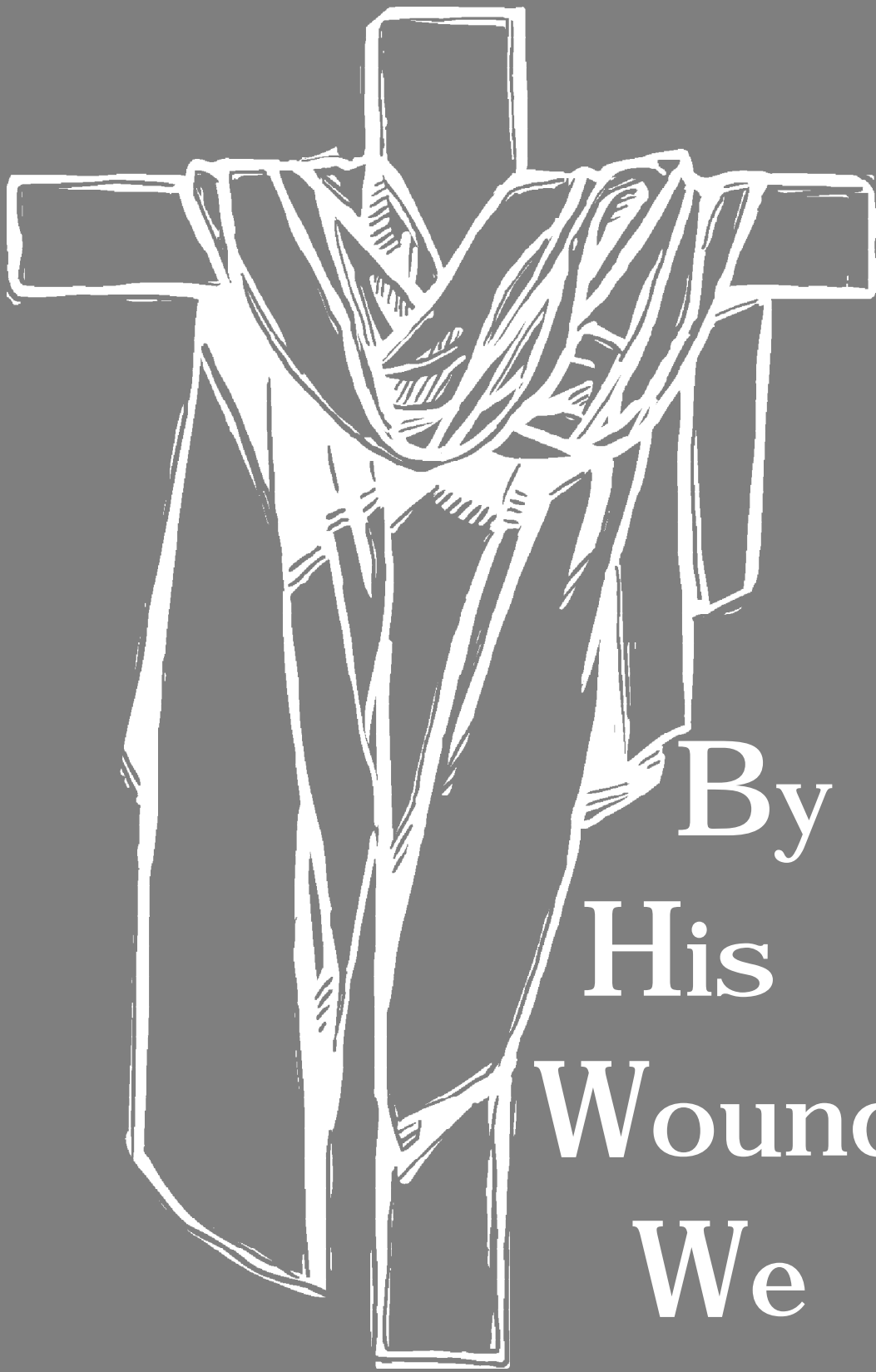


March 12, 2006 • Our Lady of Lourdes • Second Sunday of Lent



By
His
Wounds
We
Are Healed

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



Lent

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

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Jane Desthers
Stephen Frodell
Anne Kerrigan
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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

Second Week of Lent
Monday, March 13
7:30 PM
Church

Parish

Lenten Mission



*“Let us proclaim
Jubilee...”*

*let us celebrate the gift of wisdom dawning...
...the power of inclusive love...”*

Sister Clara Santoro, CSJ
Communications
Sisters of St. Joseph, Brentwood

It's hard to imagine how God can work through us and even harder to imagine what God is calling us to do! We are guided by the teachings of Scripture and so much more – but no matter what is written – what each one of us is called to can be stronger than any written Law. Sister Clara will call on each of us to recognize how God is working through our lives and what God might be calling each one of us to do! St. Paul tells us we can not be limited to the Law that is written – but rather the true Law of the Lord is written on our hearts. Let's join with Sister Clara with the hope and the prayer that we can answer God's call to each one of us.

