

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

455 Hunter Avenue, West Islip, NY 11795

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Parish Office

Phone: 631.661.3224, press 1
Monday-Thursday: 9:00am-7:30pm
Friday: 9:00am-5:00pm
Saturday: 9:00am-3:00pm
Sunday: 9:00am-2:00pm
E-mail: ParishOffice@ollchurch.org
Fax: 631.661.7143
Website: www.ollchurch.org

Our Lady of Lourdes School

Phone: 631.587.7200, press 2
Monday-Friday: 9:00am-3:00pm
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Religious Education Office

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Monday-Friday: 9:00am-Noon,
1:00pm-5:00pm, 7:00pm-9:00pm
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Parish Outreach Office

Phone: 631.661.9262, press 4
Monday-Friday: 9:30am-3:30pm

SAGE (*Senior Advocates for Growth and Enrichment*)

Phone: 631.661.3224, Ext. 122
E-mail: Sage@ollchurch.org



Liturgical Schedule

Daily Mass

8:30am

Weekend Masses

Saturday: 5:00pm

Sunday: 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am, 12:30pm
and 6:00pm

Reconciliation/Confession

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

Rosary

Daily at 8:00am

Miraculous Medal Novena

Monday at 8:00am

Sacraments

Anointing of the Sick

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

Baptism

Please contact the Parish Office to schedule an appointment.

Marriage

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

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

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

Second Sunday in Easter • Divine Mercy • Sunday April 23, 2017



Welcome to our Parish Family

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

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

- Saint Teresa of Calcutta

Pastoral Council

Msgr. Brian McNamara
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 Rosalie Mangels
 Deacon Jack Meehan
 John Muldoon
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Michael Buonaspin
 Parish Organist
Carol Grillo
 Parish Office
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 Parish Office
Rita Spera
 Religious Education Office
Jeanette Yantz
 School Office
Pat Young
 Parish Office

Mission Statement

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

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

Readings for the Week of April 23

Sunday: Acts 2:42-47/ 1 Pt 1:3-9/ Jn 20:19-31
Monday: Acts 4:23-31/ Jn 3:1-8
Tuesday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/ Mk 16:15-20
Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/ Jn 3:16-21
Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/ Jn 3:31-36
Friday: Acts 5:34-42/ Jn 6:1-15
Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/ Jn 6:16-21
Next Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/ 1 Pt 1:17-21/ Lk 24:13-35

Financial Summary

April 9, 2017

Weekly Collection \$ 20,947.00

Holy Thursday \$ 3,003.00

Good Friday-Holy Land \$ 2,647.00

Easter Sunday

Weekly Collection \$ 35,661.00

Parish Ministries-4/16 \$ 9,891.00

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

Dear Parishioners:

This Sunday is called “**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**”, which occurs the first Sunday after Easter. This day, focusing on God’s mercy, was established by St. Pope John Paul II, based on the writings of Sr. Faustina Kowalska. Sr. Faustina was a Polish mystic who wrote of her visitations from Christ in which Jesus spoke of God’s mercy. While Divine Mercy Sunday is a special, annual event, every day here at Our Lady of Lourdes we pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet after the 8:30am Mass. In addition, we pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet in front of the Blessed Sacrament every Thursday at 1:30pm. Think about taking advantage of these daily and weekly prayer opportunities.

We are also entering “First Holy Communion” season. Over 200 young boys and girls will be receiving Jesus for the first time over the next 6 weeks. Please keep our First Holy Communion candidates in your prayers during this time. Pray that these children will open their hearts to the grace of Eucharist, and that their parents will be faithful in bringing their children to church for Mass on Sunday to receive the Lord Jesus in Holy Communion.

As we pray for our children, the theme of Holy Communion is one that we should reflect upon ourselves. We call Sunday the “day of the Lord” because it was on Sunday that Jesus rose from the dead. In addition, Sunday is also called the “day of the Church” because in the Sunday Eucharistic celebration, the Christian community finds her reason for its existence. At the Sunday Eucharist, the Christian community grows and matures and helps us to become the saint that God created us to be.

