

Our Lady of Lourdes Church

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Epiphany of the Lord

January 3, 2021



Rev. James T. Stachacz, Pastor

Deacon Richard H. Portuese

Deacon Gregory Fewer

Rev. Richard R. Donovan, In Residence

Rev. Eugene C. Umeyor, CMF, In Residence

Mass Schedule

Monday through Saturday
9:00 am and live-streamed

Weekend Masses

Saturday ~ 5:00 pm

Sunday:

7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am,
12:00 pm ~ live-streamed, 5:00 pm

Confession

Saturday ~ 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm

Masks must be worn.

Confessions will be heard behind the screen for the
protection of both the penitent and the confessor.



Welcome to Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

Pastor: Rev. James T. Stachacz
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Rectory Office: Yole Santino, Office Manager
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Rectory Office Hours:

Monday to Friday:

9:00 am to 12:00 pm, 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm, 7:00 pm to 9:00

Saturday and Sunday: 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Music Director: Stephen Harth

Youth Director: Linda Baldacchino

Maintenance: Kevin Dieck

Rocco Bruzzese

Religious Education:

Mary Lasar, Director

Marybeth Malone, Secretary

(516)599-7222

Religious Education Office Hours

Monday to Friday: 11:30 am to 3:15 pm ~ Rectory

Tuesday & Wednesday: 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm ~ School

Saturday: 9:30 am to 10:30 am ~ School

School Office

Kathleen Cotilletta, Principal

Magdalen Hamilton-Roldan, Secretary

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Mass Intentions

**Saturday, January 2nd ~ Saints Basil the Great & Gregory
Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church**

5:00 pm Salvador Santiago (d)

Sunday, January 3rd ~ Epiphany of the Lord

7:30 am Patrick Farrell (d)

9:00 am John Karam (d)

10:30 am John E. Lloyd (d)

12:00 pm Gerard Dierker (d)

Anne Nora Holland (d)

Michael Corbett (d)

Anthony Mariano (d)

Barbara May Carriero (d)

5:00 pm Helen Geraghty (d)

Monday, January 4th ~ Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

9:00 am Sally & John Kilbride (d)

Tuesday, January 5th ~ Saint John Neumann, Bishop

9:00 am Marie C. Dugan (d)

**Wednesday, January 6th ~ Christmas Weekday ~ Saint André
Bessette, Religious**

9:00 am Joan Gail (d)

Thursday, January 7th ~ Christmas Weekday ~

Saint Raymond of Peñafort, Priest

9:00 am Thanksgiving to the Saints

Friday, January 8th ~ Christmas Weekday

9:00 am Thomas Guiheen (d)

Saturday, January 9th ~ Christmas Weekday

9:00 am Michael Corbett (d)

5:00 pm Harry Sturges and Florence Bunce (d)

Sunday, January 10th ~ Baptism of the Lord

7:30 am Deceased Members of the Donlon Family

9:00 am For the People of Our Lady of
Lourdes Parish

10:30 am Hannah M. Fraissinet (d)

12:00 pm Josiah Stevenson (d)

Kevin Murphy (d)

Rita & John Murphy (d)

Eileen McElhill (d)

Virginia Shea (d)

5:00 pm Danyel Saint-Louis (d)



*The Flowers for the
Blessed Mother have been
donated by the
Van Maenen Family*



*The Sanctuary Lamp burns
In Memory of
All Deceased Members of
Our Lady of Lourdes Parish
Requested by the
Malverne Walsh Funeral Home*

In your prayers please remember the sick and hospitalized members of our parish community

Kathy Carriere	Kevin Ledwith
Thomas Castellani	Phyllis Mayoka
Gerardina Corrado	Kevin McQuade
James Dineen	Laura Ruggiero
Rocco Esposito	Joan Thomason
Teresa Isidore	Baby Eliza Ann Urick
Sue Kielson	

The names will remain for six consecutive weeks unless the Rectory Office is notified.



