

Our Lady of Lourdes

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time • November 6, 2005

“Stay awake
for you
know neither
the day nor
the hour.”

Matthew 25:13





Our Lady of Lourdes

455 Hunter Avenue
West Islip, New York 11795

Pastoral Team

Rev. Michael A. Vetrano
Pastor

Rev. Stanislaus Chukwube
Associate Pastor

Rev. Nestor Watin
Associate Pastor

Welcome to our Parish Family! New Parishioners are cordially invited to register as members of our parish family. Please call or visit the 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.

Vision...

so that all may know that they are a vital part of the Body of Christ, we further recommit and challenge ourselves to:

- **Live** out our Baptismal call passionately by caring for all of God's people with justice.
- **Grow** in an understanding of God's role in each of our lives.
- **Respond** to the Gospel in a radical way, inviting and inspiring all to form the Kingdom of God in every moment of life.
- **Acknowledge** we are not complete without the willingness to grow, discern and discover the Spirit who moves and guides us.

Pastoral Council

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Adult Faith Formation

Our Catholic Faith Through Literature

Poetry of Gerard M. Hopkins
The Prodigal Son
Vino and DaVinci

Wednesday, November 9, 2005

Tuesdays, March 7, 14 and 21, 2006

Wednesday, May 3, 2006

Fr. Mike Vetrano

Tom Petriano

Margaret Mannino

**This
Week!**

In A Flash, At A Trumpet Crash

*In a flash, at a trumpet crash,
I am all at once what Christ is, ' since he was what I am, and
This Jack, joke, poor potsherd, ' patch, matchwood, immortal diamond,
Is immortal diamond.*

Fr. Gerard M Hopkins

The poetry of Gerard Manley Hopkins
Wednesday, November 9 with Fr. Mike Vetrano
7:30 - 9:30 PM in the Parish Center

In just a few well crafted words, the poet can capture the beauty and power of God and bring each of us great insight and hope. On this evening, we will explore the work of Jesuit poet Gerard Manley Hopkins.

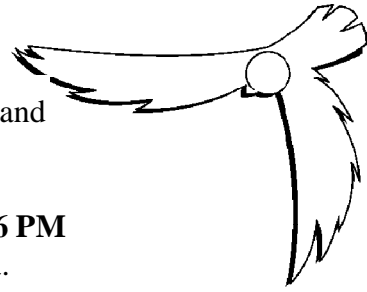
His poetry affirms the beauty of creation, the presence of God all around us, and in a powerful way – the presence of God in us. We will listen to selected readings from his poetry illustrated with pictures taken by Fr. Mike, and talk about how the words and images of the poet enrich our understanding of God.

Pre-Registration is necessary and helpful. This will enable us to have enough reading material and refreshments for all those attending. Please call the Religious Education Office, Monday-Friday, 9AM – 5PM, 7PM – 9PM, 661-5440 or e-mail to religioused@ollchurch.org.

Fee: \$5 per presentation or \$15 for the series (5 presentations). No fee is required for those who have paid the Religious Education Family Fee or Our Lady of Lourdes School Tuition. Fees may vary appropriately.

Life in the Spirit Seminar

The Good Samaritan Prayer Group of Long Island invites you, your family and friends to the
“Life in the Spirit Seminar”
 on **Saturday, November 19** from **8 AM until 6 PM**
 in **Our Lady of Lourdes School cafeteria.**



The seminar will be led by spiritual director Fr. Edione R. Febrero, CHS along with speakers Albert Meneses, Malou Mapa, Dolores Pangilinan and Paul Poscablo. Music to be provided by B L D Praise Ministry.

Free registration and food. Just make time, feel the spirit and God will do the rest. Seats are limited-for registration and information, please call Pete & Carlita DeRoxas at 631.661.0232 or Lito & Sely Cruz at 631.669.5237.

Information flyers are available at the entrances to the Church.



Eucharistic Devotion

The afternoon adoration for the month of November will be on **Wednesday, November 9 from 1-3 PM**. All are invited and welcome to come and pray for families, world peace, and religious women and men. All are welcome!

Senior Circle

Our Senior Circle meets at 12:30 PM in the Parish Center on the last Monday of every month.

School News

The School Mass for the month of November will be celebrated on **Thursday, November 10 at 9 AM**. The Mass will be hosted by our sixth grade students. All are invited and welcome!

