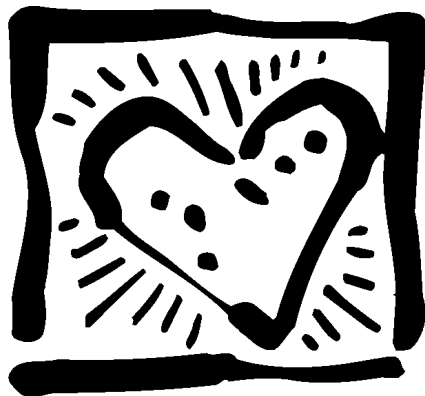


You shall LOVE  
the Lord your  
GOD WITH  
all your...

HEART



MIND



Body



SOUL

There is NO other  
COMMANDMENT  
GREATER..."

Mark 12:31-32



## *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](mailto:ParishOffice@ollchurch.org)

**fax:** 661-7143

**website:** [www.ollchurch.org](http://www.ollchurch.org)

### **Our Lady of Lourdes School**

587-7200

Monday-Friday: 9 AM - 3 PM

**email:** [rcioffi@ollschool.org](mailto: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](mailto:ReligiousEd@ollchurch.org)

### **S.A.G.E.**

661-3224

**(Senior Advocates for Growth  
and Enrichment)**

**email:** [Sage@ollchurch.org](mailto: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

*Raffle tickets will also  
 be available for sale  
 after weekend Masses.*

*Golden Raffle tickets  
 (\$10 each ticket)  
 and  
 Silver Raffle tickets  
 (\$5 each ticket)*

*Raffle tickets will be  
 on sale at the  
 Jubilee Dinner,  
 as well.*



## Celebrating Our Parish Life

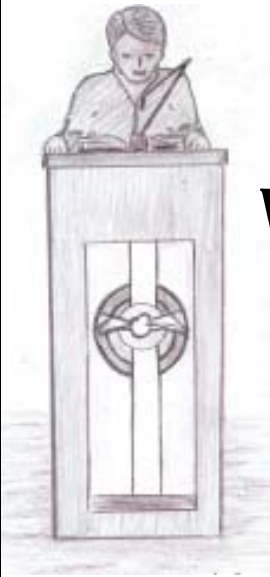


*Come Celebrate  
as a Parish Family  
50th Anniversary Jubilee Dinner*

*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 are now on sale  
after weekend Masses in the  
All-Purpose Room.*



## ***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, 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.

## How our Parish is Supported

Can you imagine what life would be like in your family household if every time you opened your paycheck the take-home amount was different? How could you plan to take care of your family's needs? That's what it is like for our parish family to operate with weekly collections as our main support. Collections at OLL vary from as little as \$14,550 for some summer weeks to as much as \$20,000 on a few others. The average contribution is \$17,400, but even if we try to count on this there are other unpredictable realities. A weekend snowstorm can set a parish budget back by \$15,000 and it can take months to recover.

Parishioners give to a parish in a variety of ways. Some people decide their weekly contribution well in advance and they never fail to give exactly the amount they plan. If there is a winter snowstorm they make it up the next week. If they take a two week summer vacation they are sure to send in their contributions for the weeks they are away. Without their support, it would be impossible for our parish to plan ahead in any dependable way. This year our parish is planning to offer two new services to our planned contributors. One is automatic payments in which an amount of your choosing can be automatically deducted from your credit card or bank. Another is friendly reminders in which we will keep track of your pledges and remind you if you are behind.

Some parishioners do not plan ahead. They contribute when they are at Mass and they decide at that moment what they will give for the week. If they are not at Mass, even for a good reason like storm, illness, or vacation, there is simply no contribution made that week. While we are grateful for any gift given to the Church, it is a fact that people expect the Church to be reliable and we are reliable. We never close our doors to anyone and we help those who come for education, outreach, weddings, funerals, etc. without fail. But you can probably understand that it is hard to be a reliable friend without reliable supporters.

Some give only occasionally, perhaps only at holidays or special times. And then there are others who do not contribute at all. It is a fact of life that 90% of our parish's support comes from only 1200 of our 6000 families. While some may simply not be able to give because of circumstances in their own lives, it is probably true that most simply do not appreciate how much OLL has to offer and how much we are in need of their support. We hope this year to reach out to these parishioners through mail, school, religious education, and other groups to help spread the word about our parish.

