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*“...stir into
flame the
gift of God
that you
have...”*

2Tim 1:6

*Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Our Lady of Lourdes • October 7, 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

fax: 661-7143

website: www.ollchurch.org

Our Lady of Lourdes School

587-7200

Monday-Friday: 9 AM - 3 PM

email: 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

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

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Associate Pastor

Rev. Robert Scheckenback

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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

Be A Winner!

Support the Sisters of Saint Joseph by purchasing a raffle ticket!

Raffle tickets are \$50 per ticket or 5 tickets for \$200, in conjunction with their **Gala Dinner Dance to be held on October 25, 2007.**

The money realized through the Gala will be used to support ministries of the Sisters of Saint Joseph which are under funded or unfunded.



Raffle tickets are available in the Religious Education Office **beginning Tuesday, October 9 through Tuesday, October 16.**

See S. Diane or S. Nancy for ***YOUR WINNING TICKET!***

For further information call the Religious Education Office at 661.5440, option 3.

Winner need not be present. Please make checks payable to Sisters of Saint Joseph. Thank you for your support and generosity.

Single Senior Social

Our **next meeting will be October 27 after the 5 PM Mass.**

The meeting will be Game Night-so bring the game of your choice.

Dinner will be pizza, salad and dessert! This group is open to all single seniors!

Please feel free to join us for fun and companionship!

-Pat Wallace

Outreach Volunteer

Living Liturgy

Liturgy Committee

Our next **Liturgy Committee meeting is Monday, October 15 at 7:30 PM in the Faculty Room.**

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



*Columbus
Day*

The Parish Office will be closed on **Monday, October 8** in observance of Columbus Day.

The Parish Office will reopen on Tuesday, October 9 at 9 AM.

Adult Faith Formation

...this month



Gospel of Matthew

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

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.

...coming in December

Apparitions of Mary **Visits of the Mother of God**

Tuesday - December 4
with Deacon Jack Meehan
7:30 PM until 9:30 PM
Parish Center



What are the implications of her messages for all of us?

Together we will explore many of the well known apparitions of the Blessed Mother, including Lourdes, Fatima, Garabandal, and Medjugorje. Emphasis will be given to the time, context, and content of the messages.

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, option 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 Our Lady of Lourdes School tuition.

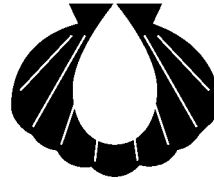
Support Groups

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.



Baptisms

Jason Todd Basile

Todd and Bonnie

Thomas William Blydenburgh

Glenn and Alita

Angelina Josephine Calderone

Salvatore and Gina

Michael John Cea

John and Christine

Riley Marie Quinn

Jason and Tracey

Upcoming Marriages

*Colleen Quigley, St. Patrick's, Smithtown and
Scott Morgan, 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.

Mass Schedule

Monday, October 8

8:00 AM Virginia & Joseph Beno (*5th Anniv.*)

Tuesday, October 9

St. Denis & Companions, martyrs

8:00 AM Dick Garcia

Wednesday, October 10

8:00 AM George Bukowski

Thursday, October 11

8:00 AM Frank & Michael DeLeo

Friday, October 12

8:00 AM Frank Monroe

Saturday, October 13

8:00 AM George F. Bukowski, Robert Turner, Thanks to Blessed Mother,
Antonio Mirante, Christopher Lance, Joanie Yasinski,
Ryan Michael Barthel, Wayne & Roland Van Acker

5:00 PM Carmella Cioffi Parasole
Fr. Mike Vetrano

Sunday, October 14

8:00 AM Liberta Brusca
Fr. Bob Scheckenback

9:30 AM Erna Schmid
Fr. Mike Vetrano

11:00 AM Dick Garcia
Fr. Stan Chukwube

12:30 PM Nicola & Anna Santa Andriola
Fr. Ambrose Cabildo

6:00 PM People of the Parish, Carol Karniewicz, Savina Rebecca,
Kenneth Warren, Richard Zocchia, Demetrio Victor, William Harris,
Irene Brennan, Connie Puma, Frank & Margaret Riggio,
Rick Munkwitz, Christine Franklin
Fr. Bob Scheckenback

Rest In Peace

Genevieve Arigoni, died on September 22 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was September 27. We extend our prayers to her daughter, Donna and son, Joseph and entire family.



