

The Parish of St. Lawrence the Martyr

THE PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Brian J. Ingram, Pastor
Rev. Thomas Pers, Associate Pastor
Deacon Patrick J. La Bella
Rev. Msgr. Thomas D. Candreva,
Weekend Assistant
Mrs. Maria Davidson,
Director of Faith Formation
Mr. Christopher Koch,
Cemetery & Business Manager
Mrs. Lorraine Magyar,
Director of Parish Outreach
Mrs. Jean Rico,
Assistant Director of Faith Formation
Mrs. Gloria Ryan, Baptism Coordinator
Mrs. Jeanmarie Smith, Pastoral Associate
Mrs. Marie Winn, Director of Music

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Arrangements for preparation and celebration of infant baptism may be made by calling (631) 589-8934, Monday through Thursday.

THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Arrangements should be made with the church at least six months prior to the wedding celebration. Either the bride or the groom, or one of their families, should be associated with the parish.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: (Confession)

Celebrated each Saturday in church from 3:45-4:45 P.M., or by appointment with one of the priests.

VISITATION TO THE SICK:

May be arranged through the rectory office for the purpose of Holy Communion or the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. For emergency sick calls, phone the rectory at any time.

COMMUNAL ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

Anointing of the Sick is celebrated communally immediately following the 9:00 A.M. Mass on the first Saturdays of December, February, April and August.

Fourth Sunday of Easter
May 7, 2017



PARISH PHONE NUMBERS

RECTORY	(631) 589-0042
RECTORY FAX	(631) 589-5318
FAITH FORMATION OFFICE	(631) 589-3160
CEMETERY OFFICE	(631) 589-3887
OUTREACH OFFICE	(631) 589-6155

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240 West Main Street, Sayville, New York 11782

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MASS SCHEDULE

The celebration of the Eucharist will be offered in a special way for each of the names or intentions listed below. The donation received for each of these Mass intentions helps support the work of the parish, and our priests who minister at the Lord's altar.

Saturday **May 6, 2017**

9:00 Dorothy O'Leary +
5:00 William Hammond + Daniel Dunn +
 Elizabeth Person + John Kevin Hannigan +

Sunday **May 7, 2017**

7:30 All Our Parishioners
9:00 Ellen Jordan +
11:00 The Idland Family

Monday **May 8, 2017**

9:00 William T. Hammond Jr. +

Tuesday **May 9, 2017**

9:00 Mary Murphy +

Wednesday **May 10, 2017**

Saint Damien de Veuster
9:00 George Gillespie +

Thursday **May 11, 2017**

9:00 Msgr. Charles Nosser +

Friday **May 12, 2017**

Saint Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs; Sant Pancras, Martyr
9:00 Donald P. Arata +

Saturday **May 13, 2017**

Our Lady of Fatima
9:00 Claire Jeanne Jackson +
5:00 All Our Mothers Living and Deceased

Sunday **May 14, 2017**

7:30 All Our Mothers Living and Deceased
9:00 All Our Mothers Living and Deceased
11:00 All Our Mothers Living and Deceased

GENERAL INFORMATION

THE PARISH OFFICE: Open Monday to Friday, from 9:00 A.M. to 12 Noon and 1:00 P.M. to 4:30 P.M.; Saturdays by appointment.

THE FAITH FORMATION OFFICE:

Open Monday through Thursday, from 9:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M., and Friday by appointment.

PARISH OUTREACH (SOCIAL MINISTRY):

Open Monday through Friday, from 10:00 A.M. to 12 Noon; Closed on weekends and holidays.

THE PARISH CEMETERY OFFICE:

Open by appointment weekdays from 9:00 A.M. to 12 Noon

SAINT LAWRENCE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Meet on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month.
 Please call (631) 317-9027 for more information.

SAINT LAWRENCE COLUMBIETTES: Meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month. for information or email stlcol.pres@gmail.com

PARISH DEVOTIONAL LIFE**THE ROSARY:**

Prayed in common from Monday through Saturday immediately following the 9:00 A.M. Mass in the church.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP:

Meets in the school on Mondays at 7:30 P.M.

QUEEN OF PEACE ROSARY AND MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA:

Mondays in church 6 to 7:15 P.M.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Come worship the Eucharistic Lord on the First Friday of the month, from 12noon to 3:30 P.M., with the Divine Mercy Chaplet recited at 3:00 P.M.