For those of us who are of a certain age, we remember the “Blue Laws”; these laws still exist in many parts of the country. The “Blue Laws” enshrined that Sunday was a day of rest, so no stores were open. No organized sports were played either. Sunday was a day of prayer/ worship and rest. Now, Sundays are busier than other days of the week! Thus, it is harder to get Mass on Sunday. But it is not impossible!

Our faithfully going to mass on Sunday is our way of saying “thank you” to God who sent his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to become one of us. Jesus loved us so much that He willingly died on the cross for us. When we come to Mass on Sunday, it is our way of saying “thank you” to God for all the wonderful things He has done for us. Let us never forget to thank the Lord for dying on the Cross for us.

The early Christian martyrs proclaimed before their deaths under the Emperor Diocletian: “Without Sunday, we cannot live”. I hope and pray that we all will have that same fervor regarding the reception of the Eucharist, Holy Communion.

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

In Christ,

Fr. Brian

Altar Society

Altar 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.

Members in the Military

We ask that you pray especially for those in our parish that are on active duty in the Middle East conflict.



Michael DiMatteo-US Marines
Michael Fantauzzi-US Air Force
Christopher Florca-US Marines
Colby Matthew Kelly-US Army
Anthony Mannino-US Marines
Anthony Memoli-US Marines
James Rooney III-US Marines
Michael Wilkinson-US Army

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



Pastoral Care of Our Sick

Please call the Parish Office at 661.3224 to leave the names of parishioners who:

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

Pray for Our Sick

Please remember to keep in your thoughts and prayers ...

Sal Albanese, Joseph Bacchi, Michael Brenner, Kathy Bullingham, Adelaide Cavanagh, Carol Cavanagh, Lisa Charron-Culloty, Helen Ciardella, Rose Contelmo, Dianne Cullen, Harold Deegan, Margaret DeLuca, James Dobson, Nicole Funk, Charlene Grahn, Ron Graziano, Erik Hasenstab, Josephine Heffron, Patrick Anthony Heffron, Thomas Hicks, Jr., Donald Horne, Sr., Barbara Interlicchio, Msgr. William Jablonski, Henry Kahn, Shena Kahn, Anne Kerrigan, Maryjane Keveny, George Koehler, Anita Kuntz, Howard B. Lewis, Sean Lillis, Dorothy Mai, Ellen McGee, Vinny Meade, Dotty Meloni, Rose Rickey James O'Rourke, Peter Porzio, Dorothy Proctor, June Quirino, Henry Ravero, Christine Rizzo, Patricia Roccaro, Joseph J. Schiavoni, Anne Marie Schiraldi, Kathy Shaddock, Barbara Sparrow, Laura Terryn, Linda Uher, Bruce Uhler, Bunny Vilim, Kevin Zwiebel

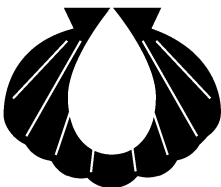
Names of the sick will be listed for **six weeks** for short-term requests and **six months** for long-term.



Rest In Peace

*Joanne Brenner
Sal DePetro
Werner Kroeppel*

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



Baptism

*Olivia Harper Graham
Giuliana Mirta Grieco
Alexia Anita McKenzie
Andray Theophilus Williams, Jr.
Joziah Michael Williams*



Upcoming Marriages

*Moeko Takagi
and
Mark Reichenbach - OLL*

Mass Intentions

Monday, April 24

St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen

8:30am Luke Brennan

Tuesday, April 25

St. Mark

8:30am Mary Linquanti & James Muccio

Wednesday, April 26

8:30am Michael Reilly

Thursday, April 27

8:30am Pasquale Mastrantuoro

Friday, April 28

St. Peter Chanel, St Louis Grignion de Montfort

8:30am Andrew Velten

Saturday, April 29

St. Catherine of Sienna

8:30am Mildred Karl, Andrew DiBlasi, Mario Rizzo,
Johanna Mason, Catherine Ferraro

