

**“For you  
will be  
repaid**



**at the  
resurrection**



**of the  
righteous.”**

Luke 14:14

**Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Our Lady of Lourdes • September 2, 2007**



## *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 our 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](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: [info@ollschool.org](mailto:info@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)

### **Parish Outreach Office**

661-9262  
Monday-Friday: 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM

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

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

### **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

### **Jennifer Gallagher**

Director of Youth Services

### **Carol M. Goetz**

Parish Music Director

### **Louise Jane Krol**

School Principal

### **Sr. Diane Liona**

Director of Religious Education

### **Mary McMahan**

Director of Parish Social Ministry

### **Vita Scorcia**

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 McMahan  
Doreen Spiller  
Mary Steck  
Fr. Mike Vetrano  
Marie Yuliano (*co-chair*)

## *Parish Staff*

**Barbara Catusco**  
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

## *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.*

*Our Lady  
of Lourdes*

455 Hunter Avenue  
West Islip, New York 11795

# Our Lady of Lourdes Parish



## Italian Family Feast 2007

### Volunteers Needed

**Volunteers are always needed and welcomed to support our annual Italian Family Feast 2007.**

**We have our faithful volunteers that come and help year after year-and to them we are very grateful.**

**We need to attract new volunteers to keep our feast the wonderful annual family event that it is!**

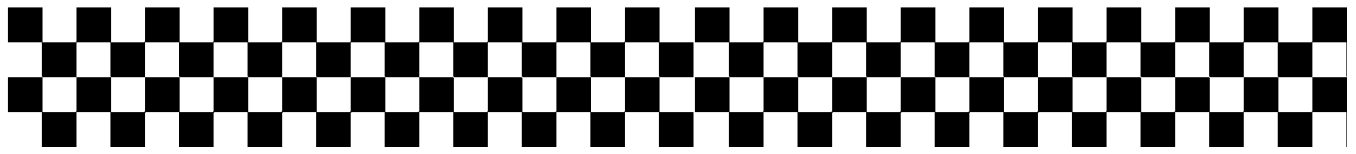
***Can you help?***

**If you're interested or have any questions, please call the Parish Office at 661.3224.**



### Captain/Volunteer Meeting

**There will be a brief meeting for all Captains and Volunteers on Wednesday, September 5 at 7:30 PM in the Parish Center. All are asked to attend.**



# Italian Family Feast 2007

## September 12 - 16

**Opens Wednesday thru Friday at 7 PM**

**Opens Saturday at 6 PM**

**Opens Sunday at 2 PM**

### Pay-One-Price

**Ride *all* rides on Wednesday, Thursday  
and Sunday only \$22  
(\$2 discount with coupon)  
*purchase Pay-One-Price at the feast***



### Super Raffle

**Drawing to be held on Sunday evening,  
September 16**

**“Super Raffle” tickets will be on sale at the Church doors before  
and after all weekend Masses.**

**Super Raffle tickets are \$100 each - only 200 tickets sold!**

**Don't wait – get your number early!**

### Advance Tickets

**Any six rides for \$12 (average discount of over 50%!)**

**Tickets good for any ride/any day of the Feast!**

**Purchase “Advance Tickets” at the Parish Office,**

**Monday through Friday from 9 AM to 5 PM.**

**Advance ticket sales end Monday, September 10.**



## Liturgy Committee

Our Liturgy Committee serves as advisory, planning, organizing, motivating, evangelizing group of individuals familiar with the liturgy of the Church and the parish community here. In working to bring both together, the Liturgy Committee organizes major events, holy days and develops ideas to make our prayer services and Masses more engaging.

*What's the commitment?*

There are approximately 6 to 8 meetings per year based on the calendar year and when certain feasts and celebrations take place during the year.

*For more information....*

If you're interested in joining the Liturgy Committee – please e-mail to [jsureau@ollchurch.org](mailto:jsureau@ollchurch.org) or call the Parish Office at 661.3224, x. 135.

## Children's Liturgy of the Word/Family Liturgy Committee

Our Lady of Lourdes wants young people and their families to know they are a vital and active member of the Church community! These two exciting ministries work closely together to help that happen.

**Children's Liturgy of the Word:** Each Sunday at the 9:30 AM Mass, we invite young people from age four to about fourth grade to share God's Word in a special way. Children leave Mass and process to the Parish Center to hear the Sunday readings in a way designed for them. Teams of adults and teenagers work together to plan out each Sunday to include unique homilies, creative activities, music and ideas for parents. We are always looking for new Team members for each of our teams. Each team presents approximately once a month. For more information, contact Mrs. Joanne Maher at 661.5478 or e-mail to [jsureau@ollchurch.org](mailto:jsureau@ollchurch.org).