There is also a holy hour every Wednesday, dedicated to prayer for priests and priestly vocations, from 6 to 7:00 P.M.

MINISTRY OF PRAISE:

Members pray at home for the intentions of the Church and parish. Designed for the homebound, senior citizens, etc.

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER GROUP:

An ancient form of prayer that sets aside words and images in favor of sitting silently and receptively in the presence of God. Please contact Mrs. Barbara Shea at (631) 589-5257.

Weekly Collections

"How shall I make a return to the Lord, for all the good he has done for me?"

Sunday, April 30, 2017
 \$13,323.00

Weekly amount budgeted for
 the current fiscal year: \$13,327.00

A Message from Father Brian ~

Next Saturday, May 13th, the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima, the Church throughout the world will mark the 100th anniversary of the first mystical encounter between the Mother of God and three poor shepherd children—Lucia, Francisco, and Jacinta—in Fatima, Portugal. The Virgin Mary would appear to the children six times between May 13, 1917 and October 13th of that same year. Her message to the children, and through the children to the larger world, was simple and direct: an urgent call to prayer (especially the Rosary), penance for the sinfulness of the world, and devotion to Our Lady's Immaculate Heart.

Our new diocesan shepherd, Bishop John O. Barres, has chosen the apparitions at Fatima and Mary's urgent message to the children as the springboard for his first pastoral letter to the people of the Diocese. That letter is available to you here this weekend, as a particularly timely way of entering more deeply into the spirituality of this month—traditionally a time of special devotion to the Mother of God.

These beautiful weeks of May afford us the chance to renew our attachment to this extraordinary woman of faith, and to ask her intercession for ourselves and for the world. In his pastoral letter (in fact, within the very first sentence!) Bishop Barres asks that *every Catholic in the Diocese pray the Rosary each day of this month*, as a perfect way of honoring our Lady of Fatima, and of asking her intercession for dramatic missionary growth within our local Church.

Some of us already enjoy a deep and trusting relationship with Mary. I am always inspired by the fidelity and love that are so evident in the group of parishioners who pray the Rosary following the 9:00 Mass each morning. Without presuming to know their hearts, I have to guess that these men and women have come to value the Rosary greatly as an avenue to deepening their communion with the Lord, and his Blessed Mother. For centuries now countless believers have used this exquisite tool for growing in their intimacy with Jesus—the Son of God, and Son of Mary.

Some Catholics may find it a challenge to pray the Rosary (I know I have), or to turn to Mary as they press on in their own spiritual journey. There are many paths to God, to be sure, but there are few if any helpers more ready to lend their comfort, support, courage, and solace to us than the one who carried the Lord in her own body. Mary is thought of as the

first and best disciple of Jesus, so who can offer us better example in how to give our hearts more completely to him than she?

No matter where your personal attachment to Mary is at this moment, try to take up Bishop Barres' challenge *in some way* . . . if not the entire Rosary, perhaps you might pray a decade each day, or even recite a slow and heartfelt Hail Mary before closing your eyes at night. Let's hope that this beautiful month will afford us all a renewed incentive to reach out to the Mother of God, to trust in her maternal care for us and our troubled world, and to cultivate a spiritual friendship with her that can only draw us nearer to her divine Son. "*Ad Jesum per Mariam*" ("To Jesus through Mary").

May our brother and patron, St. Lawrence, pray for us. God love you!

Gifts of Love

The **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn alongside the Tabernacle during the week of May 7, 2017 in memory of **Robert D. Shollenberger, Jr.** from the **Shollenberger Family.**

The **Altar Rose**, which stands to the left of the tabernacle as a reminder of our prayers for the unborn, is donated in memory of **Elena Spina.**

Remembering Our Departed Loved Ones

We lift up our hearts in prayer for our brothers and sisters who have died, in the sure hope that they will see the Lord face to face:

Barney Loughlin
Joseph T. Hatter
Fernando Marquez
Reverend Lawrence O'Leary



Please join us as we welcome the newly baptized to our Christian community:

**Gianna Christine Gatz
Gwendolyn Ann Jones
Kaden Patrick Kenny
Theodore Graham Latorre
Mason Scott Vitale**



SPRING INDOORS!