5:00pm Edward & Lucy Regina

Sunday, April 30

Third Sunday of Easter

8:00am John Donlon

9:30am Kevin & Chrstistine Blaes

11:00am Joseph Boykin

12:30pm Kathryn DeLacy

6:00pm People of the Parish, Leonard Campanello,
Vincent Pannico, Rose Conti, Joann Imbo,
Sally Smith, Edward Boyd, Mary Fitzpatrick



Now and at the Hour of Our Death

Catholic Guidance for End-of-Life Decision Making

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

SAGE

The SAGE Group (*Senior Advocates for Growth and Enrichment*) will meet on **Tuesday, April 25 in the Parish Center at 9:00am.**

Always Our Children

We are gay and lesbian Catholics, their family members and friends who meet once a month to pray, support each other and discuss how God is present in our lives. We look forward to meeting this month on **Thursday, April 27 at 7:00pm in the Spiritual Life Center.** Each month, a relevant different topic is discussed and reflected upon. Come join us; all are welcome.



CALLING ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS:

Youth Group will meet on next **SUNDAY, April 30 at 4:30pm in the Parish Center.** ALL High School students are invited. Stop by for some fun and friendship!

Donations to Outreach

If you would like to make a donation to Parish Outreach in memory of a loved one, please call Trish Frodell, Director of Parish Social Ministry at 631.661.3224, option 4.



Cereal
Cookies
Crackers
Juice
Peanut butter / jelly

SPECIAL *Keys* ...

Religious Education Kindergarten Program!!!!

We started this program a few years ago and have expanded it so that we have a session each month:

May 12 and June 2

We meet in the Church at 4:30pm on Friday ... and the program lasts about 40 minutes. Come and see what wonderful opportunities we have for your kindergarten children to learn about their faith!

E-mail to register: sdiane@ollchurch.org



RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Throughout the past year, our parish family has journeyed with Alex Mathe, who is seeking Baptism, and full initiation into the life of the Church. From the Rite of Acceptance in December, to the Rite of Election, and the Scrutinies celebrated during Lent, we have celebrated his faith and, in turn, renewed our own.

At the Easter Vigil, we celebrated the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist of Alex. His journey has become our journey. His excitement and enthusiasm has inspired and excited us about our faith journey!

His journey still continues as he enters The Period of Mystagogy which lasts from Easter Sunday until the completion of the Easter season, fifty days later on Pentecost Sunday and completes the initiation process. Let's continue to pray for Alex as he continues to more fully realize what the life of the Church has in store for him.

If you're interested in becoming a Catholic or completing your own initiation, please email

RCIA@ollchurch.org or Sister Nancy Campkin at 631-661-5440 ext.3

We would love to welcome you!

Church Census Information

The process of updating our Parish Data System information is an ongoing process. We ask that you please submit any recent changes -- address, family members, phone numbers, etc. With your help, our parish data information will be more accurate, and receipt of Parish Offering Envelopes and other church information can be distributed more efficiently. Please mail the information to the Parish Office or email to parishoffice@ollchurch.org.



In addition to our parish website (ollchurch.org), please visit us on *Facebook* at *The Parish Family of Our Lady of Lourdes*. Click “Like” and you will receive the latest news on upcoming parish events and information.

Ministry of Praise

Members pray at home for the intentions of the Church and Parish; designed for the homebound, senior citizens, etc. Monthly calendar is available in the Narthex. Prayer requests can be left in the Ministry of Praise box along with the name and address of any homebound person who might want a copy of the calendar mailed to them (please print).

Good Samaritan Prayer Group of L.I.

The Good Samaritan Prayer Group of Long Island holds their meetings every Friday (except the first Friday of the month) at OLL School in Room 16 from 8:00pm until 10:00pm. All are welcome to experience singing, praying and fellowship.