**Family Liturgy:** This group meets monthly, along with the members of Children's Liturgy of the Word teams, to create events and opportunities for families to come together for social, spiritual and fun activities. This group helps to plan events like the Blessing of the Animals, Children's Liturgy services, and much, much more! This group meets only about eight times a year after the 9:30 AM Mass.

## Ushers

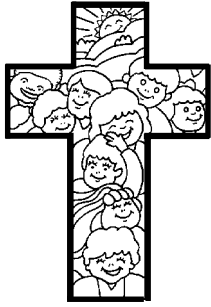
Unsure of where to go? Need help with the seat? Looking for some information about a parish event? Our ushers serve as the eyes and ears of our parish's liturgies and prayer services! They are here before Mass, assist with the collection and the communion procession and usually are around after to make sure everyone has gotten to their cars! This is a wonderful job for you – young or old, male or female – and a wonderful way to welcome and serve God's people here at OLL!

*What's the commitment?*

If you are interested, we will assign you to work with a "veteran" usher. We will try to schedule you based on the Mass you most frequently attend. Ushers sign up to serve on holidays, holy days and special occasions. We also offer opportunities for reflection and prayer that all are invited to and requested to be a part of throughout the year.

*I want more information....*

Contact John Sureau at 661.3224, x. 135 or e-mail to [jsureau@ollchurch.org](mailto:jsureau@ollchurch.org).



## Religious Education

Registration for children in public school **entering Grade 1 in September 2007** to be part of Our Lady of Lourdes Religious Education P.E.P. Program...

**Family Names A – L**                      **Monday, September 24**                      **10 AM or 7:30 PM**

**Family Names M – Z**                      **Wednesday, September 26**                      **10 AM or 7:30 PM**

Meetings will be held in the Parish Center (*room opposite the playground*) and will begin promptly at the times designated. Please bring the child's Baptismal Certificate. There is a "Family Fee" of \$115 for families new to the program.

## So You Think You Can Sing?

*...then sing with us!*

Kick off the Fall season by getting involved in the OLL Music Ministry. If you've always wanted to sing with a choir or play with a music group, now is the perfect time to join. Our groups will begin singing and playing at Masses again after Labor Day.

**The Adult Choir** rehearses every Thursday night 8 PM - 10 PM and sings weekly at the 11 AM Mass. Our first rehearsal is on September 6, at 8 PM in the Church. Adults who are proficient in playing a musical instrument and are interested in playing with the Adult Choir at the 11 AM Mass are also invited to join us at our first rehearsal.

**The Contemporary Group**, grade 8 through college age, rehearses on Sunday afternoon 4:30 PM - 6 PM and sings at "The Six." Our first rehearsal will take place on September 9, at 4:30 PM in the Church. Students, we'd love to have you come and sing with us - bring a friend or two with you. Also, if you're proficient at a musical instrument, we would love to have you join our group.

**Our Youth Choir**, grade 2 through grade 8, rehearses every Thursday 7 PM - 8 PM and sings at the 9:30 AM Mass each Sunday.

**Women's Chorale** sings at the 11 AM Mass on the first Sunday of each month.

There are also opportunities to sing with many of our groups during holiday seasons. Our **Holiday Choir** requires a limited commitment to a small number of rehearsals before Christmas or Easter.

If you have any questions about the *Youth Choir or Women's Chorale*, please contact Jennifer Gallagher at 661-3224 or [jengallagher@ollchurch.org](mailto:jengallagher@ollchurch.org). If you have any questions regarding the *Adult Choir, Contemporary Group or Holiday Choir*, please contact Carol Goetz at 661-3224 or [music@ollchurch.org](mailto:music@ollchurch.org).

## **Adult Faith Formation**

*...coming in September*

### **Stepping Stones**

**Building Family Communication      Celebrating Family Faith**

A five-week workshop designed for parents, grandparents, catechists with pre-school and early elementary school aged children. Our time together will promote Catholic family identity through ritual, traditions, prayer, media resources and small group sharing. Participants will gain resources and learn how to share the holy in the ordinary lived experiences with their families and in the classroom.