Sister Clara is teacher, principal and former General Superior of the Sisters of St. Joseph from 1986-1994. She is an artist and a potter and led a number of retreats helping many discover how they are God's works of art. Presently, Sister Clara is a member of the CSJ Earth Matters Committee which is dedicated to the study and study and education around issues of the new cosmology, ecology and the environment and is co-webmaster of the CSJ web page.

Fellowship and hospitality will take place after the service in the All Purpose Room.

Our Jubilee Year 2005-2006



Our Lady of Lourdes
50th Anniversary Jubilee Celebration
November 17, 2006
Southward Ho Country Club

Raffle prizes are needed—please help to make this an unforgettable event! Do you have a vacation home? Would they be willing to donate a week or weekend as a prize? Do you have frequent flier miles to share as a prize? All donations will be considered – be creative, be generous.

If you are able to make a donation or know someone that can please call the Parish Office at 661-3224 and ask for Lori, or email to lori@ollchurch.org

Young Artist Series

Performing Arts at OLL

Eighteen-year-old, world class pianist Natasha Paremski comes to Our Lady of Lourdes in performance on March 23 at 7:30 PM. Natasha's concert is the latest in the OLL Young Artist 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.



Tickets are \$20 for adults, students under age 17 attend free! Pick up concert tickets at the Parish Office. Please make all checks payable to Our Lady of Lourdes Church. Questions? Email jengallagher@ollchurch.org or call the Parish Office at 661-3224.

Premium Seating/Event Patrons: We invite parishioners to consider becoming **“Event Patrons.”** The donation for an “Event Patron” is \$100 per person and entitles you to seating in the very front section of the Church. In addition, we will publish your name and/or business card in the event program. Your donation helps make this event possible and affordable, especially for the young people who attend! Thank you.

Empowering Our Minds and Spirits

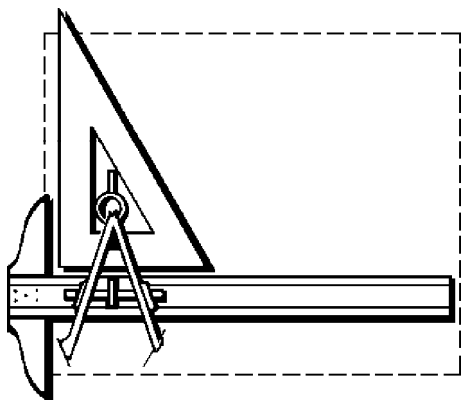
Pilgrimage to Lourdes

As part of our 50th Anniversary Celebration Fr. Mike, Deacon Jack, Deacon John, Sr. Diane, Sr. Nancy and thirty-four friends will be making a pilgrimage to Lourdes, **April 17-25, 2006.**

We humbly ask that you pray for our pilgrims as they travel to Lourdes. We also invite you to write your petitions for our pilgrims to take to Lourdes on your behalf. You may bring your petitions to the Parish Office. Please place them in a sealed envelope addressed to "Deacon John." (*Please note: do not include a monetary donation.*)

The next **information meeting will be on Tuesday, March 28 at 7:30 PM in the OLL School library.**

Planning for our Future



Parish Design Project

Mission Statement

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.

Update....

The leadership team of our Parish Design Project is meeting and preparing for sessions with many of our parish's ministry in March and April. The hope of this part of the process is to ask those involved in ministry to "dream big" and "outside of the box" about our parish worship, office, meeting and service space! Rather than trying to design spaces or look at "practical details" we're all going to be asked to consider what our space means, what it does and how it feels. From these reflections we'll work to move on to the next phase of the project which will begin to examine more detailed oriented issues. Talk to your ministry leader and check out the parish bulletin for more updates!