Prayer for Divine Mercy

An invitation to all men and women to be part of God’s plan. We invite you to meet in prayer for the world and our nation to put their trust in God. Our hope is that the nations will have a new spirit of morality. Please come with your love and hope for humanity as well as your prayer requests. We gather together every **Thursday at 1:30pm** before the Blessed Sacrament for about one half hour. For more information, call Charles Argento at 631-586-8528.



Boy Scout Troop 179

For over 40 years, Our Lady of Lourdes has been sponsoring Boy Scout Troop 179 of West Islip. We meet every **Thursday during the school year** in the School Cafeteria from **7:30pm to 9:00pm**. If you are interested in joining Boy Scouts, check out our website and stop by a meeting!

Website: <http://witroop179.wix.com/bsatroop179#>

Email: WIBSATroop179@outlook.com

Support Groups *(all meetings are in Lourdes Hall - lower level of Convent)*

Alcoholics Anonymous: Monday and Tuesday at 8pm and Saturday at 11am and 7pm.

ALANON: Wednesday at 10am. Beginner’s meeting at 9:30am. Free babysitting available.

The Journey Continues for our High School Students...

Hello! My name is Agnes Goldin. I have been part of the Our Lady of Lourdes Parish for my whole life. From my baptism, to my confirmation last year, I have learned and grown so much in my faith.

My family and I have always been very active members of the Church. From the moment I can remember, I always recall attending the eight o'clock Mass. This was so enjoyable for me, I loved mornings when I was little and we always got bagels after Mass, so the eight was always a great time for my little self. I attended Our Lady of Lourdes School from nursery to fifth grade, so my religion was always part of my world. Well, after my dad passed away when I was in the 3rd grade, I felt like I needed a new start. So I then started my journey at Babylon Memorial Grade School in the sixth grade. Even though I didn't learn about God during school hours, my mom made it her first priority to always get me to Mass and have me attend my religious education classes. Being active in your faith is so much more than just attending Mass each Sunday though. It means making your faith important, something you are always striving to learn more about and grow in.

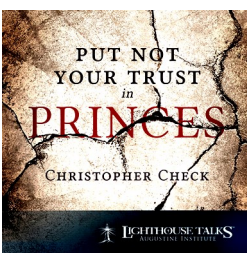
So, during my religious education days, I started to get involved in the Church. Not just by going to Mass, but by helping behind the scenes. I was on the Hospitality Committee for a while, I would help with Church functions, I even joined the Youth Group. By getting involved, it showed me how my faith brought people together. Just by getting involved, I discovered this whole other side of my religion that I never saw before. At Mass you see the uniform rituals, but you witness how much work and collaboration goes into Mass. You witness this side of unity and togetherness in our religion. The way our religion brings people together, and helps them get through tough times.

As you approach your Confirmation, you can't wait. I knew I couldn't. "Yay, I don't have to come late at night once a week to my classes!" It is so much more than that. Your Confirmation is your beginning as an adult in the Church. Take this new beginning and get involved. I am currently a Lector at the six o'clock, and I still help out putting together or running Church functions. Find your spot in the Parish, whether it is Altar serving, Cantoring, Lectoring, or just being part of Youth Group. My message to you is to get involved, participate, and witness how healing and uniting our faith is.

- Agnes Goldin

New Lighthouse Catholic Media CD

Put Not Your Trust in Princes



Speaking from his perspective as a historian, Christopher Check reminds us that the crisis of our age is cultural and, in the end, spiritual. He explains that a flourishing society is not achieved through legislation or at the ballot box, but instead radiates from the family out. Using examples from the ages, he connects us with our rich patrimony as Catholics and provides practical advice on what we must do to transform our culture for Christ.



Easter Flowers

*Deceased Members of Ambrosino
& Carrano Families*

Robert J. Boyd

Mr. & Mrs. John McGrath

Mr. & Mrs. John Cappellini

Mr. & Mrs. Angelo Trezza

Edward, Kathryn & Peter Herger

James Loretz, Sr.

