

Our Lady of Lourdes • Third Sunday of Easter • April 6, 2008

**WERE NOT OUR
HEARTS**



**BURNING
WITHIN US?**

LUKE 24:32



Pastoral Team

Rev. Michael A. Vetrano
Pastor

Welcome to our Parish Family! New Parishioners are cordially invited to register as members of our parish family. Please call or visit our Parish Office.

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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



**Come Celebrate the Official Opening
of
Our Lady of Lourdes School
Media Center and Science Lab**

**Saturday evening, April 12, 2008
7 PM**

**Join Father Mike as he experiments with
wonderful wines and great hors d'oeuvres
in our Science Lab
and**

**Mrs. Krol as she presents
delicious delectable desserts & coffee
in our Media Center!**

**Please be our guest for a donation of \$50 per person. All proceeds from this event will go
toward the equipment needed for our science lab and media center.**

Your contributions are fully tax deductible and eligible for Full Mandatory Credit.

This is an "adult only" evening – please RSVP by April 7 to Mrs. Shirreffs at 587.7200, ext 102.

Night at the Races

Our Lady of Lourdes School will hold its Second Annual Night at the Races on **Saturday, April 26 from 6:30 PM until 10 PM in the school cafeteria.** *(Doors will open at 6:15 PM)* Tickets will be available at the door on a "first come/first served" basis. Admission is \$10 per person and includes hot dogs, soda, coffee and cake. For more information, or if you would like to help, please call Frank at 587.7988. (OLL School families-This is a Mandatory Fundraising Event.) Please note: We will not be offering child care.

OLL Seventh Annual Vacation Bible Camp

SURF Camp!! Summer Understanding Real Faith (and Fun!)

July 28 - August 1---Save the date!

We'll hop on our surfboards and catch the waves of faith and fun as we learn about God, hear stories from the Bible, share cool science activities, and make crafts. And of course, we'll end our camp each day with our famous OLL camp sing-along!!

Look for camp registration forms in the bulletin during the first week in June. Campers can be pre-school to grade five. Helpers must be at least in sixth grade, and counselors need to be in grade seven through twelve. Adult volunteers are also needed! Watch future bulletins for details.

Upcoming Events

Sixth Annual El Salvador Mission Trip 2008: For Students in Grade 8 through College

Consider spending a week this summer on a trip that will change your life!



Listen to some of the reflections of past trip participants:

The whole trip was incredible, but the part that really stuck out to me was the day we spent at the school in our Sister Parish of Tacuba running a vacation bible camp for the kids there. Thanks to the donations of people from OLL parish, every child got to choose their own book to take home to keep. Just seeing the look on a little girl's face as she picked up her "Dora the Explorer" book made me so grateful for everything I had back home.

When I went to El Salvador this summer for my first time, it changed my life.



Each day we visited towns and villages with arms full of donations from the United States. We were able to interact with the villagers and get a sense of who these people really were. Warm welcomes awaited us in each town along with humble gifts of wild flowers. I was amazed to find that many had walked miles to meet with us and thank us. Even more astounding was that all of these miles were walked by men, women and children, some with no shoes! This mission to El Salvador was a life altering experience. It hit me hard after I returned home and went straight to sleep my own room complete with TV, Internet, and stereo and with my warm bed next to my closet filled with the latest \$100 sneakers.

If you are interested in participating in this life-changing experience, contact Jennifer Gallagher, the trip director, at jengallagher@ollchurch.org, before April 15.

Our trip this year is from June 28-July 3.



Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Pilgrimage Rome, Florence, Assisi and Milan October 16 - 25, 2008

Our next information meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, April 15 at 7:30 PM in the Parish Center**. This meeting will focus on Assisi, the home of St. Francis, one of the four places that we will visit.

Please note: There will be no refreshments served.

If you have any questions, or would like additional information, please call Deacon John at 661.3224, extension 132.

Adult Faith Formation

upcoming courses...

The Jubilee Year of St. Paul

Reading Paul's Letters in the Church of Today

Pope Benedict XVI announced a special Jubilee Year dedicated to St. Paul, saying the church needs modern Christians who will imitate the apostles' missionary energy and spirit of sacrifice. As the Church celebrates the missionary zeal and witness of St. Paul...come, let us gather to explore a modern understanding of Christ's missionary mandate and renew our dedication to carrying it out.

