

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 17, 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

Rosary

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.

Is this what Jesus really intended?

Jesus said, "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing"! Is this a misprint? I always learned that Jesus was the "Prince of Peace", the Savior who brings "Peace on earth to those of good will". The message today is certainly confusing, troubling and challenging to say the least. So, what is Jesus trying to tell us?

As with all readings, we need to look at the historical context to understand what this might mean. Father Ed Dowling, in his book, Have You Heard the Good News, explains that fire is associated in the Old Testament with the presence of God. The word "fire" is used as an instrument of God's punishment and a means to symbolize purification. It is the Fire of the Holy Spirit. To simplify, Jesus, the incarnate presence of God, has come to us on a mission. He came for our salvation and to unite us with one another and with God. We are entrusted to carry on His mission.

If this is the case, why does it seem that Jesus is dividing us, "Do you think I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division". Although Jesus is clearly using shocking language to get our attention, not everyone will receive and accept Jesus. Jesus' message and mission will clearly upset and ultimately divide people, even families. The fire that Jesus speaks of not only destroys but also renews. Father Richard Rohr said, "before you can have unity, you must have division. You must have two before you can make one". Fr. Rohr uses the analogy of a forest fire; the forest must first burn before it can be renewed. Jesus came to renew the face of the earth.

So how is this done? It starts with us, here and now. However, it is not easy to speak the truth. The prophet Jeremiah was put into a muddy cistern, a symbol of the lowest point on earth, as punishment by the government for speaking the truth. Jesus was crucified on a cross. Is this what we can expect, to live a life that Jesus modeled for us? Well, sort of! We can expect rejection, some pain and division. At the very least, we should expect some serious opposition from those in our society and sometimes in our families, for speaking and living the words of Jesus. Bishop Robert Barron said, "when you let the real Jesus in, He is going to burn some things away, He is going to clean out the temple of your heart"! The result however is joy!

Fr. Jude Siciliano, a Dominican priest, says "There are many who greatly benefit from the injustices of the world. So many of us who live in the world are so often removed from the consequences of our lifestyle, that we simply pursue what we want. Many Americans don't see beyond the boundaries of its manicured gardens". Fr. Ron Rolheiser says that our own culture, like every other culture past and present, creates a category of persons that it deems expendable and then it victimizes through exclusion, ridicule, scapegoating and often death. The common denominator: it always includes the weakest.

The question today for each one of us is to ask ourselves if we have the courage to speak out and reflect Christ's mandate to love one another. This most likely will mean we have to speak unpopular words as Jesus did to set the world on fire so it can be renewed. The USCCB (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops) said "Compelled by the Gospel of Jesus Christ and recognizing the inherent dignity of each person as a child of God, we stand in firm solidarity with our immigrant brothers and sisters who live and labor in these United States". As Christians following Christ's mandate to love one another, this would naturally include all our oppressed brothers and sisters around the world, whether it be the starving people of Gaza, the citizens of Ukraine and all others around the world who are oppressed in any way.

In Christ's Peace, Deacon Tom

PEP 1 Religious Education Program Registration Information "Discover the Treasures of God's Love"

If you have a child entering first grade in public school, your child should be registered for our "PEP 1" Religious Education Program. This first year program is required for participation in First Eucharist. It introduces the children to a basic understanding of the loving presence of God, the person of Jesus, conscience formation and the importance of community worship.

Classes will begin on Wednesday, October 22nd 4:15-5:15 pm

Information Meeting and Registration

Choose one:

Monday, September 22, 2025 10:00am or 7:30pm Parish Center Tuesday, September 25, 2025 10:00am or 7:30pm Parish Center

The meeting will take approximately 45 minutes

Please bring your child's Baptismal certificate (a copy is acceptable).

- + Baptismal Certificate or copy is needed even if child was baptized at OLL.
- + No child will be assigned a room number unless we have a copy of the Baptismal Certificate.
- + Returning families who have an incoming first grader MUST attend the registration meeting.

