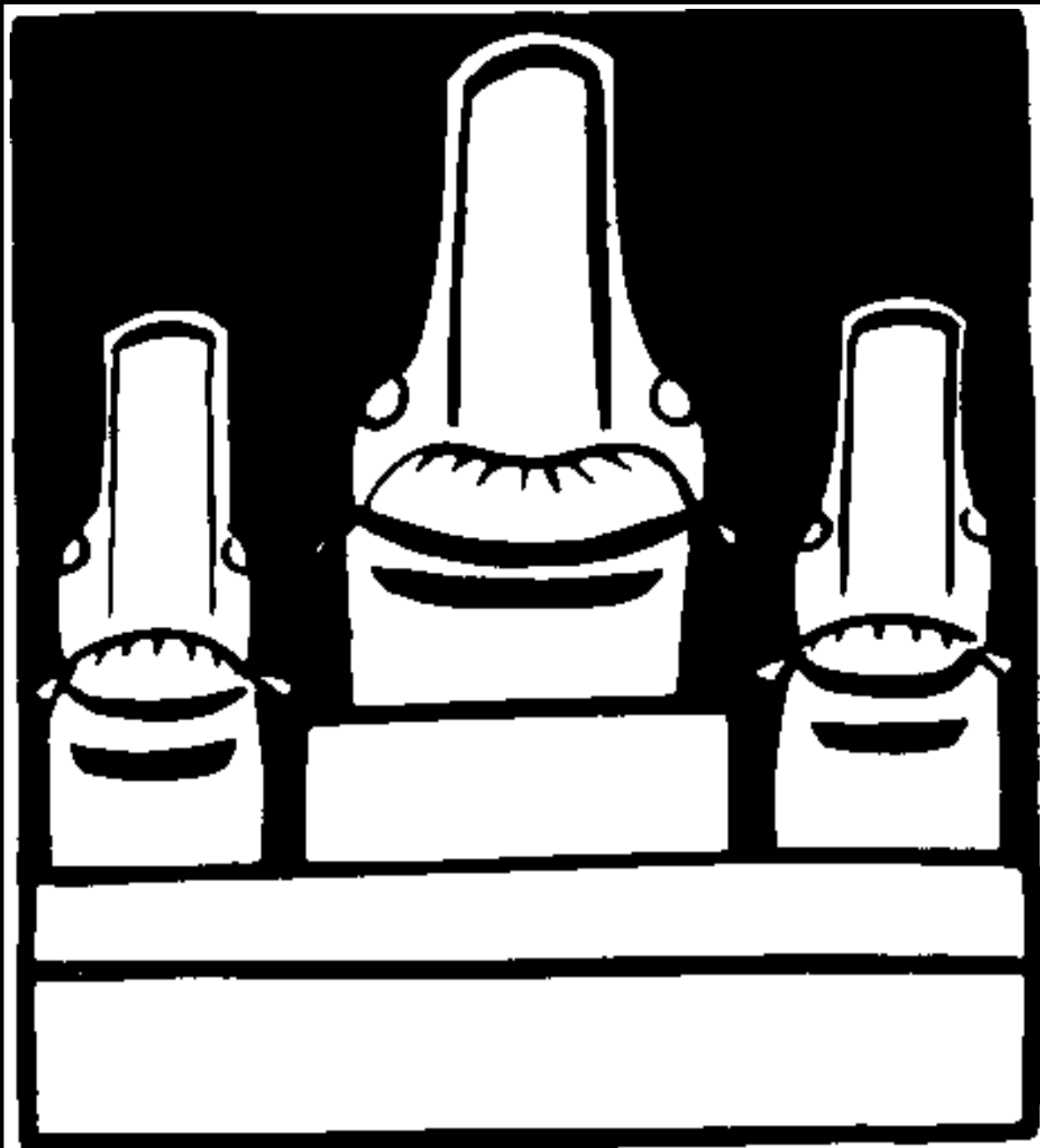


“Grant that in your glory we may sit
one at your right
and the other at your left.” Mark 10:37



Our Lady of Lourdes
Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 22, 2006



Pastoral Team

Rev. Michael A. Vetrano
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.