Tuesdays, April 22, 29 and May 6

7:30 PM - 9 PM Parish Center

Presenter is Pat Leonard, Instructor- Pastoral Formation Institute

Introduction to Computers and the Internet

Come and join us as we learn and also have some "hands on" experience. Computers will be available. We will cover basic introduction to computers and the internet, basics of word processing, email, useful links and so much more!

Tuesdays, April 8 and 22

7:30 PM - 9 PM Room 16

Presenter is Anthony Buonasina, Consultant, GRQ Innovations, Inc.

Pre-Registration 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, between 9AM - 5 PM at 661.5440 x3, or e-mail to: religioused@ollchurch.org.

Religious Education

...during the Easter Season

Please pray for our Grade 7 Confirmation Candidates and their families as they begin their decision process to choose their Sponsors...

Sponsor/Candidate Enrollment Sunday

Sunday, April 13

6 PM Mass

All seventh graders in our Parish Family choose a Sponsor in preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please come and join with all the seventh graders of our parish, their families and their newly chosen Sponsor, as we celebrate this commitment. They look to their Parish Family for prayers and support on their faith journey.

Then there is...

Our 8th Grade Confirmation Candidates and their Sponsors continue to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation in 9th Grade by participating in "RESCUE" (Religious Education Sponsor/Candidate United Effort)

"Rescue Closing"

Sunday, May 18

6 PM Mass

All eighth graders in our Parish Family, their Sponsors and parents share in celebrating their time together. The eighth graders and their Sponsors have been getting together and doing service for others.

and... of course

Grade 6/7/8 Hang Out Nites continue...

Friday	April 18	7:30 PM - 9:30 PM	Parish Center
Friday	May 16	7:30 PM - 9:30 PM	Parish Center
Friday	June 20	7:30 PM - 9:30 PM	Parish Center

Don't forget... there's something for everyone !

All 6th / 7th / 8th graders of our Parish Family... come play volleyball, basketball.

We have Guitar Hero 2, Dance Revolution, music and more... DON'T MISS IT !

also...

Grades 9/10/11/12

ALL ARE WELCOME! High School Chaperones help with set-up, participating in activities, refreshments, clean-up, etc... and assist the Adult Chaperones.

Reminder...

Important Confirmation Meeting

All Eighth Grade Parents in OLL Parish Family -

Tuesday, May 6 at 7:30 PM in the cafeteria

or Wednesday, May 7 at 7:30 PM in the cafeteria

or Thursday, May 8 at 10 AM in the cafeteria.

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

Support Groups

Alcoholics Anonymous:

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

ALANON:

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

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.



Rest In Peace

Kim Ecker died on March 19 and religious service was March 22. We extend our prayers to her husband Kevin, daughter Kristen, and entire family.

Wade Robert Kromhout died on March 24 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was March 28. We extend our prayers to his wife Jennifer, children and entire family.

Catherine Aniano died on March 25 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was March 29. We extend our prayers to her children and entire family.

Robert Costanza died on March 27 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was March 31. We extend our prayers to his children and entire family.

Remembering...

Monday, April 7

St. John Baptist de la Salle, priest

8:00 AM Anthony LaRocca

Tuesday, April 8

8:00 AM Valerie Moscarelli

Wednesday, April 9

8:00 AM LaRocca & Sweeney Family

Thursday, April 10

8:00 AM James Peter Olsen

Friday, April 11

St. Stanislaus, bishop and doctor

8:00 AM Nettie & John Pizzella

Saturday, April 12

8:00 AM Linda Pizzitola, Arthur Castellano, Vincent McCarthy,
Elsa Vallone, Mamie Brody, Catherine McKenna,
Joseph Walsh, Johanna DiNunzio

5:00 PM Dan, Peter & Anna Mancuso
Fr. Mike Vetrano

Sunday, April 13

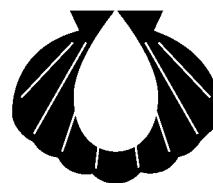
8:00 AM Thomas D'Angelo
Fr. Bob Scheckenback