I am sure you can see that having each of our parishioners become a planned giver is the key to success in supporting all of our parish's programs. Please take a step by making a commitment to planned giving.

*We are called by God to be one, a family whose love for His Son is evident in all that we do. As members of the Parish Family of Our Lady of Lourdes, I / we realize that our parish is our Spiritual Home.*

*We affirm the good that is accomplished here by our gifts of Time, Talent, and Treasure. I / Our family has prayerfully decided to make a regular weekly offering to further the work of our parish.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

I / we pledge an offering of: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Weekly \_\_\_ Monthly \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_

- Please check here if you would like us to send periodic reminders for your pledge.
- Please check here if you would like information on options for direct debit or credit card contributions.

**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*

*Lauren Fogarty, OLL and*

*Thomas McGowan, St. Kevin's, Flushing*

## *Baptisms*

*Jake Thomas Avella*

Michael and Katherine

*Braiden Michael Buccino*

Joshua and Toni

*Rachel Louise DeLuca*

Jason and Janet

*Luke Benjamin Laukaitis*

Bruce and Rosina

*Devon Joseph Prieto*

Russel and Denise

*Joseph Salvatore Scibelli*

Arthur and Danielle

*Anthony John Viola*

Barry and Jessica

**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, November 6

8:00 AM Frank Monroe

## Tuesday, November 7

8:00 AM Lawrence F. Kelly,  
Raymond T. Kelly,  
and Robert J. Kelly



## *Rest In Peace*

*Jeanne Manick  
Michael Bonitch  
Marie LaMacchia  
Ernestine Gallagher  
Concetta Silver*

## Wednesday, November 8

8:00 AM John B. McHugh, Sr.

## Thursday, November 9

*Dedication of the Lateran Basilica*

8:00 AM Frank and Michael DeLeo

## Friday, November 10

*Leo the Great, pope, doctor*

8:00 AM James Christensen

## Saturday, November 11

8:00 AM Connie Celiberti, In Honor of the Blessed Mother and Sacred Heart,  
Peter Schreiner, Nicholas Macario, Frank Radosti, William Palumbo,  
In Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Henry Epp, Sarah Graziano,  
Sacred Heart of Jesus

5:00 PM Kristina Gagliano

## Sunday, November 12

8:00 AM Deceased Members of the Holy Name Society

9:30 AM John Smith

11:00 AM John Lovari

12:30 PM Joseph Rizzo

6:00 PM People of the Parish, Eileen Okurowski, Lawrence Zurlo,  
Salvatore Dellaria, Liberta Brusca, Blessed Virgin Mary,  
Nicholas Romanelli, Eileen Knecht, Henry Epp, Sr.

## Help Save a Life - Give Blood

On **Friday, November 24**, (*the day after Thanksgiving*) Our Lady of Lourdes Parish will hold a **Blood Drive** from **3:30 PM to 8:30 PM in the Parish Center**.

All eligible donors are strongly urged to give blood. To donate you must be between the ages of 17 and 75, in good health, and weigh at least 110 pounds. All donors must show proof of identification and should eat some food before donating.

Donating blood is easy and completely safe. The donation process takes only an hour and includes a mini-health exam - blood pressure, pulse, temperature and iron count. Free cholesterol testing for all blood donors. The donation itself takes about ten minutes, plus time for refreshments.

For more information about the Drive or to make an appointment, please call Marie at 669-5837.

## Parish Outreach Cake Sale

Parish Outreach will be having its **Annual Cake Sale** next weekend, **November 11/12**. Baked goods will be available for sale after our weekend Masses (*except 6 PM Mass*) in the **All-Purpose Room**.

Please come by and pick up a treat or two and help support our Outreach Program here at Our Lady of Lourdes. Thank you for your continued support.

## Thanksgiving at OLL

It's November...

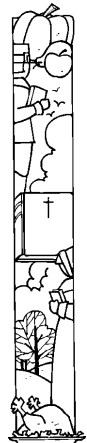
and Thanksgiving is fast approaching.

Once again, we ask our generous parish family and friends to help those less fortunate of our parish by making a donation to OLL Parish Outreach.