Social Action

Our next Social Action meeting is **Thursday, November 10!** If you're interested in being part of a justice-oriented, fun group all about helping those in need – come to our next meeting on November 10! For more information, contact the Parish Office at 661.3224 or e-mail to jsureau@ollchurch.org.

Religious Education

Grade 6/7/8 Hang Out Nite – HUGE SUCCESS

Come be a part of the fun... Fun that over 140 kids experienced at our Hang Out... Games, DVD's, volleyball, basketball, food and special activities getting ready for OLL's 50th Anniversary!

All 6th, 7th and 8th graders in our Parish Family are invited to our next **Hang Out Nite, Friday, November 18, 7:30-9:30 PM in the Parish Center.**



The Jubilee Year Begins!



This month, our parish will begin the celebration of our 50th year! What a special and wonderful time it will be for our entire parish family.

The Jubilee Year begins with the **Thanksgiving Mass at 9:30 AM on Thursday, November 24.**

As part of our celebration, we would like to acknowledge, honor and bless those parishioners who were here at the start!

If you were a parishioner here in 1956, or in the first days of Our Lady of Lourdes, please contact the Parish Office at 631.661.3224 or e-mail to parishoffice@ollchurch.org.

Let's pray that this year we empower and enliven our parish community!

Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Come with Father Mike on a pilgrimage to Lourdes

As part of our 50th Anniversary Celebration, we will make a pilgrimage to Lourdes, April 17-25, 2006. Arrangements have been made to gather at the very place that St. Bernadette experienced her apparitions of our Blessed Mother. Our journey will take us to Avignon, the city of the Popes, Arles, Carcassone, Lourdes and Paris. We will meet again on Tuesday, November 29 at 7:30 PM in the Parish Center. If you have any questions or for additional information please call the Parish Office at 661.3224.

Welcome Fr. Nestor Watin

This week our parish welcomes Fr. Nestor Watin as an associate pastor. Fr. Nestor will be with us at least until June to help with the various pastoral ministries in our parish. He is a priest from the diocese of Romblon in the Philippines and has served in his diocese as chancellor - a position that helps the bishop deal with important issues in the diocesan office. It is also rumored that he is a great harmonica player! Please join me in welcoming him to our parish community.



Holiday Fairs

Get an early jump on Christmas shopping! There will be over 150 craft and gift vendors, food, refreshments, raffles, door prizes and more!

Sunday, November 6 at St. John the Baptist H.S., West Islip from 10 AM until 4 PM.

For further information call Gerri at 516.221.7530.

Saturday, November 12 at Blessed Sacrament Church, Valley Stream from 10 AM until 4 PM.

For further information call 516.568.1027.

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.

They are:



Jerry Clark, Jr.-US Army

Justin Estelle-US Army

John Finn-US Army

Kenneth Gein-US Army

Ed Kelly III-US Air Force

Paul McEvoy-US Army

William Morrow-US Marines

Peter Provenzano-US Army

Jonathan Rothwell- US Army

John Thompson-US Marines

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

Honoring Veterans

November 11: Veterans Day

The 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918 saw the beginning of an armistice that brought a pause to the hostilities of the First World War. More than nine million soldiers were killed, over 21 million wounded. Five million more civilians died from disease or starvation. For those who signed the armistice, they hoped that it would be the “war to end all wars.”

That was not to be the case. In 1938, on the eve of World War II, Congress passed a bill dedicating each November 11 “to the cause of world peace” under the title of Armistice Day. In 1954 that the name was changed to Veterans’ Day to honor all servicemen and women, including those who were part of the Korean conflict. Today Veterans’ Day includes a host of activities including ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery and parades in many cities. The Library of Congress has a Veterans History Project. You can encourage a veteran you know to participate by getting information at: <http://www.loc.gov/vets//>.



Veterans Day

Healthcare Issues in the 21st Century

Caring for the Caregiver

Tuesdays, November 15 and November 22
with Sr. Betty and Sr. Margaret
7:30 - 9:30 PM in the Parish Center

*"Caregiving is more than giving care; it is also receiving care.
In the every-dayness of your caregiving lies something more: sacredness."*

J. Miller - *The Grit and Grace of Being a Caregiver*

Are you caring for a loved one? Do you feel burdened, isolated, alone? Do you know that the healthiest way to care for another is to care for yourself? Caring for a family member at home or in a nursing home, can be lonely, even overwhelming. During these two sessions, Sister Margaret and Sister Betty of our SAGE ministry will help you explore these issues, offering support and sources of information.