9:30 AM Loreto & Ben Fantauzzi
Fr. Mike Vetrano

11:00 AM Dec'd mbrs of McKeefery Family
Fr. Bob Scheckenback

12:30 PM Robert Sebor
Fr. John Asomugha

6:00 PM People of the Parish, Elizabeth Lee Ganci, Marjorie Chironno,
Salvatore Taormina, Rick & Richard Munkwitz,
Patricia McDermott, Eric Richmond, Sadie Coletti,
Francis Hildreth, Kim Ecker, Edith Diaz
Fr. John Asomugha



Baptisms

Kyle Thomas Armet

Ronald and Ginamarie

Jack Brady DePiero

Oswaldo and Kristen

Madison Catherine Evans

Craig and Deborah

Nicholas Craig Gallo

Joseph and Christine

Julianna Marie German

Edward and Susan

Christian Leigh Oliva

Marcelo and Stephanie

Alexander Rafic Abi-Zeid

Antoine and Dawn



Our Lady of Lourdes
Fr. Joe Lukaszewski
“Walk of Life” Memorial Garden

In Loving
Memory of
Mary Jones

Peter Jacobs
Baptized
January 2002

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Jean & John
Reilly

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Family

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Children's Liturgy of the Word

All are welcome at OLL – particularly the children. We invite everyone with kids from age 4 to about fourth grade – to be part of our Children's Liturgy of the Word at the 9:30 AM Family Mass.

What's this about....you may be asking?

During the first part of Mass – the Liturgy of the Word – we send our young people out to learn about the readings in a way that's set for them. The readings are much simpler and there are activities designed to make the readings come to life for the kids and....

You get a break during Mass! While your children are at the Children's Liturgy, you can sit back, listen well to the readings and reflect on what they mean to you. After the Intercessions (when we say "Lord hear our prayer"), the children return and stay with you for the remainder of the liturgy.

This Lent, we've been looking at how the change we go through in our lives can be good! It's not to say that the change in our lives has been easy – but perhaps knowing Jesus makes it a little easier! Maybe this Easter Season will be the time for you and your family to come back and join us – particularly at this beautiful liturgy. Come and pray with us!

Music Ministry

Come, Sing a New Song...

Get 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.

- The **Adult Choir** rehearses on Thursday nights 8-10 PM and sings weekly at 11 AM Mass. Adults who are proficient in playing a musical instrument and are interested in playing with the choir at the 11 AM Mass, are also invited to join us.
- The **Contemporary Group**, grade 8 through college age and young adult, rehearses on Sunday afternoons 4:30-6 PM and sings at "The Six." Students, we'd love to have you come and sing with us - bring a friend or two. Also, if you're proficient at a musical instrument, you're welcome to join our group.
- Our **Youth Choir**, grades 2-8, rehearses on Thursday nights 7-7:45PM and sings weekly at 9:30 AM Mass.
- Women's Chorale** rehearses once a month and sings at 11 AM Mass on the first Sunday of the 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 regarding the Adult Choir, Contemporary Group or Holiday Choir, please contact Carol Goetz at 661.3224 or music@ollchurch.org

If you have any questions about the Youth Choir or Women's Chorale, please contact Jennifer Gallagher at 661.3224 or jengallagher@ollchurch.org.

2008 Catholic Ministries Appeal

Hands of Christ-Supporting the Community Around Us

Can you help those in need?

One of our goals is to have every family participate in this Appeal by responding with a YES. We are hopeful that every family in our parish and diocese has responded to this call for sacrifice. Our goal has been based on every family making an equal sacrifice, not an equal gift. Look at what God has given to you and your family and consider the gift you can give to help those in need here on Long Island. Only you can decide what that gift will be. If you have not yet responded, please consider what you can do to the best of your ability to help our parish reach those in need.


March 26, 2008

Amount Pledged	\$68,780
Number of Pledges	270
Average Pledge	\$255

Thank you to all those who have responded!

Our Lady of Lourdes and the Diocese of Rockville Centre would like to thank all those who have made a sacrifice by making a gift to the *2008 Catholic Ministries Appeal*. 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.

