

“He remained outside
in deserted places, and
people kept coming to him
from everywhere.”

Mark 1:45



our Lady of Lourdes
February 12, 2006
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.

Rev. Robert Scheckenback
In Residence

Deacon Stephen M. Behar

Deacon John DeGuardi

Deacon Jules O. A. Gagnon

Parish Outreach

Deacon Jack Meehan

Coordinator of Stewardship

Deacon John Teufel

Sr. Margaret Bickar

Senior Ministry-SAGE

Sr. Nancy Campkin

Director of Religious Education

Regina Ann Cioffi

School Principal

Jennifer Gallagher

Director of Youth Services

Carol M. Goetz

Parish Music Director

Sr. Diane Liona

Director of Religious Education

Vita Scorgia

Ministry Spiritual Director

John Sureau

Coordinator of Worship

Sr. Betty Toohig

Senior Ministry-SAGE

Anthony Trombino

Business Manager

Pastoral Council

Michael Abbruscato

Salomon Acosta

Regina Ann Cioffi

Jane Desthers

Stephen Frodell

Anne Kerrigan

Maria Lucie (*co-chair*)

Mary McMahan

Doreen Spiller

Mary Steck

John Sureau

Fr. Mike Vetrano

Marie Yuliano (*co-chair*)

Parish Staff

Barbara Catuosco

Religious Education Office

Mary Anne Lettieri

Parish Office

Debbie Meyer

Bulletin /Parish Office

Rosemary Multer

School Office

Rex Muro

Organist

Rita Spera

Religious Education Office



Our Jubilee Year 2005-2006

Upcoming Events

Readers Theatre

Readers Theatre is a form of dramatic presentation in which short plays are presented with minimal sets and costumes. It's easy and fun!

Our first Readers Theatre presentation will be in early February and will be for teens and adults. Readers Theatre for children will be held in March.

Performing Arts at OLL

Eighteen-year-old, world class pianist Natasha Paremski comes to Our Lady of Lourdes in performance on March 23. Natasha's concert is the latest in the OLL Young Artist's Series and follows the success of the Rachel Barton Pine violin concert last season. Our parish is committed to providing opportunities to celebrate and appreciate the beauty of the arts. Save the date!

Between Now and Forever

"Between Now and Forever"...

a multimedia project on Loss, Grief and Transcendence presented by Cindy Pickard. Twenty-five large, framed pieces weave together the heartfelt stories, photos, poetry and artwork of a number of people who have experienced a significant loss. Among these is the story of our own parishioner, Matthew Rogan, whose father was killed on September 11.

This exhibit will be on display in the **Parish Center on Saturday, February 11 and Sunday, February 12, from 8 AM until 8 PM.**

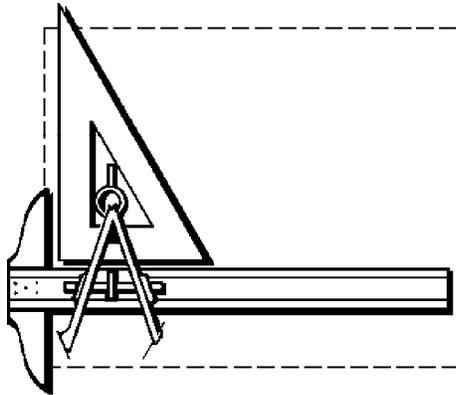
**This
Weekend**

Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Empowering Our Minds and Spirits

Come with Fr. Mike, Deacon Jack, Deacon John, Sr. Diane, Sr. Nancy and thirty-three friends for our parish pilgrimage. As part of our 50th Anniversary Celebration, we will be making a pilgrimage to Lourdes, **April 17-25, 2006.** We have room for eight more travelers. If interested, please call Celestial Voyagers at 800.651.6262 for additional information. All are welcome to our next information meeting on Tuesday, February 28 at 7:30 PM in the library.

