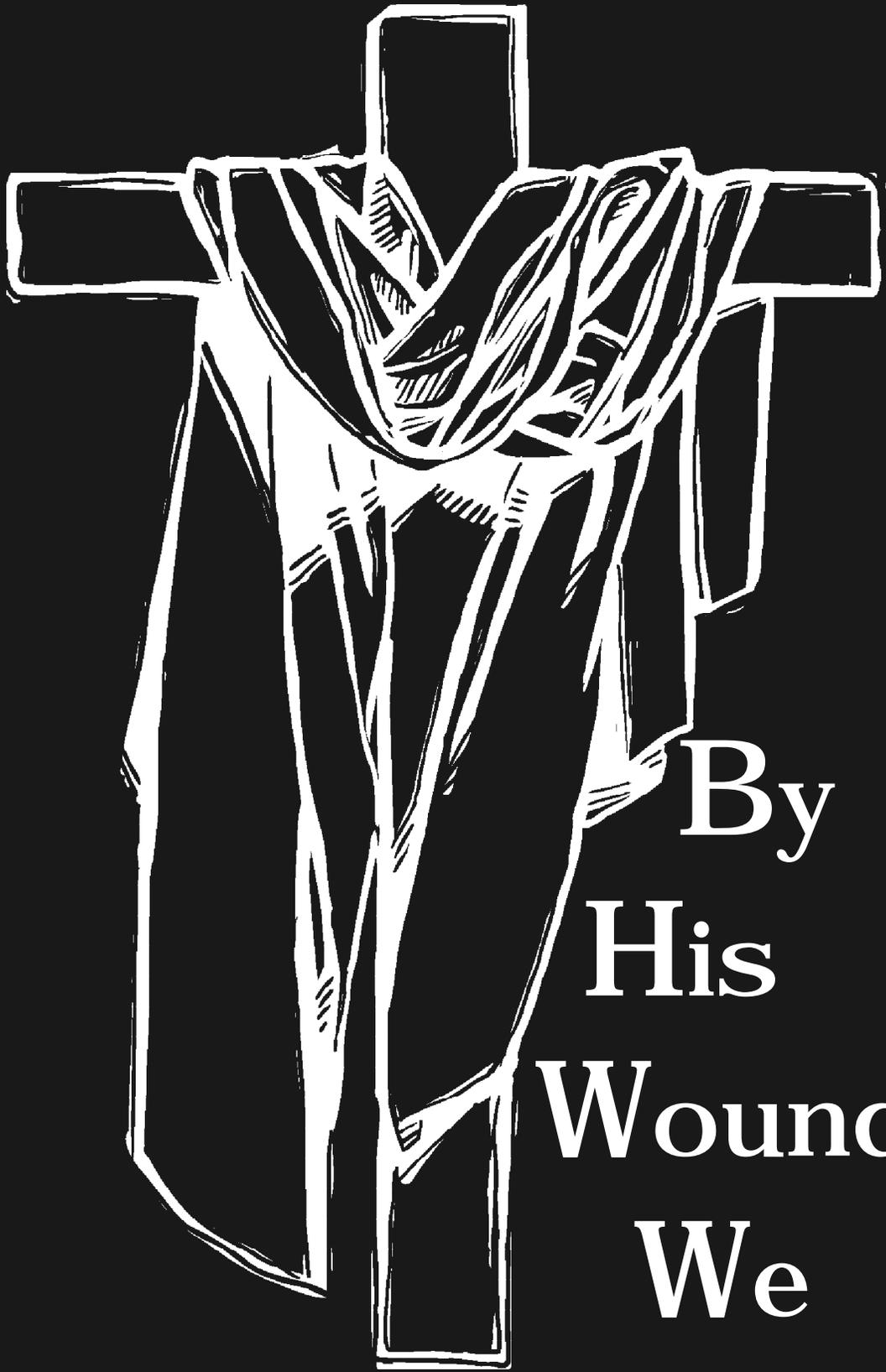


April 2, 2006 • Our Lady of Lourdes • Fifth Sunday of Lent



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

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Deacon John DeGuardi
Deacon Jules O. A. Gagnon
Parish Outreach
Deacon Jack Meehan
Coordinator of Stewardship
Deacon John Teufel