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL • DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
 PO BOX 4000 • ROCKVILLE CENTRE, NEW YORK 11571-4000 • www.drvc.org/cma.html



2008 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL
Supporting the Community Around Us

A GUIDE TO GIVING

PLEDGE	10 PAYMENTS
\$ 1,000	\$ 100
\$ 500	\$ 50
\$ 350	\$ 35
\$ 250	\$ 25
Other \$ _____	

EVERY GIFT COUNTS!

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

PLEDGE \$ _____ INITIAL PAYMENT \$ _____ BALANCE \$ _____

If you would like to charge your contribution to your credit card, please check here and see reverse side of this form.

SIGNATURE OF DONOR _____

PARISH OF DONOR _____

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

FOR GIFTS OF SECURITIES, PLEASE CALL THE APPEAL OFFICE FOR INSTRUCTIONS. 516.379.5210, EXT. 2
 MATCHING GIFTS: IF YOU QUALIFY FOR A MATCHING GIFT FROM YOUR EMPLOYER, PLEASE FORWARD TO THE CMA OFFICE.

Financial Summary

March 30, 2008

Weekly Collection	\$ 14,992.00
Weekly Budget	-\$ 21,000.00
+/- for the week	\$ (6,008.00)

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

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:



Lorenzo Bacchi-*US Marines*
Bryan R. Dempsey-*US Marines*
Jeremy deRoxas-*US Air Force*
James J. Ferrara-*US Marines*
Thomas W. Ferrara - *US Air Force*
John Finn-*US Army*
Christopher Florca-*US Marines*
Donnie Frank-*US Marines*
Armand J. LeComte-*US Marines*
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.

Daytime Eucharistic Devotion

The afternoon adoration for the month of April will be on **Wednesday, April 9 from 1- 3 PM**. All are invited and welcome! We will be praying for the safety of our troops overseas and the welfare of 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.

Holy Name Society

The Holy Name Society meets on the second Sunday of each month. The next meeting will be on **Sunday, April 13**. 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**. If you have any questions or would like more information, please call the Parish Office at 661.3224.

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**.

Rosary Christian Mothers

The Rosary Christian Mothers meet on the first Monday evening of each month. Our next meeting is scheduled for **Monday, April 7 in the Parish Center**.

We will begin with the Rosary at 7:45 PM in the Parish Center followed by meeting at 8 PM. If you have any questions or would like more information, please call the Parish Office at 661.3224.

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 Sacrament of the Sick.

Pray for Our Sick

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

*Connie Altadonna, Susan Aviza, Stacie Baltrusitis, Deacon Dick Barry,
Brenda Bello, Pat Bonavita, Thomas Brennan, Howard Campkin,
Lynn Castellano, Regina Cranor, Joseph Cristallo, Karen DellaVecchia,
TJ Devlin, Josephine DiBenedetto, Jason Fisher, Susan Gigante, Samantha Hil,
Vincent Iacopelli, Kathleen Kerrigan, Richard Lang, Nancy Letsch,
Anthony Lombardo, Diego Marino, Michele McCann, Peter McCann, Sr.,
David McCarthy, Bryan Monahan, Jimmy Murphy, Ginger O'Keefe,
Peter O'Leary, Joseph Ortiz, Arthur Petrino, Joanne Popper, Louise Posanti,
Joe Radosti, Patricia Salimbene, Dorothy Schiavone, Derek Stahl,
Diana Marie Taveras, Jean Virgilio*

Our Lady of Lourdes on the Web

Check out our parish web site at www.ollchurch.org. Visit our website and learn
even more about what is happening here at Our Lady of Lourdes! It's been updated
and adapted for the Lenten and Easter seasons.

HUNGRY LONG ISLANDERS... HOW CAN THIS BE?

“Poverty in the United States [and on Long Island] is a wound in the soul of our country [and our region.]”

**Poverty in America: A Threat to the Common Good ,
Catholic Charities USA, 2006**

How Welfare Can Help Very-Poor Americans

**MICAH*: A Campaign to End LI Poverty
(*Mobilized Interfaith Coalition Against Hunger)**

An excerpt from Poverty in America: A Threat to the Common Good, Catholic Charities USA 2006 policy paper, Pp 18, 19.