Rev. Stanislaus Chukwube

Associate Pastor

Rev. Robert Scheckenback

Associate Pastor

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 Scorcio

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

Jen Gallagher

Anne Kerrigan

Maria Lucie (*co-chair*)

Mary McMahon

Doreen Spiller

Mary Steck

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

Lori Walsh

Parish Office

*Our Lady
of Lourdes*

455 Hunter Avenue
West Islip, New York 11795

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.

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

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

S.A.G.E.

661-3224

(Senior Advocates for Growth
and Enrichment)

email: Sage@ollchurch.org

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.

Celebrating Our Parish Life



Parish 50th Anniversary Mass

12:30 PM

November 19, 2006

Celebrant Bishop William Murphy

Empowering Our Minds and Spirits

Our Lady of Lourdes 50th Anniversary “Golden Jubilee Journal”

The *Golden Jubilee Journal* will portray Our Lady of Lourdes illustrious parish history of the past fifty wonderful years! We offer all parishioners and friends an opportunity to express their best wishes, congratulations, or to memorialize loved ones with a journal message.

If you are interested in placing an ad in our *Golden Jubilee Journal*, stop by the Parish Office or call 661.3224. Fill out the form on page 6 with your journal message and return it with payment to OLL Church no later than October 31.

(The deadline has been extended until the end of this month, October 31.)

If you have any questions or would like more information, please call Lori Walsh at 661.3224.



*Come Celebrate
as a Parish Family
50th Anniversary Jubilee Dinner*

*Friday, November 17, 2006
7:00 PM-Midnight
Southward Ho Country Club*

*Price \$100 per person
Tickets are on sale now in the Parish Office
Seating arrangements will be accommodated*



*Jubilee Dinner tickets will be on sale after Masses in the
All-Purpose Room beginning this weekend,
October 21/22.*

*Raffle tickets will also be available for sale -
Golden Raffle tickets and Silver Raffle tickets.*

50th Anniversary “Golden Jubilee Journal”



The *Golden Jubilee Journal* will become a lasting memory of our anniversary year.

The journal, which will be available to all our parishioners, will contain pictures and history of our first 50 years, as well as messages and greetings from friends of OLL.

Please consider becoming a part of our anniversary journal.

You can reserve a page or part of a page in memory of a loved one, to send your own message of gratitude to our community, or simply to acknowledge your presence and support of our community.

Signed (Name): _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Town: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Journal Size 8 1/2" x 11"

Inside Cover (2)* \$1,500.00

**call for availability*

2 Page Spread \$1,000.00

Gold Full Page \$ 750.00

Silver Full Page \$ 500.00

Full Page \$ 300.00

Half Page \$ 175.00

Quarter Page \$ 125.00

Eighth Page \$ 75.00

Sponsor's Name

Listing \$ 25.00

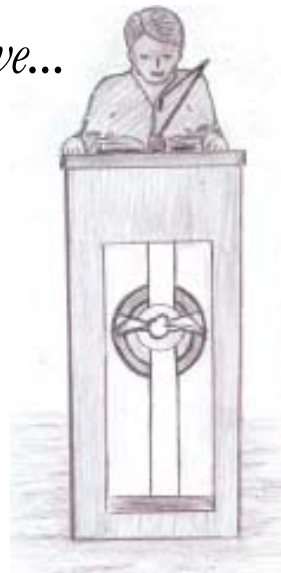
Print your message below or attach a copy of your message to this page and send to the Parish Office.

Please mail this page along with your check to: Our Lady of Lourdes Church
Journal Committee
455 Hunter Avenue
West Islip, NY 11795

We ask that you submit your message as early as possible. The deadline for our anniversary journal is October 31, 2006. Any questions, please call the Parish Office at 661.3224.

Stewardship 2006

When we love...



Renewing our Support for Our Lady of Lourdes

Dear Parishioners:

Each year our parish uses the weeks at the end of October and beginning of November to celebrate parish stewardship.

