



# Our Lady of Grace

## Roman Catholic Church

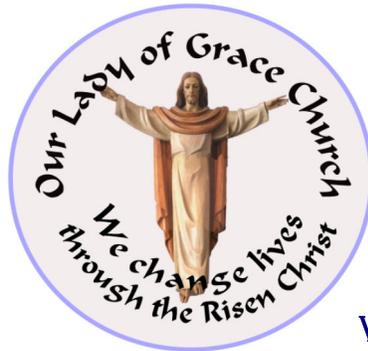
**Our Mission: We change lives through the Risen Christ**

### BY Prayer

WE PRAY EVERY DAY FOR THE SUCCESS OF OUR PARISH'S MISSION AS WELL AS FOR OUR OWN INTENTIONS.

### BY Presence

WE JOIN OUR COMMUNION OF FAITH FOR MASS EVERY SUNDAY FOR MUTUAL SUPPORT AND FOR THE GRACE GOD OFFERS US.



### BY Witness

WE LOVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR EACH DAY.

### BY Support

WE SHARE OUR GIFTS AND WE ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER.

## We Celebrate the Eucharist

VIGIL OF SUNDAY: 5:00PM SATURDAY EVENING  
SUNDAY: 8:00AM, 10:00AM (CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD),  
AND 12:00 NOON (CHOIR)  
WEEKDAYS: MONDAY – FRIDAY 8:00AM AND 9:00AM • SATURDAY 8:00AM  
HOLY DAYS: SEE INSIDE

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**January 14, 2018 • Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## Worship This Coming Week

<p><b>Mon. Weekday</b>                  Jan. 15 <i>1 Sm 15:16-23/Mk 2:18-22</i>                  8:00 Vincenzo Grigoli                  9:00 Dorothy E. Collins-Eisenhardt</p> <p><b>Tue. Weekday</b>                  Jan. 16 <i>1 Sm 16:1-13/Mk 2:23-28</i>                  8:00 Angela McCally                  9:00 Anthony Vignone</p> <p><b>Wed. St. Anthony</b>                  Jan. 17 <i>1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Mk 3:1-6</i>                  8:00 Shian-Shen and Pi-Chu Cheng                  9:00 Raymond Wadsworth</p>	<p><b>Thu. Weekday</b>                  Jan. 18 <i>1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Mk 3:7-12</i>                  8:00 Jose Lopez                  9:00 Edward McGrath</p> <p><b>Fri. Weekday</b>                  Jan. 19 <i>1 Sm 24:3-21/Mk 3:13-19</i>                  8:00 Anastasia Szymanski                  9:00 Thomas Curran</p> <p><b>Sat. Weekday</b>                  Jan. 20 <i>2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Mk 3:20-21</i>                  8:00 Tina Nee</p>
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### The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday, 4:00pm, Presiders: Fr. Vin and Fr. Gius

### Worship for Sunday, January 21, 2018 The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time *Jon 3:1-5, 10/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20*

	Presiding	We pray at this Mass especially for
<p><b>5:00pm (Sat.)</b>  <b>8:00am</b>  <b>10:00am</b>  <b>12:00pm</b></p>	<p>Fr. Gabriel                  Fr. Gabriel                  Fr. Gabriel                  Fr. Vin</p>	<p>Carlos Garcia (5 Anniv.)                  Casima Makowski                  Anthony Vignone                  People of the Parish</p>

#### The Sacrament of Baptism

*Baptisms are celebrated throughout the year on most Sundays and occasionally on Saturday. Call the Parish Office for more information or to schedule an appointment for a Baptism interview. This should be done as soon as practicable.*

#### The Sacrament of Matrimony

*Arrangements for marriage should be made as soon as possible, but not less than six months prior to the intended wedding date.*

#### The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

*This sacrament is celebrated each Saturday during the 8:00am Mass for those facing surgery or those with major disorders. Other arrangements may be made by calling the Parish Office.*

#### Becoming a Catholic • Completing Initiation as a Catholic

*Any adult, teen, or child older than age seven who is interested in becoming a Catholic or in completing the Sacraments of Initiation as a Catholic (Baptism, Confirmation, Communion), is invited to contact the Parish Office.*

#### Regular Devotions:

- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** Mondays from 2pm to 9pm except holidays or when noted.
- Miraculous Medal Novena with Rosary:** Mondays following the 8am and 9am Masses.
- Holy Face of Jesus:** Hour of Reparation First Friday after 9am Mass.
- Padre Pio Prayer Group:** Second Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm.
- Scripture Sharing:** Every Tuesday at 9:30am (except during July and August).

