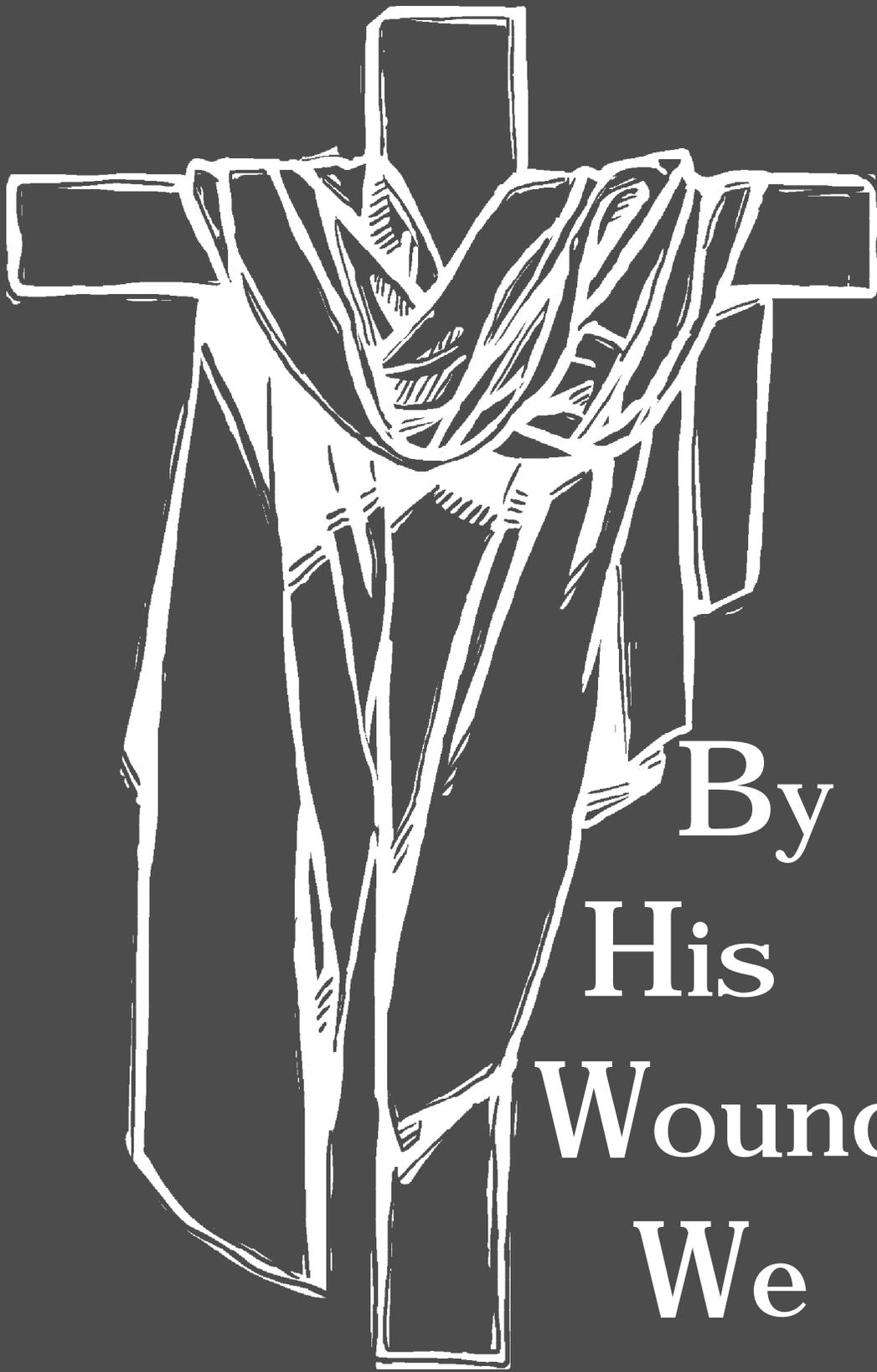


March 19, 2006 • Our Lady of Lourdes • Third Sunday of Lent



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

Michael Abbruscato
Salomon Acosta
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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

Third Week of Lent
Monday, March 20
7:30 PM
Church

Parish

Lenten Mission

...given by the Sisters of Saint Joseph in
celebration of the 50th Anniversary
of our parish.