Pray for Priests

God, our Father, please send us holy priests, all for the Sacred and Eucharistic Heart of Jesus, all for the Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary, in union with St. Joseph. We pray that the Blessed Mother wrap her mantle around your priests, and through her intercession strengthen them for their ministry. We pray that Mary will guide your priests to follow her own words, "Do whatever He tells you." (Jn 2:5) May your priests be holy, filled with the fire of Your love, seeking nothing but Your greater glory and the salvation of souls. Amen.

Sunday	Rev. Msgr. James McNamara
Monday	Rev. Eugene C. Umeyor
Tuesday	Rev. Joseph Nixon
Wednesday	Rev. Patrick Flannagan
Thursday	Rev. James Karoly
Friday	Rev. Patrick Onuegbu
Saturday	For Religious Brothers & Sisters



Our Parishioners

Serving in the Military

Please keep all our Military and Support Personnel in your prayers, especially:

United States Navy

CDR Andrew E. Glassing
LT Geoff Hendrick
ICI Bryanne Heim Iddings
LT Ryan Patrick Mahon
LCDR Tara Mahoney

United States Army

Major Thomas Barrett
Joseph Greco ~ Infantry
Spc Lotachukwu Okoye
Spc Tucker Andrew Peterson

United States Air Force Corps

1st Lt. William F. Cosgrove

United States Marine Corps

L Cpl Kristofer Katzenberger
CWO-4 Kris Kurrus
LT Sam Oliveri

"Lord, hold our troops in Your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. We ask this in the name of Jesus, Our Lord and Savior. Amen."

Reflection for Next Sunday

January 10, 2021

Baptism of the Lord

First Reading: Isaiah 55:1-11

Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-9

Gospel: Mark 1:7-11

In the story of Jesus' baptism, we hear the report of a significant moment in Jesus' life. By accepting baptism from John the Baptist, Jesus shows himself to accept solidarity with sinners. In the voice from heaven and the descent of the Holy Spirit, we know that God received this offering from Jesus and found it pleasing. In the passages that follow in Mark's Gospel, we learn that Jesus' baptism marks the beginning of his public ministry.

Although many of us may have already taken down our Christmas decorations, liturgically speaking, the Christmas season hasn't ended yet; today is the last day. Holidays like Christmas are highlights of our year, moments of great grace. This grace renews us and prepares us for our return to the season of Ordinary Time, to the continuing work of discipleship.

Gather as a family and discuss your feelings about the ending of the Christmas season. How does it feel to take down the Christmas decorations? Many of us experience a letdown after the excitement of Christmas; others may feel relieved that life is returning to normal. Liturgically, we end the Christmas season today by reflecting on the importance of Jesus' baptism. Read together today's Gospel, Mark 1:7-11. Jesus' baptism prepared him for his public ministry. What will we take from this Christmas season to carry us forward into Ordinary Time, to renew and strengthen our life of Christian discipleship? Conclude by praying together today's psalm response taken from the book of the prophet Isaiah, Isaiah 12:2-6, or pray the [Prayer to the Holy Spirit](#).

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

MATTHEW 2: 1-12

GUIDING LIGHT FROM THE GROTTO

CHRISTMAS CONTINUES-THE LITURGICAL YEAR

As we enter this new year of 2021, we are reminded that the whole world marks everything through time. Everyone lives by a calendar including the Church. The Church marks time in what is called the Liturgical Year. The Liturgical Year of the Church is a time where we walk with Christ through certain events of his life from the time of his birth through his public ministry to its culmination in the Paschal Mystery, which is Christ's saving passion, death and resurrection. We repeat this every year so we are drawn more closely into the mystery of His being and are transformed more into His presence.

When celebrating the different seasons, marked by solemnities and feasts, we not only remember but also "make present" the events of the life of Christ and the saints, whose faith inspires us to embrace our call to discipleship. Throughout the liturgical year, we mark time with symbolic colors, rituals, prayers, and celebrations. It makes the celebration of liturgy an ongoing process that continues to unfold with wonder, grace, and thanksgiving.