# Our Parish Communion

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## **This week:**

**Sunday, January 14:** Mass for Persons with Disabilities 1:30pm.

**Monday, January 15:** Celebration of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King.  
Parish offices closed.

**Tuesday, January 16:** Scripture Sharing 9:30am. RCIA 7pm.  
Youth Ministry 7:30pm.

**Wednesday, January 17:** Rosary Makers 4:30pm.

**Friday, January 19:** Widows and Widowers 12pm.

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## **Next week:**

**Monday, January 22:** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 2-9pm.

**Tuesday, January 23:** Scripture Sharing 9:30am. RCIA 7pm.  
Youth Ministry 7:30pm.

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## **Upcoming:**

**Wednesday, February 14:** Ash Wednesday, Lent begins.

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## **Weekday Mass Intentions:**

The Parish Mass Book through June 30, 2018, is open for Monday through Friday Masses only. All Masses must be requested in person, and the offering must be given at the time of the request.

All dates and times are subject to change when a priest cannot be available, and the Mass must be rescheduled.

## **Our Pastoral Council**

Mrs. Karen Elefterion  
Mr. Ralph Fiorillo  
Ms. Mary Ellen McEntee  
Mr. James Nevins  
Ms. Maria Russello-Chetti  
Ms. Lucy Sanchez  
Ms. Haydee Santini  
Mrs. Concetta Whelan  
Mrs. Annemarie Zaret

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## **Our Finance Council**

Mr. Richard Korcz  
Mr. Leonardo LoCricchio  
Ms. Debra Nicosia  
Mr. Joseph Salzone (Trustee)  
Mr. Robert Scharf (Trustee)  
Mr. Thomas Vilella

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## **Our Ministries**

### ***Ministries of Worship***

Msgr. Vincent Rush, Pastor  
Rev. Gabriel Miah, Associate  
Rev. Gius Garcia, Associate  
Deacon Brian Miller  
Deacon Irwin Saffran  
Mr. Terence Purtell, Director of Music

### ***Parish Social Ministry***

Mrs. Ann Kristoffersen,  
Coordinator

### ***Ministries with Children and Families***

Mrs. Peggy Harnisch, Director  
Ms. Jeanmarie Florio, Day Care Director  
Mrs. Tischa Stanley, Angel Care Coordinator  
Ms. Doreen Scalise, Kids of the Kingdom / Summer Fun Coordinator

### ***Ministries of Administration***

Parish Services, Finance  
Mr. James Pisano, Facilities Manager

# As I See It

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By Fr. Vin

## An Announcement

The Sisters of Saint Joseph have been a tremendous part of our parish since its beginning. They have contributed through teaching in Faith Formation, serving in Parish Social Ministry, participating in other parish ministries, and, of course, by their prayer and presence. Sadly but necessarily, their presence here will soon come to an end.



Before Christmas, Sisters Alice, Ginny, and Rosalie, who now live in our convent told me that they had decided, with the guidance of their community, that it was time for them to move. Our convent building is simply not well suited for a small group to live in and caring for it is an increasing burden on them. The layout – common areas on the first floor, individual rooms upstairs – is difficult to navigate. As you can imagine, I was saddened – I had told them from the time I arrived that so long as I served as pastor here they would be welcome to remain – but I

understood that the decision was theirs to make and that they had considered it well.

The sisters have asked me to make this announcement on their behalf; they will be speaking for themselves in a piece in the *Bulletin* in the next few weeks.

I want to thank all the sisters who, through half a century, have enriched the life of our parish and nurtured the Catholic faith in so many of our parishioners, past and present. May God continue to bless them and guide them in their vocation. And please pray for them and for those who have served well here and now have entered eternal life.

Thus our parish is faced once again with the issue of making one of our resources – in this case, the convent building – a benefit to our parish's mission and to our community in a new way. You may remember that eight or so years ago Christa House had to close its doors. It took us almost four years to find a suitable tenant for that building, but now Catholic Health Services through its Maryhaven division offers a home and care there for persons with developmental disabilities combined with complex medical needs.

It may also be that the parish itself will develop a use for newly available space. Just as our day care was begun in a part of the Parish Center that had been cleared for use when South Bay Elementary School burned down and we accommodated the school while it was rebuilt, we may discover that we have the imagination and the resources to turn this space to a new or expanded parish ministry. Any decision will wait on much discussion, prayer, and analysis by parish leaders and appropriate experts, and I will of course keep you informed as appropriate, and I welcome your suggestions and your help.