**Tuesdays      September 18, 25 October 2, 9, 16 at 7:30 PM until 9 :30 PM in the Parish Center**

If you have any questions or to register, please call Corinne Lok of the Office of Faith Formation at 516.678.5800, extension 508.

*...coming in October*

### **Gospel of Matthew**

**Invitation to trust in God's presence...challenge to live as true disciples**

Matthew's Gospel excites us with the news that Jesus is the fulfillment of God's promise to Israel. During these five weeks, we will explore the Jesus of Matthew's Gospel from the perspective of this year's Sunday readings...our Liturgical Cycle.

**Tuesdays      October 23 November 6, 13, 20, 27 with Fr. Bob from 7:30 PM until 9 :30 PM in the Parish Center**

## **Blessing of the Backpacks**

**Sunday, September 9**

**9:30 AM Mass**

Our Family Liturgy Committee welcomes you to the Blessing of Backpacks. We invite all of our young people to come for a special blessing of backpacks and school supplies. Bring your backpacks to Mass as we pray for you and for a happy, healthy and good school year!

Stay after Mass for a light breakfast in the Fr. Joe Garden.

## **Blessing of Confirmation Candidates**

**Sunday, September 9**

**"The Six"**

Over two hundred young people are preparing to become more active, faith-filled members of our parish community. These are not only the future of our Church, but individuals who already make a difference. It is our parish community's job now to pray for and support these women and men.

Come and pray for them in a special way on September 9 as they petition our parish community to receive this Sacrament. Your presence will make a great difference!

Following Mass, we will gather in the Fr. Joe Garden for Italian Ices and hospitality...and a special live concert. Be sure to stay and be a part of it!





Our Lady of Lourdes School  
44 Toomey Road  
West Islip, NY  
631.587.7200  
email: [info@ollschool.org](mailto:info@ollschool.org)



is running  
out!

**We are expanding our  
Early Childhood Program  
for September 2007!**



## **"Our Nursery Program"**

3 days per week

Monday - Wednesday - Friday

half days: 8:30 AM - 11 AM or 12 noon - 2:30 PM

full days: 8:30 AM - 2:30 PM

## **"Mommy & Me!"**

2 days per week

Tuesday - Thursday

9:00 AM - 11 AM or 12:00 PM - 2 PM



**We're NOT just daycare, we're Catholic Education!**

**Louise Jane Krol, Principal**  
**"2007 NYS Preschool Teacher of the Year"**

If you are interested in enrollment or you have any questions, please call the School Office at 587.7200 and leave a message-we will return your call.

## **Support Groups**

### **Alcoholics Anonymous:**

Monday and Tuesday at  
8 PM and Saturday at 2PM  
and 7 PM in Lourdes Hall-  
convent lower level.

### **ALANON:**

Each Wednesday at  
10 AM in Lourdes Hall-  
convent lower level.

## *Upcoming Marriages*

*Christine Patricia Phillips, St. James, Pennington, NJ and  
John Peter Fogarty, OLL  
Giannina Nicolia, St Kilian's, Farmingdale and  
Joseph Laterza, OLL*

### **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

### **Rosary/Novena**

#### **Rosary:**

Daily after 8 AM Mass

#### **Miraculous Medal Novena:**

Monday after 8 AM Mass

#### **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**

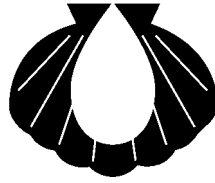
Arranged at least six months in advance, please call the Parish Office.

#### **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.



The Parish Office will be closed on  
**Monday, September 3** in observance  
of Labor Day.



## ***Baptisms***

*Michael Louis Durso, Jr*  
 Michael and Kelly  
*Emily Doreen Farrow*  
 Gregg and Alyssa  
*Cameron Galbraith*  
 Daniel and Kristie  
*Vincent Paul Giambo*  
 Paul and Danielle  
*Sophia Rose Petion*  
 Eddy and Cynthia  
*Jessica Rose Roth*  
 Timothy and Kelly  
*Patrick Richard Schmitt*  
 Kristopher and Karen  
*Alexandra Beth Martorella*  
 Ricky and Tracy  
*Melissa Marie Nicolosi*  
 John and Tania

## ***Mass Schedule***

### **Monday, September 3**

*Pope Gregory the Great, doctor*

**8:00 AM** Michael Torina

### **Tuesday, September 4**

**8:00 AM** Bill Camuso

### **Wednesday, September 5**

**8:00 AM** George Bukowski

### **Thursday, September 6**

**8:00 AM** Joseph & Virginia Beno

### **Friday, September 7**

**8:00 AM** Nettie & John Pizzella

### **Saturday, September 8**

**8:00 AM** James Celiberti, Peter Schreiner,  
 Christopher Clyde, Special Intentions,  
 Phyllis Maloney, Louis Garzia,  
 Robert Cividanes, Thomas S. Panissidi, Sr.