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School Office
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Organist
Rita Spera
Religious Education Office
Lori Walsh
Parish Office

Fifth Week of Lent
Monday, April 3
7:30 PM
Church

Parish

Lenten Mission

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



Sister Patsy Lucas, CSJ
Member of Leadership Team
Sisters of Saint Joseph, Brentwood, NY
Currently residing at Providence House III, Jamaica, NY

“Let the trumpets sound...”

*for this is a
Holy Jubilee!”*

Sister Pat comes to Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Family once again, having in past years been one of our Adult Faith Formation Instructors.

Sister Pat’s reflection will lead us to Holy Week. The scriptures enhance our understanding and keep us hopeful. The question still remains for those who were with Jesus and for us today, “Who is this Jesus?”

Jesus emptied himself, gave Himself to us. The only way to live our everyday human lives is to choose to respond to one another - instead of ignoring one another, to choose to have patience - rather than snapping at each other, talking - rather than staying angry, it is in this “self-emptying love” that Jesus is our example. This is how we get to know Jesus and grow closer to Him by living as He did, by embracing the Christian life.

Come, join us as we come to a greater understanding of Jesus, our struggles, and the hope Jesus brings.

Planning for our Future

OLL Jubilee Design Project “Listening Sessions”

Everyone is invited to join one of the parish “Listening Sessions” for our Jubilee Design Project!



These meetings are scheduled to assess the physical spaces of our parish and think about what we might like Our Lady of Lourdes to look like in the future. This week, our trained facilitators will be meeting with: Outreach Volunteers, CYO Coaches, School Parents, Ministry of Consolation, and our OLL Feast Committee. If you are in any of these parish groups, please check with your ministry head to find out the date and time of your scheduled meeting or you can call the Parish Office at 661.3224.

If you do not belong to any of these parish groups, you, too, can check with your ministry head and see what future meetings have been scheduled. Also, if you do not belong to any specific parish group at this time, we have scheduled several “Open Meetings.” The first “Open Meeting” is scheduled for Friday, May 7 at 7:30 PM in Room 16. The success of this project depends on you! It’s really important that we hear from every parish voice. Come and be part of the process.

Empowering Our Minds and Spirits

Pilgrimage to Lourdes

We ask that you pray for our parish pilgrims as the date of their travel draws near. We invite you to write your petitions to be taken to Lourdes, by our parish pilgrims, on your behalf. Please bring your petitions to the Parish Office in a sealed envelope addressed to “Deacon John.” (*Please note: do not include a monetary donation.*) The last **planning meeting will be on Tuesday, April 11 at 7:30 PM in the Parish Center.**

Upcoming Events

Family Retreat Day

A day to renew yourselves this Easter Season- a day for the whole family! Mark your calendars for Sunday, May 7 from 10:30 AM until 2:30 PM at the St. Ignatius Retreat House in Manhasset.

Celebrating Our Story...One Faith-Many Traditions

A parish Jubilee Event to celebrate what makes us unique and yet alike. Mark your calendars for Sunday, June 4 beginning with the 12:30 PM Mass.



Our Jubilee Year 2005-2006

“Directed Retreat Week” is coming to OLL!



Sunday, April 30 - Saturday, May 6

How does it work?

We will meet initially on Sunday afternoon at 2 PM at Our Lady of Lourdes. Our first meeting will last about one hour and you will meet your retreat director/prayer guide. The Prayer Guides are a group of spiritual directors, affiliated with St. Ignatius Retreat Center, Manhasset who have been trained in leading prayers and spiritual exercises in the tradition of St. Ignatius.