We would like to suggest that when you are shopping for your Thanksgiving dinner, simply buy a duplicate dinner for one of our needy families and bring it to Parish Outreach for distribution.



If shopping is not in your schedule, we will gladly accept food certificates or financial donations. We ask that you bring your donations to Parish Center on Monday, November 20 between the hours of 8 AM and 1 PM.



### Thanksgiving at OLL

I will be happy to donate a Thanksgiving dinner with all the fixins' for a family of \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

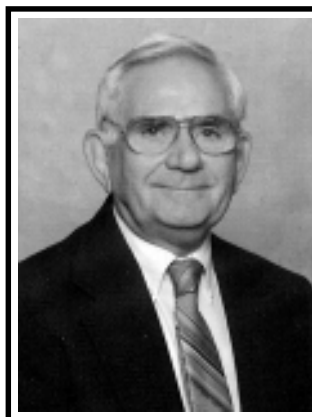
## Deacon Jules Gagnon

After many years as the director of Parish Outreach, Deacon Jules will be leaving us on November 10. In a meeting with his volunteers on October 10, Deacon Jules said that it was time for him to complete his work here, and that he was looking forward to spending time with his wife and family. Jules is assigned as a deacon to St. Patrick's Parish in Huntington and he will continue to exercise his ministry as deacon in that community.

Here at OLL, Deacon Jules is known for his endless compassion and his Franciscan spirit of service. He has led our parish in developing a very large and active outreach ministry that offers many services to our neediest parishioners. We are all sincerely grateful for his years of ministry here and for the care that he extended to all those in need.

Jules will be honored by the members of his outreach community and others who he worked with at a luncheon planned for November 11.

The Ministry of Outreach is an important part of our parish and it will not be easy to fill his shoes. Our Pastor and Parish Team are currently working with Catholic Charities to find a director for this important ministry.



## Veteran's Day at OLL

Next **Saturday, November 11**, our country will celebrate Veteran's Day to honor our country's heroes. Here at Our Lady of Lourdes we will **celebrate Veteran's Day at the 8 AM Mass** and extend a special blessing to all our Veteran's. Mass will be *followed by a "Bagel Breakfast"* hosted by our Altar Server Ministry and their families. Please come and join us-All Are Welcome!

## Our Journey continues...

**Our Lady of Lourdes Parish = 50 + 1 year in 2007**

Come with us on a pilgrimage to Montreal and Quebec!

Among the many wonderful places in Canada you will experience is St. Joseph's Oratory, a Roman Catholic Basilica on the northern slope of Mount Royal. This is the largest Church in Canada where more than two million visitors who come experience some healing.

Our second meeting is open to everyone in the parish. This meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, November 30 in Room 16 at 7:30 PM**. For additional information please call Deacon John at the Parish Office.

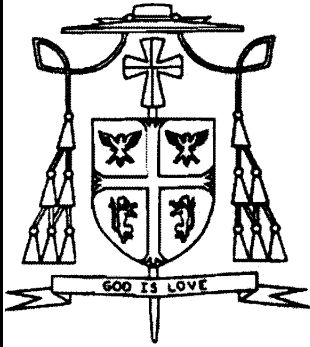
## Night At The Races

**Friday, November 10 at 7 PM in the OLL cafeteria**

Come with your friends & family ...you will have an enjoyable evening.

Donation: \$5 advance sale & \$7 at the door, includes frankfurters, salads, cake, coffee/tea. Tickets are available at the Outreach Office M-F 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM.

For further information please call Parish Outreach at 661-9262.



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October 25, 2006

Rev. Michael Vetrano  
Church of Our Lady of Lourdes  
455 Hunter Avenue  
West Islip, NY 11795

Dear Mike:

Just a brief word to thank you for your kind welcome on the occasion of my visit to confer Confirmation. Both liturgies went very well. Many people were involved in bringing the young people to Confirmation. Please express my thanks to all, especially your DRE, Sr. Nancy Campkin, Sr. Diane, your Principal, Regina Cioffi, and their teachers and catechists. The altar servers were great and both Deacons most helpful. John Sureau once again did a great job with the ceremonies. The music was well done too.

I enjoyed the evening meal with you and your staff. As always, it was a good opportunity to meet with a very fine group of lay leaders. Finally, may I thank you for the very generous parish gift. It is gratefully received and appreciated.