Stewardship is a way of life, an attitude of generosity and faith that allows us to use our gifts of time, talent, and treasure to do the work of the gospel. Our parish community would not exist without the generosity of our members. Please pay special attention to the message of stewardship on these upcoming weekends.

we serve.

Saturday and Sunday, October 28 and 29

Our Parish Annual Report

Our Pastor, Father Mike Vetrano, will speak at all weekend Masses and present the Annual Report from our Finance and Stewardship Committees.

Saturday and Sunday, November 4 and 5

Parish Commitment Weekend

Parishioners will speak at Masses this Sunday to explain the importance of the stewardship of time, talent, and treasure in their lives. Parishioners will also be invited to make or renew a commitment to support Our Lady of Lourdes. The commitment cards may be put into the collection baskets at this Mass or at Mass over the next several Sundays. In addition, the commitment cards can be dropped off at or mailed to the Parish Office in the Rectory.

Saturday and Sunday, November 11 and 12

Commitment Weekend

Parishioners will be invited to return their commitment cards if they did not do so last weekend. In addition, we will have cards available at the entrances of the Church over the next several weeks for your use. All cards can be returned in the collection baskets at Mass or they can be dropped off at or mailed to the Parish Office in the Rectory.

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



Upcoming Marriages

Janice Keith and

Thomas Young, OLL

Baptisms

Juliana Deborah Hunter

Gary and Janine

Raymond Frederick Martin

Raymond and Alison

Dylan John Whatley

John and Victoria

Zoe Catherine Williams

Thomas and Melanie

Matthew John Louie

Steve and Christine

Emily Michelle Miccio

Kevin and Lori

Christopher Michael Rentz

Christopher and Barbara

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.

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 call the Parish Office.

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.

Remembering...

Monday, October 23

St. John of Capistrano, priest

8:00 AM Edward DeMatteo

Tuesday, October 24

St. Anthony Mary Claret, bishop

8:00 AM Charles Homann



Wednesday, October 25

8:00 AM Frank Carrello

Rest In Peace

Robert J. Turner

Thursday, October 26

8:00 AM Valerie Moscarelli

Friday, October 27

8:00 AM Frank DeLeo and Michael DeLeo

Saturday, October 28

8:00 AM Joseph Zotto, Josephine and Mike Ferrante,
In Thanksgiving to St. Jude, Elizabeth Golden,
Connie La Dolce, Anthony Fronzoni, Robert Horvath,
Sue Carlson, George Sevchuk, Robert Mitchel

5:00 PM Howard and Dorothy Ahland
Fr. Bob Scheckenback

Sunday, October 29

8:00 AM Catherine Fahey
Fr. Stan Chukwube

9:30 AM James Kahnis, Jr.
Fr. Mike Vetrano

11:00 AM John Flathmann
Fr. Stan Chukwube

12:30 PM John Gennaso (10 years)
Fr. Ed Dowling

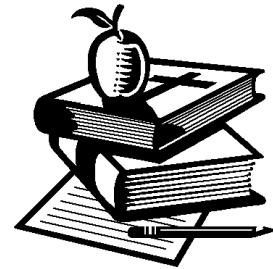
6:00 PM People of the Parish, In Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
Joseph Badamo, William Hein, Eleanor Kuchler,
Deborah M. Hormuth, June Cerami, Nicholas Krepil,
Vincent J. Abatantino
Fr. Bob Scheckenback

Celebrating Sacraments

OLL School News

The Fashion Show Committee Needs You!

Our Lady of Lourdes School will be hosting a Fashion Show on Thursday evening, March 29, 2007. This event will be held at La Grange Inn and includes dinner, dancing and of course many prizes and raffles – this is an event not to be missed!



Tickets will go on sale in January 2007 and will be open to the school and parish on a first come, first served basis. Remember, this affair sells out quickly so be sure to watch for information regarding ticket sales in our weekly church bulletin.

Our Lady of Lourdes School is reaching out to all our school parents and parishioners for donations of any kind to help support this important event. All donations can be dropped off in the school office labeled “Fashion Show”. Make sure you include your name, address and phone number so we can properly thank you for your donation.