Our Catholic Faith Through Literature

The Prodigal Son

Tuesdays, March 14 and 21, 2006

presented by Tom Petriano

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

Henri Nouwen's *Return of the Prodigal Son* was written in response to a period of turmoil in his own life. He was inspired to write about Jesus' parable of the Prodigal Son through his discovery of Rembrandt's famous interpretative painting of the same parable.

Using both Nouwen's book and Rembrandt's painting as guides, these sessions will involve guided reading, discussion, and reflection on the themes of reconciliation, forgiveness and being claimed as God's beloved.

Henri Nouwen's book, *Return of the Prodigal Son*, will be available at the Religious Education Office at a cost of \$16. It is recommended, but not necessary, to have read Part I before the first evening.

Healthcare Issues in the 21st Century

future classes in the series...

Living Wills, Health Care Proxies, Patient Rights

Tuesdays, March 28 and April 4, 2006

with Marty and Anne Kerrigan

In New York State, no one, not even a family member, has the legal right to decide about your medical treatment, unless previously appointed by you as your health care agent.

During our two sessions, we will complete New York's Health Care Proxy form. Additionally, even if you already have a completed health care proxy form (bring it with you), you'll learn how to ensure your health care wishes are followed and your treatment decisions, including end-of-life decisions, stay in the hands of the trusted person you've chosen.

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.

Religious Education

... during LENT

Parent/Student Together Evenings

Grade 7 - Tuesday, March 14 and 21, 7:30 – 8:30 PM, Church

Grade 8 – Wednesday, March 15 and 22, 7:30 – 8:30 PM, Church

All 7th and 8th graders, parents and students share an evening together.

and then...

Family Eucharistic Celebration on Palm Sunday

Grade 8 - Palm Sunday, April 9 at the 6 PM Mass

Come and join all eighth graders and their families as we begin our Holy Week journey together.

School News

School Board

It's that time of year to begin to think about running for the Our Lady of Lourdes School Board. So many people mention that work schedules prohibit their participation in their child's school. Here is an opportunity to be involved. Nominations will be solicited in March/April and the elections for seats on the 2006/2007 School Board will be held in May.

Thinking Cap Quiz

Our seventh grade team consisting of *Alyssa Acompora, Rosemary Buonaspina, Peter Calves, Julie Cappetta, Sarah Filosa, Catherine Hess, and Thomas Tobin* won fourth place in the state-wide Thinking Cap Quiz Bowl Contest. This is a computer based contest for seventh and eighth graders across the state. "The Quiz" tests knowledge in all subject areas: trivia, technology, literature, science, math, and sports. Congratulations to all!

OLL School Annual Fashion Show

"**Rising to New Heights!**" Our annual fashion show will be held on Thursday, March 30 at LaGrange Inn, West Islip. Tickets are now on sale at the school office or you can call Kate Newman at 587.6948. Tickets are \$50. Come join us for an evening of food, fashion, music, fun and grand raffle prizes! Among the raffle prizes is a \$500 Coach store gift certificate, a weekend at Kutcher's, a stay at the Sheraton Hotel, NY and a diamond necklace!

R.C.I.A.-Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

This past Sunday, *Sylvain Chouen* and *Eileen Hartunk*, participated in the Rite of Election with Bishop Murphy at St. Joseph's Church in Ronkonkoma. There they joined with over 100 other women and men who are preparing to be baptized at the Great Vigil on Holy Saturday, April 15. Today, those who will be Confirmed and/or received into the Church this year - *Sandy Bove, Robert Kuchler, Amanda Lawres, Christopher Lennon and Theresa Lennon* – will join with others in our Vicariate at St. Patrick's R.C. Church in Smithtown.

Let us pray for them in a special way throughout this Lenten season!

Come and Learn with our RCIA

This year, members of our RCIA community will gather on Monday evenings at 6:30 PM in the Parish Center (before Lenten Evening Prayer) to learn about the basics of our Catholic faith. We are inviting everyone to come and learn, too – as we find out about "Why we do the things we do". We'll examine Scripture, Sacraments, the Church, Morality and the Eucharist throughout the Lenten season. Come and join us in the Parish Center on any Monday of Lent!

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

Patricia Harris
Madeline Hopper



Upcoming Marriages

Rosaria Bencivenni, St. Patrick, Glen Cove and
Pierre Abizeid, OLL

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.

