

***“Amen,  
I say to you,***



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**today you  
will be  
with me in  
Paradise.”**

Luke 23:43

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**Feast of Christ the King  
Our Lady of Lourdes • November 25, 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

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Associate Pastor

### **Rev. Robert Scheckenback**

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### **Deacon Jack Meehan**

Coordinator of Stewardship

### **Deacon John Teufel**

### **Dominic Armano**

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### **Sr. Margaret Bickar**

Senior Ministry-SAGE

### **Sr. Nancy Campkin**

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### **Jennifer Gallagher**

Children's Choir/Women's Chorale

Summer Program Director

### **Carol M. Goetz**

Parish Music Director

### **Louise Jane Krol**

School Principal

### **Sr. Diane Liona**

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### **Vita Scorgia**

Ministry Spiritual Director

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Vita Scorgia

Doreen Spiller

Mary Steck

Fr. Mike Vetrano

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### **Mary Anne Lettieri**

Parish Office

### **Debbie Meyer**

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### **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.*

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## *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

## You're Invited to Join us for the Holidays!



Just join our Adult Choir for rehearsals on Thursdays - November 29, December 6, 13, and 20 and sing with us at Christmas. The Adult Choir rehearses from 8 PM until 10 PM in the Church. This is the year to give the choir a try! Give yourself and your church the gift of music for the holiday season. If you have any questions, please contact Carol Goetz at 661.3224 or send an e-mail to [music@ollchurch.org](mailto:music@ollchurch.org).

### OLL Christmas Concert

Why is it important to attend the **OLL Christmas Concert on December 8 at 7:30 PM in the Church?** (*Choose the correct answer*)

- a) it's a chance to hear each of our music groups perform
- b) you deserve a relaxing musical break from busy holiday preparations
- c) the music of our talented singers and musicians will revive your holiday spirit
- d) all of the above

The correct answer is d) all of the above.

So keep the date open and plan to attend this inspiring holiday concert!

### Adult Faith Formation

*...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](mailto: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.*

## Giving Tree

*It's that time of year! Christmas is on its way...*

In order that we may give those less fortunate in our area a "Merry Christmas", Parish Outreach along with other ministries here at OLL, are putting together our annual "Giving Tree."

*Our "Giving Tree" will go up on Saturday, December 1.*

Our "Giving Tree" has tags that ask for gifts of toys, clothes, food certificates, clothing certificates and more. We ask that all donations be left under the Giving Tree no later than Sunday, December 16. Thank you for your continued generosity!

## Spiritual Direction

*...for those who want the companionship of a director to journey with them in finding God's desire for them in their daily life.*

Following is a summary of our exploration and explanation of "Spiritual Direction."



### ***What is Spiritual Direction?***

Spiritual Direction is a specialized ministry in the Church. It is a graced way of serving another believer, helping the other to grow in intimacy with God and to live out the consequences of this intimacy.

### ***Why would I want a Spiritual Director?***

The desire for a Spiritual Director comes when one wants to develop a deeper relationship with God, when one's search for God seems to be at a crossroad, or when one wants to explore new methods of prayer, or prayer becomes difficult.

### ***What happens in Spiritual Direction?***

The person coming for Spiritual Direction should try to describe to the director one's experiences in their life of faith, hope and love.

### ***What can I expect?***

The director helps you to be more aware of who God is for you, to notice God's movement in the events of your life, and in your prayer, to be able to talk about what you are experiencing, to be attentive to God's invitations, urgings, and confirmations and to recognize resistances and roadblocks. The director is not judgmental, but assists the directee to objectify his/her experience.

If you have any questions, or you would like to make arrangements to meet with a Spiritual Director, please call Deacon John DeGuardi at the Parish Office at 661.3224.

(It is recommended that you make a three month commitment of one meeting per month.)

## Student Exchange Program

Our Lady of Lourdes School will be participating in a cultural exchange program with students from Korea. This cultural exchange program will enrich and enhance the education of our students and provide our students with a global mind and equip them to become strong leaders as our future generation.

We are looking for parish families who would be interested in becoming a "Host Family" for a Korean exchange student. This program will also provide our parish "Host Families" with an opportunity for cultural enrichment.