**5:00 PM** Nancy Harnos & Lillian Daly

### **Sunday, September 9**

**8:00 AM** John P. Kopitsch

**9:30 AM** Helen Sullivan

**11:00 AM** Marion Squillanti

**12:30 PM** Nicola & Anna Santa Andriola

**6:00 PM** People of the Parish, Alice Fitzgerald,  
 Stella Fanning, Julia Catan, Sharon Albert,  
 Thomas Grunenberg, Peter Santoro, Eileen Kelly

## Upcoming Events

### Single Senior Socials

**Are you a single Senior?**

If you are, then you know that Saturday nights can be difficult.

Join us on **Saturday, September 22** for **“Hang - Out Night” for Seniors following the 5 PM Mass in the Parish Center.** This will be the first meeting to determine if there is a need in our Parish for a Single Senior Social Group—a place to plan trips, events, outings and be with others. So, please come and bring a friend!

For more information, call Pat Wallace at 587.4342 or Outreach at 661.9262, option 4.



### Green Friday

**October 5** Social Action will be hosting *“An Inconvenient Truth”* for adults. *“An Inconvenient Truth”* offers a passionate and inspirational look at one man's fervent crusade to halt global warming's deadly progress in its tracks by exposing the myths and misconceptions that surround it. That man is former Vice President Al Gore.

...and there will be *“Happy Feet”* and popcorn for the children.

### Parish Reading Circle

Social Action is forming a Parish Reading Circle in the Fall.

Our first book selection is *“Left To Tell”* by Immaculee Ilibagiza and will be available for purchase starting in September.

*...look in future bulletins for more details.*

*It's not too early to save the date...*

### Saturday, November 10

### Fabulous Fifties Football Wedding Reception!

Parish Outreach invites you to the Fabulous Fifties Football Wedding Reception at 7:30 PM.

Tickets will be \$25 per person and proceeds will benefit the efforts of Outreach. More details to follow in upcoming bulletins.

### Members Welcome

If you would like to become a member of the Social Action Committee, please phone Mary in Outreach at 661.9262 x.4

I don't know if this story has any relevance to Outreach, I'm sharing it just in case it strikes a chord for someone. I think it does shed some light on preconceived ideas and how sometimes we just let our egos get in the way!

And now, we are nearing the end of summer. I think this will be the "summer of the Club House." Edward has decided he needs a club house and he has set upon the task of building this clubhouse with an enthusiasm the likes of which I have never seen. Each morning, Edward pulls his old, rusty, radio flyer wagon up and down the streets as we walk the dogs, searching through trash for anything that holds the hint of some potential for this clubhouse. I'm surprised that the police haven't been called, as the racket this wagon creates as it is pulled along the road is nothing less than a dull roar. And at such an hour on a summer morning!!! In spite of my protests and pleas to think of the neighbors, Edward is undeterred! He will not leave the house without the wagon-lest he pass up the opportunity of hauling wonderful junk! In spite of his shy and somewhat timid nature, Edward has even stepped outside himself to make inquiry of strangers about the 'junk' in their yard. A home we pass on our morning excursions is undergoing renovations. Piled high in the side yard is fencing which would make excellent walls for a clubhouse. Each morning, for the past four days, Edward has approached a different workman and asked about the pile of fencing. Finally yesterday, one offered a glimmer of hope when he told Edward he would ask his boss about the fences. Edward, all smiles, told me the fences were his! We'll see.

Another early evening, Evelina, Edward and I were walking the dogs when Edward spied a pile of trash in front of a home we usually don't pass. Edward did not have his wagon-and I thought we were in the clear! However, Edward could not resist this huge pile of wood. After rummaging through, he informed me he was running home to get his wagon. He and Evelina took off and left me standing helplessly beside the pile of trash with the two dogs. A few minutes later, I hear the telltale roar of the wagon and see Evelina running down the road pulling the wagon. It is not a second before I see Edward's feet dangling from the side of the wagon, a huge grin on his face waving to me. Does it get any better than this, really?