Planning for our Future



In my last annual report to the parish, I explained that our jubilee year would be a wonderful opportunity for us to develop a master plan for the future of Our Lady of Lourdes. Through the efforts of our pastoral team and pastoral council, we were fortunate to discover a program run by a Jesuit priest from the University of Detroit Mercy which can help parishes like ours to engage in a process of assessing our needs, estimating our resources, and finding creative solutions so that our parish buildings can truly serve our needs. I realize that a project like this can raise many questions and even some anxieties so let me tell you more about this by answering some frequently asked questions.

Fr. Mike

1. Why are we doing this?

The most important reason is because we are very short on space. Stop by OLL on a busy weekday night and you will find every possible space in use. If you are active in any ministry, you know that finding a meeting moved or cancelled because of lack of space is not uncommon. There are many fine programs we would like to offer but we cannot because there is simply no room. On Sunday, many of our parishioners find that they need to stand or are trying to appreciate the mass looking into the church from the all purpose room.

2. Any other reasons?

Yes. Parishes get very used to their spaces and it is healthy to take a step back once in a while and look at the big picture. People often do not say what they are thinking or wanting until someone asks.

3. Do you already have something in mind like a church or a gym or new classrooms?

Truthfully, I have no preconceived notions about what we need. Like any person, I have ideas but we are a parish of 5800 families, more than 3500 people use our facilities every week, and we need to listen to as many as possible. I am absolutely committed to listening to the voice of every person who wants a say in our future. No plan will work unless it is a very good fit and very well supported.

4. Listening like that is an enormous task. How will we ever do it?

We have formed six teams of parishioners who were chosen by our pastoral team and council. They will be trained by the staff from Detroit Mercy to listen to parishioner comments on our parish facilities. They will begin with the ministries that most use parts of our parish (religious education, school, liturgy, outreach, etc.) and there will also be sessions for any parishioner who wishes to be heard. Every parishioner will have the opportunity to contribute.

Planning for our Future

(continued...)

5. What about cost? Suppose what we decide we'd like isn't what the parish can afford?

And who decides that?

The second phase of this project looks at identifying our resources and comparing that to what we have identified as the project goals—in other words, the team will match what we want and what we can afford and come up with a plan. You will be informed every step of the way and will have the opportunity to give input.

6. Tell me again about the connection to Detroit Mercy?

When our team and council were looking for a way to conduct this project, we were referred to Fr. Gilbert Sunghera, a Jesuit priest and architectural designer from the Design Center at the University of Detroit Mercy. The Detroit Collaborative Design Center is a fully functioning non-profit architectural office located in the School of Architecture at the University of Detroit Mercy. The entire work of this design center is to help not-for-profit agencies like ourselves to find creative solutions for the spaces they work in and the people they work with. They have a reputation for beginning with the people and their mission and helping them figure out what kind of spaces they need.

7. I am really interested in this. How will I find out what is going on?

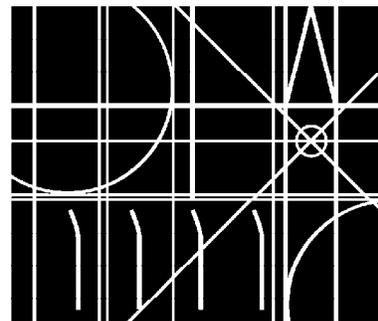
Communication is all important. As our project moves ahead, you will have regular updates in the bulletin and there will be a special page on our church website that will have all the most current information.

8. What is the next step?

This weekend, February 11/12, we will be commissioning our team and they will begin to set dates and times to meet with parishioners. Information on open meetings and how to attend will appear here shortly.

9. What is the overall goal of this project?

The *Master Plan* of the parish is an assessment and evaluation of the parish buildings and grounds. It is intended to welcome the involvement of our diverse community as we collaborate to create space that is warm and comfortable, beautiful and intimate, while enabling us to more fully experience God's presence in our places of worship, education and recreation. The plan's intention will be to make every effort to provide space that is well maintained, functional and identifiable while remaining ecologically respectful of both the environment and neighborhood. This plan that we are building together will strive to remain committed to Gospel values, faithful to our past, and open to the opportunities of the future.