After this meeting, each retreatant will meet privately with his/her prayer guide at our parish for approximately one-half hour each day, Monday through Friday. During these meetings, the retreatant and prayer guide will reflect together and will examine different ways to pray, including meditation and praying with scripture. Each retreatant commits to set aside a half hour each day for a prayer period on a scripture passage. On Saturday morning at 9:30 AM, there will be a group closing session at Our Lady of Lourdes.

Brochures containing applications are available at the Religious Education Office. Registration deadline is April 17. For more information, call Vita Scorcia at the Religious Education Office at 661.5440 or email Religioused@ollchurch.org

Adult Faith Formation

Healthcare Issues in the 21st Century

Living Wills, Health Care Proxies, Patient Rights

with Marty and Anne Kerrigan

Tuesday, April 4, 2006

Parish Center 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM

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. Please call the Religious Education Office at 661-5440 or e-mail to religioused@ollchurch.org.

Fee: \$5 per presentation. 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.

School News

The OLL Drama club recently presented the play, "This is a Test." Members of the Drama Club included: Lauren Appey, Catherine Brogan, Michael Hopper, Kayla Hunter, Kelly Kerner, Danielle King, Emily Klobus, Chelsea Papocchia, Alicia Ryder, Miracle Roman, Alexandra St. Laurent, and Michelle Yuliano. The show was terrific! It told the story of a student, not prepared for an exam, who couldn't seem to get anything right. It ended up it was all a dream (or a nightmare?). This was the first performance of our newly formed Drama Club.



Thinking about a Catholic Education?

Be Part of Our Family – Our Lady of Lourdes School

A school to believe in, a place to call home.

We can answer your questions. Please stop in or give us a call.

For further information, please call

Mrs. Regina Cioffi, Principal at 587-7200.

Now accepting Registration for September 2006

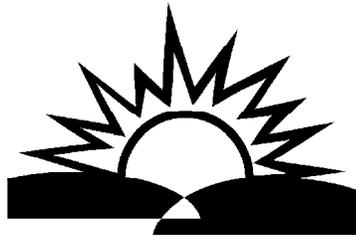
Nursery through 8th Grade with Full Day Kindergarten

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

Living Liturgy

Holy Week

We are always looking for some extra help during Holy Week – April 9 – 16! If you are relatively free and able to help – please contact John Sureau at 661.3224 or e-mail to jsureau@ollchurch.org There is something for everyone!



Sunrise Easter Liturgy

We are preparing, once again, for our Sunrise Easter Mass at Captree Overlook! We hope to have only one quick meeting – 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

Religious Education

... *Parents and Teens coming together*

Grade 7: Seeking Justice

Last Tuesday, seventh grade parents and students came together for an evening of prayer and reflection. We welcomed Mr. Fred Margolies, a Holocaust survivor, to Our Lady of Lourdes. Mr. Margolies challenged the young people and their families to be people of justice – always! The reality of the Holocaust and most major “events of hate” is that they started out as seeds of hate on much smaller levels. Being Catholic calls us to be people of justice always and at all times. Mr. Margolies challenged and inspired the young people of our school and their families!

Grade 8: Prophets, Priests and Leaders

Last Wednesday, Mr. Michael Chiappone spoke with our parish's eighth graders and their families about the radical importance of Confirmation. Mike is a Social Worker and counselor at Hope House Ministries in Port Jefferson. Through talk, ritual, example, humor and story, Mike empowered the eighth graders and their families that were present to recognize the power of the sacrament of Confirmation – not only in the life of the Church, but in the life of the world! Indeed, through Baptism, we are all called to be prophets, priests and leaders. Last week, our eighth graders were called to see that ever more clearly!

preview...