Edward convinced me to help him sift through this pile of trash. He wanted to take a door, green shutters and two broken chairs for his clubhouse. I was able to convince Edward that the chairs would keep falling as each had three legs, the door was too big and heavy to put in the wagon and the shutters were loaded with earwigs. With that, Edward noticed a ray of sunlight on an old silver fan with three blades. The fan seemed to be one of those small rotating fans in a wire cage. The motor was still attached with wires hanging from it. Edward grabbed the fan and put it in his wagon. "What" I asked feeling somewhat exasperated, "are you going to do with that? It is broken!" Pulling the wagon behind him, Edward walked away. "I have an idea!" "Edward, what could you possibly do with an old broken fan?" I asked thinking of all the junk in our yard already. "Mom," Edward called over his shoulder, "it will be for my boat of course! Don't you know you need these blades to make it go?!"

How foolish of me to question the genius of a child!!!!

The rest of the walk was very productive-probably because I learned to keep my mouth shut and let the creative process in Edward take over!

*-Mary McMahan  
Director Parish Social Ministry*



## 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Do you consider yourself a good judge of character? More specifically, are you a good judge of your own character? Many of us try to acquire "things" as a way of showing others who we think we are. Others spend their time trying to impress the wealthy and powerful while ignoring the everyday people around them. Unfortunately, these character traits only serve to show our true selves, and it is not a flattering picture.

In today's Gospel reading from Luke, we are given two examples of character traits most cherished by God. The first is humility, which allows us to truly see ourselves for who and what we are inside. We are truthful, and in doing so free ourselves to serve others. The second trait is generosity, the kind reserved for giving to others who cannot repay you and for which you do not expect repayment.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us that Jesus, through such teachings as the Beatitudes, wants us to renounce all of our earthly possessions and desires in order to be more charitable and to love him. St. Gregory of Nyssa calls this the "poverty of the heart." (CCC 2545-6) Look inside your own heart; would you freely give up everything you have, including your place in society, for the love of Jesus Christ? Perhaps you should ask yourself, what did he give up for you?

©2007 Liturgical Publications Inc

### Readings for the Week of September 2, 2007

<b>Sunday:</b>	Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a Lk 14:1, 7-14
<b>Monday:</b>	1 Thes 4:13-18/Lk 4:16-30
<b>Tuesday:</b>	1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Lk 4:31-37
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Col 1:1-8/Lk 4:38-44
<b>Thursday:</b>	Col 1:9-14/Lk 5:1-11
<b>Friday:</b>	Col 1:15-20/Lk 5:33-39
<b>Saturday:</b>	Mi 5:1-4a <i>or</i> Rom 8:28-30/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 <i>or</i> 1:18-23
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	Wis 9:13-18b/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33

## Financial Summary

**August 26, 2007**

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

Weekly collection figures will be published next week.

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

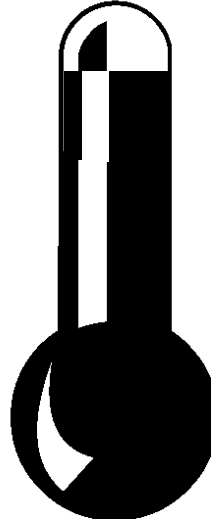
## Catholic Ministries Appeal

The key ingredient to the success of our appeal is participation. In order to reach our goal, we need to have every family participate in the appeal to the best of their ability.

If you have not had an opportunity to make a gift to the appeal or have been waiting to make a pledge, please complete the pledge card below and place it in the collection basket.

**88%  
to goal!**

PARISH GOAL \$103,000



\_\_\_\_ \$ 91,060  
 \_\_\_\_ Pledged  
 \_\_\_\_ to Date  
 \_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_

421 Pledges  
 \$216 Avg. Pledge

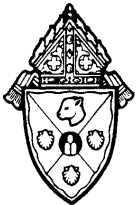
CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL • DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE  
 PO Box 4000 • ROCKVILLE CENTRE, NEW YORK 11571-4000 • 516-379-5210 EXT 2 • [www.drvc.org/cma.html](http://www.drvc.org/cma.html)

### 2007 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

*Supporting the Community Around Us*

TO PROVIDE FUNDS I/WE AGREE TO MAKE A GIFT OF:

PLEDGE \$ \_\_\_\_\_ INITIAL PAYMENT \$ \_\_\_\_\_ BALANCE \$ \_\_\_\_\_



NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PARISH OF DONOR \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE OF DONOR \_\_\_\_\_

#### A GUIDE TO GIVING

PLEDGE	10 PAYMENTS
\$5,000	\$500
2,500	250
1,500	150
1,000	100
500	50
300	30
150	15
OTHER \$ _____	

**EVERY GIFT COUNTS!**

Please make checks payable to:  
 Catholic Ministries Appeal  
**Thank you for your support**

For more information, please call 516.379.5210, extension 2 or email to [www.drvc.org/cma.html](http://www.drvc.org/cma.html).