Anyone interested in helping with the Fashion Show, your assistance is greatly appreciated. Whether you prefer to be out in the crowds or behind the scenes, we have an opportunity for you! The show can’t go on without your help! Please contact Kate Newman with any questions regarding our Fashion Show 2007 at 587-6948 or e-mail at bounceusa@aol.com.



Congratulations to two outstanding musicians at Our Lady of Lourdes Meggan Kent, soprano, has been selected to participate in the All-State Women’s Chorale. AnnMarie Buonaspina, violinist, has been selected to participate in the All-State String Orchestra. The All-State organizations represent the finest musicians in the state. Both of these fine musicians are part of the Our Lady of Lourdes Church Music Ministry. Congratulations Meggan and AnnMarie!

New and exciting things are happening at Our Lady of Lourdes School...

This week the second grade went to the Vanderbilt Planetarium to learn about the stars and planets.

The fifth and sixth grades went to Philadelphia to visit all the historical sites including the Liberty Bell.

Our eighth grade began its AOI, Academy of Inquiry. They will be working directly with Stony Brook University medical students on research projects throughout the school year.

Adult Faith Formation

Doctor's Visit 101 -

How can I make the most of my doctor's visit

Tuesday, October 24 from 7:30 PM until 9:30 PM in the Parish Center
presented by Dr. Peter Calves, M.D.

This presentation will help you become an "expert" on how to make those few precious minutes in the doctor's office *yours* to help you manage your health...or to help you as "caretaker" manage the health of your loved one.

Ministry of Family Healing

Nights of Prayer and Reflection

beginning Thursday, October 26 at 7:30 PM in the Parish Center

led by Marcy Chapuisat and Marge Valenti

The gospels describe Mary as being "full of Grace" a grace and friendship with God that would carry her through moments of joy and sadness in her life.

On this evening, we will reflect on how we can be open to God and become full of grace ourselves. Can we discover a strength that will carry us through the joyful and sorrowful events in our lives and especially in our families?

We will begin with a story of losing and finding, the day that Joseph and Mary lost Jesus only to discover him teaching in the temple. There are so many stories of losing and finding in every part of our lives and we will explore them as opportunities to become full of grace.

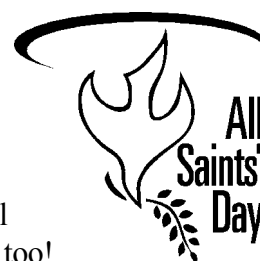
Gentle Reminder: Preregistration is necessary and helpful This will enable us to have enough reading material and refreshments for all those attending. Please call the Religious Education Office Monday-Friday from 9 AM until 5 PM at 661.5440, extension 3 or email to religioused@ollchurch.org. Fee is \$25 and may vary with each class. No fee is required for those who have paid Religious Education Family Fee or OLL School tuition.

Save the Date...

All Saint's Day – Eve

Tuesday, October 31- Halloween

A special 5 PM Mass for our young people – and we invite them to come in costume. All will receive a special gift for their trick or treat bags too!



All Saints' Day

Wednesday, November 1

Masses 8 AM and 7:30 PM

“The Six”

Our Six Committee is always looking for people and ideas to make our Sunday night Mass even better! We are in need of not only ministers (lectors, servers, Extraordinary Ministers and ushers) but people who can come up with great ideas! Our next meeting is **Sunday, October 29 at 5 PM** (*before “The Six”*). Please come and join us- All Are Welcome!



29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Some would theorize that the greatest inspiration for people to begin their own businesses would be their distaste for office politics. We've all experienced it at some level; good, hard work by some begins to cross the line into manipulation and back-biting, all for the purpose of self-gain. Unfortunately, some may get away with it but ultimately pay the price in the loss of their self-respect. Hardly a fair trade, wouldn't you say?

In today's Gospel reading from Mark, James and John have decided to ask a special favor of Jesus. They seem to believe his promise of the Kingdom of Glory; as the other ten disciples look on, James and John request to sit at Jesus' hands in heaven. This "power-play," to use a modern phrase, doesn't sit well with the others. Of course, Jesus reminds them that wanting such a position of prominence is one thing, but to expect it defies the role of servitude, a role we are all to take.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us that the baptism of Jesus is on his part the acceptance and inauguration of his mission as God's suffering Servant. (CCC 536) Jesus reminds James, John and the others that they will indeed be cleansed with the same baptism he received, and drink from the same cup - that is, they will offer their lives in service to the Lord.