Thanks to your generosity in offering so many donations, the sanctuary of our church was just beautiful at Easter! Many of those flowers are fading now, but they would have been gone even sooner were it not for the careful tending and watering done by **Mrs. Barbara Russo** (wife of our parish sexton, Frank Russo). Thank you, Barbara, for volunteering for a task that's very time-consuming, but one that keeps our eyes and noses delighted for weeks on end.

THE QUESTION BOX

Just for fun—and some ongoing education—here's a question on our Catholic spirituality and tradition. Enjoy!

Q: It almost goes without saying that this month of May is a time of special devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. According to certain traditions, Mary lived out the remainder of her life in what ancient city?

- (a) Jerusalem
- (b) Nazareth
- (c) Ephesus
- (d) Constantinople

A: Scripturally speaking, the day of Pentecost is the last time that Mary is mentioned in the biblical story. Not surprisingly, however, there is a wealth of ancient tradition surrounding the latter years of her life. One of the most popular beliefs is that after the Pentecost-event, John the Evangelist (who, in the fourth Gospel is given care of Mary by Jesus, as the Lord hung in crucifixion), took her from Jerusalem to the city of Ephesus in Asia Minor (present-day Turkey). On Mt. Koressos, one can still see a small stone structure, first discovered by a French priest in 1881, which some believe to be the home in which Mary lived until her Assumption into heaven. This "house" is venerated as a shrine by many Christians today. The answer is (c), Ephesus.



First Holy Communion

In the coming weeks of the Easter Season, we will welcome groups of children to the Table of the Lord for the first time. Please join the youngest members of our Church family as they receive their First Holy Communion, and pray for them to continue the practice of approaching the Table of the Lord every Sunday. The Mass celebrations are as follows:

- Saturday, May 6 at the 5:00pm Mass
- Sunday, May 7 at the 11:00am Mass
- Saturday, May 13 at the 5:00pm Mass
- Sunday, May 14 at the 9:00am Mass
- Sunday, May 21 at the 9:00am and 11:00am Masses

THANK YOU CATECHISTS!

The hard work and dedication of our catechists is apparent because the children are able to approach the Table of the Lord for the first time with such excitement and confidence. Therefore, the Office of Faith Formation says "Thank You!" to the catechists whose students received First Holy Communion this weekend. They are: Natalie Duplessis, Christopher Meehan, Diane Perillo, Gabrielle Coyne, and Tim Powers.



Mother's Day Baby Shower

A bassinet will be set up in the church next weekend May 13th and 14th for donations of new baby item donations. Mother's Day Baby shower contributions will be accepted until Wednesday, May 17th, at which time we will organize and match your gift to the appropriate organization.

Bereavement Support Group

St. Mary's Parish in East Islip is offering a free 6 week support group for adults who are coping with the death of a loved one. Registration is required for this group which begins on Wednesday, May 24, 2017 from 7:00-9:00 pm. Refreshments are included. In order to participate in this group, the death must have occurred prior to February 23, 2017. For information and/or registration, please call the rectory at 631 581-4266 x 100.



We need medical supplies for SOLE HOPE:

Surgical Gloves, Medical Tape, Large Safety Pins, Cotton Balls, Gauze Band aides, Antibiotic Cream.

For children: Coloring Books, Crayons, Stickers

Please place all donations in the collection box in the back of the church.

Please Pray for the Sick

Bill Beaudry; Kevin Ferrara; Andrew Wittman Jr.; Kathleen Yaccarino; Allison Ruddick; John Zambito; James & Lorraine Mattimore; Bob McGarry; Jean Fallon; Jane Vlokhos; Eric Softye; Judith Cleary; John Susco; Gloria Portman; Rick LaFrance; John Kupres; Ellen Jordan; Catherine Birong; Thomas Macaluso; Michael Schindlar; Robert Southard; Jim Tisdell; Joan Kennedy; Peter Donato; Evelyn Chavez-Escoboer; Christopher Goetz; Raymond Meigel; Margaret Dempsey; Matthew DeGraw; Dan Lumley; Ruth Hill; Bruce Weiler; Hulda Maiforth; Donald Taylor; Jomarie Anderson; Joanna Holik; Peter Hlywa; Mary Jane Ingram; Joseph Pers; Mary Gehler; Howard Grandjean; Gina Blenk; Doreen DeRuiter; Patricia Kornely; Charles Fritz; Charlie Schlener and Michael Joseph

Please call the Parish Office (631) 589-0042 if you wish to place or remove someone on our list. The request to have a name placed on the list must be made by the sick person himself or herself, or by an immediate family member.