Until next week, peace.

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## Contribution Statements for 2017

Contribution statements for 2017 will be mailed out on request. Please contact the Parish Office (631-587-5185) or e-mail [kkelly@ourladyofgrace.net](mailto:kkelly@ourladyofgrace.net). If you have your envelope number, that would be helpful. We will send letters as soon as they can be prepared. Thank you for your generosity to Our Lady of Grace!

# Faith Formation

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## Ordinary Time

For the next month we will be back in ordinary time. Our students are learning about the Church year. When you come to Mass, you'll notice the color is green for Ordinary Time. Remember, it's not called Ordinary Time because it's unimportant! These are the numbered weeks. This is the time we learn so much about Jesus life and works.

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## Christian Service

Our students in Confirmation Prep 8 have begun their Christian Service for the year. In this year of their Faith Formation, they will participate in service projects to reach out to the community and the world.

So far our students have made 672 sandwiches for the soup kitchen and raised \$1173 at our Walk-A-Thon and made over \$500 at our bake sale!

Our students in Confirmation Prep 7 have begun their Christian Service around our parish. They have been helping in the community garden, and each week they help clean and set up PES Hall as well as setting up our classes for the year.

I think we're off to a great start!

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## Retreats

Please pray for our Confirmation Prep 8 students this month! They will be attending a retreat here in the parish where they learn and talk about discipleship! Please pray that these students will continue to grow into the disciples the Church and the world needs!

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## Clothing Drive

Our Confirmation students will be fundraising this year to raise money to donate to a worthy charity that they choose. One of the things they will do is have a fundraising clothing drive. Please bring any gently used clothing to our Faith Formation Office Monday through Friday between 9am and 5pm or to the Parish Office during weekend hours. Last year our students loaded a truck for St. Vincent DePaul with 5,000 pounds of clothing to help the needy in the Long Island area. We hope to surpass that this year!



# Parish Social Ministry

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## CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

### The Holy Family, Migrants, and Refugees

With refugees and migrants in the news, some commentators have sought to draw parallels between their plight and that of the Holy Family –Jesus, Mary and Joseph. How accurate are these comparisons? Were Jesus, Mary, and Joseph what we would consider today “refugees”? Yes.

We should...have compassion and be ready to care for modern-day refugees and migrants. Why? Because Jesus asks us to. Later in Matthew’s Gospel, Jesus reminds us that any time we “welcome the stranger” we welcome Jesus himself (Mt 25). Refugees and migrants are our brothers and sisters desperately in need of our help. Jesus’ command to care for the stranger is also, for the Christian, a law superseding any laws that would hinder, prevent or outlaw such care and compassion.

(James Martin, SJ, America Magazine)

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### CHS’s Gianna Center and Pregnancy Support Website [www.chsli.org/pregnancy-support-services](http://www.chsli.org/pregnancy-support-services)

Catholic Health Services (CHS) now offers a dedicated, interactive website section for the Gianna Center and its pregnancy support services. The Gianna Center based at Good Samaritan Hospital Medical Center offers highly specialized restorative reproductive medicine in accordance with Catholic teaching.

The confidential, dedicated telephone number for this program is **1 (855) 301-4CHS**, supported by the availability of multilingual interpretive services. Anyone of any faith may call or refer to this support line, including representatives of parishes, colleges and crisis pregnancy centers. To speak to someone about pregnancy options immediately between 7:00 pm and 7:30 am Monday to Friday or on the weekend, please call **1 (800) 712-4357**,

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### Senior Advocates

The Senior Advocates offer help with Medigap, SCAT Transportation, SNAP (food stamps) and HEAP applications.

Tanner Park Center	Wednesday, January 17	8:30-1:00
Wyandanch Nutrition	Friday, January 19	8:30-12:30
West Babylon Library	Thursday, January 25	10:00- 1:00
Spangle Drive	Monday, February 5	8:30-11:00
Rainbow Center	Wednesday, February 7	8:30-11:00
Tanner Park	Wednesday, February 14	8:30-1:00
Lindenhurst, Library	Monday, February 26	10:00-11:30

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### 2018 March for Life in Washington, DC

Thousands of Catholics will travel to Washington, D.C. on January 19 for the annual March for Life. Buses will be leaving from many parishes and other sites. If you need transportation to the March for Life, please contact Respect Life Office at 516-678-5800 x 626 for the list of parishes attending.