## Daytime Eucharistic Devotion

The afternoon adoration for the month of September will be on **Wednesday, September 5 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.

## 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**.

## 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:



**Brian Barthel**-*US Air Force*  
**Bryan R. Dempsey**-*US Marines*  
**Frederick Wm. Ellis**-*US Army*  
**James J. Ferrara**-*US Marines*  
**John Finn**-*US Army*  
**Armand J. LeComte**-*US Marines*  
**Michael Mallimo**-*US Army*  
**Nathan Provast**-*US Marines*  
**Peter Provenzano**-*US Army*

...and remember those of our parish family that are in the armed services, listed in our Parish Book of Intentions.

## Religion & Rock

Tune into "Religion & Rock" with Msgr. 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: **"Work in 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 TELECARE, channel 29, on Mondays and Fridays at 9:45 AM; Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays at 7:45 PM; Sundays at 8 PM.



## Holy Name Society

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

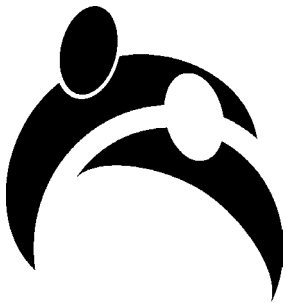
## Good Samaritan Prayer Group of L.I.

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.

## Altar Society

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



## Pastoral Care of Our 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.
- would like to receive the sacred anointing.

## Pray for Our Sick

Please remember to keep in your thoughts and prayers ...

*Pat Bonavita, Thomas Brennan, Baby Drew Brust, Howard Campkin, Lynn Castellano, Regina Cranor, Joseph Cristallo, TJ Devlin, Jason Fisher, Samantha Hil, Adam Ippolito, Wade Kromhout, Evelyn Lang, Richard Lang, Anthony Lombardo, Mike Lorento, Diego Marino, Michele McCann, Peter McCann, Sr., Joseph Menite, Bryan Monahan, Jean Muller, Jimmy Murphy, Joseph Ortiz, Gertrude Parine, Frieda Perry, Gene Perry, Arthur Petrino, Baby Conner Pietras, Joe Radosti, Delphine Reynolds, Carol Scheid, Dorothy Schiavone, Dorothy Sullivan, Marie "Amy" Turano, Loretta Vitale*

## Dominican Commercial High School

The former students and staff of Dominican Commercial High School are invited to attend a special celebration at the Queen of the Rosary Motherhouse in Amityville on **Sunday, September 23**. Please call Benincasa Family Services at 631.842.6000, ext. 351 if you would like to receive an invitation.

## You Can Help Your Marriage Now!

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Does talking about it only make it worse or- Have you just stopped talking to each other?

Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages.

For confidential information about the Retrouvaille program, or to register for the upcoming weekend beginning on Friday, September 7-9, please call 1.800.470.2230.

## Charismatic Healing Mass

Charismatic Healing Mass will be held on Saturday, September 8 at Our Lady of the Island Shrine, Eastport Manor Road, Eastport. Praise, worship and Mass will begin at 1:45 PM celebrated by Fr. Roy Tvrdik, S.M.M. Anointing of the Sick Prayer Teams will be available for healing after Mass. For further information and directions, call 631.325.0661.

## 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.

## American Sign Language

Cleary School for the Deaf is offering evening Adult Education classes in American Sign Language. The Fall session runs from September 17 through November 19. Call Carolyn Kelly at 631.588.0530 or email [ASL4CK@CS.com](mailto:ASL4CK@CS.com) for more information.

## Cornerstone Conference 2007

*"living lives that are true"*

**Saturday, September 22**

**8:30 AM until 4:30 pm**

**St. John the Baptist High School, West Islip**

Our first annual conference will provide a day of enrichment for parish staff and volunteers involved in Family Ministry, Marriage Preparation and Enrichment, Baptism Ministries and for everyone who attends or wants to learn more about support groups for singles, separated, divorced and widowed. Mass with Bishop Murphy will begin the day followed by a light breakfast and keynote speaker. For more information, contact Kathleen Logan at 516.678.5800, extension 236.