A "Host Family" is requested to provide housing for their student for 4 - 6 weeks during the month of January 2008. The student will attend classes at Our Lady of Lourdes School. There is a family stipend for being a "Host Family." If you have any questions or would like more information, please call the School Office at 587.7200.



Our Lady of Lourdes School eighth grade will be hosting a Poinsettia Plant Fundraiser. Preorders of Poinsettia Plants will be taken now through November 27.

Please return the order form below along with your check, made out to OLL School, to the School Office ATTN: Poinsettia Sale.

All plants that are pre-ordered will be available for pick-up on Saturday, December 1 in the school lobby from 3 PM until 5 PM.

Plants will be for sale after Masses on the weekend of December 1/2 in the All-Purpose Room.

### Poinsettia Plant Fundraiser

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

# of plants	size	color	price	Total
	4 1/2"	red	\$ 6	
	6 1/2"	red	\$13	
	7 1/2" (circle color)	red, white, pink or marble	\$20	
			<b>Total Price</b>	

HO! HO! HO!  
It's that time again!

## Our Lady of Lourdes School Breakfast With Santa Sunday, December 9



Don't miss our delicious Homemade Hot Pancake Breakfast  
There will be crafts, prizes, a 50/50 and of course Santa!

Buy your tickets early, seating is limited.

\$5 per person and children 3 and under – FREE

Price includes a photo with Santa

**2 Seatings: 8:30 AM – 10:30 AM or 10:45 AM – 12:45 PM**

Any questions please call Rita Vandenburg at 940-5695 or

Trisha Miranda at 586-1143.

Please cut out this portion of the bulletin, complete it in full and submit it to our School Office, Attention: Breakfast With Santa Committee with your check made payable to Our Lady of Lourdes School. Families will receive a call for ticket pick up arrangements.

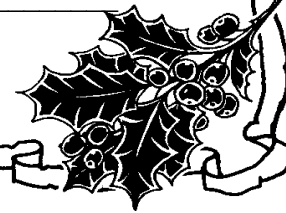
Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

# of people in attendance: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of kids 3 & under: \_\_\_\_\_

Which seating will you be attending?: 8:30 AM \_\_\_\_\_ or 10:45 AM \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_



## Breakfast With Santa Christmas Shopping Spree Raffle

Who couldn't use some extra cash this Christmas?

Take a chance on our Christmas Shopping Spree Raffle

*\$25 a ticket – only 200 tickets will be sold*

**First Prize - \$1,500 cash**

**Second Prize - \$750 cash**

**Third Prize - \$250 cash**

Winning tickets will be announced at the second seating of this year's Breakfast With Santa.

Winner does not need to be present to win.

200 tickets must be sold to receive prizes listed above. If 200 tickets are not sold, prizes will be pro-rated.

Any questions please call Rita Vandenburg at 940-5695 or Trisha Miranda at 586-1143.

**Breakfast with Santa**

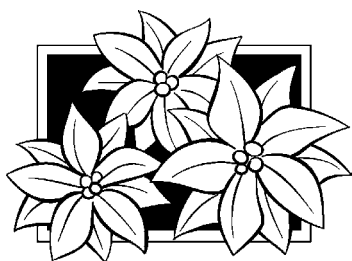
## **Support Groups**

### **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.



## **Christmas Flower Offerings**

Christmas Flower offerings received by Sunday, December 10 will be published in the Christmas bulletin. Offerings received after that date, will be published in subsequent bulletins.

### **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, November 26

8:00 AM George Shaddock

### Tuesday, November 27

8:00 AM Diane Heaney

### Wednesday, November 28

8:00 AM Phyllis Corona

### Thursday, November 29

8:00 AM Raul Sierra

### Friday, November 30

*St. Andrew, apostle*

8:00 AM Robert D. Colin

### Saturday, December 1

8:00 AM Vincent McCarthy, David Michael Calogero,  
In honor of Blessed Virgin, Mary Taylor,  
Frank Napadano, Dorothy V. Gorman

5:00 PM John Lovari

*Fr. Mike Vetrano*

### Sunday, December 2

8:00 AM Anne Avitable

*Fr. Bob Scheckenback*

9:30 AM Donald & Patrick Manning and  
Dorothy & Joseph Boening

*Fr. Mike Vetrano*

11:00 AM Joseph Rizzo

*Fr. Bob Scheckenback*

12:30 PM James J. Werner

*Fr. Stan Chukwube*

6:00 PM People of the Parish, Joseph Sullivan,  
Edward John Piccirelli, William Thomas Maher,  
Leonardo Reyes Vicenzio, Roseann Lacalandra,  
Anna Buongiorno, Theres Voor

*Fr. Ambrose Cabildo*



## Rest In Peace

*Mary Cerrato* died on November 10 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was November 14. We extend our prayers to her daughter, Gloria and her entire family.