"Praying from the Soul: The Way of Spiritual Journaling"

Have you ever wondered what God's will is for you?

**Thursdays, February 16 and March 2, 2006
presented by Pat Leonard**

Journaling is a spiritual tool to record and reflect on the movement of Grace in our life. Through observing the unfolding of our journey, we can be more open to hearing and responding to God's desires for us.

Healthcare Issues in the 21st Century

future classes in the series...

Catholic Thinking on Issues of Life and Death

**Tuesday, February 28, 2006
with Father Mike Vetrano**

Living Wills, Health Care Proxies, Patient Rights

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

Our Catholic Faith Through Literature

future classes in the series...

The Prodigal Son **Tuesdays, March 7, 14 and 21, 2006**
presented by Tom Petriano

Vino and DaVinci **Wednesday, May 3, 2006**
presented by Margaret Mannino

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 and 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.

Becoming Married: The Journey to Intimacy

future classes in the series...

Parenting...

how do we parent through the stages of our children's lives

- Infancy •Toddler •School Age
- Pre-Adolescent •Adolescent •Adult

Wednesday, February 15, 2006

presented by Rose & Joe Tomaselli

7:30 - 9:30 PM in the Parish Center

From its earliest stages, human development is a complex and unique individual experience that for the most part takes place within a family system – where we become social beings who learn to value ourselves and others – and it is here where parenting plays a key role.

Parenting moves across the various stages of human development. As parents, we are challenged to recognize and meet the earliest needs and to validate our children and help them...

- Discover their own uniqueness
- Build their self-esteem
- To manage the stress and stages of their development
- Guide them to become increasingly independent of their parents.

Experience tells us this is no easy task. The common denominator among those who parent is the many challenges life brings along the way, and how these parenting challenges can still be with us even after the children have left home.

As parents, we can recognize the influence our own parenting had on us in preparing us to be parents; and to see the influence our marital relationships have on parenting our own children. Join us in a conversation that will consider the joy and challenges that have to do with parenting across the life span.

Joe and Rose live in Huntington, have been married for forty-four years, and have had seven children.

Beginning Again...

healing and freedom through the annulment process

Wednesday, May 17, 2006

presented by Fr. Mike Vetrano

7:30 - 9:30 PM in the Parish Center

Daily Mass
8 AM

Weekend Masses

Saturday: 5 PM

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

Reconciliation

Saturday: 4 PM - 4:45 PM

Rest In Peace

*Leila R. Copple
Robert J. Fitzgerald
Peggy Vollmer*



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.

Baptism

*Isabella Arevalo Fortaleza
Pablo Simeon and Chona*

Financial Summary

February 5, 2006

Weekly Collection	\$ 18,340.66
Weekly Budget	-\$ 21,000.00
+/- for the week	\$ (2,659.34)

Propagation of the Faith \$ 2,879.83

The estimated weekly collection needed to maintain and operate our parish buildings, ministries, programs and salaries is \$21,000.

Anointing of the Sick

Throughout the liturgical year. If needed sooner, please call the Parish Office.

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, February 13

8:00 AM Robert Beck

Tuesday, February 14

St. Cyril, monk and St. Methodius, bishop

8:00 AM Steven Perone

Wednesday, February 15

8:00 AM Theresa Reardon

Thursday, February 16

8:00 AM Consuelo Ball

Friday, February 17

8:00 AM Rev. William Shean (*1st Anniv.*)

Saturday, February 18

8:00 AM Dolores Tompko, Paul DeGuardi,
Antonetta Petracca, Raymond White,
Peter Schreiner, Rev. John Mitchell, C.S.P.