## 19th Annual Mass for Deceased Children

The Annual Mass for Deceased Children will be at St. Agnes Cathedral, Rockville Centre on Saturday, September 15 at 11:30 AM. Mass will be celebrated by Rev. William Koenig. Come early to inscribe child's name in the "Book of Families." For information, call 516.764.0681.

## Gennesaret Retreat

A retreat especially designed for persons who live with a serious illness is planned for September 21 - 23 at the Montfort Spiritual Center in Bay shore. This retreat offers a respite, a quiet time, an oasis to enable one to continue their journey. The retreat focuses on God's love, forgiveness and faithfulness. To register or receive more information about this weekend, please call Sister Sally Ryan or Colette Fanelli at 631.665.7052.

## Christian Concert

On Monday, September 10 at 7 PM, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Patchogue will be hosting a concert with John Michael Talbot. This is the 50th album release of this internationally known number one selling Christian recording artist. His trademark solo guitar and voice are an experience meant to touch your hearts. For more information and tickets, please call 475.4739.

## Graced Journey

The Cenacle in Ronkonkoma offers a program called "Graced Journey." It is designed especially for persons who have begun a journey with God and who desire to find ways to let God enter their lives more fully. For more information and/or a descriptive brochure, please call Sister Mary Spratt at the Ronkonkoma Cenacle at 631.588.8366.

## Irritations and the Spiritual Life

*Fr. Ron Rolheiser, OMI*

Stanley Elkin once suggested that "it's easier for a camel to pass through the eye of needle than for an irritated person to enter the kingdom of heaven." True enough.

An old German axiom submits that you can die of irritation and, I suspect, more than a few have succumbed. The rest of us cope, albeit with high blood pressure. Irritations beset us like mosquitoes at a picnic, unwanted little gnats, not significant in the big picture, but still capable of taking the joy out of the moment.

The same is true for marriage, family, friendship, church, and life in general. Irritations can so easily take the joy out of them. We can love and respect someone deeply, share the same values, be willing to die for him or her, and yet be constantly irritated by some minor quirk or habit that he or she exhibits - the way he habitually clears his throat, the way she's always late for everything, his need to tell a joke at a party, how she eats her food too slowly, the fact that he snores, the way she does her hair, his incapacity to choose clothes that match, the particular octave of her giggle, his fancy for Country and Western music, her elitist disdain for hamburgers and fast foods, his tendency to leave dirty cups in the sink, the list goes on. None of these is really important, but, like mosquitoes, they can take the joy out of a picnic.

And, of course, there's still "Murphy's Law", those endless irritations that arise from a mischievous aberration within the universe itself. These are not about quirks or bad habits, they're all about bad timing: "Why is this slow driver in front of me just now when I'm late for an important appointment? Why did the hairdresser choose just this time, my high-school reunion, to make a mistake on my hair? Why did Bobby get the measles just when we're about to set off on a hard-earned vacation?" There's a malicious little gene within the DNA of the universe itself whose sole purpose, it would seem, is to try our patience and tolerance. "Murphy's Law" isn't responsible for the great tragedies in life, but it is responsible for a lot of language that shouldn't be used in the presence of children.

Funny thing about irritations, they usually don't reflect upon what's important in life, character, values, love, or overall graciousness and meaning, but they make us lose perspective.

Thus, you can come down to breakfast on a given morning and, because someone has spilled milk on

the floor and not mopped it up, you can be irritated enough to lose all gratitude for the fact that the sun is shining, you're healthy and in the prime of life, are surrounded by people who love you, have meaningful work to look forward to, and are about to sit down to bacon and eggs. A little spilled milk and, instead of thanking God, you're invoking God's name in less gracious terms.

Similarly, you can walk into your bathroom and instead of being grateful for the marvels of modern plumbing you groan and swear inwardly because nobody has taken the thirty seconds required to put the toilet-tissue into the dispenser ("Am I the only person in this house who knows how to do this!") Not exactly the stuff of mysticism, but then life has an earthiness that mystics must, at a point, confront.

What do we do with all those irritations?