The registration fee (if this is your oldest child) is \$220

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!



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.



Pancake Mix/Syrup Hamburger Helper Canned Chili Canned potatoes Canned Puree/Crushed Tomatoes

HAVE YOU BEEN GETTING OUR WEEKLY EMAILS?

Don't miss a thing!
Join our email list today!
We are 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

PARISH CENTER



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Weekly Readings

Readings for the Week of August 17, 2025

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

Monday: Jgs 2:11-19/Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a/Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15/Mt 20:1-16
Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a/Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Mt 22:34-40 Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Mt 23:1-12

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



WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, August 17

• Regular Mass Schedule

Monday, August 18

- Rosary 8am/Mass 8:30am
- VIRTUS Training 6pm
- Baptism Prep Class 7:30pm

Tuesday, August 19

- 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 20

- Rosary 8am/Mass 8:30am
- Men's Prayer Group 9am
- Our Lady Rosary Makers 1pm
- Our Lady Rosary Makers 7:30pm

Thursday, August 21

- Rosary 8am/Mass 8:30am
- VIRTUS Training 9am
- Divine Mercy Prayer Group 1:30pm
- Fellowship Meeting 7pm

Friday, August 22

- Rosary 8am/Mass 8:30am
- Butterfly Memory Café 1:30pm

Saturday, August 23

- Rosary 8am/Mass 8:30am
- Baptism 1pm
- Confession 4-4:45pm
- Retrouvaille MORE 6pm

Sunday, August 24

- Regular Mass Schedule
- Baptism 2pm



SEPTEMBER 10 - 14

Wednesday - Saturday 6-10pm Sunday 2-8pm

VEGAS CASINO NIGHT FRIDAY & SATURDAY

Rides Food Games Raffles \$15 OFF TICKET PRE-SALE SPECIAL!

August 15th - September 3rd

Pre-purchase your Single Day, Unlimited Ride Wristband and use the promo code **FAMILY5** to get an extra \$5 off for a total of \$15 off the window price. \$10 OFF TICKET PRE-SALE

September 4th - September 14th

Get \$10 off when you pre-purchase your Single Day,

Unlimited Ride Wristband up to five hours before opening each day.



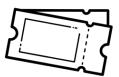
Our Lady of Lourdes Church 455 Hunter Avenue West Islip







OUR LADY OF LOURDES ITALIAN FAMILY FEAST



SEPTEMBER 10th - SEPTEMBER 14th

SUPER RAFFLE TICKETS

Only 220 tickets will be sold. Each ticket is \$100.

First Prize - \$7,000

Second Prize - \$2,000

Third Prize - \$1,000

Don't wait - these tickets sell out very quickly!

Purchase your ticket after weekend Mass, or in the Parish Office during the week beginning August 16th

Super Raffle drawing will be held on Sunday, September 14th at 8:00pm

Winner need not be present

WALK WITH MARY AND FEAST MASS

On Saturday, September 13th, we celebrate our Feast Mass and Walk With Mary with a procession at 4:00pm and Mass at 5:00pm.

Please join us in prayer and song as we process through the Feast grounds.



ANGELS & ARCHANGELS



Our Angels and Archangels Fund offers an opportunity to support the Feast and make it a memorable one! Angels and Archangels donations may be made by a business, individual, or family and can be made in honor of a loved one (living or deceased.) If you would like to lend your support this year, please return the form below with your donation to the Parish Office. Angels & Archangels donations will be listed in the bulletin following the completion of our Feast.

Thank you for your continued support.

Angel: \$25	Archangel: \$50 or more
Name	Phone No
Address	
Donation in Honor of	
Living [Deceased

OUR LADY OF LOURDES ITALIAN FAMILY FEAST

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Can you help?

We're always looking for new volunteers to make the Feast a success!

There will be a volunteer meeting on

Tuesday, September 2nd at 7pm in the Parish Center

Consider joining the team this year!