Be assured of my prayers. You are doing a great job, Mike. Keep up your good work. If ever I can be of assistance, please don't hesitate to let me know.

With every best wish, I am,

Faternally,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John".

Most Reverend John C. Dunne, D.D.  
Episcopal Vicar

## Religious Education

### *The Jubilee Journey continues...*

Friday, October 27 marked the beginning of Grade 6-7-8 Hang Out Nites...

Students, chaperones and high school students were involved in a fun evening of celebrating 50 years of our OLL Parish Family, including an anniversary cake with 50 candles! The night included all of the Hang Out Nite fun “things”- basketball, volleyball, dancing, music, games, DVD’s, crafts, and of course, pizza too!

**Grade 6-7-8 students** are encouraged to attend **OLL’s Jubilee Mass on Sunday, November 19 at 12:30 PM. It is sure to be a wonderful Parish Event!**

Our next Grade 6-7-8 Hang Out Nite is scheduled for Friday, December 15 from 7:30 PM until 9:30 PM in the Parish Center.

### *Calling all Catechists...*

All Religious Education Catechists are invited to a special evening, “**Come and See**” on **Tuesday, November 7, 7:30-9 PM in the Church**. Catechists will come together for prayer, sharing and fellowship... continuing to create the great sense of belonging at OLL, especially as we celebrate our Parish Family’s 50th Jubilee Year.

Let us pray for these dedicated parishioners who have been called to serve in the Catechetical Ministry of our Parish as they respond weekly with their loving presence and deep faith for the children of our parish.

## School News

The 8th graders have prepared for and recently taken the High School Entrance Exam. We know that you did your best and we are proud of each one of you!

Suffolk County Water Association came to OLL on Friday, October 27, to speak to third through eighth graders about the water cycle here on Long Island.

The eighth grade is busy fundraising for graduation expenses and wishes to thank Mrs. Mahoney for wearing the school uniform and raising over \$100 for the class.

The eighth graders who are working with Stony Brook University medical students had a tour of the Medical School during their first meeting with their mentors. Our students will have the opportunity to work with the medical students over the next few months and will present their projects at the end of January.

The School Mass for the month of November will be celebrated on **Thursday, November 9, at 9 AM.**

All are invited and welcome!

## Breakfast with Santa

Our annual “**Breakfast with Santa**” will be held this year on **Sunday, December 3** in the **OLL School cafeteria**. The Breakfast with Santa Committee is reaching out to all our parishioners who may be interested in helping out with this event or for donations of any kind. Anyone interested please contact Christina Macina at 587.0241 as soon as possible.

Donations of any kind can be dropped off directly at the school office. Please label your donations with your name, address and phone number so that we may properly thank you. Your help and donations are very much appreciated. This is a wonderful event to be shared with our parish family - we need your help to make it a success. Thank you.

*Please watch the upcoming bulletins for information regarding the purchase of tickets.*



## Gospel of Luke...

**Tuesdays-November 14, 21, 28 December 5, and 12  
7:30 PM until 9:30 PM in the Parish Center  
Presenter: Deacon Kevin McCormick  
Principal, Xaverian High School, Brooklyn, NY**

### Gospel of Compassion and Hope

This Advent, we'll read from the Gospel of Luke...but what are we hearing? Luke brings us a message of compassion, hope, and challenge. Throughout Luke, the Holy Spirit is active, guiding Jesus and empowering the church. In our busy lives, how can we be guided by Jesus? Empowered by the Spirit? Let's find out how the Gospel of Luke can help in this engaging experience.

Kevin McCormack is the Principal of Genesis Middle school for the gifted at Xaverian HS in Brooklyn. Over his 20+ year tenure at Xaverian, Kevin has worked in discipline, campus ministry, guidance and development, as well as teaching Religion, English and Philosophy.

He is also an adjunct instructor in the Theology Department at Molloy College.

Over the 21 years at the college he has also worked in the Theology & Philosophy departments. Kevin is a regular panel member with Molloy's Institute for Christian/Jewish Dialogue.

Additionally Mr. McCormack has been part of the Rockville Centre Diocese Pastoral Formation Institute's Faculty since its inception and taught in the Diaconate program for both the Dioceses of Brooklyn and Rockville Centre..