*Anna Buongiorno* died on November 11 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was November 14. We extend our prayers to her daughters and son and their families.

## 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:

**Bryan R. Dempsey**-*US Marines*

**Jeremy deRoxas**-*US Air Force*

**Frederick Wm. Ellis**-*US Army*

**James J. Ferrara**-*US Marines*

**John Finn**-*US Army*

**Christopher Florca**-*US Marines*

**Donnie Frank**-*US Marines*

**Armand J. LeComte**-*US Marines*

**Michael Mallimo**-*US Army*

**Anthony Mannino**-*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.



**CHRISTMAS CARDS**  
★ FOR THE MILITARY ★

## An early Christmas Gift...

When making out your Christmas card list this year, why not include one to:

*A Recovering American Soldier*  
*c/o Walter Reed Army Medical Center*  
*6900 Georgia Avenue, NW*  
*Washington, DC 20307-5001*

If you think this is a great idea, pass it on!

## Nocturnal Adoration

Nocturnal Adoration will **follow the 5 PM Mass on Saturday, December 1**, ending with Benediction at 9:50 PM.

Please come and pray with us. Let us prepare our hearts this Advent for the coming of Christmas by praying before the Blessed Sacrament. All are invited and welcome! Bring a friend.



## SAGE

The SAGE Group (Senior Advocates for Growth and Enrichment) will meet on **Tuesday, November 27**, in the **Parish Center at 9 AM**.

## Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Marie Cirone*.

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, Stacie Baltrusitis, Deacon Dick Barry, Benedict Bellotti, Carol Booth, Pat Bonavita, Thomas Brennan, Baby Drew Brust, Howard Campkin, Lynn Castellano, Regina Cranor, Joseph Cristallo, Karen DellaVecchia, Anita Denis, TJ Devlin, Josephine DiBenedetto, Joseph Doldo, Jason Fisher, Samantha Hil, Adam Ippolito, Wade Kromhout, Evelyn Lang, Richard Lang, Nancy Letsch, Anthony Lombardo, Mike Lorento, Robert Lubeck, Diego Marino, Michele McCann, Peter McCann, Sr., Theresa McPhail, Bryan Monahan, Jimmy Murphy, Joseph Ortiz, Arthur Petrino, Baby Conner Pietras, Joe Radosti, Delphine Reynolds, Dorothy Schiavone, Joan Sephton, Derek Stahl, Dorothy Sullivan, Sam Viola, Loretta Vitale*



## Feast of Christ the King

We are presented with choices every day. Sometimes, the choices are many and varied; often, however, they are no more complicated than this choice or that. But with every choice, we should weigh the consequences of our decision. Too often we tend to go with our gut feeling; the problem with this is that our gut feeling is borne of desire and not of the distinction between right and wrong, good and evil.

Today on this Feast of Christ the King, we are presented with the personification of choices. The two men hanging on crosses on either side of Jesus represent, in their comments, the choice between faith in God and the rejection of faith. The first only wants to be saved from his fate; the second expresses his faith that Jesus Christ is who he says he is, and asks only to be remembered, to which Jesus promises him even more because of his faith.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us that Christ died as part of God's offering of salvation for us all, as was foretold in the scriptures. (CCC 599-601) In the history of humankind, slavery has existed; only kings and rulers have had the authority to end slavery. Christ the King, in his Passion, gave his life for each and every soul on earth, freeing us from the slavery of sin.