“The federal government and state governments should invest in social policies that provide security and opportunity to low-income families and individuals. . . .

• **Improve the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program.**

Welfare reform – a set of policy changes that includes the 1993 expansion of the Earned Income Tax Credit, increases in funding for child care, the 1996 increase in the minimum wage, and the replacement of [the previous welfare policies] with the TANF program – is now more than a decade old. . . . [Today,] many parents remain in low wage jobs that do not provide enough income to support their families. . . . The TANF program provides monthly income supplements that could help lift working families above the poverty line, but fewer than one in three poor children currently receive temporary assistance. This is due in part to the fact that many states limit TANF income supplements to families with extremely low incomes. TANF should focus not only on providing temporary assistance to unemployed families in need, but also on lifting families out of poverty for good by providing ongoing work supports, increased access to services that strengthen families’ well-being, and greater opportunities for education and training.

• **Improve the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) to be more inclusive.**

The EITC is a [dollar-for-dollar refundable tax credit to low-income workers] that provides a strong incentive to work and helps lift million of children out of poverty. The EITC has been enhanced by a number of states [including New York] through state-EITC programs that provide additional benefits to the federal program. While the federal EITC averages \$2,100 for families with children, it is extremely limited for adults without children and for non-custodial parents. In addition, low-income workers under the age of 25 are completely ineligible for the EITC, even though they have among the highest unemployment and poverty rates of workers. Expanding the benefits of EITC to non-custodial parents and other young adult workers could reduce poverty and hardship and help ‘make work pay’ for all Americans.”

To learn more about the MICAH campaign, contact Dr. Richard Koubek at Catholic Charities (Koubek.richard@catholiccharities.cc) or Rev. Thomas Goodhue at the LI Council of Churches (LICCHemp@aol.com)



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

Parish Outreach

Office telephone: 661-9262, option 4

Office hours:

Monday: 9:30 AM - 7:30 PM

Tuesday -Friday: 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM

Please Note: Parish Outreach now has extended hours on Mondays, until 7:30 PM.

Senior Circle Cake Sale

The Senior Circle will be hosting their annual Springtime Cake Sale after all Masses (except 6PM Mass) on the weekend of April 12/13. Proceeds to benefit Parish Outreach.

Cakes, cookies, homemade breads will be on sale - bring your 'sweet tooth'!

Social Action Food Baskets

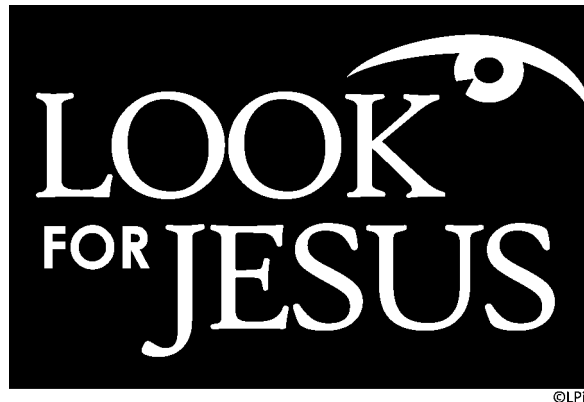
Every time you come to Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes, please check out our parish shopping list located in our weekly bulletin. Listed are some of the items needed for our parish's food pantry.

Our food pantry services those in need within our own parish and in local organizations and parishes in our region including Our Lady of Miraculous Medal, Wyandanch, St. Anne's in Brentwood and PRONTO. Your food donation – whenever you come – is a big help!

Attention Seniors

If you or someone you know is blind or suffering from a visual impairment, please contact Catholic Charities at 631.789.5218.

Catholic Charities is offering free services including orientation and mobility instruction as well as rehabilitation training to help people function independently and safely in their home and neighborhoods.



Third Sunday of Easter

There is a line from the movie *Evan Almighty* in which God, played by Morgan Freeman, explains to Evan what prayer should mean. He tells him that when people pray for patience, for example, God doesn't give them patience but rather the opportunity to be patient. Our problem is in recognizing these opportunities. It is just as true that we should recognize the opportunity to live with Christ in our lives.