Eugene Langan

Edwin Lucie

Mannarino Family

Meehan & Timothy Families

Piazza & Graci Families

Mr. & Mrs. John Seylar

Mrs. Veronica Welch

Mr. & Mrs. Antoine Abi-zeid

Frank E. Buquicchio

Thomas E. Dowling

Nancy & Jerry Esposito Sr.

Aunt Ethel Evans

Patrick & Peter McCarthy

Mr. & Mrs. Angelko Telesmanic

Edward F. White

Regina A. White

Anthony Zafferese

Anthony & Fannie Messina

Carmine & Josephine Barila

Edward M. Lupo

Deceased Loscako &

Schmitt Family Members

Deceased Members of John &

Patricia Amabile Families

Catuosco & LoCascio Families

Mr. Thomas Colgan

Jennifer Gordon

William & Dolores Knoblich

The Rutkowski Family

Rose & Tom Paradiso

Ceil DeCotis

Mrs. Grace Geraty

Gail Solominik

George Jorgensen

Helen Morrison

Charles Mai

Helen Ianno

Jerry Di Canio

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph T. Mirro

Raymonde Pierre-Lys

Prayer Shawl Ministry Bus Trip – limited seats still available Mystic, CT. on May 2, 2017

Visit: Mystic River Yarn Shop at Schooner Wharf

Lunch at: The Golden Lamb Buttery Farm

Cost: \$65.00 (check or money order only) payable to: Long Island Knitting Guild

Contact: Phyllis Whalen at 631-304-8684



A note from Good Samaritan Hospital Pastoral Care Department

Do you have a desire to further Christ's healing mission by bringing the Eucharist to the sick in the hospital? If you are currently an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion in your parish, or are just thinking about it, the Diocese offers training classes to prepare you for this most important and blessed ministry.

Please speak to your parish office regarding the training dates and locations. We ask that you request a letter of recommendation from your pastor to be sent to the Pastoral Care Department at Good Samaritan Hospital Medical Center. Again, thank you and God Bless You!

Deacon Richard Becker
Assistant Director of Pastoral Care
Good Samaritan Hospital Medical Center



**Good Samaritan Hospital
Medical Center**
Catholic Health Services
At the heart of health



*~Victorian Tea~
Thank you to All*



Many thanks to all who made the Victorian Tea such a success! It was a great afternoon for the women of the parish who came together to enjoy each other's company while raising money to benefit Outreach.

As someone said that day, "It takes a village to have a Tea!" and so there are many people to thank. The delicious sandwiches were made by Sal and Arlene Acosta, Josephine and Elena Barone, Ken Chapuisat, Fran Clark, Marie Duncan and Dottie Mirabella under the direction of Steve Duncan, who shopped for and prepared all the food. Thanks also go to Panera Bread, who provided 100 sandwiches, and C& J Meats, who provided the chicken for the chicken salad.

Doris Cameron, Fran Clark, Cathy Danowski, Anne DeGuardi, Rose Contelmo, Stacie Baltrusitis, Dorothy Kuchler and Vita Scorgia were the bakers who made all the tasty scones, brownies, and other desserts. Sister Nancy and her small army of volunteers set up and then took down all the tables. Religious Ed. Class Room 21 and their catechists Lisa O'Sullivan and Tammy Davies were the servers for the event. They did a fantastic job making sure that everyone had all that they needed!

Fran Clark, Rose Contelmo, Amy Danowski, Maria DeGennaro, Liz Diaello, Joanne Maher, Jennifer Mehrtens, Dottie Mirabella, Vicky Miranda and Darlene Ross were our raffle ticket sellers and Anne Basso took tickets at the door.

Maryann and Rosemary Buonaspina and Nicole Parisi provided the delightful music that added so much to the event. Thanks to all who attended and made it such a successful event.

Last, but not least, special thanks to Josephine and Elena Barone, Marcy Chapuisat and Marie Duncan who spent months organizing, getting raffle prizes and planning the Tea. We couldn't have asked for a better afternoon!