The liturgical year of the Church is divided into 4 parts :

Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter and Ordinary Time.

Each season has its own particular way of focusing on Christ and how we can more fully connect our lives with His. The Christmas Season begins with the Vigil Mass on Christmas Eve December 24th and continues through the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord, January 10, 2021.

Our American culture ends Christmas after December 25th. How many radio stations play Christmas music on December 26th? I find that by Christmas night, the regular secular music plays again. The Church however, is just beginning its Christmas celebration. During this time, there are solemnities and feasts that help us focus on how the incarnation of God becoming human has made a difference in our lives. As United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) tell us , "we celebrate the birth of Christ into our world and into our hearts, and reflect on the gift of salvation that is born with Him...including the fact that He was born to die for us. The solemnities and feasts we celebrate during the Christmas Season in addition to Christmas Day, are The Holy Family, Mary, The Mother of God (New Years' Day), Epiphany and The Baptism of the Lord.

This Sunday we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany, which means manifestation, or to make one's self known. On Christmas Day, God made Himself known in Jesus to a select few hovering around the manger. In the Epiphany, God now reveals Himself to the entire world through the Wise Men, representing the Gentiles, who came from the East to adore Him.

So, please don't put your Christmas decorations away just yet or throw out that Christmas tree, unless it becomes a safety issue. Take the time to reflect on what the birth of Christ means to you, your family and friends through each of the special feasts of Christmas. May the star of Bethlehem be our guide to help us walk along the right paths of life so that we may discover a God who is always loving, encouraging and present to us.

MEDITATION PRAYER FOR OUR JOURNEY

A new year has begun. During this year, too, all the paths from east to west, from morning until evening, lean on and on as far as the eye can see through the desert of life, with all its changes. But these paths can be turned into the blessed pilgrimage to the absolute, the journey to God. Set out my heart, take up the journey! The star shines. You can't take much with you on the journey. And you will lose much on the way. Lit it go. God of love, incense of yearning, myrrh of suffering-these you certainly have with you. He shall accept them. And we shall find him. -Fr. Karl Rahner SJ

A CHRISTMAS THANK YOU

Thank you to our liturgical ministries including our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, Ushers, the Altar Servers who came, and most especially to our Music Ministry for a beautiful job during the Christmas liturgies. Thank you to Stephen Harth and his small socially distant choir for lifting up our souls in the midst of this pandemic. Thank you to our liturgical decorating committee for helping to make our church beautiful and festive for the Christmas season. Thank you to Rocco and Kevin, our maintenance men, for their hard work inside and outside, in putting up all the Christmas decorations. Thank you to our sacristans for their hard work in helping the liturgies flow smoothly. Thank you to all who came or watched online, your presence makes every bit of effort worthwhile. May God reward you for your generosity.

May God bless you and you Mary keep you and your families. Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us!

Fr. Jim

Pre- Kindergarten Beautiful Rendition of the Nativity



Parish Mission Statement



We, the parish family of Our Lady of Lourdes, are a faith-filled people who welcome all to join us as we listen to the Word of God and celebrate the Eucharist together. We encourage each other to grow in Christ as we use our God-given gifts to serve the people of our community.

Through the Holy Spirit we are inspired through our Patroness, Our Lady of Lourdes, and we strive to imitate her charity and love in making the will of God our own.



*Grant eternal peace to those
whom You have called unto
Yourself, O Lord.*

Joseph Minerva

Rev. Msgr. Thomas D. Candreva

Rev. Msgr. Jack Alesandro

Retrouvaille Weekend You can Help Heal Your Marriage

Do you feel alone. Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue or have you just stopped talking to each other. Does taking about it only make it worse?

Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped couples experiencing ALL TYPES of marital difficulties.