On the very day in which Mary Magdalene, Peter, John and the others found the empty tomb following Jesus' crucifixion, two followers were returning to their homes in Emmaus. Obviously distraught over the events of the past few days, they were joined by another traveler who explained to them how the events had fulfilled all of the promises of the Scriptures. They did not recognize their fellow traveler as Jesus; only when he broke bread with them were their eyes opened.

By means of touch and the sharing of a meal, the risen Jesus establishes direct contact with his disciples (CCC 645). But the failure to recognize him immediately teaches us that we must look for him more deeply in others; the homeless man asleep beneath a bridge, the single mom trying to feed her children, the quiet co-worker who goes home alone every night. To live and love as Christ we must recognize the opportunity to see him in others, as well.

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Readings for the Week of April 6, 2008

Sunday:	Acts 2:14, 22-33/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35
Monday:	Acts 6:8-15/Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday:	Acts 7:51-8:1a/Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday:	Acts 8:1b-8/Jn 6:35-40
Thursday:	Acts 8:26-40/Jn 6:44-51
Friday:	Acts 9:1-20/Jn 6:52-59
Saturday:	Acts 9:31-42/Jn 6:60-69
Next Sunday:	Acts 2:14a, 36-41/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10

A Plan for Prevention -Effectively Communicating Your Concerns

By Sharon Womack Doty, J.D., M.H.R.
Consultant to the VIRTUS® Programs

“I am hesitant to talk to her because I don’t want her to think I am accusing her of something.”

“What if he gets angry and starts saying things about me?”

“I am afraid to say anything—I don’t want to ruin someone’s reputation.”

These are examples of the kinds of reasons, or justifications, that adults have for not communicating concerns about the actions of other adults who work with children in our parishes and schools. It is important to trust our instincts and communicate our concerns in order to create safe environments for children.

In his book, *The Gift of Fear: Survival Signals that Protect us from Violence*, Gavin De Becker, urges all adults to trust their intuition—that “uneasy in the gut feeling” that tells us that something is just not right. That instinct, or intuition, is an early warning signal for us and, if we listen to it, it can serve us well.

However, all too often we second-guess that little voice telling us that something is not right. We think: “But he seems like such a nice guy!” Or, “She has been working with children for years, so she must be okay.” Or, “I am just being paranoid.”

When we suppress our instincts in favor of our “better judgment,” the consequences can be serious.

Effectively communicating concerns begins with trusting our intuition when we sense that something is just not as it should be. Listening to and respecting that sense of anxiety or that instinctive concern is one of the first steps each adult can take in the effort to create safe environments for children.

When we see or hear something that raises concerns, it is important to communicate that unease to someone who can do something about it—either the person who is behaving in a way that concerns you, or that person’s supervisor. Your decision about who to approach depends on the nature of the concern and the level of comfort you have in talking with the person involved.

For example, if your church or school has a policy that two adults work together to transport children and you notice that the new soccer coach is offering to take home an individual child after practice every day, you could talk to her directly. Let her know about the policy and remind

her of the Church’s commitment to safe environments for children.

If the person responds appropriately and alters her behavior, the situation is handled with a minimal amount of upset for everyone involved. However, if she does not respond well or becomes outraged, it is important that you stand your ground on this issue. Express your concerns to a supervisor. Remember that your first priority is the safety of children.

If you feel uncomfortable approaching the coach in the first place, or if the situation is a serious concern that you think is better addressed by the supervisor, you should talk to the person in charge and express your concerns. Don’t let your fear of being wrong or of upsetting someone stop you from protecting children.

Whether you talk with a supervisor first, or wait until after your conversation with the person you have concerns about, be prepared to tell the supervisor exactly what happened that raised your concerns. Be clear about what you saw or heard and the nature of your concern about it.

Remember that communicating a concern is not an accusation. Communicating concerns does not ruin reputations. Communicating concerns does not destroy people. But, if you talk to anyone other than the person involved or that person’s supervisor, you run the risk of doing all three. How? Because talking with anyone other than the person involved or their supervisor is gossip—and gossip destroys reputations and damages the lives of good people. Conversations about your concerns with other parishioners, schoolteachers, religious education teachers, or parents undermine the good name of someone who deserves the opportunity to address and resolve your discomfort.