Attendees will benefit most by being present at both sessions; however, attendance at either session will be of value.

future classes in the series...

Catholic Thinking on Issues of Life and Death

Tuesday, February 28, 2006 with Father Mike

Living Wills, Health Care Proxies, Patient Rights

Tuesdays, March 28, 2006 and April 4, 2006 with Marty and Anne Kerrigan

Becoming Married: The Journey to Intimacy

Family of Origin...What is your Family Makeup?

Wednesday, November 16 with Linda Reich, DRVC
7:30 - 9:30 PM in the Parish Center

Families...there are times when you can't live with them and you certainly can't live without them! We have all experienced the ups and downs, the joys and challenges that come along with family life. If you do not remember (back that far) about your family of origin, please join us anyway; you are sure to gain some insight!

future classes in the series...

Communication...talking and listening secrets that lead to intimacy

Wednesday, January 18, 2006 with Pat Leonard

Parenting...How do we parent through the stages of our children's lives

Wednesday, February 15, 2006 with Joe Tomaselli

Beginning Again: Healing and freedom through the annulment process

Wednesday, May 17, 2006 with Father Mike

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Pray for Our Sick

Please remember in your thoughts and prayers ...

Jessica Baez, Jo Brogan, Christian Bullock, Jerry Castonguay, Lena Conti, John Finch, Brian Hampel, Madeline Hopper, Fr. Bill Jablonski, Jeff Kirsty, Richard Macher, Benjy Margulies, Peter McCann, Sr., Arabella Elizabeth McCarthy, Margaret Miller, Peter Neci, Nichole O'Connor, Robin Postiglione, Joe Radosti, Rose Serragano, Rosemary Van Acker, Loretta Vitale, Karl Walter

Baptisms

Sophia Moon Connelly
John and Ruth Ann



Rest In Peace

Catherine Muldowney
Anthony Siano
Florence Gilbride
James Famolaro



Rosary/Novena

Rosary:

Daily after 8 AM Mass

Miraculous Medal Novena:

Monday after 8 AM Mass

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.



Upcoming Marriages

Kristy Lewis, OLL, Malverne and James Florio, OLL
JoAnne Santangelo and Frank Doyle, both OLL

Financial Summary

October 30, 2005

Weekly Collection	\$18,483.00
Weekly Budget	<u>-\$19,057.00</u>
+/- for the week	\$ (574.00)

The estimated weekly collection needed to maintain and operate our parish buildings, ministries, programs and salaries is \$19,057.

Altar Society

Pat Wissing

Baptism

Please contact the Parish Office to schedule an appointment.

Marriage

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

Remembering...

Monday, November 7

8:00 AM John Culkin

Daily Mass

8 AM

Tuesday, November 8

8:00 AM Kristina Gagliano

Weekend Masses

Saturday: 5 PM

Sunday: 8 AM, 9:30 AM,
11 AM, 12:30 PM and 6 PM

Wednesday, November 9

Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

8:00 AM Pete Pettit

Reconciliation

Saturday: 4 PM - 4:45 PM

Thursday, November 10

St. Leo the Great, pope, doctor

8:00 AM Joseph Mazzi

9:00 AM Fidelis Jones (*school mass*)

Friday, November 11

St. Martin of Tours, bishop

8:00 AM Frank Tusa, Jr.

Altar Bread & Wine

In Memory of Frank Monroe

Saturday, November 12

8:00 AM Vincent McCarthy, Hannah Agnes Johnson,

In Honor of Blessed Mother and Sacred Heart, Marie Franzone,
Nicole, Louis & Nicolette (*living*) Buquicchio

5:00 PM John Lovari

Fr. Mike Vetrano

Sunday, November 13

8:00 AM Connie Celiberti

Fr. Mike Vetrano

9:30 AM Frances Scalia

Fr. John Asomugha

11:00 AM Lorraine Mariarossi

Fr. Nestor Watin

12:30 PM Lucille & Ben Ingoglia

Fr. Bob Scheckenback

6:00 PM People of the Parish, Marianna Pezzuti, Mary O'Connor,

Danny Mancuso, Virginia DeMarco, Josephine Dell'Isola, Heinz Renner,
Tony, John & Pat Gattuso, Vincent Abatantuno, Marie Stropoli, Fidelis Jones

Fr. Stan Chukwube

Please NOTE:

The **Parish Office** will be **closed**
on **Friday, November 11** in
observance of **Veteran's Day**.

*The office will reopen on
Saturday, November 12 at 9 AM.*