Sister Flora Marinelli, CSJ
also... Sister Maria Ubaldus - "Sister U"
Sisters of St. Joseph, Brentwood

*"Let us proclaim
Jubilee...*

*let us dedicate our lives...
to all that matters."*

Former principal of OLL School 1972 – 1978
Former Regional Superior – Sisters of St. Joseph, Brentwood, NY
Presently Director of Religious Education – St. Patrick's Parish, Long Island City

We all have dreams... what is your dream?

S. Flora will challenge us to look into the heart of St. Joseph...
to look into our hearts. Scripture tells us that Joseph was called by God
in a dream. It was revealed that Jesus was God's dream. We experience
different things each day... ups and downs... highs and lows. In all that
our day brings, we are called to bring new life to ourselves and then bring
it to others. Together let's continue our Lenten journey...
let us continue to discover God's dream for us.

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.**



Please take a moment and visit our beautiful church website for the latest information about our Parish Jubilee Celebration and other happenings in our parish.
www.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.



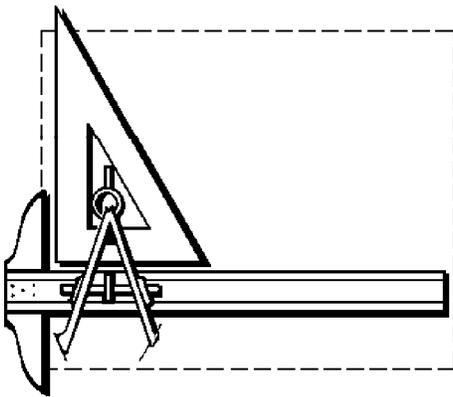
Our Jubilee Year 2005-2006

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

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.

Our Catholic Faith Through Literature

The Prodigal Son

remaining class...

Tuesday, March 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.

Healthcare Issues in the 21st Century

Living Wills, Health Care Proxies, Patient Rights

Tuesdays, March 28 and April 4, 2006

with Marty and Anne Kerrigan

Over two Tuesday evenings, we will provide NYS Health Care Proxy forms and show how to complete them. The Proxy form will designate and empower a trusted person of your choice to make medical treatment decisions for you should you be incapacitated by injury, illness, or infirmity. Legally, if you were to become unable to communicate, this person alone could accept or reject your medical treatments and ensure that your wishes were followed.

During our sessions we'll help you understand the potential benefits and the burdens of treatment alternatives such as dialysis, respirators, feeding tubes, CPR and DNR (Do Not Resuscitate) orders.

With this background, you and your designated proxy will be better prepared to discuss your wishes and determine your treatment decisions.

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 21, 7:30 – 8:30 PM, Church

Grade 8 – Wednesday, March 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

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!

Thinking about a Catholic Education?

We can answer your questions. It’s still not too late to register. Please stop in or give us a call. Be Part of Our Family – Our Lady of Lourdes School

A school to believe in, a place to call home. For further information please call Mrs. Regina Cioffi, principal at 587-7200.

Now accepting Registration for September 2006

Nursery through 8th Grade with Full Day Kindergarten

Excellence in academics, spiritual growth, middle school sports programs, drama, dance, music, multi-student discount and so much more!

School Board

It’s that time of year to begin to think about running for the Our Lady of Lourdes School Board. 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.

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

We continue to journey and pray with the women and men of the RCIA and invite you to be a part of that as well! This year, members of our RCIA community are gathering on Monday evenings at 6:30 P.M. in the Parish Center (before Lenten Evening Prayer) to learn about the basics of our Catholic faith. We’re 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

Baptisms

Jordan Elizabeth Perrone

John and Debra

Nicholas Antonio Pitre

Gary and Angela

Alison Rose Stemkowski

Steven and Patricia

Isabella Francesca Crudele

Carlo and Marcelle

Rest In Peace

Marie Cavaluzzi

Rita Phelps



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 12, 2006

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| Weekly Collection | \$ 18,739.49 |
| Weekly Budget | -\$ 21,000.00 |
| +/- for the week | \$ (2,260.51) |

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 20

St. Joseph, husband of Mary

8:00 AM Thomas Dowling

Tuesday, March 21

8:00 AM Paula Ardizzone

Wednesday, March 22

8:00 AM Louise Riedemann

Thursday, March 23

8:00 AM John Varley

Friday, March 24

8:00 AM Frank Barba

Saturday, March 25

8:00 AM Rudolph Parson, Stephanie Parson, Samantha Tiberg, Marie Addeo,
Peggy O'Neill, John Barone, Errol Kats, Paul Stegemann,
Rudolph Macher, Ann D. Murray, Madeline Hopper, Charles Koon,
Gloria Gladkowski, In Honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