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### Readings for the Week of November 25, 2007

<b>Sunday:</b>	2 Sm 5:1-3/Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43
<b>Monday:</b>	Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Lk 21:1-4
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Dn 2:31-45/Lk 21:5-11
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Lk 21:12-19
<b>Thursday:</b>	Dn 6:12-28/Lk 21:20-28
<b>Friday:</b>	Rom 10:9-18/Mt 4:18-22
<b>Saturday:</b>	Dn 7:15-27/Lk 21:34-36
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	Is 2:1-5/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44

## Financial Summary

**November 18, 2007**

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

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

*Due to the change in the bulletin deadline, the collection amount for the week of November 18 will be published in a future bulletin.*

## Senior Circle

The Senior Circle meets on the last Monday of each month. The next meeting will be held on **Monday, November 26, at 12:30 PM in the Parish Center.**

## Senior Hang-Out Night

Membership has reached the 100 mark!

Our next meeting will be **Friday, December 7 from 6-10PM in the Parish Center.**

This meeting will be a Christmas Celebration-with dinner and Christmas Festivities.

Please remember to bring your stamped, self-addressed envelope and a non-perishable food item for Outreach. If you have any questions, please call Outreach at 661.9262, option 4.

## Pantry Needs

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

## Help Needed

A freezer has been offered to Outreach. We need 4 strong men to help with the pick-up and delivery of this freezer. If you can help, please phone Outreach at 661.9262, option 4.

## Looking for Rest Amid the Pressures of Life

by Ron Rolheiser, OMI

The poet, Rumi, once wrote:

*"What I want is to leap out of this personality  
And then sit apart from that leaping  
I've lived too long where I can be reached."*

In a day of instant and constant communication, cell phones and emails, I suspect that we all fit that description. Certainly I do. I've lived too long where I can be reached.

It seems that we're almost always over-stretched with too much to do. We come to the end of each day tired, yet conscious of what we've left undone. There's always someone else we should have phoned, emailed, or attended to in some way. Our lives often seem like over packed suitcases, crammed to the brim, and still unable to hold all we need to carry along. What's wrong here?

Whenever we feel that way, it's a sure sign that we've lost the proper sense of time. Life is meant to be busy, but we're also meant, at regular times, to have sabbatical, sabbath time, to rest and enjoy.

When we look at scripture we see that God established a certain rhythm to time.

Biblically, this is the pattern: We're meant to work for six days, then have a one-day sabbatical; work for seven years and have a one year sabbatical; work for seven times seven years (forty-nine years) and have a Jubilee year; and finally work for a lifetime and have an eternity of sabbatical. The idea is that our pressured, hurried, working days should be regularly punctured by times of rest, celebration, enjoyment, non-work, non-pressure, and that ultimately all work will cease and we will have nothing to do except to luxuriate in life itself.

And what's supposed to happen on a sabbath? What constitutes sabbath time?

First, a sabbath is meant to be unordinary time, a time when our normal work and the everyday pressures of life are stopped. Partly this is meant to free us up for deeper things, but mainly it is meant to remind us that we do not live to work, but rather work in order to live and love.

Next a sabbath is meant to be a time for enjoyment, for high celebration. And this isn't abstract: On a sabbath we're meant to eat our best meal of the week, wear our best clothing, rest, enjoy the earth and each other, and (if you're really an Orthodox believer) to make love. On a sabbath we're meant to drink in life in all its fullness,

including its sensuality. Our language still carries some remnants of this when, for example, we speak of wearing our Sunday best and having our Sunday dinner.

Finally, sabbath is meant to be a time for reconciliation, for forgiving debts, for giving up grudges, for making peace with our enemies. The cessation of work, the rest, the celebration, the drinking in of enjoyment, and the making love are all partly ends in themselves. The sabbath was made for us. However they're also in function of something else, namely, reconciliation, forgiveness. We only truly celebrate the sabbath, have a genuine holiday, if we forgive someone and it's because we don't do this that, so often, our vacations don't relax us for long. We're tired, go on vacation, get a good rest, get away from the pressures of our work, enjoy some unpressured time, perhaps even get some sun and a tan, but then come home and very soon, within hours or days, are just a tired as we were before we went on vacation. Why? Because we didn't forgive anybody and our hurts and bitterness are the deep roots of our tiredness. There's a statute of limitations to all debts, including our personal hurts.