Irma Bombeck once wrote her own version of the classic piece: If I had my Life to Live Over Again. In it, she talked about the many times, as a mother, she was irritated when her young children would disturb her, smear dirt on the walls, make a mess in the house, or smudge her clean dress with affectionate, but grimy, hands. If she had it to do over again, she writes, she would cherish those disturbances, ignore the dirt and mess, and kiss the child who'd just smudged her clean clothing because, all too soon, long before we're ready, those loved ones move on, disappear from our lives, and we're left with just memories, longing ones, of all those wonderful things that once irritated us.

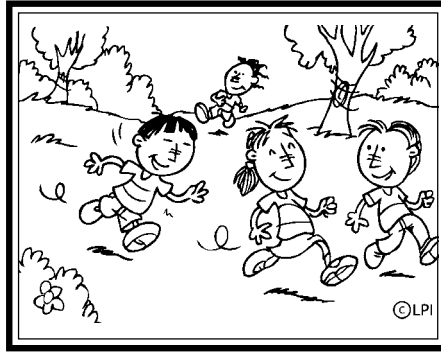
Time and distance, all too soon, take away so much that's precious and the day will come when we'll look back with longing (and hopefully humour) to the days of spilled milk in the kitchen and of toilet-tissue dispensers that seemed forever to be empty and we'll wonder why we couldn't, then, seize the moment. And the time will come too, all too soon, when our loved ones are gone or we are preparing to leave, when it will be only with fondness that we remember how such a wonderful person once snored, cleared his throat too often, ate her food too slowly, couldn't match his colours, loved Country and Western music, disdained hamburgers and fast foods, and, for too short a blessed time, shared life with us.

---

*Used with permission of the author, Oblate Father Ron Rolheiser. Father Rolheiser is a theologian, teacher, and award-winning author and is currently the President of the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio, TX. He can be contacted through his website [www.ronrolheiser.com](http://www.ronrolheiser.com).*

## Sharing the Gospel

If you act bossy, you might get your way, but you won't make many friends. Jesus shared a secret about making friends. When you treat other kids with kindness, they will want to be your friends. Instead of telling other kids what to do, ask other kids to choose a game. If you want to play tag with other kids, offer to be "it" first. If it is time to line up to go outside, offer to go to the back of the line and let other kids in front of you.

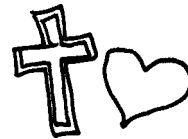


### Prayer



Dear God, help me to be a good friend.

### Mission for the Week



When you sit down with your family for dinner tonight, ask if you can serve the food. You may surprise your parents and get some pretty big smiles from them.

### Something to Draw

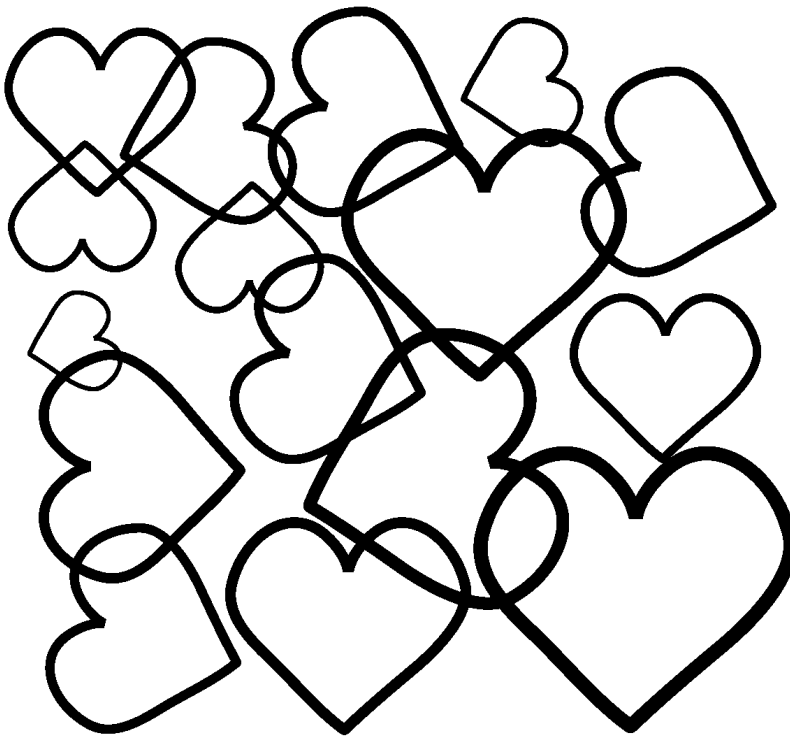


Draw a picture of yourself at the end of the line.



### Puzzle

How many hearts can you count?



The answer is sixteen