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Readings for the Week of October 22, 2006

Sunday:	Is 53:10-11/ Heb 4:14-16/ Mk 10:35-45 <i>or</i> 10:42-45
Monday:	Eph 2:1-10/ Lk 12:13-21
Tuesday:	Eph 2:12-22/ Lk 12:35-38
Wednesday:	Eph 3:2-12/ Lk 12:39-48
Thursday:	Eph 3:14-21/ Lk 12:49-53
Friday:	Eph 4:1-6/ Lk 12:54-59
Saturday:	Eph 2:19-22/ Lk 6:12-16
Next Sunday:	Jer 31:7-9/ Heb 5:1-6/ Mk 10:46-52

Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Rose Grant*.
If you would like to help care for our altar needs, please call the
Parish Office at 661.3224.

Communion Calls

Communion brought to those who are homebound.
Contact the Parish Office at 661.3224.



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 ...

*Pat Bonavita, Patrick Bowers, Thomas Brennan, Jo Brogan, Christian Bullock,
Regina Cranor, Joseph Cristallo, Richard Cullen, Jason Fisher, Cathy Gallagher,
Abelardo Gelabert, Marie Ippolito, Kathleen Kerrigan, Anthony Lombardo,
Mike Lorento, Benjy Margulies, Diego Marino, Peter McCann, Sr.,
Bryan Monahan, Dorothy O'Grady, Rose Paladino, Susan Percoco,
Freda Perry, Gene Perry, Joe Radosti, Fred Ruggio, Rose Serragano,
Dorothy Sullivan, Loretta Vitale*

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:

Daniel D'Arienzo-US Army

John Finn-US Army

Paul McEvoy-US Army

Michael Mallimo-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.

Parish Outreach

Outreach Office Hours

Monday through Friday from 9:30 AM until 3:30 PM.
For information/assistance call 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 pantry is running low on the following items...
cereal, coffee, soup, and tea.



canned pasta, ravioli, etc.
chili
macaroni & cheese
pasta
tomato sauce

Respect Life Month 2006

Recent developments, though hailed as forms of technical progress, are regressive and harmful in their effects on human life. The RU-486 abortion pill was hailed as a “safe” way to end a pregnancy. But for hundreds of American women, an abortion by this method has meant emergency room visits for blood transfusions, emergency surgery, or treatment for serious, sometimes lethal infections. Another drug, called Plan B, has been approved by the Food and Drug Administration for “emergency contraception.” Yet the prescribing information for pharmacists and physicians admits that the drug may sometimes act by making it impossible for a newly conceived embryo to survive. The risks to women include a host of bleeding disorders and an increased risk of ectopic pregnancy.

*Cardinal William H. Keeler
Chairman, Committee for Pro-Life Activities
U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops*

Social Action Alerts

NYSCATHOLIC.ORG

We would like everyone in our parish to visit the New York State Catholic Conference’s website at www.nyscatholic.org and register today. By doing this, you’ll receive regular e-mail updates about important issues and learn ways you can make a real difference in the life of the Church and the world.

Confirmation 2006

The young women and men from our parish have been actively preparing for Confirmation. This year's candidates will receive Confirmation on Monday, October 23 with Bishop John Dunne presiding.



For the past several weeks, the candidates have participated in many events in preparation for their Confirmation. Some of the events included "Spirit Nights," a special Reconciliation Prayer Service, and most recently the candidates, their sponsors and their parents spent an evening together.

As part of their preparation candidates, parents, and sponsors have listened together to some interesting presentations and challenges. Each of these events challenged the candidates to look deep within to discover how God is calling them – maybe in some very surprising ways. Let's continue to pray for these young people as they prepare for their Confirmation this Monday.