5:00 PM Leo F. Monaghan

Fr. Stan Chukwube

Sunday, February 19

8:00 AM Peter Reehil

Fr. Stan Chukwube

9:30 AM Edna Gannon

Fr. Nestor Watin

11:00 AM Daniel & Eleanor Himbele

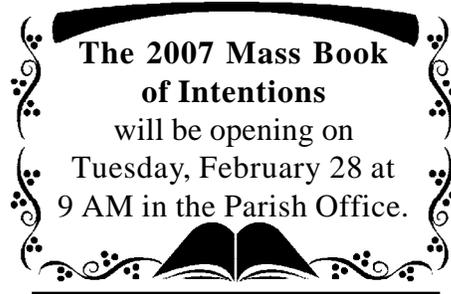
Fr. Stan Chukwube

12:30 PM Ruth Mifsud

Fr. Ed Dowling

6:00 PM People of the Parish, Morris Singleton,
Patrick Feminella, Catherine Spillane, Donald Manning,
Joan Maietta, Gertrude Martin, Dorothy Gebbia-Schanno,
Lorraine Guerten, Jean Sullivan, Irene Miles, Robert J. Fitzgerald

Fr. Bob Scheckenback



Altar Society

Monenna Kennedy

Communion Calls

Communion brought to those who are homebound.
Contact the Parish Office.

Pastoral Care of the Sick

Please call the Parish Office at 661.3224 to leave the names of parishioners who:

- are homebound and would like to receive the Eucharist
- are in Good Samaritan Hospital and would like to be visited by a member of our Pastoral Care Ministry.

Pray for Our Sick

Please remember in your thoughts and prayers ...

Mark Barry, Thomas Brennan, Jo Brogan, Christian Bullock, Frank Cambria, Jerry Castonguay, Regina Cranor, Mary Derasmo, Christopher Fisco, Jason Fisher, Walter Francis, August Grim, Madeline Hopper, Mary Ellen Jaggi, Vincent Liguori, Mike Lorento, Benjy Margulies, Peter McCann, Sr., Arabella Elizabeth McCarthy, Margaret Miller, Kayla Muldoon, Nichole O'Connor, Joe Radosti, Christine Rogers, Rose Serragano, Susan Trifali, AnneMarie Valentino, Rosemary Van Acker, Loretta Vitale, Mary Walsh, Norah Williamson

Our Lady of Lourdes School

587-7200

Monday-Friday: 9 AM - 3 PM

email: ReginaC@ollschool.org

Religious Education Office

661-5440

Monday-Friday: 9 AM - Noon

1 PM - 5 PM

7 PM - 9 PM

email: ReligiousEd@ollchurch.org

Parish Office

661-3224

Monday-Friday: 9 AM - 7:30 PM

Saturday: 9 AM - 3 PM

Sunday: 9 AM - 2 PM

email: ParishOffice@ollchurch.org

fax: 661-7143

website: www.ollchurch.org

S.A.G.E.

661-3224

(Senior Advocates for Growth
and Enrichment)

email: Sage@ollchurch.org

2006 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

The 2006 Catholic Ministries Appeal has just begun at Our Lady of Lourdes. This extraordinary endeavor is designed to support the ministries and services of our Parish and Diocese. Your participation provides support to the many programs and services that help further the mission of Jesus Christ here on Long Island.

The funds raised for this most important appeal will support five main areas. One of the areas that receives support is **Education**.

When we speak of education, we are talking about the future of our Church because children are the future. Our Catholic schools offer children the opportunity to excel academically in an atmosphere that allows them to develop as faithful and committed citizens of God's kingdom. The Catholic Ministries Appeal will enhance our schools by supporting their operating needs so that the tuition burden can be lightened. Operating expenses have risen sharply and your support is necessary if we are going to enable our Catholic schools to flourish in the coming years.

The Religious Education Program reaches more than 123,000 members of our Church. This endeavor presents us with the opportunity to share with our young children Christ's message so that when they interact with others, their message will be that of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Please consider supporting this important initiative as it will help us continue to do the work of the Lord here on Long Island. To show your support for your parish and Diocese, please contact our Parish Office at 661.3224 or tear off and return the pledge card below.



*Touching
the lives
of many
through
Diocesan
& Parish
ministries
and services*

2006 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

P 516.379.5210 ext. 2 F 516.379.5043 e-mail: catholicministries@drvc.org

TO PROVIDE FUNDS I/WE AGREE TO MAKE A GIFT OF:

PLEDGE \$ _____ INITIAL PAYMENT \$ _____ BALANCE \$ _____

If you would like to charge your contribution to your credit card, please check here.