Holy Week Schedule

Monday, April 10

3 PM - 9 PM

Diocesan Day of Reconciliation

7:30 PM

Reconciliation Prayer Service
with individual confessions

Thursday, April 13

Holy Thursday

8:00 AM

Morning Prayer

4:00 PM

Children's Liturgy:
Washing of the Feet

7:30 PM

Evening Mass of
the Lord's Supper

Friday, April 14

Good Friday

8:00 AM

Morning Prayer

12 Noon

Children's Liturgy

3 PM

Solemn Celebration of
the Lord's Passion

7:30 PM

Stations of the Cross

Saturday, April 15

Holy Saturday

8:00 AM

Morning Prayer

12 Noon

Blessing of the Easter Foods

7:30 PM

The Great Vigil

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



*Dedication Bricks, for placement in the
Fr. Joe Lukaszewski Memorial Garden are available.
For further information, call or visit the Parish Office.*

Rest In Peace

*Dorothy B. Traufield
Frank Cafaro
Ralph Marotta
William P. Leitch*



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

*Janeen Roppolo and
Timothy Dawley, both OLL*

Financial Summary

March 26, 2006

Weekly Collection	\$ 16,516.61
Weekly Budget	<u>-\$ 21,000.00</u>
+/- for the week	\$ (4,483.39)

*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, April 3

8:00 AM Robert Beck

Tuesday, April 4

St. Isidore, doctor

8:00 AM LaRocca & Sweeney Family

Wednesday, April 5

St. Vincent Ferrer, priest

8:00 AM Marietta Greco

Thursday, April 6

8:00 AM Paul Ermert

Friday, April 7

St. John de la Salle, priest

8:00 AM Anthony LaRocca

Saturday, April 8

8:00 AM John Caccavale, James J. Werner, Benedetto Amodeo,
In Thanksgiving for 50th Anniversary of Howard and Eileen Lewis,
Julie Dugena, Monsignor John B. Lavin, PA, Peter Schreiner,
Joseph Massetti, In honor of the Blessed Virgin, Elsie Tanenbaum,
Florence Mazzeo

5:00 PM Valerie Moscarelli

Sunday, April 9

8:00 AM Bartholomew Farrell

9:30 AM Eugene Parine

11:00 AM Patrick & Donald Manning, Dorothy & Joseph Boening

12:30 PM Rose & Frank Monroe, Louise & Henry Riedemann

6:00 PM People of the Parish, Deceased members of the Munkwitz Family,
Kenneth Graf, Paul DeGuardi, Dolores Gambino, Salvatore Dellaria,
Henry Kossinger, Anthony Sabatino, Robert Wood, Joseph B. Buccola



*Please submit Easter Flower
donations no later than today,
Sunday, April 2 so that they may
be printed in the Easter bulletin.*



SUNDAY, APRIL 2
**DAYLIGHT-
SAVING
TIME
BEGINS**

Altar Society

Pat Wissing

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 ...

Deborah Barbaro, Diane Boylan, Thomas Brennan, Jo Brogan, Christian Bullock, Jerry Castonguay, Regina Cranor, Robert Engle, Jason Fisher, Theresa Grasso, Claire Hopkins, Henry Kossinger, Anthony Lombardo, Mike Lorento, Benjy Margulies, Peter McCann, Sr., Arabella Elizabeth McCarthy, Joe Radosti, Grace Relihan, Theresa Rienzo, Rosa Ruisi, Rose Serragano, Loretta Vitale, Donna Walsh, Norah Williamson

Our Lady of Lourdes School

587-7200

Monday-Friday: 9 AM - 3 PM

email: rcioffi@ollschoool.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

OLL School



**So that we may grow in our understanding that all we possess has been given to us by GOD.
Through our stewardship, God blesses others and us!**

We are each called in the spirit of loving service to share our gifts. At Our Lady of Lourdes School, our parents serve on hall duty, lunch duty, fundraisers, class trips and more. Our students serve as classroom monitors, altar servers, and the choir. Our students also provide support to our Parish Outreach food pantry, local "Helping Hands" drives, and Holy Childhood Mission Association.

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

- How does God fit into my day-to-day life?
- What can I do this week to make a difference and show my love for God?
- How can I share the gifts that God has given to me with others?

2006 Catholic Ministries Appeal



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

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. 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

Drop off next week!

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 # _____

All Are Invited!

Clean Up Your Act!