Contemplative Outreach of Long Island/Queens

You are invited to an afternoon with Fr. Thomas Keating, founder and chairman of Contemplative Outreach. We will celebrate the **20th Anniversary of Contemplative Outreach on Long Island.**

Join us for a Sunday afternoon presentation and book signing reception with Fr. Thomas Keating and Fr. Carl Arico. The program will include Centering Prayer and a brief video presentation about Contemplative Outreach, Ltd. The celebration will be at **Our Lady of Lourdes Church on Sunday, October 22 from 2:30 PM until 5:30 PM.**

This will be a perfect opportunity for those who do not know what Centering Prayer is all about - come learn. There is no charge for the afternoon. For further information, please contact Diane at 587.0966, Betty at 586.6608, or Gloria at 265.8021.

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.**

Good Samaritan Prayer Group of L.I.

The Good Samaritan Prayer Group of Long Island holds their **meetings every Friday** (*except the first Friday of the month*) **at OLL School in Room 16 from 8 PM until 10 PM.**

All are welcome to experience singing, praying and fellowship each evening.

Bereavement Support

The Compassionate Friends of Babylon (TCF)

A monthly support group for parents who have lost a child. The group meets on the **first Friday** of each month at **Cross of Christ Lutheran Church on Deer Park Avenue in Babylon**. Facilitated by Barbara and Mike Redmond. For information please call TCF Hotline at 800.626.3905.

General Bereavement

Eight week support group for adults grieving the loss of a loved one. Support group to be held at **Our Lady of Victory Parish, Floral Park from 7 until 9:30 PM**.

Please call for more information or to register at 516.437.1315.

Coping with the Holidays

A program for handling the holidays at **St. John Nepomucene Parish Center, conference room 2, Bohemia on Monday, November 13 from 7 - 9 PM**. Facilitated by Pat Jones. For more information call 631.205.1842.

Financial Summary

October 15, 2006

Weekly Collection	\$ 17,025.00
Weekly Budget	-\$ 21,000.00
+/- for the week	\$ (3,975.00)

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

Eucharistic Etiquette



“Etiquette at the Eucharistic Table— To Help Us Give Thanks and Remember”

Msgr. Christopher Heller, Pastor of St. Joseph’s Parish in Babylon, recently published an article in Summit and Source, our diocesan liturgical newsletter. We’re going to reprint excerpts of it in the upcoming weeks. Take some time to reflect on his words and the questions/suggestions that follow:

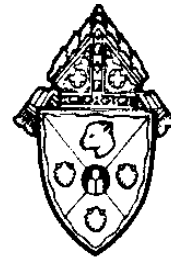
8. Let’s remember what we were all taught about accepting the Body and Blood of Christ. If we’re receiving on our tongue, let’s come forward and, after saying “Amen” to the minister, let’s stick our tongue out far enough so that the minister does not have to search for it! If we’re receiving the Eucharist in our hands, let’s come forward with both hands open and extended the way we all learned years ago: providing a proper place for the Lord. As a rule, place your stronger hand (the one you use the most) on the bottom of your two hands, so that once the Eucharist is placed in your “weaker” hand, you may use your stronger hand to “take and eat.” Also, if you are receiving the Blood of Christ, be sure to grasp the Chalice with two hands.

2006 Catholic Ministries Appeal

“Touching the lives of many through Diocesan and Parish Ministries and services.”

Parish Status as of October 16, 2006

Parish Goal	\$118,600
Pledged Amount	\$ 95,647
# of Pledges	421
Average Pledge	\$ 228



We are closing in on our parish goal! Thank you to those parishioners who have participated in the 2006 Catholic Ministries Appeal. Your participation provides support to the many programs and services that help further the mission of Jesus Christ here on Long Island.

There is still time to participate in this year’s CMA. 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 our parish and Diocese, please contact our Parish Office at 661.3224.

Coping with Complexity

Fr. Ron Rolheiser, OMI

Holiness and wholeness are, ultimately, the same thing. To be holy is to be whole. That shouldn't surprise us, grace builds on nature. What's problematic is achieving wholeness. Why?