SIGNATURE OF DONOR _____

PARISH OF DONOR _____

Please make checks payable to:
Catholic Ministries Appeal. Thank you for your support.

Parish Outreach

Outreach Office Hours

Monday through Friday from 9:30 AM until 3:30 PM.

For information/assistance call 661.9262.

Scrip is sold in Parish Outreach during office hours.

Home Care

If you need help at home—home companion or child care—please call Parish Outreach at 661.9262.

Our Lady of Lourdes Bereavement

Our parish support group for those who have lost a loved one—If interested, please call the Parish Outreach Office at 661.9262.

Our Lady of Lourdes Food Pantry clients receive food on a weekly basis. The client's need is determined after an interview with a trained core worker. Many of our clients just need our assistance during a time of crisis and some need ongoing help. The donations you make allow us to ease the financial burden for these clients and supply them with nourishment for their families. We at Outreach are grateful for your ongoing support and ask you to continue to help us in our effort to assist our clients.

In order to insure an ample supply of a variety of goods, we have prepared the following lists. Because some of the items on the "*weekly needs*" list may be expensive, we suggest using coupons. Not too long ago, one of the supermarkets offered a coupon for a one pound can of coffee for \$1.39. If you could purchase these items with the coupons and donate them to the Pantry, it would be a great help and would be cost effective for you. Please do not limit your coupon shopping for the Pantry to items on the weekly list. The coupons may not be for a brand or item you use but that item would be greatly appreciated by our clients. Watch for sales. Try to take advantage of them for the needy.

Food Stamps cannot be used for the purchase of taxable items such as toilet paper, toothpaste, detergent, personal hygiene and feminine products, hence there is a great need for these items. Hopefully, the new format will be more informative and helpful to you in understanding our needs. Brown paper bags from the supermarkets are always a welcomed item. All items can be placed in the baskets at each entry of the Church before or after Mass, in the food bin by Parish Outreach Office or left directly at the Parish Outreach Office during working hours. We are always open to any suggestions or ideas you would like to share with us. Thank you for your continued support and prayers.

OLL Parish Outreach Pantry

Week 1

chili
Chef Boyardee-
canned spaghetti,
ravioli, etc.
macaroni & cheese
pasta/spaghetti
tomato sauce

weekly needs:

coffee/tea
detergent
hot chocolate

Stewardship in Action

This week's "Stewardship in Action" features Our Lady of Lourdes School fifth grade Junior Girl Scouts. *Michelle De Vito, Christie Finn, Catherine MacGuire, Katherine Moeller, and Lynn Paz* are earning their "I Live My Faith" award.

This award is a national Catholic girl scout program that "enables the participants to grow as Christian persons and to take their place as active responsible members of their family, parish, troop and community."



Isn't that what stewardship means?

In the Narthex this weekend is a display made by the girls. They were asked to create an ad to convince people to be generous to others and then display them. They discussed what stewardship means: sharing time, talent and treasure. The girls realized they do that when, as a troop, they donate a Thanksgiving meal, or help a younger troop; as a school when they collect Pennies from Heaven or work with Helping Hands in West Islip; and as a parish when they make peanut butter and jelly sandwiches and wash-up kits or use their piggy bank savings for our sister parish. The girls have gained self awareness and see their potential as growing members of their communities.

These Junior Girl Scouts are learning to "Live Their Faith."

Isn't that what stewardship means?

School News



Catholic Schools are an important part of the educational mission here at OLL and throughout the diocese.

Here are some opportunities for all of us to support Catholic Education...

Special Gifts — Classroom Angels

For a gift of \$1000, from a person or group, you can become a classroom angel for a whole year. Your name or a memorial inscription will be placed over the door of one of our classrooms as a reminder of your generous gift. Thank you those who have already become "Classroom Angels."

