakfast have helped to raise money for many scholarships and donations. We also assist around the Parish during the Family Feast, Parish Clean Up, and

many other parish events. Our Lady of Lourdes Council meets **every second and fourth Monday in the Parish Center at 8:00pm.** Council meetings are less than an hour and the homemade dessert is delicious! (no calories in free food!!) Gain Brothers in Christ and grow our Parish Family. To learn more or to join, please scan the QR code above or visit <a href="https://www.OLL17379.org">www.OLL17379.org</a>



## **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 <a href="https://witroop179.wixsite.com/bsatroop179">https://witroop179.wixsite.com/bsatroop179</a> or contact us at <a href="mailto:troop179cc@yahoo.com">troop179cc@yahoo.com</a>.

## **Support Groups**

## **Alcoholics Anonymous**

## Monday and Tuesday at 8:00pm,

Saturday at 11:00am & 7:00pm and Sunday at 9:30am
All meeting are in Lourdes Hall (lower level of Convent)

## **Anxiety Sufferers**

#### **ALANON**

**Wednesday at 10:00am. Beginner's meeting at 9:30am.** Free babysitting available. For more meeting info visit: al-anon.org. All meeting are in Lourdes Hall (lower level of Convent)

The group, led by a trained and certified Anxiety Disorder Group Leader, normally meets **every Tuesday from 2:00pm-4:00pm** in the Parish Center (located next to Outreach). For more information and to register, please call Bob at 631-235-2229.

## Butterfly Memory Café - Friday, August 8th 1:30-2:30pm



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

## **Dementia Caregiver Support Group**

Caregiving for someone with Alzheimer's or a related dementia can cause frustration, fear, anger, sadness and other emotions. Our support group can provide emotional, social, and educational help to caregivers whose lives are affected by dementia. Join us on the third Thursday of each month from 5:30pm-7:00pm in the Parish Center There is no charge to participate, but please contact Jennafer at 631-647-7622 or via e-mail at Jennafer@agentletouchseniorcare.com to reserve your place.

## **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 <a href="mailto:Donna526@aol.com">Donna526@aol.com</a> or call Diane at: 631-587-0966 or Donna at: 631-835-8788.

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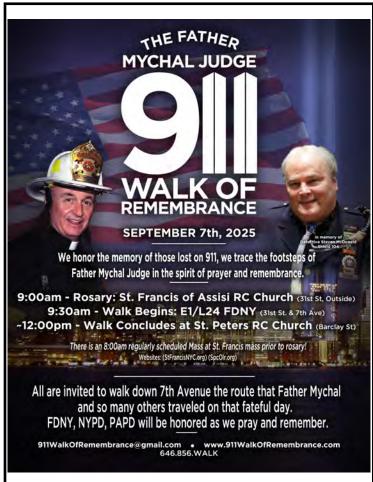














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