Fabulous 50's

Football Wedding

with music by the notable
* Dominick and the Vel-tones

Saturday, November 10

7:30 PM - 11 PM

Old School Cafeteria

donation of \$25 per person
includes food and soda (byob)
proceeds to benefit
Our Lady of Lourdes
Parish Outreach *

tickets now on sale at
Outreach Office
10 AM - 3:30 PM
661-9262



FALL RETREAT

Looking for Peace?

Sign up now for OLL Men's Retreat at Bishop Molloy Passionist Retreat House in Jamaica Estates. **The retreat begins Friday evening October 12 at 7 PM and ends at noon on Sunday, October 14.** You will be able to take time to think about those things that really matter in your life and relax with your fellow retreatants. Stroll Bishop Molloy's beautiful Monastery Garden and enjoy your time to rest, reflect on life and renew your relationship with our Lord.

For more information, please call the Retreat House at 718.739.1229 or visit their website at www.bishopmolloy.org. For transportation information call Pete Cunningham at 661.0273 or Ed Hawkins at 666.7284.



50th Year Anniversary of the **Rosary Christian Mothers**

Past and present members of the Rosary Christian Mothers are celebrating our **50th Anniversary November 18.**

We will begin with the celebration of Mass at 9:30 AM and brunch to follow at the Marconi Manor, Islip. Tickets are \$35. Members and families are welcome.

If interested, please call Claire at 669.3178, Patty at 669.1727, Angie at 586.2084 or Angela at 669.7275.

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.

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*

Donnie Frank-*US Marines*

Armand J. LeComte-*US Marines*

Michael Mallimo-*US Army*

Peter Provenzano-*US Army*

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

Our whole parish family rejoices with the Provast Family in gratitude for the safe return of their son from active duty. **Nathan Provast** -*US Marines* has returned to the United States safe and sound. Thank you, Nathan, for your generous service to our country!

The Provast Family would like to thank Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Family for all of their prayers.

Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Nancy Trujillo*.
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 ...

*Cathy Badalmenti, Pat Bonavita, Carol Brander, Thomas Brennan,
Baby Drew Brust, Howard Campkin, Lynn Castellano, Thomas Courtney,
Regina Cranor, Joseph Cristallo, Frank Curcio, Karen DellaVecchia, TJ Devlin,
Josephine DiBenedetto, Anthony Ferrante, Jason Fisher, John Green, Marie Harris,
Samantha Hil, Ed Hill, Adam Ippolito, Wade Kromhout, Evelyn Lang, Richard Lang,
Nancy Letsch, Anthony Lombardo, Mike Lorento, Diego Marino, Michele McCann,
Peter McCann, Sr., Olga Michaluk, Bryan Monahan, Jimmy Murphy, Christine Neal,
Joseph Ortiz, Arthur Petrino, Baby Conner Pietras, Joe Radosti, Delphine Reynolds,
Dorothy Schiavone, Joe Shields, Derek Stahl, Dorothy Sullivan, Loretta Vitale*



27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Many of us have experienced the old cliché about eating at a restaurant, and when we need something our waiter is nowhere to be found. We flag down another waiter and give him our request, only to be told, "Sorry, not my table." Why is it that we remember those experiences, but too quickly forget the waiter who quickly offered his assistance without expectation of a tip? Perhaps because he was just doing a good job?

The parable of the faithful servant in today's reading from Luke reminds us that if we truly recognize the love of God in our hearts, then we will be able to serve others in need without expectation of thanks or reward. God, in the same way, asks us to love one another as faithful servants and to rest assured that we will be rewarded one day in the Kingdom of Heaven.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us that through the Beatitudes, we can always be reminded of God's covenant with us, a promise of a heavenly reward in return for a faith-filled life. (CCC 1717) They are clear that this life at times may be quite challenging and even painful when lived in the light of Christ, but each Beatitude is a promise to comfort us and remind us that God is with us now and forever.