5:00 PM John Lovari

Fr. Stan Chukwube

Sunday, March 26

8:00 AM Patricia Heartt

Fr. Bob Scheckenback

9:30 AM Daniel Thompson

Fr. Nestor Watin

11:00 AM Casertano & Galbo Families

Fr. Ed Dowling

12:30 PM Florence Dunn

Fr. Mike Vetrano

6:00 PM People of the Parish, Marge & Frank Riggio, Marion Bartholomew,
Danny O'Connor, Frank Fichera, Helen Olkalski, Madeline Hopper,
Anna McGlone, Elizabeth Troy, Brian Cooney, Bill Best (L)

Fr. Stan Chukwube



Easter flower donations must be submitted no later than Sunday, April 2 in order to be printed in the Easter bulletin.



Altar Society

Marie Cirone

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 ...

*Thomas Brennan, Jo Brogan, Christian Bullock, Jerry Castonguay,
Regina Cranor, Paula Edwards, Jason Fisher, Henry Kossinger, Anthony Lombardo,
Mike Lorento, Benjy Margulies, Joseph Martucci, Peter McCann, Sr.,
Arabella Elizabeth McCarthy, Nancy Palazolla, Joe Radosti, Grace Relihan,
Rose Serragano, Loretta Vitale*

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

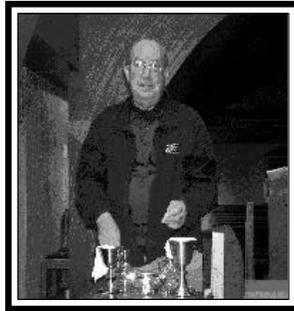
661-3224
Monday-Friday: 9 AM - 7:30 PM
Saturday: 9 AM - 3 PM
Sunday: 9 AM - 2 PM
email: ParishOffice@ollchurch.org
fax: 661-7143
website: www.ollchurch.org

S.A.G.E.

661-3224
(Senior Advocates for Growth
and Enrichment)
email: Sage@ollchurch.org

Stewardship In Action

Time
Talent
Treasure



Time
Talent
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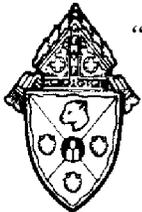
No gift of the heart done well ever goes unnoticed by God!

Each and every day here at Our Lady of Lourdes individuals share their gifts of Time and Talent in loving service to the Parish Family. These are truly gifts of the heart which show our love for Jesus. For many years now, one of our parishioners, Sam Mistretta, has been acting as the Sacristan for our 8 AM daily Mass. Each day, Sam gets to Church early and makes sure that everything is in place for Mass that morning. He will make sure that bread and wine are placed on the gifts table. Sam also will make sure that the chalices and ciboriums are out for distributing the Eucharist. In addition, Sam is an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, and many mornings he assists in distributing the Eucharist. When Mass has been offered, Sam then takes the time to purify the vessels, clean them and get them ready for the next day. Sam also offers service to the parish by singing in the Adult Choir. His commitment to our parish is one fine example of how each of us can share the gifts we receive from God in loving service for others. Each of us has been gifted by our God. Is there something of ourselves from our hearts that we can share with others and in so doing give thanks to God?

Here are a few questions to help you reflect on what stewardship means in your own life:

- Do I see and honor Christ in my loved ones?
- Is my heart open to those in need?
- What have I done lately to give thanks to God?

2006 Catholic Ministries Appeal



*"Touching the lives of many through
Diocesan and Parish Ministries
and services."*

Parish Status as of March 7, 2006

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| 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. Thank you to all those parishioners who have responded so generously. 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.



Easter Adopt-A-Family

sponsored by Parish Outreach

Help us to provide Easter dinner for over 100 families!

Buy one dinner for your family-

buy one for a family in need.

You can drop off your Easter dinner to the Parish Center on Sunday, April 9-Palm Sunday, between 9 AM and 2 PM and Monday, April 10 between 8 AM and 12 noon.

Please return the form below in the collection basket or to Parish Outreach during business hours.

Easter



Adopt-A-Family

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

_____ four or less _____ five or more

Name _____

Address _____

Phone # _____



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.



Prayer and Reflection for Peace

Sponsored by Pax Christi USA and the OLL Social Action Group.