A couple of years ago, Wayne Muller wrote a little book entitled, *Sabbath: Finding Rest, Renewal, and Delight in our Busy Lives*. I leave you with some of his wisdom:

- Sabbath need not be a year or even a day. It can also be an afternoon, an hour, a walk, a dinner. Sabbath is a time when we drink, if only for a few moments, from the fountain of rest and delight. It is a time to listen to what is most deeply beautiful, nourishing, and true.

-Sabbath is different kind of fertility; it honours the wisdom of dormancy. If certain plant species do not lie dormant for winter, they will not bear fruit in spring. A period of rest, within which our roots quietly take in nourishment, is the key to health. Like plants, we too must have periods in which we lie fallow and silently nourish our roots.

-We are almost always running, trying to catch the things that will make us happy when, in fact, those very things are trying to catch us!

-God said: "Remember to rest." This is not a lifestyle suggestion, but a commandment, as important as not stealing, not murdering, or not lying.

We need sabbath. We've all lived too long where we can be reached.

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*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).*

## Spaghetti Dinner

Boy Scout Troop 194 will be hosting its 35th Annual Spaghetti Dinner on **Sunday, December 2 from 2 PM until 6 PM at the Babylon High School cafeteria**. Tickets are \$5 per person, children under 5 are free. Your dinner includes spaghetti, meatballs, salad, beverage, dessert and coffee/tea. All proceeds benefit the troop and their activities.

## Catholic Daughters of America

The Golden Age Club meets every **Wednesday from 12:30 PM until 2 PM** in the **O'Connell Room at St. Joseph's Church, Babylon**. Seniors are invited to play cards or bingo and enjoy desserts and friendship with us.

## Wanted:

*Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who have been commissioned by the Diocese of Rockville Centre.*

Good Samaritan Hospital is looking for you to bring Holy Communion to patients. The availability would be a day or any days you are available, according to your schedule. If interested, please contact Sr. Mary Anna, director of Pastoral Care at 631.376.4103.

## Tinsel Through the Tears

St. Patrick's Family Outreach, Bay Shore offers a holiday program for the bereaved. The speaker will be Margaret Peterson, RN, MS on **Tuesday, December 4 from 7 PM until 9 PM in Msgr. Purick Hall**. For further information or to register, please call Catherine Dennis at 631.665.726. Refreshments will be served.

## St. Vincent's Model Train and Toy Show

This year the famous Model Train and Toy Show will be held on **Sunday, December 2 between the hours of 10 AM and 3 PM at St. Vincent de Paul Church in Elmont**. Featured are Lionel, LGB and American Flyer trains. Admission is \$5 at the door for adults and children under 12 free when accompanied by an adult. Seniors are \$4. For more information, please call 516.352.2127.

## 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: **"Thanksgiving."**

Don't forget to tune in! Visit "Religion & Rock" on the web, [www.religionandrock.com](http://www.religionandrock.com). Also watch "Good News with Father Jim" on TELE CARE, channel 29, on Mondays and Fridays at 9:45 AM; Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays at 7:45 PM; Sundays at 8 PM.

## Charismatic Prayer Meeting

Charismatic Prayer Meeting is held the fourth Wednesday of each month from 7 PM until 9 PM at Our Lady of the Island Shrine, Eastport. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 28 - Praise and Worship, including a teaching. Please call 631.625.0661 to register.

## HandCrafting Justice

*Can you help support the Sisters of the Good Shepherd?*

HandCrafting Justice is a non-profit, Fair Trade project of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd. We partner with women struggling with poverty and injustice in 18 developing countries. You can help support our mission by:

- visiting our website at [www.handcraftingjustice.org](http://www.handcraftingjustice.org) and shop for fair trade goods
- contact us about volunteer opportunities
- donate to the continuation of our mission.

Please feel free to call us at 718.204.0909 for more information.

## Men's Day of Reflection

Join the Suffolk County Chapter Knights of Columbus on Saturday, December 1 from 10 AM until 2:30 PM for an inspirational day of reflection at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Island. You need not be a member. Cost is \$20 per person and includes coffee and lunch. If interested, please contact Ray Burhan at 631.846.4068.

