

July 6, 2025



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.



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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** Nilo DeLeon John Muldoon 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

Robin Reynolds Brennan Rosemary Cannarella

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



The first thing that is striking about this gospel passage is the fact that there are 72 disciples whom Jesus sends out on mission. We can have an image of Jesus strolling around Galilee with just a small group of followers but this passage makes it clear that a significant number of people were engaged in his ministry. And the gospel writer has not just made an error in naming 72 rather than the Twelve because just one chapter earlier the Twelve were sent out. This sending out to mission is a significant element of the gospel of Luke. The first sending of the Twelve represents the mission to the Jews—the 12 tribes of Israel are frequently used symbolically to represent all of the Jewish people. The sending of the 72 then represents the mission beyond the Jewish people to all nations and all people.

Another theme that is significant in the gospel of Luke is the message of hospitality. Jesus teaches on it frequently and tries to convey a message that the hospitality of God is available to all. In the sending of both the Twelve and the 72, Jesus tells them to take nothing with them for the journey. He is telling them to rely on the hospitality of strangers. If they are welcomed and shown hospitality then they are to bless the household and carry out their ministry. The ability to show hospitality to the messengers of God is a sign that the household will welcome the message of God. However, wherever they do not receive hospitality they are to leave the town, shaking the dust from their feet, as their ministry will not be welcomed by people who are not ready to hear it. It is an excellent message about not wasting your efforts in unproductive ways—not hitting your head against a brick wall!

Gospel Focus - Blessing and Curse

The 72 who are sent out are given very clear instructions about how to respond when their message is welcomed and when it is rejected, but in both cases they are to tell the town, "The kingdom of God is very near." In the case of a welcoming town, these words serve as a blessing, but for an unwelcoming town the same words are a threat or curse. For those who welcome the kingdom it will be a blessing but for others it will be a curse: changing boundaries and redistributing power; bringing down the mighty and lifting up the lowly.

Living the Gospel – Discipleship

Today's gospel passage immediately follows the passage used last week that spelt out the difficulties of discipleship. Having explained how hard it is to be a disciple, Jesus sends his followers out to "have a go" at being a disciple. When they come back successful he tells them not to be boastful or proud at their achievements but rather to be happy that their "names are written in heaven". In other words, anything they accomplished was because they were "known" by God and that God was working through them. Disciples make themselves "known" to God and God works through them to accomplish great things!

Jubilee 2025



2025 is the Jubilee Holy Year, the 2,025th anniversary of the Incarnation of our Lord, an "event of great spiritual, ecclesial, and social significance in the life of the Church." The concept of "Jubilee" has its origins in the Book of Leviticus (chapter 25) as a special year of reconciliation, pilgrimage, and coming home.

Pope Francis has designated the 2025 Holy Year as a time to renew ourselves as "Pilgrims of Hope."

Pope Leo said the 2025 Holy Year "inspires us all and invites us all to look for hope, but also to be signs of hope." "How important it is that each and every baptized person feel himself or herself called by God to be a sign of hope in the world today," added the Pope.

Faith gives Christians strength, he continued, noting that our faith enables us "to see the light of Jesus Christ in our lives and to understand how important it is to live our faith, not only on Sundays, not only during a pilgrimage, but each and every day".

Pope Leo said faith allows us to be "filled with the hope that only Jesus Christ can give us."

He expressed his hopes that "all of us together will continue to walk united as brothers and sisters to praise our God, to recognize that everything we have and everything we are is a gift from God, and to place those gifts at the service of others."

Celebrating the 375th (Anniversary of the Sisters of St. Joseph SISTERS OF SAINT JOSEPH

Baby Blanket Bunch Needs Help

Our Baptism Ministry gives a *blessed*, white baby blanket to each child baptized in the parish. The blankets are handmade by our Baby Blanket Bunch, a division of our Prayer Shawl Ministry.

The Ministry is in need of donations of Lion Brand "Pound of Love worsted weight #4" (the weight can be found on the packaging) soft white yarn for the blankets. The varn can be dropped



the blankets. The yarn can be dropped off at the Parish Office.

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

PARISH CENTER



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Weekly Readings

Readings for the Week of July 6, 2025

Sunday: Is 66:10-14c/Gal 6:14-18/Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9

Monday: Gn 28:10-22a/Mt 9:18-26 Tuesday: Gn 32:23-33/Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Mt 10:1-7 Thursday: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Mt 10:7-15

Friday: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Mt 10:16-23

Saturday: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Mt 10:24-33 Sunday: Dt 30:10-14/Col 1:15-20/Lk 10:25-37



WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, July 6

Baptism 2pm

Monday, July 7

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

Tuesday, July 8

- Rosary 8am/Mass 8:30am
- Adoration 12:30-7:30pm
- Anxiety Recovery Group 2-4pm

Wednesday, July 9

- Rosary 8am/Mass 8:30am
- Knights of Columbus Honor Guard 7pm

Thursday, July 10

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

Friday, July 11

- Rosary 8am/Mass 8:30am
- Butterfly Memory Café 1:30pm
- Young Men's Ministry 6:45pm

Saturday, July 12

- Rosary 8am/Mass 8:30am
- Knights of Columbus Craft Fair 9am-3pm
- Confession 4-4:45pm

Sunday, July 13

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

LIVE STREAM UPDATE

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. Or you can visit: https://youtube.com/@ollchurchwi There is no fee to subscribe.