He was ordained a deacon for the diocese of RVC in May of 2002 and serves the Parish of the Blessed Sacrament in Valley Stream.

For over 20 years Mr. McCormack has done several adult education programs, retreats, Parish Missions and workshops throughout parishes in both the Brooklyn and Rockville Centre dioceses.

Kevin and his wife, Regina, have 4 children and live in Lynbrook. He has a Bachelor of Arts degree in English literature and Philosophy from Cathedral College, a Master of Arts degree in Theology from the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington and a Master of Science degree in Educational Administration from Fordham University.

*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 [religiouse@ollchurch.org](mailto:religiouse@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.*

# Parish Outreach

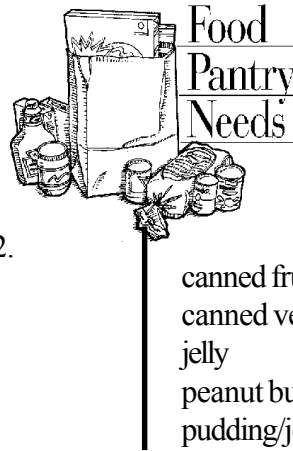
## Outreach Office Hours

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.



## Bakers Needed

Parish Outreach needs your help.

We are looking for bakers for our upcoming Cake Sale. We need bakers to make cakes, pies, cupcakes, cookies - any and all baked goods. Our annual Cake Sale is a fun way to help us help those who are less fortunate than ourselves. You don't want to miss this opportunity-without you our "Cake Sale" would not be possible. Please bring your baked goods to the All-Purpose Room on Saturday, November 11 any time after 9 AM. We thank you for your continued support.

## Social Action Alert

*NYSCATHOLIC.ORG*

We would like everyone in our parish to visit the New York State Catholic Conference's website at [www.nyscatholic.org](http://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.

## Financial Summary

### October 29, 2006

Weekly Collection	\$ 17,131.00
Weekly Budget	-\$ 21,000.00
+/- for the week	\$ (3,869.00)

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



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## 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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The 6-year-old girl and her 4-year-old brother strolled into the kitchen, and pulling up a chair on either side of their mother, asked: “Mom, which one of us do you like best?” Yes, kids can ask some very tough questions, although in their minds the questions may be simple and straightforward. Of course, the answer should be “I love you both equally with all of my heart” because love, as they say, is the answer.

Jesus was no stranger to trick questions. Many times throughout the Gospels, Jesus is asked about his interpretation of various Jewish laws. The intent most often was to entrap him into what the scribes thought was blasphemy. Yet when asked by a scribe what is the greatest commandment, Jesus’ response of loving God and our neighbors was an answer with which the scribe could only agree. No one dared question him again.

Charity is defined by the Catechism of the Catholic Church as the theological virtue by which we love God above all things for his own sake, and our neighbors as ourselves for the love of God. (CCC 1822) Because God so loved the world that he gave us his only son, and because his son so loved us he sacrificed himself on the cross for our sins, simply filling our hearts with love for God and one another seems to be the very least we can do in return.

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### Readings for the Week of November 5, 2006

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<b>Sunday:</b>	Dt 6:2-6/ Heb 7:23-28/ Mk 12:28b-34
<b>Monday:</b>	Phil 2:1-4/ Lk 14:12-14
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Phil 2:5-11/ Lk 14:15-24
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Phil 2:12-18/ Lk 14:25-33
<b>Thursday:</b>	Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/ 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/ Jn 2:13-22
<b>Friday:</b>	Phil 3:17-4:1/ Lk 16:1-8
<b>Saturday:</b>	Phil 4:10-19/ Lk 16:9-15
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	1 Kgs 17:10-16/ Heb 9:24-28/ Mk 12:38-44 <i>or</i> 12:41-44



## Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Terri Ryan*.  
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, Elise Brenner, Jo Brogan,  
George Bukowski, Christian Bullock, Sr. Nancy Campkin, Regina Cranor,  
Joseph Cristallo, Nicholas Curella, Kelly Doan, Jason Fisher, Abelardo Gelabert,  
Mary Hudson, Kathleen Kerrigan, Marty Kerrigan, Anthony Lombardo,  
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Lombardo, Mike Lorento, Benjy Margulies, Diego Marino,  
Michele McCann, Peter McCann, Sr., Bryan Monahan, Dorothy O'Grady,  
Rose Paladino, Julian Parra, Freda Perry, Gene Perry, Joe Radosti,  
Fred Ruggio, Rose Serragano, Dorothy Sullivan, Juli-Jo Vingo, 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**  
**Frederick Wm. Ellis-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.