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Readings for the Week of October 7, 2007

Sunday:	Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10
Monday:	Jon 1:1-2:2, 11/Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday:	Jon 3:1-10/Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday:	Jon 4:1-11/Lk 11:1-4
Thursday:	Mal 3:13-20b/Lk 11:5-13
Friday:	Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Lk 11:15-26
Saturday:	Jl 4:12-21/Lk 11:27-28
Next Sunday:	2 Kgs 5:14-17/2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19

Financial Summary

September 30, 2007

Weekly Collection	\$ 18,298.00
Weekly Budget	-\$ 21,000.00
+/- for the week	\$ (2,702.00)

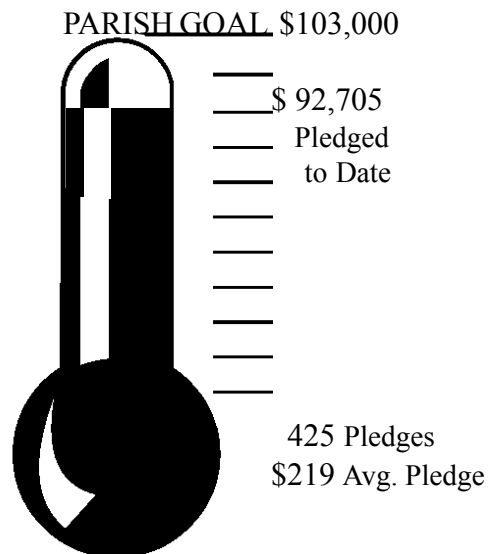
The estimated weekly collection needed to maintain and operate our parish buildings, ministries, programs and salaries is \$21,000.

**90%
to goal!**

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 a pledge card that can be picked up at the Parish Office.



A Day of Reflection...

on the Root Causes of Poverty and the Issue of Human Trafficking sponsored by the Sisters of Charity of Halifax, Nova Scotia. Globalization, poverty, and human trafficking are part of the same complex phenomenon. Many perspectives compete with that of the Gospel of Jesus to confound and confuse us as we struggle to understand them. We invite you to a day of reflection whose goal is to de-mystify these very issues in the context of prayer. Join us on Saturday, November 3 at St. John's University from 9 AM until 4 PM. If you have any questions or to register please call 718.651.1685.

Sisters of St. Joseph

Are you looking for a way to deepen your relationship with God and with others of like mind? The Sisters of St. Joseph of Brentwood, New York invite you to consider joining the CSJ Associates:

“Catholic women and men who associate themselves with the Sisters of St. Joseph in their mission to bring about the reign of God as they strive to live simply and work for a more just and peaceful world.”

For further information contact the co-directors: S. Phyllis Esposito, CSJ at 631.589.0540 or Liz Tully at etully2003@optonline.net.

Life Center of Long Island

Fourteenth Annual Dinner Dance with guest speaker, Father Frank Pavone of Priests for Life. The Dinner Dance will be held on Thursday, October 11 at 7 PM at the Woodbury Country Club. \$100 per person includes cocktail hour, dinner and dancing, and hearing one of the most prominent pro-life speakers in the world. For further information call 516.798.9100.

Help Feed the Hungry

The Mercy Inn Soup Kitchen of Wyandanch is in need of a volunteer to help prepare and cook food on Wednesdays. The hours are 8:30 AM until 1:45 PM. If you can help, call Kathy at 631.422.1420.

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: **“Letting Go.”** 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.

Golden Wedding Anniversary

On **Sunday, November 18, 2007** couples married 50 years or more are invited to a special Mass to be celebrated by Bishop John Dunne at **Christ the King, Commack at 4 PM**.

Please pick up and fill out your registration card at the Parish Office no later than October 29.

Approximately one week before the ceremony information regarding the celebration will be mailed to you. If you have any questions you may call 516.678.5800, extension 242.

Education of a Lifetime

A Catholic High School education offers young people a challenging, value-centered liberal arts education. It also affords each student an opportunity to test abilities, add skills, build confidence and develop an understanding of faith, while preparing for college and for life. Learn more about each school by attending its Open House. For more information, contact the individual High School or the Catholic Secondary School Administration at 516.739.5030.

