

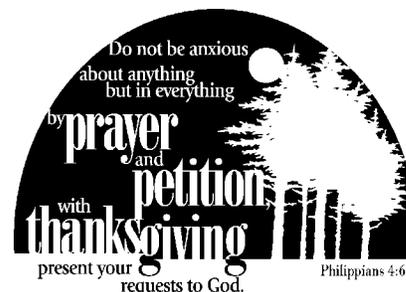
The Journey Continues...



*Our Lady of Lourdes Parish
West Islip, New York*

Our Lady of Lourdes

455 Hunter Avenue
West Islip, New York 11795



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.

Pastoral Team

Rev. Michael A. Vetrano

Pastor

Rev. Stanislaus Chukwube

Associate Pastor

Rev. Robert Scheckenback

Associate Pastor

Deacon John DeGuardi

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 Scorcia

Ministry Spiritual Director

John Sureau

Coordinator of Worship

Sr. Betty Toohig

Senior Ministry-SAGE

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Michael Abbruscato

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Maria Lucie (*co-chair*)

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Mary Steck

Fr. Mike Vetrano

Marie Yuliano (*co-chair*)

Parish Staff

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Religious Education Office

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Parish Office

Debbie Meyer

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Rosemary Multer

School Office

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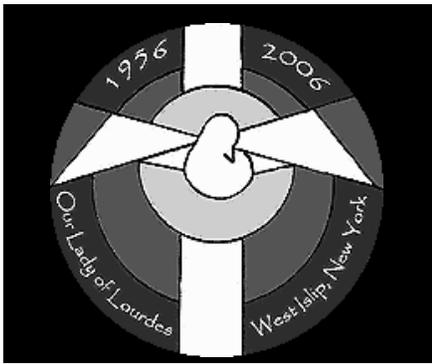
Organist

Rita Spera

Religious Education Office

Lori Walsh

Parish Office



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

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*Fifty years ago marked the beginning
of a new parish community.
Thanksgiving Day is the actual
anniversary of the celebration of our
first Mass here at Our Lady of Lourdes.*

Today that celebration continues...

Thanksgiving Day Mass 9:30 AM – Church

We ask everyone to please bring a donation for our parish food pantry with you to this Liturgy.

During Mass, all will be invited to bring their donation forward.

(Please note that this will be the only Mass celebrated on Thanksgiving Day)



Gospel of Luke...

**Tuesdays-November 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 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.

“When We Love, We Serve”

Proportional Giving

What is the right gift for my church each week? How much should I contribute? What is my faith community really worth—a community that reaches out to the needy, educates our children, fosters our faith life, and is always there for worship?

An amazing fact of life is that even though our parish needs are great, we are a very large parish and if everyone did just a little – we would never ever have a financial problem and we could support any ministry or charitable work. Just look at the math. We are a parish of 6000 families. If every family (not even every person) gave \$5 a week, our collection would be over \$30,000 a week. That’s almost twice our collection now.

Seeing the truth that if we all gave a little our church would be well supported has led many pastors to compare good church giving to some of the small everyday expenses we all have. Five dollars a week is about a gallon and a half of gasoline, it is a little less than a happy meal, and it’s about what the average family in New York State spends on Lotto each week (you can’t make this up!).

Comparing things this way may seem practical, but do I really want to compare the value of my church to a happy meal? Is the work of the Gospel really not worth more than the small purchases we make each day without much thought of planning? Obviously not. And that’s why our churches do get support. Because many parishioners do see the value of what we do and their gift is proportional to the value of the church and to the blessings they have received.

What about you? What do you compare your gift to when it is time to support Our Lady of Lourdes? Do you compare it to the value of our community or to some other standard? Or you might think that some “other” person will always be the generous one.

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.

Our Journey continues...

Family Pilgrimage to Catholic Canada

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. A wonderful experience for your whole family!

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.

Saint Bernard League

(Saint Bernards are known for bring people to safety in hazardous weather conditions)

If you're in need of help when it snows, members of our parish community will come to your home and shovel you out!

If you think you can use this help, call the Parish Office at 661.3224 or e-mail to jsureau@ollchurch.org today so we can begin to match people up now. Please RE-SIGN UP - even if you signed up last year.