Because we're all so pathologically complex that we spend most our lives trying to figure out who we really are and trying on various personalities the way we try on different clothes. Allow me an example:

I once saw a wonderful interview with Catherine de Hueck Doherty, a Russian Baroness and the founder of the Madonna House Apostolate. She was already more than 80 years old and, reflecting on the struggles of her spiritual journey, said something to this effect:

"It's like there are three persons inside me. There's someone I call the Baroness. The Baroness is spiritual and given over to asceticism and prayer. This is the religious person. She's the one who founded the religious community, wrote the spiritual books, and who tries to give her life to the poor. It's the Baroness who's impatient with the things of this world and who tries to keep her eyes focused on things beyond this life.

But inside of me too there's another person whom I call Catherine. Catherine is, first of all and always, a woman who enjoys fine things, luxuries, sensual delight. She likes idleness, long baths, fine clothes, putting on make-up, good meals, good wine, and used to, as a married woman, enjoy a healthy sex life. Catherine enjoys this life and doesn't want renunciation or poverty. She's not religious like the Baroness. Indeed, she hates the Baroness and has a strained relationship with her.

And, finally, inside of me too there's someone else, a little girl, a child lying on a hill-side in Finland, watching the clouds and daydreaming. The little girl is different still from both the Baroness or Catherine.

...And, as I get older, I feel more like the Baroness, long more for Catherine, but think that maybe the little girl daydreaming on a hill-side in Finland might be who I really am."

These words come from a spiritual giant, someone who attained both wholeness and sanctity after a long search and difficult struggle, not someone who's still grappling with initial conversion. What her words highlight are two things, how complex we are and how difficult is it to find wholeness.

Like Catherine Doherty, all of us too have a number of different persons inside us. Inside each of us there's someone who knows the truth of the gospel call, is drawn to

the religious, strives towards self-renunciation, and that knows that there are more important things than worldly achievement, comfort, and sex. But, inside each of us too, there's also a hedonist, a sensualist, a person who wants to drink in fully the wine and the pleasures of this life. Moreover, inside each of us there's also a little girl or little boy, daydreaming still on a hill-side somewhere.

Soren Kierkegaard defined a saint as someone who "wills the one thing." But, with all these different persons inside us, what do we really will? What's really our deepest desire?

Importantly too, given that grace is meant to build upon nature and not annihilate it, it's too simple to think that sanctity is merely a question of the "spiritual person" inside us triumphing over the person inside of us who loves this world or over the child in us who is still given over to daydreaming. Wholeness means somehow making a whole, a harmony, out of all these different persons. To ignore, deny, annihilate, invalidate, or bypass one part for another is precisely never to attain wholeness.

Sanctity consists in wholeness and a whole person, like Christ, is someone who is both a drinker of wine and an ascetic, a lover of this life and of the next, a dreamer and a realist, among many other things, all at the same time. What must be rejected in the spiritual quest is not our nature, with its endless paradoxes and seeming contradictory attractions, but any recipe for holiness that would have us believe that sanctity can be obtained easily, without tension, confusion, and great patience.

Sanctity too consists in coming to peace. Peace is not just the absence of war or conflict, but is harmony and wholeness. We come to peace when we make harmony out of discord - with all the pieces accounted for and each given its proper place. To cut off parts of ourselves in the quest for wholeness is tantamount to a pianist sawing-off part of his or her keyboard. It makes things a lot simpler, but it also makes it impossible to play most pieces of music.

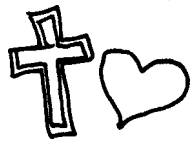
To be human is to be pathologically complex. But that points to our richness, not poverty, and suggests that all our different parts are important in the spiritual journey. Nikos Kazantzakis once put it this way, "the spirit wants to wrestle with flesh that is strong and full of resistance ... because ... the deeper the struggle, the richer the final harmony."

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Do you ever catch yourself being bossy? That is a mistake grown-ups make, too. It is no fun to work or play with bossy people. They don't honor God when they order people around. In today's Gospel, Jesus told his friends to be kind, not bossy. God wants us to help and serve other people.



Mission for the Week



Invite a friend over to visit, and think of ways to serve them. Hang up their jacket, offer something to eat, and ask what they would like to do. Share your best toys, and let them have the first turn.