We will share more details in the coming weeks as we prepare for the transition.

Thank you for your support!









Welcome Back Fr. Felix!

This summer Our Lady of Lourdes parish family welcomes back Fr. Felix Odibe from Nigeria. Fr. Felix will be assisting us over the next few months as Fr. Dennis and Fr. Charles will be away at times. Many of us got to know Fr. Felix last year when he was with us and we are thrilled to have him back!

Fr. Felix Odibe is a priest of the Catholic Archdiocese of Onitsha,
Nigeria. Ordained a Catholic priest on 21st April, 2022. He has a B.A
degree in Philosophy from Pope JohnPaul II Major Seminary, Okpuno,
Awka and B.phil from Urban University, Rome. He obtained his
Bachelors degree in Sacred Theology from Ateneo Pontificio Regina
Apostolorum, Rome and a Licentiate in Bioethics from Ateneo Pontificio
Regina Apostolorum, Rome.

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Father Felix is a Formator and Lecturer at Pope JohnPaul II Major Seminary, Okpuno, Awka and a visiting lecturer of Medical Ethics at College of Nursing Sciences, St. Charles Borromeo Specialist Hospital, Onitsha.

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 www.ollchurch.org

where you will be redirected.

LIVE STREAM



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.

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!



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



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.



Canned Fruit
Canned Chicken
Kidney Beans
Cookies/Snacks
Laundry Detergent



Rest In Peace

Anna MacInness William Pellegrino Edward Williams, Jr.



Baptism

Giuseppe Anthony Belfiore

James Joseph Dias

Briella Grace Vogel



Danielle Degirolamo

St. John Nepomucene, Bohemia, NY

&

Robert Mallimo, Jr. (Bobby)

Our Lady of Lourdes

Weekly Collection

<u>June 29, 2025</u>

Weekly Collection \$ 15,384.00 Weekly Budget - \$ 17,800.00 +/- for the week (\$ 2,416.00)

2nd Collection Peter's Pence - \$4,251.00

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, July 7

8:30am Tom Collins

Tuesday, July 8

8:30am Anna Marie Greco

Wednesday, July 9

8:30am Josephine & Anthony and Ruth (Living) Graziano

Thursday, July 10

8:30am Cornelius J. Peterson

Friday, July 11 - Memorial of Saint Benedict, Abbot

8:30am Adelaida C. Baltazar

Saturday, July 12

8:30am Maksymilian Bart, Bridget & Patrick Keane,

Sarah Keane, Caroline Kelly

Don & Lorraine Morrissey, Pasquale LaSpisa

5:00pm Frank Antonowich, Frank Cesario,

Gangi Family & Brian Contelmo, Rose A. Guider,

Reynolds Family & Henry Gau,

Baby James Mertens, Ken Chapuisat,

Cora Smith (Living)

Fr. Charles Mangano

Sunday, July 13

8:00am Mary Jane Boyd

Fr. Charles Mangano

9:30am Giuseppe Tini

Fr. Charles Mangano

11:00am Lorraine Mariarossi

Fr. Felix Odibe

12:30pm Betty Langan

Fr. Felix Odibe

6:00pm Betty Bonsignore, James W. Daulton,

Albert Feliney, Kenneth Kidd,

Arnold Severino, People of the Parish

Fr. Felix Odibe

Celebrant information is subject to change without notice.

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.

What is VIRTUS?

VIRTUS is a program created by the National Catholic Risk Retention Group in the United States with a "Protecting God's Children" component that combats sexual abuse of children in the Church. It is currently in use in over 80 dioceses in the United States. The goal of the VIRTUS program is primarily to be proactive instead of reactive when dealing with child sexual abuse.

The Diocese of Rockville Centre requires *all* clergy, employees and volunteers (18 years or older) including: CYO Coaches, Catechists, Cantors, Ushers, Ems, Ministries, Groups that meet on Church property, Parish Volunteers (Feast Volunteers, Mailing Team, etc.) to complete the VIRTUS Safe Environment training course.

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.

In the coming weeks we there will be several VIRTUS training courses offered here at Our Lady of Lourdes. Keep checking the Bulletin or contact your Ministry/Group Coordinator for the schedule.

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.

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

What If I Already Took the VIRTUS Training?

If you have already taken the VITRUS class you are not required to take it again. However, you should log into your VIRUS account online and make sure

- your information is up to date
- * you are up to date with your background screenings
- You have read Bulletins (if required)

If you took VIRTUS through another Parish or DRVC organization, you will need to contact the Diocesan Coordinator via email pditomasso@drvc.org and add/change your affiliation with Our Lady of Lourdes.

I Don't Work With Children...Do I Need VIRTUS Training?

Yes.

ALL volunteers and members of Groups/Ministries that meet on Church property (18 years or older) are required to complete the VIRTUS training course and maintain compliance.

Questions??