... we also need Saint Bernards!

Can you and/or your family shovel, snow blow or clear out another family or two in need within our parish community? We'd love to have all families matched up before the first snow of the season (assuming it hasn't happened yet!!) If you can help with this call the Parish Office or e-mail to jsureau@ollchurch.org

Peanut Butter and Jelly

Our "Peanut Butter and Jelly Gang" will meet **Sunday, November 26, after "The Six" in the OLL school cafeteria**. We are in need of volunteers to make peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for local shelters and soup kitchens. While the Thanksgiving holiday is often cause for tremendous donations – help and support are often needed more after the holiday. If you can come, please do. If you can't come, please support our work by dropping off jars of peanut butter, jelly, or loaves of bread at the doors of the Church during the weekends of November 18/19 and November 25/26. Thank you for your continued support.





Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

What's it all about?

IF you are an adult AND

- ... you were never Baptized
- ... you were Baptized in another faith and would like to become a baptized Catholic
- ... you never received Holy Communion (Eucharist)
- ... you never received your Confirmation

IF you are an adult *and* one or all of the circumstances above apply to you

IF you feel you would like to become a Baptized Catholic or become more fully initiated into your Catholic faith

Please contact John Sureau, S. Nancy, Jen Gallagher or Fr. Stan at the Parish Office. You can call 661-3224, option #1, and we would be happy to help you!

School News

Our School is once again having a raffle for a Big Screen TV raffle! The raffle drawing will be held on January 21, 2007 - just in time for the Superbowl! Raffle tickets will be sold after all Masses next weekend, the weekend of **November 25/26**. Be sure to stop by and purchase your tickets so you can have a chance to win this great prize...last year's winners are glad they did!

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Help Needed!

Our Family Liturgy and Children's Liturgy of the Word ministries NEED YOU! We are looking to add to our teams. If you are interested - you would be part of a team that leads Children's Liturgy once every five weeks. Team members can be presiders, lectors, help "behind the scenes", or help supervise. High school teens, parents and adults are all needed and welcome. To find out more - please contact us at 661.3224, ext. 135 or e-mail to jsureau@ollchurch.org.

Daily Mass

8 AM

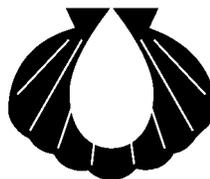
Weekend Masses

Saturday: 5 PM

Sunday: 8 AM, 9:30 AM,
11 AM, 12:30 PM and 6 PM

Reconciliation

Saturday: 4 PM - 4:45 PM



Baptisms

Jake Harrison Guttman
Michael and Lisa
Dante Gordon Oleaga
Daniel and Jeanne



Rest In Peace

Kenneth E. Noble
Joseph Arigoni
Sophia Bader

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 20

8:00 AM Frank DeLeo and Michael DeLeo

Tuesday, November 21

Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 AM Denise Bosler and Barbara Cannon

Wednesday, November 22

St. Cecilia, virgin, martyr

8:00 AM Angelo and Felicia DeLeo



Thursday, November 23

St. Clement I, pope, martyr

9:30 AM People of the Parish

Friday, November 24

St. Andrew Dung Lac, priest, & companions, martyrs

8:00 AM Dec'd. Mbrs of Monroe & Shaddock Families

Saturday, November 25

8:00 AM In Honor of Blessed Mother & Sacred Heart, Special Intention Granted- Sacred Heart of Jesus, Margaret E. Fuge, Susanne Carlson, Marguerite Bisbano, Yolanda D'Allesandro, Diana Shannon, Mark A. Polito, Joyce Suraci, Bernard Feudi, Robert Berding, James Kennedy (*living*)

5:00 PM Danny Salegna

Fr. Mike Vetrano

Sunday, November 26

8:00 AM George Shaddock

Fr. Bob Scheckenback

9:30 AM Anthony Dinardo

Fr. Mike Vetrano

11:00 AM Patrick & Donald Manning

Fr. Bob Scheckenback

12:30 PM William & Martha Multer

Fr. Ed Dowling

6:00 PM People of the Parish, Wilfredo Colon-Lopez, Rick Munkwitz, Winifred Yasinovsky, Emilio Ceribelli, Edward Wernikowski, Dr. Joseph Kennedy, Hedwig Yuliano, William Kessler, Angel Mari, Frank Kruger, Margaret & Keith Schleiermacher (*25th anniversary*)

Fr. Stan Chukwube

Social Action Alert

Counseling and Intervention Service

Our work to begin a counseling and intervention service is well underway. We have approximately ten volunteer counselors, social workers, and psychologists who are helping with this process.