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 these thoughts and ideas into action, we're making wash up kits for the homeless. **We'll gather to put together the Wash Up Kits after "The Six" on Sunday, April 2 in the school cafeteria.** All are welcome and invited to come help us put these kits together for the homeless.

Parish Social Ministry

As part of our goals for the Jubilee Year, the Social Ministries of our parish are working on two interesting projects:

Assessment and Intervention Service

We are examining the possibility of implementing a brief counseling service for families and parishioners provided by helping professionals in the field. These professionals – most likely parishioners – would offer initial intervention and intake work and help parishioners to find referrals in the local community for follow up services. If you are a licensed social worker, psychologist, counselor, etc. and are interested in being a part of this project, please contact John Sureau at 661.3224 or e-mail to jsureau@ollchurch.org for an application form.

Community Kitchen

Members of Parish Outreach and Social Action are beginning to investigate the possibility of opening a Community Kitchen at Our Lady of Lourdes to provide for those in need in this community. The initial idea would be to offer a meal once a week to a segment of this community. Is this something needed at Our Lady of Lourdes? Will it work? How will we do this, if so? Those are the questions we are examining over the next few weeks and months. If you're interested in being involved in this project, contact Mrs. Dorothy Perdue at 661.3224 or e-mail to Dorothy.perdue@att.net.

Pray for the work of our Parish Social Ministries as we seek to grow and better serve the parish and local communities.



Pantry Needs

baked beans
boxed potatoes/rice
canned meat
cereal cookies
cookies
crackers
mayonnaise

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.



Fifth Sunday of Lent

A few years ago, we ordered some perennial flowers from a catalog. The dozen small plants arrived and we eagerly planted them, fully expecting a rainbow of colors. Some did not survive the first year, though, and others have barely blossomed. Later we received two free packets of wildflower seeds; spread out in our palm, the tiny dried seeds barely covered the size of a thumbprint. We scattered the seeds around an open patch, not expecting much. Within two weeks that rainbow we had wished for bloomed brightly in that formerly empty patch.

Jesus uses the image of a single grain of wheat in today's Gospel reading from John. In order for the grain to multiply and provide more wheat, it must die and be buried in the ground. In his way, Jesus was explaining that his life and mission would not be complete until he died and rose again. In doing so, he will have fulfilled his promise to show that all who believe in him will not die but have eternal life.

As we prepare for the coming celebration of the Paschal mystery of Jesus Christ's death and resurrection, we are to remember that this mystery stands at the very center of the Good News. When we proclaim at Mass that we are one, holy, catholic and apostolic church, we are joining with the apostles in our proclamation that God's saving plan had been accomplished through the redemptive death of his son, Jesus Christ. (CCC 571) One small seed, once dead, returns to new life in abundance.

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Readings for the Week of April 2, 2006

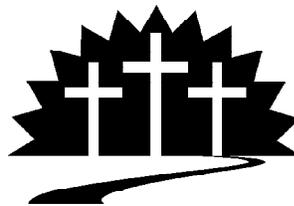
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 (Cycle A) or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45
Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62
 or 13:41c-62/ Jn 8:1-11
Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/ Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/ Jn 8:31-42
Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/ Jn 8:51-59
Friday: Jer 20:10-13/ Jn 10:31-42
Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/ Jn 11:45-56
Next Sunday: Mk 11:1-10
 or Jn 12:12-16/ Is 50:4-7/ Phil 2:6-11/ Mk 14:1-15:47
 or 15:1-39

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.



Daytime Eucharistic Devotion

The afternoon adoration for the month of April will be on **Wednesday, April 5 from 1 -3 PM**. All are invited and welcome! We will praying for the safety of our troops overseas and the welfare of their families.