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

Sister Mary Beth Moore is a Sister of Charity and currently serves on the General Council of her community. She grew up in Nassau County and has ministered as a pastoral agent in Bellmore and Peru, and as a rehabilitation counselor in New York City Hospital, Elmhurst, and Catholic Charities. She is Coordinator of Pax Christi Long Island, the local chapter of the international Catholic Peace Movement. 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.

Clean Up Your Act!

The Six

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.**

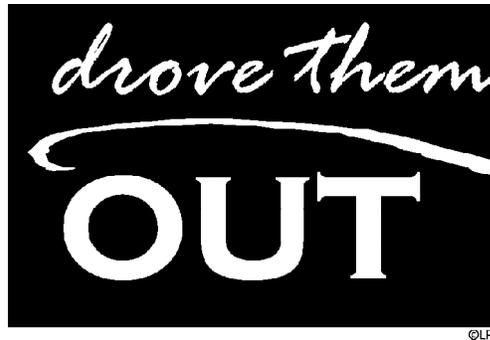
Support Groups

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.



Third Sunday of Lent

In our daily lives, we are constantly trying to clean things out. Cluttered closets or basements often lead to garage sales or donations to our favorite charities. Perhaps we've let our exercise routines fall away, so with renewed vigor we try to clean out our bodies and live a healthier lifestyle. In the sacrament of Reconciliation, we clean out the sins we have been carrying and ask for God's forgiveness.

Today's Gospel reading from John relates the story of Jesus entering the temple in Jerusalem. What he found so disturbed him that he drove out every animal being sold and overturned the tables of those who had turned that house of God into a marketplace. When he was challenged with proving he had the authority to take such action, Jesus proclaimed he would rebuild the temple within three days of its destruction. Of course, he was speaking of his own body, his temple which would be sacrificed on the cross.

In this third week of the Lenten season, we need to remember that this is a time of penance, of cleaning out our own selves of all that is hurting us and hurting God. This interior penance, as the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches, is necessary first in order to allow us to fulfill our desire to change our lives and return our hearts to God. (CCC 1431) With interior penance, we will then begin to truthfully express visible signs and expressions of our conversion and restoration to God's loving grace. (c) 2006 Liturgical Publications Inc

Readings for the Week of March 19, 2006

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| 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 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42 (Cycle A) |
| Monday: | 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/ Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/ Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a |
| Tuesday: | Dn 3:25, 34-43/ Mt 18:21-35 |
| Wednesday: | Dt 4:1, 5-9/ Mt 5:17-19 |
| Thursday: | Jer 7:23-28/ Lk 11:14-23 |
| Friday: | Hos 14:2-10/ Mk 12:28-34 |
| Saturday: | Is 7:10-14; 8:10/ Heb 10:4-10/ Lk 1:26-38 |
| Next Sunday: | 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/ Eph 2:4-10/ Jn 3:14-21; |
| Scrutinies: | 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/ Eph 5:8-14/ Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38 (Cycle A) |

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

Sunrise Easter Liturgy

We are preparing, once again, for our Sunrise Easter Mass at Captree Overlook! We hope to have a 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

Sister Parish Project

Next weekend, March 25/26 is Piggy Back Sunday. Change jugs will, once again, be at the doors of the Church for your change. Please be part of this important project for the support of our Sister Parish in El Salvador.

Senior Circle

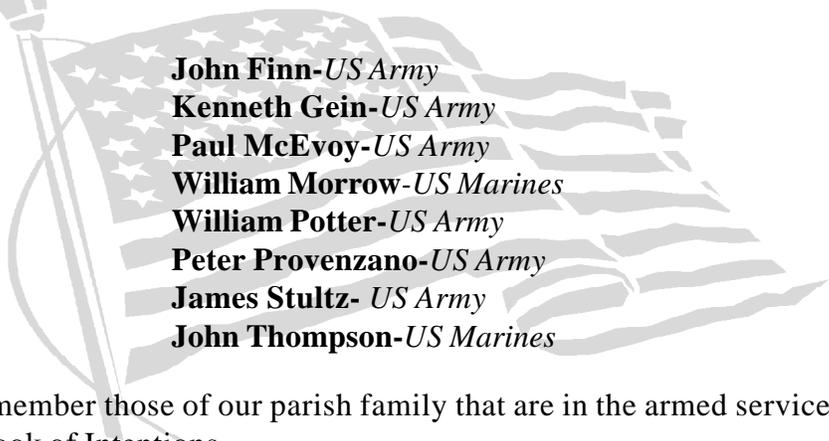
Atlantic City Trip

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.