However, more help is needed- your help!

We are still in need of additional counselors, mental health professionals, psychologists and more who are willing to offer their services to make this a helpful and effective ministry! If you are able to be a part – please contact John Sureau at 661.3224, x. 135 or e-mail to jsureau@ollchurch.org.

Helping Others in Need

The Mercy INN Soup Kitchen is in need of our help!

Mercy INN is in need of cooks – people who will cook 5 to 6 large turkeys and then bring the cooked turkeys, in aluminum pans, to the Soup Kitchen the next day. The turkeys would be supplied for you. For more information contact Mr. Tom Russo at 631.587.6422 or e-mail to russop1@jump.com.

In this season of gratitude and stewardship, let's help those who are in need.

NYSCATHOLIC.ORG

Find out more about the Church's Social Justice teaching – and most importantly – how you can be a part of it by going to www.nycatholic.org. Register there for free e-mail updates about important social justice issues!

Financial Summary

November 12, 2006

Weekly Collection	\$ 16,213.00
Weekly Budget	-\$ 21,000.00
+/- for the week	\$ (4,787.00)

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

Be a Life Saver - Give Blood



In real life accidents happen. People get diseases and surgery is often required. Any and all of these patients can require blood. Ninety-five per cent of us will use blood at some point in our lives. We don't collect enough blood in this area to meet our needs. People needing blood most urgently are the elderly. The second largest group is children. These people rely on our donations of blood. It often means the difference between life and death. The human body is the only producer of this precious fluid and its only source is you and me, people who care.

Please care enough to give blood on **Friday, November 24** (*the day after Thanksgiving*) from **3:30 PM - 8:30 PM in the Parish Center**. To make an appointment, please call Marie at 669-5837.

Your gift of blood may mean another day of life for someone, another birthday, another anniversary, another hug, another smile, Love makes it all worthwhile.

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.

Thanksgiving at OLL

It's November...

and Thanksgiving is upon us.

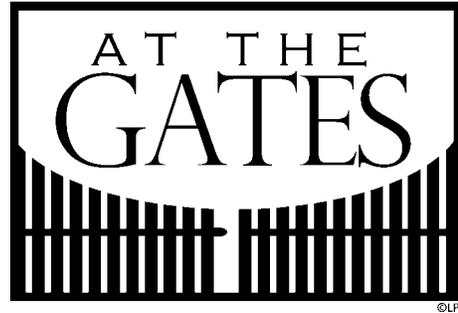
Once again, we ask our generous parish family and friends to help those less fortunate of our parish by making a donation to OLL Parish Outreach.

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 the Parish Center on Monday, November 20** **between the hours of 8 AM and 1 PM.**



33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Perhaps on your commute to work or a family vacation, you've seen those billboards along our highways, all-black backgrounds with a sentence or two in white and the signature line reading "God." Some read "Those ten commandments? They're not suggestions." Others read "Loved the wedding, invite me to the marriage," or "Lost? My Book is your map." One in particular is relevant in today's society. It reads "Don't make me come down there."

The image of a fig tree in spring, just beginning to show its leaves, is used today in Mark's Gospel. Jesus sits on the Mount of Olives, quietly listening to Peter, James and John as they ask him how they will recognize the signs of the second coming of Christ. In his beautiful simplicity, he tells them not to mistake earthly calamities such as war as the sign, but rather to look to the blossoming fig tree as a reminder that God is always at the door, and only God knows when that door will be opened.