Celebrating Mary, the Virgin Mother of God

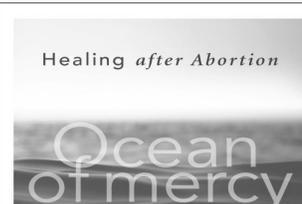
The month of May has long been associated with honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary. Join us for some or all of these upcoming activities:

- Please remember that the Rosary is prayed in common from Monday through Saturday, immediately following the 9:00 A.M. Mass.
- The Queen of Peace Rosary & Miraculous Medal Novena are prayed each Monday, from 6:00 to 7:30 P.M. in the church.



A Marian Morning of Prayer and Reflection

Monday, May 8th, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Seminary of the Immaculate Conception
440 West Neck Rd., Huntington Brother Joseph Bellizzi, S.M. Principal, Chaminade High School
Free will offering of \$15



A Day of Prayer and Healing for Women is an opportunity to experience the loving mercy of God in a safe and sacred space. The day is directed by faithful priests who have sensitivity and a heart for those who suffer. Saturday, June 17, 2017 Long Island Location Saturday, December 9, 2017 Long Island Location For more information visit: respectlife.drvc.org. To register contact: Project Rachel 1-888-456-4673 | projectrachel@drvc.org

OUTREACH

St. Lawrence Food Pantry

The Parish Outreach food pantry appreciates any and all donations, but this week we are in special need of the following items: **Canned mixed vegetables, corn, peas, carrots, Water and any drinks, Jar sauce, Canned spaghetti with meat, Boxed milk, Jelly or jam, Honey, Ramen noodles, Canned meat, chicken, stew or chili, Paper Towels,**

Gift cards \$5, 10, 20, 25

Thank you!

Vacation Bible School

June 26 – 30

9:30 – 12:00 p.m.

This year's theme....Maker Fun Factory.....A world where curious kids become hands-on inventors who discover they're lovingly crafted by God.

At Maker Fun Factory VBS, children will build, explore, and discover that they were made by the ultimate Maker, God! They will learn that each child was intentionally created by God who has a purpose for their life. What a week of fun—and lasting Bible learning!

Registration will take place May 20. Registration forms can be found on the tables near the doors of the Church.

Would you consider joining our team? The following is a list of areas for which will require volunteers:

Teachers for the Lesson Room****Craft Room Leaders****Kitchen Staff for snack****Leaders for Music****Group Leaders and Assistants responsible for taking small groups of children around to each station.

Please call the Office of Faith Formation at 589-3160 to join in on the fun. If you have blessed us with your involvement in previous summers and would like to volunteer again, please give us a call.

Decorating volunteers needed!!!

A few creative people are needed to help with the decorating for this summer's Vacation Bible School. Work with very creative and talented people...Paula Mancuso, Denise Baio, & Pat Beach, the masterminds and builders behind our VBS scenes. The actual decorating will take place June 22-25 with preparation early in the week. If interested in offering your time and talents, please call the Faith Formation Office at 589-3160.



**Congratulations
Columbiettes**

The Saint Lawrence Columbiettes would like to welcome the following new members to our sisterhood:

- Eileen Benson
- Renee Bernardini
- Angela Buckley
- Diane Kuhn
- Karen Lee
- Maria Martin
- Margaret Mitchell
- Miriam Schwartz



Blood Drive

**Sunday,
May 21st:
8am to 2pm**

**Sponsored by the St. Lawrence
Columbiettes
Sign up during hospitality this
Sunday or just stop in!**

DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE

The Saint Lawrence Knights of Columbus will provide a community service by hosting a defensive driving course in The Bethany parish center behind St. Lawrence the Martyr Church in Sayville.

Save money on your insurance or remove up to 4 points off your license. Good for three years.

Cost of class is \$35.00 when mailed in or \$40.00 at the door. Price includes coffee/bagel breakfast & Wrap/ Salad Lunch. Class limit is 40 and registration is required by calling the council @ 631-317-9027. Please make checks payable to: "St. Lawrence Council"

OUR NEXT CLASS IS:

Saturday, May 27th at 9:00AM