Contact your Ministry/Group Coordinator or Marcelle Crudele, the VIRTUS Parish Coordinator at mcrudele@ollchurch.org.

Matilda Allocca	Mark Dixon	Marilyn Kolk	John Posanti
Connie Ambrosino	Carol Enright	Robert Kostanoski	Louise Posanti
Elizabeth Assoon	Valerie Falzone	Stephen Leahy	Nanette Proscia
Jeanette Battista	Pam Gagliano	Vincent Marinelli	Dina Rajotte
Thomas J. Calogero, III	Palmina Gagliardi	Barbara McCarthy	Marie Rajotte
Doris Cameron	Christine Harty	Una McGrave	Diane Scharen
Doug Cameron	Luke Waylon Ioannou	Richard Meyer	Robert Scharen
Joe Carvalho	Paul Johnson	Tom O'Brien	Vita Scorcia
Maria Crisci	Henry Kahn	Edward Pauciullo	Keri Thomas
Billy Davis	Shena Kahn	Rose Pauciullo	William Valentine
Al DiMasi	Lisa Kimmel	Cameron Pillitteri	Sadie Williams

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 ParishOffice@ollchurch.org 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 Pat Wissing

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

Please come support GIRL SCOUT TROOP 3148'S

JULY 19TH



9:00AM - 2:00PM

RAISING MONEY
TO DONATE TO
PAWS OF WAR

IN THE PARISH OFFICE (RECTORY) PARKING LOT

CARS- \$5 TRUCKS, SUVS, AND VANS - \$10

HELPING DOGS AND VETERANS

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

Family Fun Chalking Contest

All are welcome to join us for a joyful and colorful day!

- m Date: Saturday, July 19
- ① Time: 11:00 AM 1:00 PM
- Location: O.L.L. Outreach/Parish Center Parking Lot & Sidewalks
- Prizes awarded for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place winners!
- Age Categories:
 - Ages 4 7
 - Ages 8 12
 - Ages 13 and older

Bring your imagination, your family, and your friends—chalk will be provided!

Let's celebrate life, art, and community together!



Growing with the Gospel

Sharing the Gospel

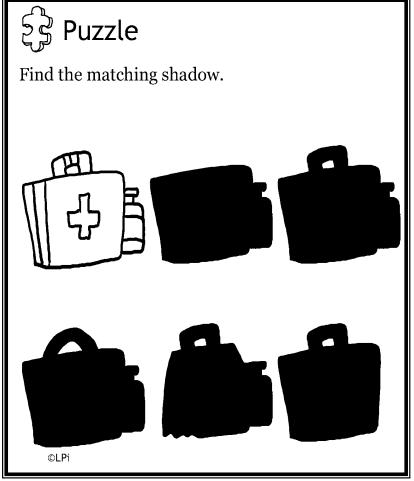
Jesus sent out 72 of His followers to spread the good news about God. They were not to bring anything with them - no food, no extra clothes or shoes, not even money to spend. They were to visit strangers and completely depend on God to give them what they needed. That took a lot of faith!



Make a card for one of your neighbors, and tell that person, "Jesus loves you!"



Puzzle of the Week





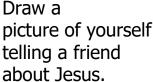
Prayer

Dear God,

Help me to remember that You will give me what I need.

Amen.

Something to Draw





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. o, 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 6th to 12th 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 www.OLL17379.org



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.

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)

ALANON

Wednesday at 10:00am. Beginner's meeting at 9:30am. Free babysitting available. 2nd and 4th Wednesday meetings are via Zoom. For more meeting info visit: al-anon.org. All meeting are in Lourdes Hall (lower level of Convent)

Anxiety Sufferers

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, July 11th 1:30-2:30pm



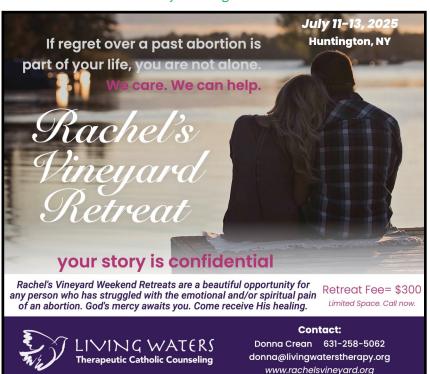
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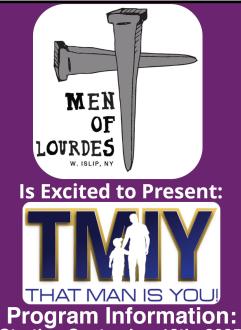


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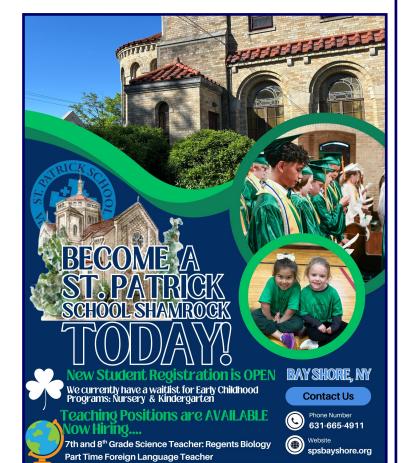
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