Diocese of Rockville Centre Golden Wedding Liturgy
Honoring couples married fifty or more years.

This spring, couples that have been married fifty years or more will be honored at a special Mass on Sunday, April 30 at the Church of St. James in Seaford. The Mass will begin at 2:30pm. Registration forms and complete instructions can be obtained at the rectory. Registration must be received by the Office of Worship by April 21. If you have any questions you may call 516-678-5800 ext. 207.

**OUR LADY OF LOURDES OUTREACH
GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGES THE FOLLOWING DONATIONS**

Donations were received In Memory of John R. Sureau, Sr. from *Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Domanico, Gayle Kienle, and Jocelyn McBride.*

Doris & Richard Shaddock made a Donation In Loving Memory of Doris' Mother, Rose Monroe, and Doris' Aunt, Louise Riedemann.

Donations were received In Memory of Jimmy Reilly from *Phil & Connie Ambrosino, Tom & Rose Breig, Doris & Doug Cameron, Pat & Carl Falco, Eileen & Kevin Graham, Maureen & Ed Hawkins, Kathy Holland & Helen Lehmann, Rita & Joe Madden, Terence & Emily McKee, Paul & Jean Rosenvold, The Sage Ministry, Lorraine Shillitto, Patricia Vaughn, and Pat & Bill Young.*

Donations were received In Memory of Andrew Velten from *Phil & Connie Ambrosino, Barbara McCarthy, and Lorraine Shillitto.*

Christina Cafarelli, Phil & Connie Ambrosino, Don & Laura Willis, Rosemarie & Bruce Ferland, and The Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians (LAOH Division Two) made Donations.

Donations were received In Memory of Philipp Hattemer from *Helen Lehmann, and The Sage Ministry. Cathy & Rick Danowski* made a Donation In Memory of John Supakoff.

A Donation was received from *Marcy & Ken Chapuisat* In Memory of Florence Scott, Mother of Arlene Acosta. An additional Donation was made by *Marcy & Ken* In Memory of Thomas Parisside, Uncle of Rev. Thomas V. Arnao.

Boyd / Spencer Funeral Home made a Donation earmarked for the Victorian Tea.

A Donation was received from *Denise Mace* In Memory of Jerome Curran.

The Rosary Christian Mothers and The Holy Name Society made a Donation of \$1,000 to Outreach as a result of the generous support of those who attended the St. Patrick's / St. Joseph's Dance.

John F. Hodgkins made a Donation In Memory of his Dad, John Hodgkins.

**Diocese of Rockville Centre Faith Formation presents:
Bereavement Facilitators "Coffee and Conversation"**

May 1, 2017 7:00-9:00pm

St. Mary's Parish - 20 Harrison Avenue, East Islip, NY 11730

A time to share our successes and struggles. Do you have expertise in particular cases such as: child loss, widowed (men or women) with children, loss to suicide, proficient in other languages? How can we support each other and the bereaved?

For more information contact: Ellen Zafonte at 516-678-5800 ext. 506 or e-mail: ezafonte@drvc.org



Magnificat, a Ministry to Catholic Women,

cordially invites you to attend a Breakfast on Saturday, May 6th, at The Hofstra Club in Uniondale at 9:45 a.m. Our speaker will be Allison Ricciardi, who is a licensed Mental Health Counselor in

practice for over 24 years. Allison, a frequent guest on Catholic Radio Programs, will be sharing her powerful testimony of trusting in the Lord, persevering in prayer, and God's faithfulness.

The Breakfast is \$35 per person, and pre-registration is required. Please make checks payable to "Magnificat" and mail to: Judy Murphy, 42 Pinehurst Street, Lido Beach, NY 11561. Checks must be received by April 30th. Payment will not be accepted at the door. For additional information, please contact Judy at (917) 453-5750. Come and bring a friend for a morning of fellowship, refreshment and worship!