For information about the Retrouvaille program, or register for the upcoming weekend that begins on Friday, January 22, 2021

call 1-800-470-2230 and you will be connected to a couple from Long Island/Metro Retrouvaille who can help.

Location:

Marriott Melville Long Island

1350 Walt Whitman Road

Melville, NY 11747



A donation to our church is
a beautiful way to
remember, honor or give
thanks for loved ones.



Flower Donations

Altar Flowers ~ \$100

Tabernacle Flowers ~ \$60

Flowers by Blessed Mother Statue ~ \$30

Flowers by St. Joseph Statue ~ \$30

Memorials

Altar Bread ~ \$25

Altar Wine ~ \$25

Sanctuary Lamp ~ \$25

An acknowledgement of your donation will appear in the Sunday bulletin. No flowers during the Advent and Lenten seasons only. Memorials available throughout the year.

Please come to the Rectory Office
to make arrangements.

Pro-Life Corner

"I've noticed that everyone who is for abortion is already born."

"Simple morality dictates that unless and until someone can prove the unborn human is not alive, we must give it the benefit of the doubt and assume it is (alive). And, thus, it should be entitled to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

~ President Ronald Reagan

Bulletin Reflection

In today's gospel, we read of the coming of the Magi to adore the newborn Son of God.

STEWARDSHIP
Time ♦ Talent ♦ Treasure

December 27th..... next week's bulletin

Religious Education

"The first step towards getting somewhere is to decide not to give up and to stay where you are." This year let's pray to the Blessed Virgin to help us be examples of Christ's teachings. Let us love and forgive.

MASS SHEETS:

Mass sheets should be completed each Sunday and returned at the appropriate time with your completed lessons.

There is absolutely no reason for anyone to miss Mass on any Sunday. You can attend Mass in Church or view it from home. It is essential that we hear the word of God and understand what he is preaching about each week.

Beginning next semester and in the future Mass Sheets will be counted as part of your grade/participation.

HOUSE BLESSING

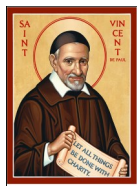
The traditional New Year's blessing of homes begins with the Feast of the Epiphany this weekend.

"The book of blessings of the Catholic Church" allows for a lay person to offer the prayers for the traditional house blessing. You may use chalk at the home blessing prayer which follows;

*Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only-begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it. Fill them with the light of Christ, that there concern for others may reflect your love. Through Christ our Lord. Amen (At this time please inscribe with chalk **20+C+M+B+21**, on the trim of the front door of your home.)*

C,M,B, stands for the 3 Magi— Casper, Melchior, and Balthasar— and for *Christus Mansionem Benedicat*, Latin for "May Christ Bless this House."

St. Vincent de Paul Society



Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, where the Magi find the newborn king and offer him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

In the spirit of the Magi, please put your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul poor box so that comfort and peace can once again be given to a newborn child.

Food Pantry

Canned Vegetables, Ramen Soups, Rice-A-Roni,
Peanut Butter, Jelly, Progresso Soups, Tuna Fish.
Oatmeal, Bathroom Tissue, Soap

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## Catholic Ministries Appeal

Goal: \$79,700.00  
Pledge: \$38,375.00  
Over (Under): (\$41,325.00)  
Donors: 123  
Payments: \$38,165.00  
Avg/Gifts: \$311.99  
Percentage of Goal: 48.15%

## "Religion and Rock"

Tune into "Religion and Rock" with Msgr. Jim Vlaun on Sunday from 7:00 am—8:00 am on WBAB 102.3 FM or 95.3 FM on Long Island's East End. Listen on Saturdays at 11:00 pm on *Sirius Radio, Channel 159, the Catholic Channel* and at 11:00 pm on XM Satellite, Channel 117.



Next Sunday's theme is Life's Struggles, don't miss it! To listen online or receive more information regarding *Religion and Rock* go to [www.Religion and Rock.com](http://www.Religion and Rock.com) or at "Religion & Rock" on ITUNES.

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