## Christmas with Ronan Tynan

St. Michael's Church, 4th Avenue, Brooklyn invites you to attend a Christmas Concert with Ronan Tynan on Sunday, December 9 at 3 PM. Donation is \$50. Please call 718.768.6065 for information and reservations.

## Montfort Retreats

Montfort Spiritual Center, Bay Shore will offer two weekend retreats for Advent and New Year's. The Advent Retreat: "Mary Mold of Jesus" will be Friday, December 7 - Sunday, December 9. The New Year's Retreat: "Sounds of Silence" will be Sunday, December 30 - Tuesday January 1. For further information, please call 631.666.7500.

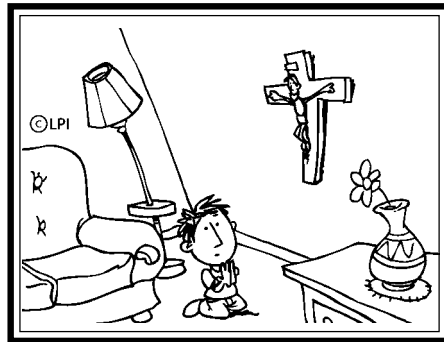
## The Beginning Experience

Help for the heartache of divorce, separation, and widowhood. A weekend away for a lifetime of change. The next weekend is February 2008. Reservations are first come, first served. Please call Connie at 516.735.1720 or Mike at 516.812.6417 for information and reservations.



# Sharing the Gospel

When the soldiers hurt Jesus, they were only doing their job. They did not understand that they were killing God's Son. Jesus saw into the hearts of those soldiers, and he forgave them. A man next to Jesus on the cross had done terrible things. He knew he deserved to die on a cross, and he was truly sorry. This criminal believed that Jesus was God's Son. Jesus saw into that criminal's heart, and Jesus forgave him, too.

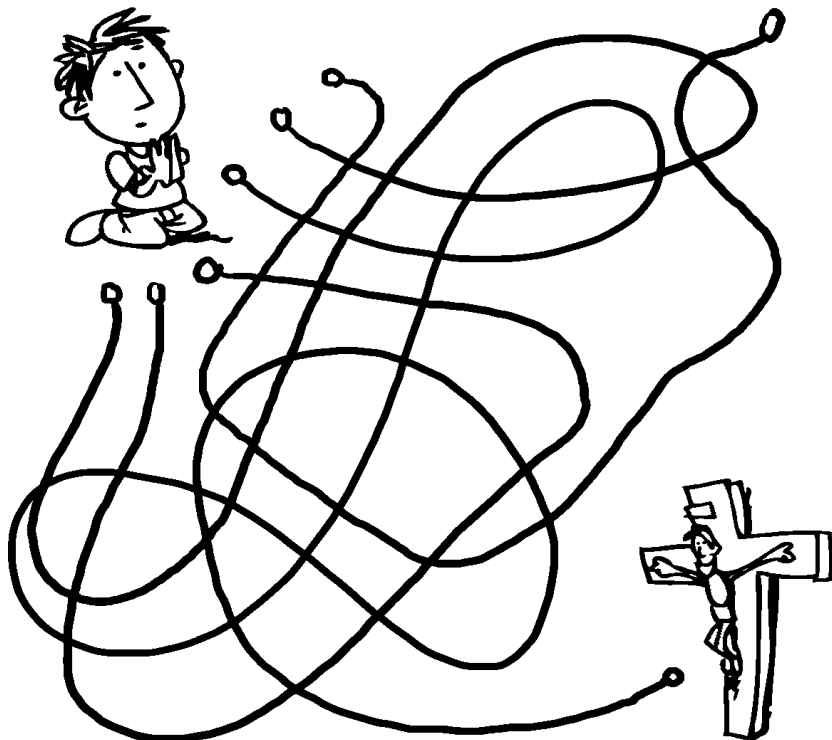


## Mission for the Week

Jesus forgave the people who killed him. He expects you to forgive people who hurt you, too. Think of one person with whom you have been angry. Ask God to help you forgive that person, because Jesus forgives you.

### Puzzle

Find the path that leads to Jesus.



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### Prayer



Dear God,  
 thank you for  
 sending Jesus to  
 forgive my sins,  
 too.

### Something to Draw



Draw a picture of  
 Jesus on the  
 cross.