DRVC School of Missionary Disciples is a two year process of personal, intellectual, spiritual and pastoral formation for adult Catholics that offers an exciting, integrated approach to discipleship through instruction, prayer, faith sharing and development of leadership skills.

**To learn more, join us on Sunday, April 30 anytime between 10:00am-1:00pm
at St Martin of Tours in Amityville.**

For more information, contact MariaElena Barbieri at 516 678-5800 ext. 540 or via email at mbarbieri@drvc.org or visit our website www.drvc-faith.org

Annual Afternoon of Prayer & Enrichment for all involved in Ministry of Consolation and Bereavement Ministry

presented by: Diocese of Rockville Centre Office of Faith Formation & Catholic Cemeteries

Tuesday, May 2, 2017 1:30-3:30pm Cost: \$10.00 per person

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish (in the church)
210 South Wellwood Avenue, Lindenhurst, NY 11757**

Presenters:

**Sr. Mary Alice Piil, CSJ
Director of Faith Formation**

**Christopher Ferraro, MA
Music Director, OLPH**

For more information, contact: Debbie Coyne at 516-678-5800 ext. 204
Advanced registration is required. Register online at: www.drvc-faith.org

Reinventing Yourself After the Loss of a Spouse

*presented by: "Moving On"
An After Bereavement Group for Widows and Widowers*

Friday, May 12 at 7:30pm

Presenter: Dr. Anne C. Kane

**Church of St. Joseph - Parish Center
39 North Carll Avenue, Babylon, NY 11702**

For further information please call: Geri Olson 631-661-8994

Worldwide Marriage Encounter



Attention Married Couples!
Love is in the air this spring!

Give your spouse a

Marriage Encounter Weekend

Rediscover your love and enhance your hopes and dreams!
This weekend, plant a seed and watch your love grow!!!

April 28th to 30th

@ Seminary of the Immaculate Conception

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Space is limited.

For more information about the weekends or to apply call

1-877-697-9963 or visit our web site at <http://www.wwme.org>



ART AUCTION

Sponsored by the Catholic Daughters of the Americas — Court Bishop McDonnell #1403

Saturday Evening, April 29, 2017

St. Joseph Church, Monsignor Nolan Hall

39 North Carll Avenue, Babylon, NY 11702

Preview: 6:30 p.m. Auction: 7:30 p.m.

Admission: \$10.00 per person

50/50 and Raffles

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For more information call: Stephanie Conley 631-422-0175 or Dawn Chapman 631-587-1821

Office of Faith Formation Diocese of Rockville Centre

Training of Volunteers in the Ministry to the Sick

Presenters: James Spencer, Senior Vice President for Mission and Ministry CHSLI
Caterina Mako, System Director of Pastoral Care and Education

Saturdays, May 13th, May 20th, and June 10, 2017
Each session 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Attendance required at all sessions

Cost: \$40 per person *Advanced registration is required*

Location: Mercy Medical Center, 1000 North Village Avenue, Rockville Centre, NY 11571,
Congregation of the Infant Jesus Conference Rooms. Coffee and Lunch will be provided.

For more information, contact Carolann Malinowski at 516-678-5800, ext. 210
or e-mail at: cmalinowski@drvc.org

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUPS

Good Shepherd Hospice Bereavement Services are open, at no charge, to anyone in the community who has experienced a loss through death. All groups are led by a Bereavement Specialist.

Upcoming Bereavement Support Groups:

Spousal/Partner Loss Support Group – 5/19/17- 6/26/17 from 6:00-7:30pm

Adult Loss of Parent or Sibling Loss Support Group - 5/19/17- 6/26/17 from 7:45-9:15pm

Groups are held at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, 9 Clinton Avenue, Bay Shore, NY
Registration required – 631-828-7628

Stroke Support Group

Survivors and their caregivers often need help adjusting. Join our group.
We meet monthly at The DeMatteis Center 101 Northern Blvd., Greenvale, NY

- * Obtain information about resources
- * Share concerns with other survivors
- * Form a supportive social network
- * Develop new friendships
- * Caregivers welcome

Call 516-629-2013 for more information. There is no fee. It's free to join!



