

***Our Lady of Lourdes Church
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Dear Parishioner:

I hope you and your loved ones are safe and in good health during the terrible coronavirus tragedy we are all experiencing. From the stories I hear daily, every family has had someone down with the virus, or knows of someone close who has. We are going through an unbelievable period. Who would have thought that the day would come when all Churches would have to be closed and parishioners directed not to attend mass? During periods like this, all of us should become closer to God, and pray like never before. I want you to know the parish is here to help you in any way we can.

I must report on the current situation at Our Lady of Lourdes. During normal times, we receive between \$15,000 and \$17,000 per week in collection income. With no Sunday collections for the past several weeks and knowing that this will continue for some time, you can see that the parish is experiencing terrible financial difficulties. Fortunately, some are still contributing regularly, about \$2,500 per week. This is a long way from what we normally receive, but when you expect nothing, it has been a godsend!

To relieve the pressure, I am inaugurating the Our Lady of Lourdes Virus Crisis Appeal, with the hope that some parishioners might be in a position to help us financially. This is a very reluctant decision, because I know that many – probably most – cannot help. But for those who can, the parish would be most grateful. Please, even if it is a small amount, know your contribution matters and is counted on.

Enclosed is a contribution form and a self-addressed envelope. If you are in a position to do so, please complete the form, enclose the form and your contribution in the self-addressed envelope and either place it in the mail or drop it off at the rectory mailbox.

All parishioners and their loved ones are in my thoughts and prayers during this time of adversity. Let's look forward to the day when terms like "social distancing" will be forgotten and we will resume being close together and joyfully sharing the "kiss of peace" at mass.

Thank you for all you have done for the parish in the past and may the Lord be with you and those you cherish during this terrible crisis.

In the Love of Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Msgr. Jim Lisante".

Msgr. Jim Lisante
Pastor

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Massapequa Park, New York
Virus Crisis Appeal
Contribution Form

Dear Monsignor Lisante:

To provide our share in meeting the needs of Our Lady of Lourdes during the coronavirus tragedy all of us currently are going through,

I/we wish to participate in this appeal by making the following contribution:

- \$1,000**
- \$500**
- \$250**
- \$100**
- Other: enter amount: \$ _____**

Please make checks payable to Our Lady of Lourdes Virus Crisis Appeal

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NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE: _____

PHONE: _____ SIGNATURE _____

EMAIL _____ DATE _____

When we are all gathered together again, in appreciation of your generosity the parish will print an alphabetical list (no amount mentioned) of those who participated in this appeal. Check here if YOU DO NOT wish to have your name published.

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I would like to make my payments by credit card. Please charge my:

VISA MasterCard American Express for \$ _____

Please charge: one time each month for _____ months

Card# _____ Exp. Date _____ Security Code _____

Authorized Signature _____ **Date** _____

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Attached is a copy of a check from the account to be debited.
(This is needed for us to have accurate bank information)

Please charge: one time each month for _____ months.

Authorized Signature _____ **Date** _____

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NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

_____ ZIP _____ ENV.# _____

PHONE _____ SIGNATURE _____

EMAIL _____ DATE _____

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Until further advised, the following are the parish directives

Sunday and Daily Masses will be posted on the parish website each day. Please go to www.ollmp.org

Rectory Hours: Parish Office Hours: Monday-Friday from 9am-4pm;
Saturday 9am-1pm
Closed on Sunday

Chapel Hours: Open Monday through Saturday from 9am to Noon for private prayers. Please Keep all visits short and please sit a safe distance apart from others making visits at the same time.

Church Hours: The church will be open for private prayer on Sunday from 9am to Noon. Please use the space and distance yourself from other making visits at the same time.

Daily Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is cancelled until further notice.

Confessions: Confessions will be heard by appointment only. Please call the rectory office to schedule an appointment with the priest on duty.

Emergency calls for the Sacrament of the Sick can be scheduled by calling the rectory.

The parish hours will be updated as changes are made and posted on the parish website. Please check back frequently.

Together With God We Will Get Through