## Holy Name Society

The Holy Name Society meets on the second Sunday of each month. The next meeting will be on **Sunday, November 12**. We will begin with the **Rosary at 7:40 AM in the Church** and the meeting will follow the 8 AM Mass in Room 16.



## Daytime Eucharistic Devotion

The afternoon adoration for the month of November will be on **Wednesday, November 8 from 1- 3 PM**. All are invited and welcome! We will be praying for our children, our country, our men and women in the military and our clergy.

## Rosary Christian Mothers

The Rosary Christian Mothers meets on the first Monday evening of each month. The next meeting will be on **Monday, November 6**. We will begin with **Rosary at 7:45 PM in the Church** followed by **meeting at 8 PM in the Parish Center**.

## 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.

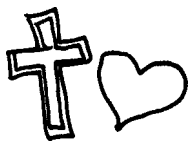
The Good Samaritan Prayer Group of Long Island holds their **meetings every Friday (except the first Friday of the month) at OLL School in Room 16 from 8 PM until 10 PM**.

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

The man in today's Gospel reading was a scribe. It was his job to write out copies of God's word. Many of the scribes did not care for Jesus, but this one man really understood the heart of God's law - love. To love God and to love others is more important than anything else.



## Mission for the Week

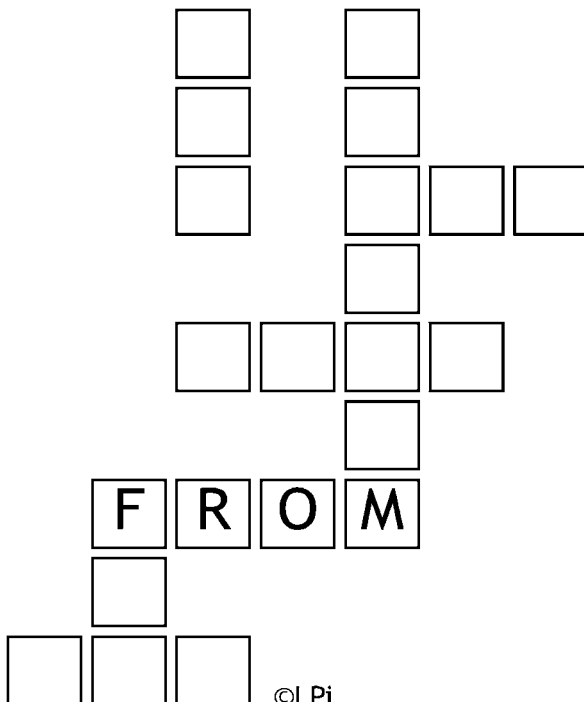


Pretend you are a scribe. Copy Mark 12:32-33 in your own handwriting. Hang it up in a place you will read it every day.

## Empty Squares

Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:

You are not far from God's kingdom



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Dear God,

Help us to love  
you and love  
others the way  
you want us to.

# Unspeakable Loneliness

*Fr. Ron Rolheiser, OMI*

When Kim Campbell was Prime Minister of Canada she gave a very candid interview to MACLEAN'S magazine within which she spoke of the ups and downs of being a public figure. You are surrounded by people, she said, but sometimes you live in "an unspeakable loneliness."

"Unspeakable loneliness". What is that?

There is a lot of loneliness, as we know, that can be spoken about. When you are lonely in certain ways, no matter the pain, you can still put out a hand and someone will take it, hold it, offer empathy, and the loneliness itself can lead to a deeper sense of being loved and valued.

That is often the case with the loneliness you feel when you lose a loved one in death, with the loneliness you feel when you lose a special intimacy with your children as they grow up and into their own lives and interests, with the loneliness you feel as you age and lose the taut health and attractiveness of a young body and the place that gives you in the world, and even with the seemingly inarticulate loneliness you feel in adolescence, when you are so blindly driven by the need to make contact that a certain desperate loneliness is choreographed by virtually every movement of your body and attitude.