Financial Summary

March 5, 2006

Weekly Collection	\$ 19,705.53
Weekly Budget	-\$ 21,000.00
+/- for the week	\$ (1,294.47)

Churches in Central and Eastern Europe	\$ 1,163.00
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*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, March 13

8:00 AM Steven Perone

Tuesday, March 14

8:00 AM Lucille Harsch

Wednesday, March 15

8:00 AM Patrick Manning

Thursday, March 16

8:00 AM LaRocca & Sweeney Families

Friday, March 17

St. Patrick, bishop

8:00 AM Anthony Trombino

Saturday, March 18

8:00 AM Charles Van Manen, Paul DeGuardi, Filomena Cutrone,
In Honor of Blessed Virgin, Allan Donley, Peggy Vollmer, Brian Shuffler,
William Kutzing, Jean Sweeney, Elizabeth Tartaglia, Angelone Family,
Anna Palmese

5:00 PM Vincent Weller

Fr. Mike Vetrano

Sunday, March 19

8:00 AM Gerri Martin

Fr. Nestor Watin

9:30 AM Joseph Santangelo

Fr. Mike Vetrano

11:00 AM Peter Reehil

Fr. Stan Chukwube

12:30 PM Charles Suydam

Fr. Ed Dowling

6:00 PM People of the Parish, Richard Going, Gertrude Martin,
Marion Bartholomew, Ralph Rega, Irene Miles, Dorothy Boalick,
Mary D. Walsh, Patricia Mastrocinque, Mary Brannigan,
Nicholas Capozzi, Jr., Vincenzo Pisano (*8th anniv.*)

Fr. Bob Scheckenback



Altar Society

Joyce Petersen

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, Jerry Castonguay, Regina Cranor, Paula Edwards, Jason Fisher, Henry Kossinger, Mike Lorento, Benjy Margulies, Joseph Martucci, Peter McCann, Sr., Arabella Elizabeth McCarthy, Nichole O'Connor, Nancy Palazolla, Joe Radosti, Christine Rogers, Rose Serragano, Rosemary Van Acker, Loretta Vitale, Norah Williamson

Our Lady of Lourdes School

587-7200
Monday-Friday: 9 AM - 3 PM
email: rcioffi@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

Stewardship In Action

Time
Talent
Treasure



OLL Sacristans

When you come to church do you ask yourself, how does all of this get done? Who is “taking care” of everything that has to be in place for each Mass? There are many ministries involved in preparing the church for the Mass but one you probably do not know about is the group of young people called the sacristans. The actual definition of a sacristan is *an officer who is charged with the care of the sacristy, the church, and their contents*. Under the direction of John Sureau, these young men and one young woman take care of things before and after Mass so that the parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes can enjoy the atmosphere of a well organized spiritual Mass.

How many teenagers today would be willing to get up at 6:30 AM on a Sunday to make sure the church is open for those who enjoy the earlier Masses? The Sacristans! How many teenagers today would be willing to spend hours at church on a Sunday morning or afternoon? The Sacristans! How many teenagers today would make sure that the lights are on, the chalices are in place and there are enough hosts to be consecrated during the Mass? The Sacristans! How many teenagers today would clean up the papers left behind at Mass so that the next group of parishioners would have a neat and clean place to worship? The Sacristans! These young people are a tribute to the teenagers of today, they take their responsibility seriously. They deserve, not only our thanks but our respect because they truly represent “Stewardship in Action”!!

2006 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

Parish Status as of March 7, 2006

Parish Goal	\$118,600
Pledged Amount	\$ 66,789
# of Pledges	288
Average Pledge	\$ 232

The 2006 Catholic Ministries Appeal has begun here 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.

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.

Parish Outreach

Outreach Office Hours

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

For information/assistance call 661.9262.

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.

Today is the second Sunday of Lent. Our thoughts and efforts are concentrated on a religious preparation for the Church's greatest feast, Easter. At Outreach, we join the congregation in these spiritual endeavors. In addition, we are preparing for our Adopt-A-Family program. This program provides Easter dinner for our needy clients. Many during Lent start looking to Easter and Easter food preparations. What we are asking is that when you plan your dinner, you duplicate it. Bring the duplicate feast to us at Outreach and we will see that it is given to a needy family.