# Parish News

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## Let Us Welcome Our Newly Baptized Into Our Parish Communion

Jordyn Rae Myers  
Maverick David Qureshi

Madison Lily Levey

Luciana Marie DiCecio

## Please Pray for Those Who Have Died This Week

Raymond T. Chetti  
George M. Dunn

Elizabeth Kiel  
Dorothy Corkey

Rose Bergnes

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## A Donation of Bread and Wine

The bread and the wine have been donated in loving memory of Shian-Shen and Pi-Chu Cheng and all souls in purgatory for the week of January 14 through January 20, 2018.

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## Registration for Angel Care Is Here

Angel CARE is our before- and after-school program. We offer a safe and friendly environment for children in kindergarten through sixth grade for West Babylon schools and kindergarten through fifth grade for Daniel Street and Wm. Rall in Lindenhurst.

The before care is for West Babylon schools only. It opens at 7am and is \$9 for each morning you need. The aftercare includes all the schools and is until 6pm and is \$12 each day that you need. We are a state certified program. Our staff is CPR/First Aid certified and has 15 hours of yearly training. We have two MAT certified employees on site.

For further information, please contact us at 631-893-6564 or email [pstanley@ourladyofgrace.net](mailto:pstanley@ourladyofgrace.net).

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## Calendar Raffle Winners

Tickets for the Calendar Raffle from January through June are available in the Parish Office.

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*The Gift you have  
received  
Give as a  
Gift*  
Matthew 10:8

### **Financial Stewardship Report September 1 through December 31, 2017**

**Sunday offering target: \$13,300 per week**

Target to date: \$239,400

Collections to date: \$239,782

**Over target by \$382**

### **Christmas Offerings, 2017**

*(Through 12/31/17)*

Target: \$51,000

Collections to date: \$47,490

(We expect Christmas offerings to continue to arrive)

*Many thanks to our generous sacrificial givers!*

**Your sacrificial giving makes our ministries and our mission from Christ possible. Please be generous.**

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# Ministries with Children and Families

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## What is Family Life Ministry?

Family Life Ministry hopes to address the needs of families of all ages and sizes. From those in single person families or multi-generational families, we are all part of the parish family of Our Lady of Grace.

We would love to hear your ideas for this ministry! What would you like to see happen in our parish?

Contact Maria at [mrchetti4olog@gmail.com](mailto:mrchetti4olog@gmail.com), or call our Faith Formation Office at 631-661-9353 for more information.

Our next meeting will be on Monday, January 8, 2018, at 7:30pm! Join us!

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## Hospitality Breakfasts

Our next Hospitality Breakfast will be today, Sunday, January 14, 2018. Please join us! Even if you regularly come to a different Mass, please come and join us! It's a great opportunity to connect with other parishioners.

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting this with us! Bring the family or come by yourself!

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## Youth Ministry Meeting



Youth Ministry, 7:30pm, Tuesdays in Room 212/214. Teens 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Nothing to do Tuesday nights? Our fall session began September 19 at 7:30pm, Room 212. Join us for faith, fun and fellowship!

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## Save the Date!!

Please join us!

### Stations of the Cross!!

Come learn what the Stations of the Cross are and how we celebrate and remember them each year especially during Lent.

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20** - anyone in grades 3 – 12 is welcome to come down to Our Lady of Grace at **7:30pm** to get their part and rehearse for the Live Stations of the Cross which will be presented on **Good Friday, 3/30/18 at 5:30pm** (no experience).

If you have any questions, call: 631-661-9353.

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### OLOG FAMILY MINISTRY STATIONS OF THE CROSS 2018

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

AGE \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER(S) \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT'S NAMES \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

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## Parish News

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### Day Care News

Day Care is in for a fun-filled fall! Our curriculum includes the ABCs, science, math, music and art for toddlers and preschoolers. We have a few openings available at each level. Please feel free to call or email me to set up a tour or ask questions at 631-422-4681 or Jflorio@ourladyofgrace.net.



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### Seating in Church - *From Fr. Vin*

Sometimes some people need a particular sort of seat in the church – notably ministers like EMHCs, persons with disabilities (whether the disability is visible or not), and people with small children. Please accommodate requests if you're asked to change your seat to allow someone with a particular need to sit where you are. As Saint Paul writes, "Humbly regard others as more important than yourselves; each looking out not for his own interests, but everyone for those of others." [Phl 2:3]

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### From the Diocese – IRCP Deadline Extended

The Diocese of Rockville Centre announced that the deadline to file for Phase I of the Independent Reconciliation and Compensation Program (IRCP) for survivors of sexual abuse by clergy of the Diocese of Rockville Centre has been extended to January 31, 2018. The first phase of the IRCP was originally scheduled to end on December 31, 2017.