There is a loneliness that can be spoken of because its pain is greater than its shame. It drives you to your knees, but also more deeply into humanity. Nature equips you to deal with this. This kind of loneliness hurts you but it does not damage you. It can be talked about, no small thing: Anything can be borne if it can be shared.

But there is a loneliness that cannot be shared, which is "unspeakable" because it is experienced in a way that is so private and humiliating that, were you to speak of it, you would further damage an already over-fragile sense of self that has been made so fragile by the loneliness itself.

You experience this kind of loneliness whenever you are alone in something in a way that you cannot share with anyone else because the loneliness itself feels like a private sickness, like a thing of shame, which makes you so vulnerable that any attempt to share it with someone would only make things worse and be a further humiliation.

You experience this especially in rejection, betrayal, abuse, powerlessness, and the feelings you have when you doubt your own attractiveness, intelligence, goodness, strength, and emotional stability. Not only are you then alone and outside of something or someone you want, but you are left with a wound, a humiliation, a sense of not measuring-up, an insecurity, and a shame, that is only deepened should you

talk of it. There is a pain that is "unspeakable".

You experience this, "unspeakable loneliness", in those areas of life where shame and insecurity seep in, where your relationships become one-sided, where you get walked-on, walked-away from, get dumped, suffer abuse, get bullied on the playground, are the one who is never asked out, get chosen last, are too weak to defend yourself, where your body and feelings aren't right, where you aren't bright enough, aren't attractive enough, have bad skin, varicose veins, are overweight, have an over-bearing mother you are ashamed of, where you end up being the one who has to beg, who needs to ask, who has to sit by the phone hoping it will ring, where you are the one who is pushed away because you are too obsessed, too needy, too desperate, too different, too weak, too angry, too compromised, too wrapped up in some private wound, weakness, sickness, or history to be that wonderful, normal, resilient, irresistible person everyone is looking for.

Loneliness of this kind can drive you into fantasy where, in your daydreams, you get to live out what is denied you in reality. Mostly this is harmless, little more than private little cassettes with perfect endings that you play internally to make life more bearable. Sometimes though "unspeakable loneliness" produces a restlessness and chaos that is suicidally painful and acts out in very bitter and destructive ways.

Nobel Prize winning novelist, Toni Morrison says: "There is a loneliness that can be rocked. Arms crossed, knees drawn up, holding, holding on, this motion, unlike a ship's, smooths and contains the rocker. It's an inside kind - wrapped tight like a skin.

Then there's a loneliness that roams. No rocking can hold it down. It is alive, on its own. A dry and spreading thing that makes the sound of one's own feet going seem to come from a far-off place."

There is a solution to "unspeakable loneliness": it needs to be spoken, to be shared, to be made public. To speak the unspeakable is a risk, an anguish, an irony, but, when the unspeakable is spoken, what once felt shamefully private and sick can become a badge of courage and a distinguishing mark of healthy citizenship inside the human condition.

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## 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.

*This year's Elizabeth Ann Seton Award recipients are: **Sister Joan Holmberg and The Bellmore Knights of Columbus Council, #3869.***

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.

## West Islip Symphony Orchestra

The 2006/07 season kicks off the Fall Program with a concert program dedicated to Allan Maurer, former founding president and fellow musician.

The concert will be held at the **Beach Street Middle School on Saturday, November 11 at 8 PM**. Tickets are \$10, \$5 Senior Citizen and students are admitted free. For further information call 661.8348.

## Retired and Senior Volunteer Program

### Telephone Reassurance Program

If you live alone and would like a **daily phone** call from a volunteer, just call the **Retired and Senior Volunteer Program** at 631.979.9490.

### Friendly Visitor Program

If you live alone and would like a **visit** from a volunteer, just call the **Retired and Senior Volunteer Program** at 631.979.9490.

If you are 55+ and would like to volunteer to call and/or visit a homebound senior, call the **Retired and Senior Volunteer Program** at 631.979.9490.

## 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.

## 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: **"Prioritizing Our Lives."** Don't forget to tune in!

Visit "Religion & Rock" on the web, [www.religionandrock.com](http://www.religionandrock.com). Also watch "Good News with Father Jim" on TELE CARE, channel 29, on Mondays and Fridays at 9:45 AM; Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays at 7:45 PM; Sundays at 8 PM.