We need volunteers for

- FOOD BOOTHS
- CLEAN UP TEAM
- RAFFLE SALES
- TEAM SUPPORT
- CASINO GAMES
- BOOTH RUNNERS



GAME BOOTHS

Let us know if you would like to be a Captain for any of these teams.

If you can't make the meeting email us at RMaher@ollchurch.org, call the Parish Office and leave your contact information, or scan the QR code to sign up online at our website.

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

Tuesday, August 12 at 6pm Monday, August 18 at 6pm Thursday, August 21 at 9am Tuesday, August 26 at 6pm

Saturday, September 6 at 9am Saturday, October 4 at 9am

Thursday, September 4 at 6pm

Questions? Contact your Ministry/Group Coordinator or

Marcelle Crudele, Safe Environment Coordinator at the Parish Office or email mcrudele@ollchurch.org



Rest In Peace

James P. Klein



Baptism

Riley Kate Beccaris
Miles Alexander Dron
Colton Daniel White
Piper Maeve Zaremba



Krystena Carlson

Our Lady of Lourdes, West Islip, NY

&

Anthony William Portillo

Weekly Collection

August 10, 2025

Weekly Collection \$ 15,879.00

Weekly Budget - \$ 17,800.00
+/- for the week \$ (1,921.00)

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, August 18

8:30am Rosario Fedele

Tuesday, August 19

8:30am William Pellegrino

Wednesday, August 20 - Memorial of Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church

8:30am Joseph Consavage

Thursday, August 21 - Memorial of Saint Pius X, Pope

8:30am Mary G. Maher

Friday, August 22 - Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30am Catherine M. Perez

Saturday, August 23

8:30am Helen Ferrara, Domenica Mae Palminteri, For a decrease in the loss of personal effects of the elderly in retirement homes

5:00pm Carol Baker, Andrew DeBonis, Albert Feliney, Francis X. Rimmel, Rev. Kevin A. Thompson Fr. Dennis Suglia

Sunday, August 24

8:00am Leon Bruckner

Fr. Dennis Suglia

9:30am Bob Herr

Fr. Dennis Suglia

11:00am Anthony D'Amodio

Fr. Felix Odibe

12:30pm Lisa Marie Farino

Fr. Felix Odibe

6:00pm William Bachmann, Lorraine Bucalo,

George Mangels, Teresa "Tessie" Reilly,

People of the Parish

Fr. Felix Odibe

Celebrant information is subject to change without notice.

Ttaly Pilgrimage





















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

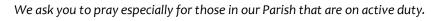
Pastoral Care of Our Sick

Please call the Parish Office at 631-661-3224 or email 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





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 **Joyce Petersen**

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

Join us at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

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





Is Excited to Present:



Program Information:

- Starting September 13th, 2025Saturday 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!

Yarn Donations Needed Baby Blanket Bunch Needs Your 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 yarn can be dropped off at the Parish Office.

Yarn can be found at Michaels, Hobby Lobby and on Amazon.

We thank you for your generosity!



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



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.



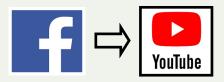
Thank you for your continued support of our Parish!

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 www.ollchurch.org
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.

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 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)

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 22nd 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.

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Families Anonymous Meetings

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Commitment and Conflict



20th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C



Jesus made it clear to his disciples that believing in him would lead to division. Circle the words below that can help us to deal with conflict in a positive way

Respect
Forgive
Blame
Shout
Listen
Ignore
Courage
Argue

Use the words below to find out what Jesus said to his disciples.

Do you	ıthat I
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earth division peace suppose bring

Draw a picture of Jesus from one of the following bible stories where he was in conflict with others...

Jesus Cleanses the Temple

Jesus drives out all who were selling and buying in the temple

Matthew 21:12-17

Jesus is rejected in his home town of Nazareth

Luke 4:16-4:30

Jesus Before the High Priest

Jesus is arrested and questioned by the High Priest, Caiaphas

Matthew 26:57-26:68

Luke 12:49-53

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