Any person wishing to file a new claim alleging sexual abuse not previously reported to the diocese may be eligible to participate in Phase II of the program when it is implemented in early 2018. These reports will be turned over to the local district attorney and investigated fully prior to a determination by the IRCP.

To learn more about the Independent Reconciliation and Compensation Program, please visit the diocesan website – [www.drvc.org](http://www.drvc.org) and click on "Independent Reconciliation and Compensation Program" to access full program information.

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### Child Abuse Reporting and Standards of Conduct for Church Personnel

There is a special diocesan phone line for reporting allegations of sexual abuse by church personnel and volunteers: 1-516-594-9063. The New York State abuse hotline for all allegations of child abuse can be reached at 1-800-342-3720.

Our parish complies with a diocesan child protection policy. The text of the policy can be found on the diocesan website at [http://www.drvc.org/policy\\_procedure\\_forms](http://www.drvc.org/policy_procedure_forms) and is also available through the Parish Office.

A code of conduct to which all parish clergy, employees, and volunteers must comply can be found at [http://www.drvc.org/pdf/protecting\\_children/policy/pastoralconduct.pdf](http://www.drvc.org/pdf/protecting_children/policy/pastoralconduct.pdf) and is also available from the parish.

Further information, including information on the diocesan child protection and safe environment programs to which our parish subscribes can be found on the diocesan website at <http://www.drvc.org/efforts-to-protect-children-and-young-people/diocesan-efforts-to-protect-children-and-young-people.html>

# The Last Good Word

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## Retreat in Assisi and visit to Rome - June 15 – 25, 2018

Fr. Jim McNamara wishes to invite you to a special retreat in the footsteps of St. Francis and St. Clare in Assisi June 15 – 25, 2018. He will give two conferences a day for six days in Assisi with Mass each day in the various churches. There is ample time for prayer and visiting the holy places. The entire city of Assisi becomes the retreat house. You will be staying at the Hotel Posta in Assisi. You will then spend three days in Rome at Domus Carmelitana not far from St. Peter's. For further information, you can access the brochure at: [www.pilgrimimages.com/frmcnamara](http://www.pilgrimimages.com/frmcnamara)

All arrangements are being made by 206 Tours, and you register through them. You can call Chris at 206 Tours: 800-206-8687 or email him at: [Chris@206tours.com](mailto:Chris@206tours.com).

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## A Word about Memorial Donations



Our Lady of Grace is frequently given donations of vestments or altar vessels that people have received as memorials when a person dies. While we appreciate the thought behind such memorials, we have so many of the items most frequently given that the donations end up stored away in sacristy closets. To provide an alternative, Our Lady of Grace has established an *Altar Fund* to receive money donations as memorials on the occasion of a death. Donors will receive a formal acknowledgement card that can be presented to the family at the wake; memorials will be noted in the parish *Bulletin*; and donations will be used to purchase items for our public worship when needed, such as liturgical books, altar cloths, and the like. Memorial cards for donations to the *Altar Fund* are available at the Parish Office. Please encourage people to use this method of giving memorials rather than purchasing items that may never be used.

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## World Meeting of Families 2018

The Office of Faith Formation of the Diocese of Rockville Centre is pleased to be working with Bishop Barres and Bishop Brennan in participating in the World Meeting of Families 2018 to be held in Ireland from August 21 – 26, 2018.

The Office of Faith Formation will be providing opportunities for those participating in the pilgrimage and for those who are unable to participate to gather in advance in order to prepare for the event with catechesis and prayer. For further information, contact us by email: [mapill@drvc.org](mailto:mapill@drvc.org) or call 631-678-5800 ext. 505.



## Preparing For Marriage?



Engaged Encounter is an effective PreCana Program designed to provide you with the tools for a successful marriage. Couples are given the opportunity to explore many aspects of their relationship through a series of presentations, writings and dialog. There are no group discussions. Our next weekend will be held at the Montfort Spirituality Center in Bay Shore, NY, the weekend of January 26 – 28, 2018.

For information/registration, please call Lenny and Pat Walker at 631-563-1032 or visit: [www.engagedencounterli.org](http://www.engagedencounterli.org).

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