Bottom Line: It is critical that each adult communicate concerns about the behaviors of adults who interact with the children in our communities. Don’t be the one who never spoke up about a concern until after something terrible happened. Protect children and the good name and reputation of those who work with children by communicating your concerns to someone who can do something about it—the person involved, or that person’s supervisor.

Gennesaret Retreat

A unique opportunity for persons facing serious illness. The weekend retreat takes place on **May 2-4 at Montfort Spiritual Center, Bay Shore.**

The retreat offers a respite, a quiet time, an oasis, to enable one to continue the journey. The retreat focuses on God's love, His forgiveness, and His faithfulness.

To register or receive more information about this weekend, please call Collette Fanelli at 631.665.7052.

Seton Hall Legacy Event

Tickets are now on sale for the 3rd Annual Seton Hall Legacy Event being held **Saturday, April 19 at 6 PM at the Timber Point Country Club in Great River.**

This year's Legacy Award Recipients are Sister Mary Louise Brink SC former principal of Seton Hall and John Schmitt, Jr., All Pro Center of the Super Bowl Champion New York Jets.

Tickets for the event are available for \$75 per person. For further information and reservations, please call Adam at 718.424.1813 or email to aszczepanski@schalifax.org.

Contemplative Outreach of Long Island /Queens

Introduction to Centering Prayer, "Be Still and Know That I Am God."

The meeting will be on **Saturday, April 19 at St. Rose of Lima Parish,**

Massapequa. Continental breakfast will be served. Bring a brown bag lunch.

For further information, contact Diane Garretson at 587.0966.

An Evening of Christian Musical Praise

In recognition of the 100th Anniversary of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and in celebration of our ecumenical solidarity, the faith communities of The United Methodist Church of Babylon and St. Joseph RC Church cordially invite you to An Evening of Christian Musical Praise on **Sunday, April 6 at 7 PM at St. Joseph Church, 39 N. Carll Avenue, Babylon.**

Admission for this Hymn-Sing is free, and all are welcome. A free-will offering will be taken to benefit The United Methodist Church's Habitat for Humanity projects and the rebuilding program at Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church in Wyandanch.

For further information, call St. Joseph's at 669.0068.

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. Listen on Saturdays at 11 PM on *Sirius Satellite Radio, Channel 159, or the Catholic Channel.*

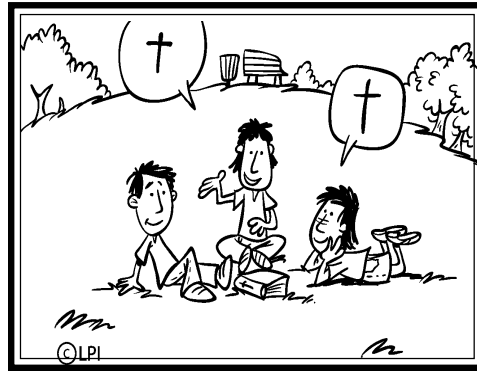
This week's theme is: **"Loving Enemies."**

You can visit us anytime to listen or download a show at www.religionandrock.com.

For more information about our television shows go to www.TelecareTV.org.

Sharing the Gospel

Pretend Jesus is at your home. He sits at the dinner table with your whole family. He breaks bread with you. He fills each cup with a drink. He plays with you and helps you with your homework. He tells you that he loves you. You thank him for the food and ask him to bless your family. Jesus says, "I've got to go, but I'll remain in your heart forever."



Mission for the Week

I will say, "I'll be glad to help. Tell me what to do first."

Puzzle

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

Emmaus	Christ	village
talking	Moses	bread
Cleopas	Prophets	Simon

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Pohprets _____

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Crihts _____

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Clapoes _____

Mesos _____

Sonim _____

Prayer



Lord,
help me show
others that I am a
Christian by my
words and actions.

Something to Draw



Draw Jesus and
two men walking
and talking
together on the
road to Emmaus.