Word Search

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

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LEADERS
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Dear God,

when I want to
get my own way,
help me to stop.
Show me ways I
can help other
people instead.

Sisters of Charity-Halifax

Each year the Sisters hold a luncheon and recognize those who most exemplify the spirit of the founder of the Sisters of Charity through the Elizabeth Ann Seton Award. We invite you to participate in supporting the Sisters' healthcare and retirement needs and honoring this year's award recipients by purchasing a ticket to the luncheon, taking a chance on a raffle, or making a donation.

This year's luncheon will be on **Sunday, November 12 in the Milleridge Cottage at Milleridge Inn, Jericho from 1 PM until 4 PM**. For more information or to register please call Carrie Flemming at 1.800.247.6509. Thank you for your participation and generosity.

CSJ 150th Anniversary Celebrations

The Sisters of St. Joseph of Brentwood, NY invite everyone to join us at the following event as we conclude our year of celebration marking 150 years of service in the Dioceses of Brooklyn and Rockville Centre. On **Thursday, October 26** we will have our **Gala Dinner Dance** at the **Garden City Hotel**. For further information, contact S. Mary Ann Crimmins at 631.273.1187, ext. 25 or email to mcrimminsjsj@aol.com.

Closing Liturgy for Jubilee Year

The Sisters of St. Joseph of Brentwood, NY invite everyone to join us as we conclude our year of celebration marking the 150 years of service in the Dioceses of Brooklyn and Rockville Centre. The closing Liturgy of the Jubilee Year will be **Sunday, October 29** at **Our Lady of Perpetual Help Lower Church, 59th Street, Brooklyn at 3 PM**. A reception will follow. No tickets or reservations are needed.

2006 Dominican Gala

Dominican Sisters of Amityville celebrate 153 years of service. Many of you know the Dominican Sisters of Amityville through their ministry in schools, health facilities, parish affiliations, etc. **The 2006 Dominican Gala** commemorates their years of service and will be held on **Friday evening, October 27** at the **Garden City Hotel**. All proceeds benefit the many ministries of the Dominican Sisters of Amityville. For further information about raffles, commemorative program and more, contact Sr. Eileen Nolan, OP at 631.842.6000 ext. 238.

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: **"Prayer."** 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.

Golden Wedding Jubilee

On **Sunday, November 19**, couples married 50 years or more are invited to a special Mass to be celebrated by Bishop Paul Walsh at **Christ the King, Commack at 3 PM**. Please pick up your registration card at the OLL Parish Office before October 31. If you have any questions, please call 516.678.5800, extension 242.



Immigrants on Long Island

Please join us as friends and families gather for Mass at St. Agnes Cathedral on Sunday, November 5 at 2 PM. Come celebrate and honor immigrants on Long Island from yesterday and today. Reception to follow. Please call Margarita at 631.789.2317 for reservations or more information.

St. Edward School Reunion

St. Edward the Confessor School, Syosset is hosting a **reunion and celebration** in honor of the **school's 45 Anniversary on Saturday, November 4**. For further information call Allison Murray Morris at 516.921.8030, extension 135.

A Little Bit of Ireland

The Rosary Altar Society of **Our Lady of the Assumption Parish, Copiague**, is presenting "An Irish Variety Show" on **Sunday, October 29 at 7 PM in the auditorium**. For only \$20 you will be able to delight in comedy, dance and song. For more information and ticket purchase, please call Linda at 631.789.4537.

Model Train and Toy Show

St. Vincent de Paul Model Train and Toy Show, Elmont will be held on **Sunday, October 29 between the hours of 10 AM and 3 PM**. Featured are Lionel, LGB, and American Flyer trains and accessories. \$5 at the door for adults, children under 12 free when accompanied by an adult, seniors are \$4. Breakfast and lunch are available. For more information please call 516.352.2127.

Gift & Craft Fair

St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School is hosting its **Annual Holiday Gift & Craft Fair on Sunday, November 5 from 10 AM until 4 PM**. Join us for a fun filled holiday shopping experience with over 150 gift and craft vendors. There will also be great food and great raffle prizes-plenty of parking.