This year, in an effort to make this easier, we will accept food donations on Palm Sunday, April 9, for parishioners who are unable to bring their food donations on the following Monday. Our normal Adopt-A-Family calls for donations to be brought in on Monday, April 10, between 8 AM and 1 PM to the Parish Center. So, if you can come in on Monday, April 10, great! If not, avail yourself of the new time on Palm Sunday, April 9, when volunteers from Outreach and the Social Action ministries will accept your donations in the Parish Center. Remember our freezer and refrigerator facilities are limited.

Your generosity at Thanksgiving and Christmas is unparalleled. This year, let's make Easter a Thanksgiving event.

Thank you, one and all.

OLL Parish Outreach Pantry

This week...

chili

Chef Boyardee-
canned spaghetti,
ravioli, etc.

macaroni & cheese
pasta/spaghetti
tomato sauce

weekly needs:

cereal

coffee/tea

detergent

hot chocolate

Adopt-A-Family



We would be happy to share our blessings
with a family of ...

_____ four or less _____ five or more

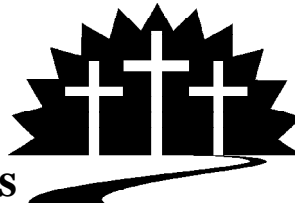
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Address _____

Phone # _____

SAGE

The SAGE Group (Senior **A**dvocates for **G**rowth and **E**nrichment) will meet on **Tuesday, March 14 in the Parish Center at 9 AM.** All older parishioners are welcome.



Stations of the Cross

We remember the road to Jesus' death and link his journey to our own as our parish's deacons lead us through this beautiful devotion.

Come and pray with us...

Fridays of Lent at 1 PM and 7 PM.

The Six

Clean Up Your Act!

This Lent, we'll examine the many ways we can clean up our act this Lenten season-the readings of Lent call each of us to do this. To put the thoughts and ideas into action, we're making wash up kits for the homeless. We are in need of small washcloths, large ziploc bags, toothbrushes, toothpaste, small hand sanitizers, body washes and/or bars of soap. We do not need shampoo at this time due to the great response in Advent. We'll gather to put together the Wash Up Kits after "The Six" on Sunday, April 2.



Prayer and Reflection for Peace

Sunday, March 19

7:30 PM

OLL Church

Remembering the Third Year of the start of the War in Iraq

Homilist: Sister Mary Beth Moore, SC

Sponsored by Pax Christi USA and the OLL Social Action Group. Come to Our Lady of Lourdes as we recall this difficult day for our country and our local community. Regardless of your position on the war, we are all united in our hope for peace and the safe return of our military service women and men.

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.



Second Sunday of Lent

A popular trend in television programs the past couple of years has been the makeover show. Whether it is a house, a garden, a car, or even a person, these shows always end with what is called “the big reveal.” The anticipation grows as the transformation takes place, but the audience never knows what the final outcome will look like. Unfortunately these shows focus solely on external appearances. Wouldn’t it be wonderful if a show’s big reveal was internal beauty?

Barely a week had passed since Jesus had both praised and admonished Peter for his comments. When Peter proclaimed that Jesus was the Messiah, he took a special place in Jesus’ heart. But Peter’s admonition to Jesus not to speak of his death and resurrection brought a sharp but pointed rebuke. At this point, Jesus realized that his disciples needed a bit of a revelation. On a desolate mountain, Peter along with James and John witnessed the Transfiguration - Jesus Christ in his glory with Elijah and Moses.

Peter, James and John were given an immense gift, a foretaste of the Kingdom of God. The Catechism of the Catholic Church explains to us that in this revelation, we are to understand that Christ’s Passion is the will of the Father. The Transfiguration displayed the presence of the Holy Trinity: God in voice proclaiming “This is my Son, my Chosen, listen to Him!,” the Son of God in Jesus the man, and the Holy Spirit in a shining cloud which surrounded them on the mountain. (CCC 555) (c) 2006 Liturgical Publications Inc

Readings for the Week of March 12, 2006

Sunday:	Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/ Rom 8:31b-34/ Mk 9:2-10
Monday:	Dn 9:4b-10/ Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday:	Is 1:10, 16-20/ Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday:	Jer 18:18-20/ Mt 20:17-28
Thursday:	Jer 17:5-10/ Lk 16:19-31
Friday:	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/ Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday:	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/ Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Next Sunday:	Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/ 1 Cor 1:22-25/ Jn 2:13-25;
Scrutinies:	Ex 17:3-7/ Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/ Jn 4:5-42
<i>(Cycle A)</i>	<i>or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42</i>

Living Liturgy

Special Ministers of the Eucharist

Are you interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister at Our Lady of Lourdes?