Ronkonkoma Cenacle Retreat House – Job Opening

The Cenacle in Ronkonkoma has an opening for a part-time Kitchen Utility Worker. The position is for Friday afternoon/evenings and Saturdays.

Please send your resume to jsgambati@cenaclesisters.org or phone 631-588-8366.

Calling All Music Lovers...

Spring Concert of Instrumental and Choral Music

Friday, April 28 and Saturday, April 29 at 7:30pm

Donation is \$10.00

St. Anthony High School

275 Wolf Hill Road in Melville NY 11747

Holy Trinity Diocesan High School's Performing Arts Department

is proud to present the modern rock opera "Jesus Christ Superstar" on April 27-29 at 7:30pm.

This contemporary musical explores the story surrounding the last days of Jesus Christ. Told through the lens of Judas Iscariot, this play investigates the indelible biblical characters and is an important piece of theatre for young people of all faiths to experience.

Tickets are sold at the door - \$8 students/\$10 adults

Holy Trinity High School 98 Cherry Lane, Hicksville, NY 11801

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Calling all 7th and 8th Graders to Shadow or Schedule a Personalized Tour

Please contact 516-922-4888 ext. 5325 or admissions@stdoms.org

110 Anstice Street, Oyster Bay, NY 11771

Website: hs.stdoms.org

Religion and Rock

Tune into "Religion and Rock" with Msgr. Jim Vlaun on Sunday from 7am to 8am on WBAB 102.3 FM or 95.3 on the East End of Long Island. Listen on Saturdays at 11pm on Sirius Radio, Channel 159, the Catholic Channel and at 11pm on XM Satellite, Channel 117. Next Sunday's theme is "Community."

Sharing the Gospel

The disciples must have been very surprised when they saw Jesus alive again. They got to see Him, listen to Him, and touch Him. We don't get to see Him like the disciples did after Easter. But Jesus calls us blessed when we believe in Him. One day we'll see Him again in Heaven.



Mission for the Week



Tell a friend why Jesus is special to you.

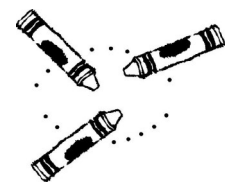
Prayer

Dear Jesus,
I can hardly
wait to see
You in
Heaven.



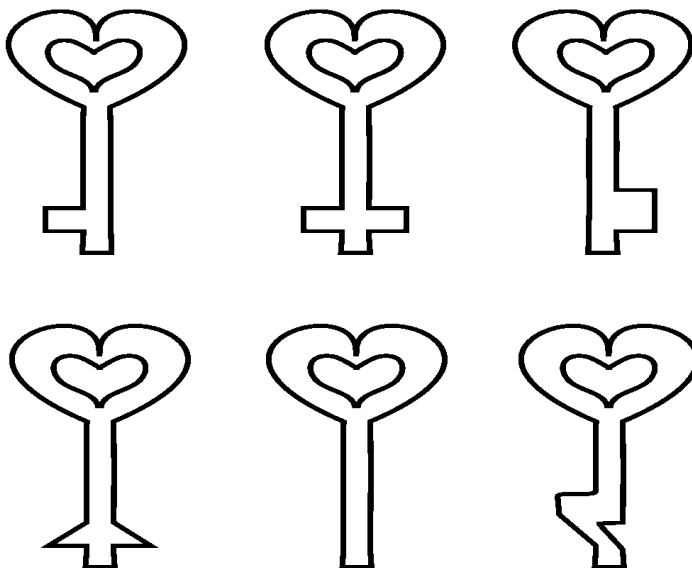
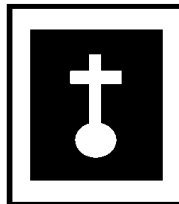
Something to Draw

Draw a picture of Jesus smiling at you from Heaven.



Puzzle

Which key will unlock this door?



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