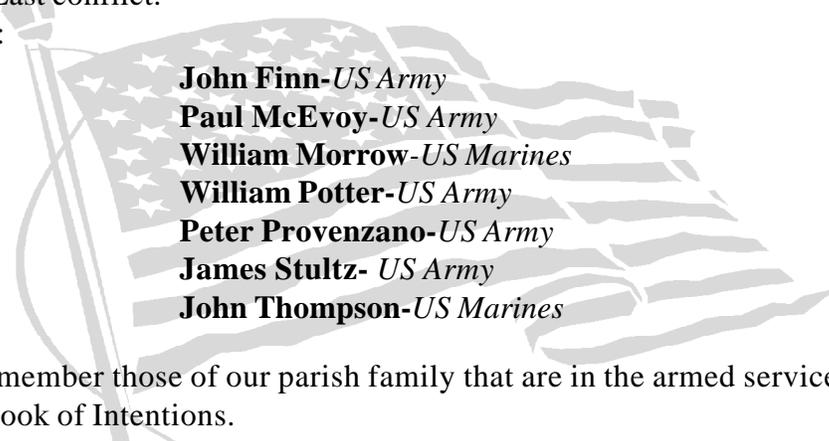
Holy Name Society

The Holy Name Society meets on the second Sunday of each month. The next meeting will be on **Sunday, April 9**. We will begin with the **Rosary at 7:40 AM** in the Church and the **meeting will follow the 8 AM Mass at 9 AM in Room 16**.

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
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 Gein family in gratitude for the safe return of their son from active duty. **Kenneth Gein-US Army** has returned to the United States safe and sound. Thank you, Kenneth, for your generous service to our country! The Gein family would like to thank Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Family for all of their prayers.

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**.

Aging in Grace and Wisdom

“Towards a Spirituality of Aging in Grace and Wisdom” presented by Brother Andre Mattieu, C.P. for bereavement ministers and the bereaved on **Saturday, April 29 from 9 AM until 2 PM** at the **Emmanuel Retreat House, Kellenberg Memorial High School, Uniondale**. \$30 per person registration fee includes continental breakfast and lunch. To register, call 516.678.5800, ext 508 or email clok@drvc.org.

CSJ 150th Anniversary Celebration!

Join the Sisters of St. Joseph in celebrating their 150th anniversary on **Saturday, May 20 from 10:30 AM until 3 PM**. Festivities and picnic will be on **Brentwood Motherhouse grounds**. Tickets are necessary. For tickets or further information, contact S. Karen Kaelin, CSJ at karenksj@aol.com or by calling 631.273.1187, ext 46.

American Sign Language

Cleary School for the Deaf is offering evening Adult Education classes in American Sign Language.

The Spring session will be **April 19 through June 14** (adults only) . For registration, call Carolyn Kelly at 631.588.0530.

Discipleship

The call of the disciples is so familiar to us that we tend to miss the wonder of the disciples’ response, which was immediate and complete; they leave everything and follow Jesus. Can we do less if we feel that God is calling us to the priesthood or consecrated life? If you think God is calling you, contact the Vocation Office at 631.424.9999 or you may email to Vocations@drvc.org.

Divorce and Beyond

A ten week program for the divorced or those going through the divorce process. An opportunity to find that special comfort and insight that can be found only in a group of people who are experiencing similar pain and issues. The program will begin on **Monday, April 24 at St. Patrick’s Church, Glen Cove from 7 - 8:30 PM**. \$20 fee includes registration, book and notebook. To register, contact Parish Outreach at 516.676.5586.

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: **“Education.”** 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

Your parents work to take care of you, and to give you what you need. They each have jobs to do, and sometimes those jobs are not easy at all. In today's Gospel reading, Jesus knew that he had a very hard job to do. He knew that he needed to die on the cross, so that he could give you what you needed most-God's love and forgiveness. Jesus has given us a very important job, too. Jesus wants us to follow his example, and to share God's love with everybody.



Prayer



Dear God,
 help me to follow Jesus' example, even when
 it is hard work. In Jesus' name, Amen.



Puzzle

Find the right shadow.



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Mission for the Week

Read today's
 Gospel with your
 family.

Ask your
 parents if you
 can plant a seed.
 Talk about how
 Jesus is like a
 seed that dies
 first and then
 grows.