Jesus in Disguise

The theme for the 2006 Catholic Relief Services Collection is "Jesus in disguise." The Catholic community in the United States is committed to solidarity with the poor and the vulnerable all over the world. Please help by giving to the collection next weekend. The Catholic Relief Services collection supports Catholic Church agencies that build international solidarity and relief efforts. Ministries include relief and resettlement services to the victims of persecution, war, and natural disasters, development programs to improve the living conditions of the poor, and peace and reconciliation work for people suffering from violence.

Come and See...

Men interested in the College Seminary program are invited to join us at the Cathedral Seminary Residence in Douglaston for Thursday evening Community Mass followed by dinner with the seminary community and a tour. For further information, please contact the Vocation Office at 631.424.9888 or email Vocations@drvc.org.

A man discerning entrance to the Major Seminary, Huntington is welcome to visit for Sunday Mass and lunch at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception. For further information, please contact the Vocation Office at 631.424.9888 or email Vocations@drvc.org.

Hall of Fame

St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School will induct Fr. James Vlaun, President and CEO of Telecare, Inc., into its Hall of Fame at a gala dinner to be held at Capt. Bill's in Bay Shore on Saturday, April 1. For table reservations and journal opportunities, please call Mr. Dromerhauser at 631.587.8000, ext 125.

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: "**Spring.**" Don't forget to tune in! Visit "Religion & Rock" on the web, www.religionandrock.com. Also watch "Good News with Father Jim" on TELECARE, 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

Don't run in the halls! Don't jump on your bed! Do these rules sound familiar? We have rules at home and rules at school, to keep everyone safe and happy. God had rules for his temple, too. God's temple was supposed to be a special place where people could go to pray. In today's Gospel, the church leaders ignored God's rules, and they used the temple to cheat people out of money. When they broke God's rules, they hurt many people, and this made Jesus very angry.



Prayer

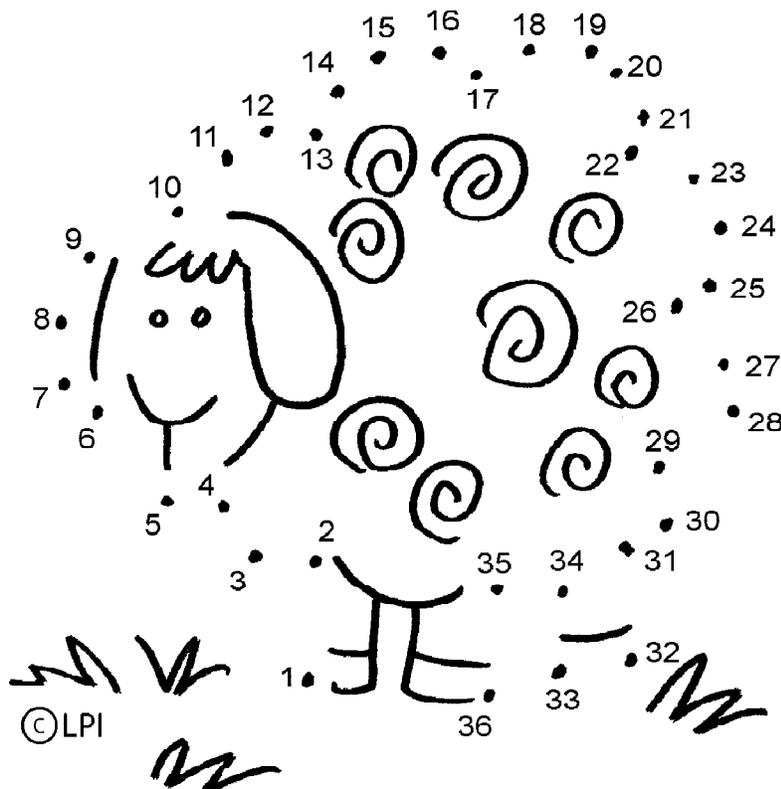


Dear God,
 help us to follow the rules you have given us.
 In Jesus' name, Amen.



Puzzle

Connect the dots.



Mission for the Week

Read today's Gospel with your family. Make a list of rules you follow at home, at school, and at church. Talk about why following each rule is a good idea.