Open House Schedule

Saturday, October 13	9:30 AM - 12 PM	Sacred Heart Academy
	10 AM - 1 PM	Kellenberg Memorial H. S.
	2 PM - 4 PM	Chaminade H. S.
Sunday, October 14	10:30 AM - 2 PM	St. John the Baptist D.H.S.
Saturday, October 20	12 PM - 2 PM	Academy of St. Joseph
Sunday, October 21	10 AM - 1 PM	McGann-Mercy D.H. S.

The Catholic High School Entrance Exam is scheduled for Saturday, October 27 and will be held at several locations. Applications for the Catholic High School entrance exam are available at the Religious Education Office and the OLL School Office. If you have any questions, please call the Religious Education Office at 661.5440, option #3 or the OLL School Office at 661.7200, option #2.

11th Annual Baby/Child Equipment & Toy Sale

Saturday, October 13 from 9 AM - 1 PM (rain or shine)

Our Lady of Queen of Martyrs Church, Centerport

Vendors Wanted: Do you want to reclaim space in your home but don't want to have a garage sale? Do you have baby or child related items such as strollers, car seats, cribs, toys that you no longer need? Be a vendor at our group Baby/Child Equipment & Toy Sale! We'll help you free up that space while you make some money. We'll do all of the advertising and bring in the customers, all you have to do is price and sell your items. There is a fee of \$10 to reserve your table plus OLQM Parish Outreach receives 10% commission of your total sales.

Donations Wanted: Do you want to clean out your basement and attic, but don't want to be a vendor at the sale? You can donate your gently used baby/child equipment and toys to us. Items for donation can be dropped off in the Community Room on Friday, October 12 from noon until 7 PM. No clothing please. For information please call 631.4787.3142 or email to olqmbabysale@hotmail.com. All proceeds benefit OLQM Parish Outreach.

Extend Your Sunday Worship Stand up for Life

October is Respect Life Month

Sunday, October 7 from 2 PM until 3:30 PM (rain or shine) on Route 110 and Route 25 in Huntington. Signs will be distributed at the site. You will be participating in one of 1200 similar events in the United States and Canada.

Spiritual Care Companion Program

Are you looking for an avenue to volunteer your time with others? Come and learn more about sharing your gift of time and presence as a Spiritual Care Companion with those that are hospitalized or living in a nursing home. Spiritual Care Companions will attend a free six-week training program from early October through mid November covering such topics as: -goals of ministry to the sick, -how to be a good listener and serve as a spiritual companion, -how to respond to crisis and grief. For more information, please call Mary T. O'Neill at 631.474.5663 or Peg Nixdorf at 631.587.1600.

Contemplative Outreach of Long Island/Queens

Contemplative Outreach of Long Island/Queens will be hosting a **Welcoming Prayer Retreat on October 26-28 at Our Lady of Grace Retreat House in Manhasset.**

For further information, please call Diane Garretson at 631.587.0966

What God arranges for us to experience at each moment is the best and holiest thing that could happen to us.

-Jean-Piere de Caussard

Hospice Volunteer Training Program

Hospice volunteers are a special gift to those overwhelmed with the responsibility of caring for someone who is terminally ill. Visiting Nurse Service and Hospice of Suffolk is offering a Volunteer Training Program every Tuesday and Thursday night for three weeks from 7 PM until 9 PM starting October 9. The class will be held at the Visiting Nurse Service & Hospice of Suffolk County, Northport. For more information, please call Pat Quigley at 631.930.9317.

Sharing the Gospel

Being part of a family means that everybody works together. Your parents work to give you a good place to live, food to eat, and clothes to wear. You probably help with jobs around the house, too, like picking up your toys, taking the garbage out, or setting the table. Each person in the family has work to do. The same is true in God's family. God has special work for us to do, especially to help others. Find happiness in your work.



Mission for the Week

If you know of people in your church who are very old or sick, talk to your family about ways to help them. You could rake leaves for them, help them clean their house, or bring them groceries. Help with a smile.

Puzzle

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

faith	ocean	deserve
mustard	thanks	supposed
tree	servants	duty

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Prayer



Dear God, help me enjoy helping my family and others.

Something to Draw



Draw a picture of yourself setting the table for dinner.