This is such a wonderful and life giving ministry in our parish. Special training sessions are offered by the Diocese of Rockville Centre this Spring.

If you are interested, contact the Parish Office at 661.3224 or e-mail to jsureau@ollchurch.org

Altar Servers – *Serving the Lord with Gladness*

On Sunday, February 26, our parish blessed and welcomed our parish's newest altar servers:

Brian Frank, Michael Goldin, Carley Heinlein, Ian Prate, and Erich Sternkopf. Let's pray for them as they begin to enliven our parish's liturgies and prayer services with their presence and commitment!

Sunrise Easter Liturgy

We are preparing once again for our Sunrise Easter Mass at Captree Overlook! We hope to have quick meeting – only one – soon. If you're interested in being a part of this special liturgy please call the Parish Office at 661.3224 or e-mail to jsureau@ollchurch.org

Senior Circle

Atlantic City Trip

Come join the Senior Circle for a trip to the Tropicana Casino on

Wednesday, March 22. The bus will leave the OLL parking lot at 9:30 AM sharp. The cost is \$20 with \$5 back. For reservations call Vera at 587.1553. Seating will be on a first come first served basis.

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.

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**.

Friars Golf Classic

St. Anthony's Friars Golf Classic will take place on Monday, May 8 at the Tam O'Shanter Country Club and the Old Westbury Country Club. All proceeds go directly to St. Anthony's Endowment Fund. Foursomes and individual starts are available as well as many levels of sponsorship. If interested, please call Denise at 631.724.5251 or visit the Friars Classic website at stanthonyhs.homestead.com.

Golden Wedding Jubilee

Once again, it is time to begin preparations for the diocesan Golden Wedding Jubilee. Bishop John C. Dunne will celebrate Sunday Eucharist and honor couples who have been married for fifty years or more. The date is Sunday, April 30 at 3 PM at St. Lawrence the Martyr Church, Sayville. Please pick up your registration card at the Parish Office and return it no later than Monday, March 20.

Holy Hour for Vocations

The Friends of the Seminary sponsor a monthly Holy Hour for the intention of an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life. The Holy Hour, which is held on the third Friday of each month at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, Huntington and will include Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction. The next Holy Hour will be Friday, March 17 at 8 PM. All are welcome. For further information please contact the Vocation Office at 631.424.9888 or email to Vocations@drvc.org.

Seminary of the Immaculate Conception

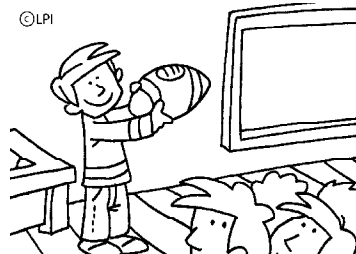
The Seminary of the Immaculate Conception is proud to present the Thirteenth Annual Msgr. George Denzer Lecture on Sunday, March 19 at 3 PM. The guest speaker will be Donald Senior, C.P., president and professor of New Testament Catholic Theological Union, Chicago. The lecture shall be "*Laying Down One's Life...*" *The Death of Jesus and the Fundamental Ethic of John's Gospel*. For further information please call 631.423.0483.

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: "**True Friends.**" 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

Have you had “show and tell” time at your school before? If you brought your favorite toy, did you tell your friends where it came from and why it was so special to you? In today’s Gospel reading, God had a little “show and tell” with Jesus, too. When Jesus began to glow on top of that mountain, God showed where Jesus came from—heaven. Then God said, “This is my Son, and I love him.” God wanted everyone to know that Jesus was special to him.

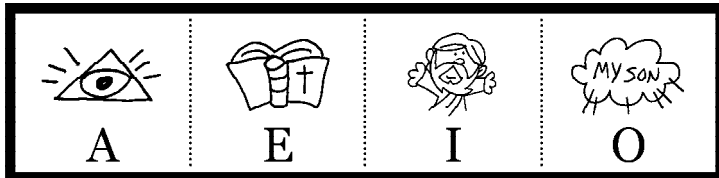









Prayer



Dear God,
 thank you for showing us how special Jesus is.
 In Jesus’ name, Amen.

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Jesus was completely changed.



Mission for the Week

Read today’s Gospel together with your family. Make a list of things you can do and say this week to “show and tell” how special Jesus is. At the end of the week, talk about how well you did. Keep trying!