School Scrip

"School Scrip" is a great way to buy your groceries each week or to give as gifts. When you purchase "Scrip" for your favorite store, a percentage is donated back to our school. A list of participating stores is available at the "Scrip desk." Please stop by and purchase your scrip. The SCRIP desk is located in the OLL School Lobby.

The SCRIP desk hours are Monday and Wednesday, 12 noon - 2:45 PM, Thursday 12:30 PM - 3:15 PM, Friday, 12 noon - 3:15 PM and Sunday, after the 9:30 AM Mass.



Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

At one time or another, we have all received unexpected gifts. Such gifts could be as simple as acts of kindness from strangers, a note from a long lost friend, or a few coins on the sidewalk. Such gifts could also be a life-saving organ donation or an unexpected tax refund. How do we handle receiving unexpected gifts? Is our first reaction to tell everyone about it, or do we offer our thanks to the one who gave it to us?

When a leper seeks out Jesus in today's Gospel reading, he surely must not have expected to be healed. A lifetime of being shunned by society because of a disease would harden most hearts. But Jesus, moved with compassion, heals the man yet tells him not to say anything, but instead to go to the temple and give thanks. Unable to contain his joy at an unexpected gift, the cleansed man instead tells everyone he can of the miracle.

Our very lives are indeed a miracle from God. The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us that every event and need can become an offering of thanksgiving. (CCC 2638) We offer thanks in grace before meals, and Jesus' message today is to remind us that we should stop and give thanks for all of God's gifts, whether small and seemingly insignificant or large and life-changing. In doing so, others will naturally see and want to share our gifts.

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Readings for the Week of February 12, 2006

Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/ 1 Cor 10:31-11:1/ Mk 1:40-45
Monday: Jas 1:1-11/ Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18/ Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday: Jas 1:19-27/ Mk 8:22-26
Thursday: Jas 2:1-9/ Mk 8:27-33
Friday: Jas 2:14-24, 26/ Mk 8:34-9:1
Saturday: Jas 3:1-10/ Mk 9:2-13
Next Sunday: Is 43:18-19, 21-22, 24b-25/ 2 Cor 1:18-22/ Mk 2:1-12

Jesus, King of All Nations Prayer Group

The Jesus, King of All Nations Prayer Group meets each **Thursday afternoon** in the **Church**. The meeting is from **3 PM until 4 PM** in **front of the Blessed Sacrament**.

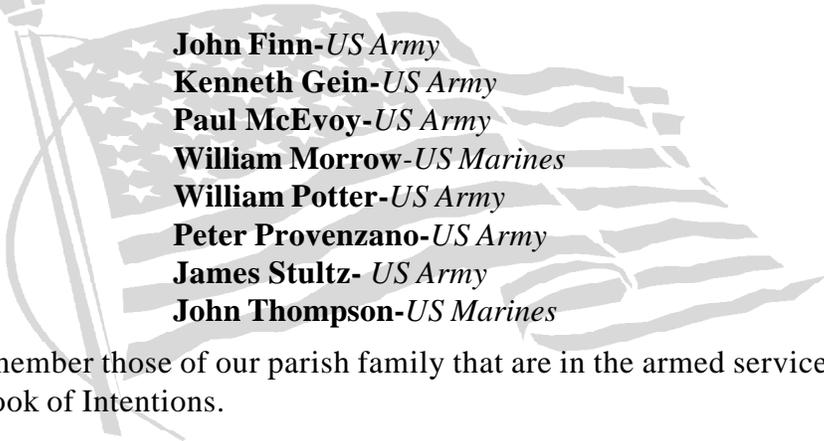
SAGE

The SAGE Group (Senior Advocates for Growth and Enrichment) will meet on **Tuesday, February 14 in the Parish Center at 9 AM**. All older parishioners are welcome.

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:



John Finn-*US Army*
Kenneth Gein-*US Army*
Paul McEvoy-*US Army*
William Morrow-*US Marines*
William Potter-*US Army*
Peter Provenzano-*US Army*
James Stultz- *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.