As a rule, we tend to want to know when something will happen so we can be prepared. Should something occur that we were not expecting, we spend a great deal of time wanting to know why it happened. As the last day approaches, we can be prepared through our faith in Jesus Christ. And on that Day of Judgment, we will understand the whole meaning of the work of God's creation. (CCC 1040)

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Readings for the Week of November 19, 2006

Sunday: Dn 12:1-3/ Heb 10:11-14, 18/ Mk 13:24-32
Monday: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5/ Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/ Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11/ Lk 19:11-28
Thursday: Rv 5:1-10/ Lk 19:41-44
Friday: Rv 10:8-11/ Lk 19:45-48
Saturday: Rv 11:4-12/ Lk 20:27-40
Next Sunday: Dn 7:13-14/ Rv 1:5-8/ Jn 18:33b-37

Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Dottie Collins*.
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 ...

*Deborah Barbaro, Pat Bonavita, Patrick Bowers, Thomas Brennan,
Elise Brenner, Jo Brogan, George Bukowski, Christian Bullock, David Calogero,
Sr. Nancy Campkin, Dawn Coughlin, Regina Cranor, Joseph Cristallo,
Nicholas Curella, Kelly Doan, Jason Fisher, Abelardo Gelabert, Mary Hudson,
Marty Kerrigan, Joseph Lehmann, Anthony Lombardo, Mr. & Mrs. Michael
Lombardo, Mike Lorento, Benjy Margulies, Diego Marino, Michele McCann,
Peter McCann, Sr., Bryan Monahan, Rose Paladino, Julian Parra, Robert Petersen,
Joe Radosti, Dan Rodriguez, 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.

Finding Our Loved Ones After Their Deaths

Fr. Ron Rolheiser, OMI

As Christians, we believe in the “communion of saints”. We believe that those who have died are not only still alive but that they are, as well, still in a real relationship with us.

But how? How do we find our loved ones after they have died?

It is interesting to note that Christianity, unlike some other religions, has never had a significant cult around dead bodies or cemeteries. We respect them, reverence them, but we do not try to mummify our dead (as the ancient Egyptians did) nor do we have much in the way of special ceremonies or religious rituals around cemeteries. There’s a reason for that.

On Easter Sunday morning, Mary Magdala and some other women, armed with spices in view of embalming his dead body, went to Jesus’ grave. But they didn’t find him there, instead they found an angel who (in effect) asked them: “Why are you looking in a cemetery for someone who is alive?” “He’s not here,” the angel added, “go instead to Galilee and he will meet you there.”

That instruction is still valid today: When we are looking to meet our loved ones who have died we will find them in “Galilee” more so than in any cemetery. Where and what is “Galilee”?

Galilee, for Mary Magdala and the contemporaries of Jesus, was more than a place on a map, the Northern-part of Israel. It was also, and especially, the place where Jesus’ spirit had flourished, the place they had first met him, the place of his key miracles, and the place where their own spirits had been stretched, enlarged, and warmed by contact with him. Galilee represented the place of their innocence, their first fervour, their initial learning, their first falling in love. Now, after Jesus’ death, they were being asked to go back to that place as the privileged spot where Jesus would meet them again.

And our faith says the same thing to us: Like Mary Magdala and the early Christian believers, we can meet our deceased loved ones by going back to “Galilee”, namely, by going to those places where their spirits flourished and where our own spirits were instructed, stretched, and warmed by contact with them. What, practically, does that mean? Allow me an example:

My own parents died thirty years ago and are now buried, side by side, in a little cemetery in the rural countryside where I grew up. Sometimes when I’m home, I visit their graves, say a few prayers there, and remind myself of what each of them gave me.

It’s nice, but it’s not where I really meet my mother and father. I meet them, more deeply, in “Galilee”, that is, in those places where their souls most flourished and where they took God’s boundless, beautiful, colourful, life-giving energy and enfolded it.

For example: My mother was a woman of great generosity, kind-hearted and selfless to a fault. When I go to that place, when I’m generous and kind-hearted, I feel my mother’s laugh, sense her consolation, and find myself again warmed by her warmth. Conversely, at those times when I’m petty and selfish it does me little good to adorn her grave with flowers or prayers. She’s there too, of course, like God’s presence, faithful when we’re unfaithful, but, when I’m not in her “Galilee”, it’s harder for her to meet me and give me what she once gave me as my mother.