Our whole parish family rejoices with the Rothwell family in gratitude for the safe return of their son from active duty. **Jonathan Rothwell**-*US Army* has returned to the United States from Iraq safe and sound. We thank you, Jonathan, for your generous service to our country. The Rothwell family would like to thank our parish family for their prayers.

Support Groups

Alcoholics Anonymous

Monday and Tuesday at 8 PM and Saturday at 7 PM in Lourdes Hall-convent lower level.

ALANON

Each Wednesday at 10 AM in Lourdes Hall-convent lower level.

Living Independently

A free educational workshop “*Seniors have options...*” The workshop is presented by St. Patrick’s Family Outreach Elder Care Ministry. The workshop will be on Tuesday, February 14 from 10 AM until 12 noon at St. Patrick’s Church Msgr. Purick Hall. Some of the topics for discussion will be developing a support team, important documents you need, Medicare and Medicaid benefits explained and health care coordination. Also, how to pay for care, staying at home, long term care options, should you do a reverse mortgage. Please RSVP to Catherine Dennis at 631.665.7216.

Comedy Dinner Show

Babylon Knights of Columbus-Bishop McDonnell Council #2324 presents a comedy dinner show with comedian Mike Dillon and DJ Kevin. The show will be on Saturday, February 18. The doors open at 6 PM and the show begins at 9 PM. The cost is \$40 per person. Admission will be cash payment only at the door and seating is limited. For further information, call 669.9687.

Bishop Murphy’s Lenten Vocation Retreat Weekend

March 10-12

We all have a vocation in life. Some are called to be married, and some are called to be single. Others are called to a special vocation, which involves serving the Lord in a special way. They can be called to the Priesthood. To decide what your vocation in life is, it is helpful to pray to the Holy Spirit for discernment. If you are a man, mature high school age or older, interested in a priestly vocation, Bishop William Murphy, along with priests and seminarians of the Diocese of Rockville Centre invite you to join in this weekend retreat. Arrival will be at **5 PM on Friday, March 10 and the retreat will conclude after Mass at noon on Sunday, March 12.** This weekend will offer time for prayer, Mass and socializing along with open discussions of the priesthood. There is no fee to attend but pre-registration is required. For further information or to register, please contact the Vocation Office at 631.424.9888 or email to Vocations@drvc.org.

Religion & Rock

Tune into “Religion & Rock” with Fr. Jim Vlaun on Sunday from 7 AM to 8 AM on WBAB 102.3 FM or 95.3 on the East End of Long Island. Next Sunday’s theme is: “**Relationships.**”

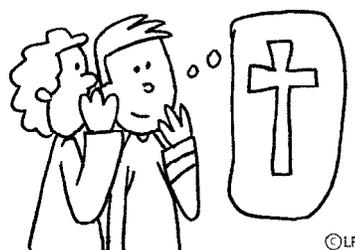
Don’t forget to tune in!

Visit “Religion & Rock” on the web, www.religionandrock.com.

Also watch “*Good News with Father Jim*” on TELE CARE, channel 29, on Mondays and Fridays at 9:45 AM; Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 7:45 PM; Sundays at 8 PM.

Sharing the Gospel

Has anyone ever told you a secret? Did you keep the secret private, or did you tell someone else? In today's Gospel reading, Jesus healed a man who was very sick. When the man saw that he was healthy again, Jesus warned the man to keep it a secret. Instead of keeping the secret, the man told everybody. So many people came looking for Jesus that he couldn't even get close to a town again.



Prayer



Dear God, help me to listen carefully to Jesus' words. Help me do what he asks. In Jesus' name, Amen.



Word Search

Circle these words from today's Gospel in the puzzle:

LEPROSY
BEGGED
POWER

WARNED
SHOW
HEALED

TALKED
TOWN
AWAY

C	F	B	I	W	R	B	N	C	K	D
N	J	T	A	L	K	E	D	T	O	G
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Mission for the Week

Talk to your parents about secrets. Ask them how important it is to keep secrets. Ask them if there are any secrets that you should tell a grown-up.