It’s the same with my father: His great quality was his integrity, his moral stubbornness, his refusal to compromise, his unrelenting insistence that one should always take the high road, the one less-travelled. When I prove myself his son in this, I feel his presence, his humour, his intelligence, his solid hand on my shoulder, his trustworthiness. Conversely, when I make moral compromises, he’s still present, but his humour, intelligence, and trustworthy hand, can no longer nurture me in the same way.

There’s both a deep truth and deep challenge in the words the angel spoke to Mary Magdala on Easter morning: “Why are you looking for a living person in a cemetery. He’s not here. Go instead to Galilee and he will meet you there.”

Where do we find our loved ones after they have died? Where will others find us after we have died? In “Galilee”, in those places where we most give our own unique expression to God’s boundless energy.

We should honour our dead and honour the cemeteries where their bodies now rest, but we meet our deceased in “Galilee”, in those places where their spirits flourished and where our own souls were stretched and instructed and warmed in our contact with them. More than honouring their graves, we need to honour their lives, we need to honour the wonderful energy that they uniquely incarnated and which, in turn, nurtured, instructed, stretched, cajoled, consoled, warmed, teased, humoured, steadied, and blessed us.

When we do that our relationship with them does not just continue, it deepens.

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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. Take some time to reflect on his words and the questions/suggestions that follow:

10. Most of all, let’s remember to be grateful about having the opportunity and privilege of receiving the Eucharist so often. So many people throughout the world have a true Eucharistic celebration only a few times a year, because there are so few priests. Perhaps in our moments after receiving the Eucharist and returning to our seats, as we “taste and see the goodness of the Lord,” we might thank our God for this reception of the Eucharist as well as others in the past. In all of these, Christ is preparing us to wash each other’s feet.

Msgr. Chris Heller
Pastor
St. Joseph, Babylon

How about your parish?

What other items of Eucharistic etiquette would you add?

Would you consider e-mailing some of your ideas and concerns to jsureau@ollchurch.org so our Liturgy Committee can begin to address them?

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.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development

When we hear that 37 million Americans live in poverty—that many families are two pay-checks away from becoming poor themselves—are we overwhelmed? Paralyzed? We can make a difference. We can give a hand up to people struggling to change their lives and communities. The Catholic Campaign for Human Development supports self-help projects of poor and low-income people working together to break the cycle of poverty. Please give generously to CCHD in today's collection.

Holiday Craft and Gift Fairs

Start you Christmas shopping, find that gift for the person who is hard to buy for... There will be vendors galore, entertainment, refreshments, raffles, door prizes and more!

Our Lady of Lourdes, Massapequa Park in **Saturday, November 25 from 9 AM until 4 PM**. For further information, please call 516.541.3270.

Catholic Brownie Religious Awards

The *Ave Maria* and *Family of God* Religious Medals are available for all Catholic Brownie Girl Scouts. Working with a parent or guardian, the Brownie can learn about Mary, the Mother of God, her family and do things to help people. She then receives a special medal in recognition of her work. For information call the Diocesan Catholic Scouting Office at 516.678.5800, ext. 245.

St. Cecilia School

St. Cecilia School in Greenpoint, Brooklyn will be celebrating its 100th Anniversary on Sunday, November 26 at the 10 AM Mass. All are invited and welcome to celebrate, meet old friends and make new friends. For further information contact St. Cecilia Rectory at 718.389.3161.

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.

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.

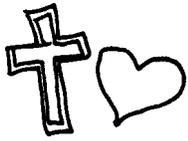
Next Sunday's theme is: "**Responsibility.**" Don't forget to tune in!

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

Today's Gospel reading gives us both a warning and a promise. One day Jesus will come back, so we need to be ready. For those of us who follow God to the end, Jesus promises to take us to heaven. So live every day like you are going to meet Jesus. One day you will.



Mission for the Week



Invite a friend to come to church with you. Share a meal together, and talk about Jesus' promise of heaven.



Word Unscramble

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

shaken
clouds
power

glory
angels
gather

chosen
leaves
heaven

shknae	<u>s</u>	<u>h</u>	<u>a</u>	<u>k</u>	<u>e</u>	<u>n</u>
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Dear God,

Keep me
close to you
until I live with you
in heaven.

Amen.