

our Lady of Lourdes • Fourth Sunday of Easter • April 13, 2008

“The promise



**is made
to you.”**

Acts 2:39



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

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Our Lady of Lourdes School

587-7200

Monday-Friday: 9 AM - 3 PM

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Religious Education Office

661-5440

Monday-Friday: 9 AM - Noon

1 PM - 5 PM

7 PM - 9 PM

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Parish Outreach Office

661-9262

Monday: 9:30 AM - 7:30 PM

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

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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

Celebrating

“Soon to Be” Deacon Tom Lucie!



This past Fall, Tom Lucie was instituted as an acolyte to serve in the life of the Church! This is one of the final steps before Tom’s ordination on Saturday, May 17, 2008 at 11 AM at St. Agnes Cathedral.

What does an acolyte do?

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal tells us that the “acolyte is instituted to serve at the altar and to assist the priest and deacon. In particular, it is his responsibility to prepare the altar and the sacred vessels and, if it is necessary, as an extraordinary minister, to distribute the Eucharist to the faithful.” (98)

You’ve probably noticed Tom serving at Masses carrying out many of the liturgical tasks mentioned above. In this way, he is living out the ministry of deacon – one who serves!

Let’s continue to pray for Tom and his family as they prepare for his ordination on May 17 and our parish’s celebration on Sunday, May 18 at the 12:30 PM Mass.

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.

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 School
Middle States Accredited

What makes us different?

Come and see . . .

Visit our classes in session

NEW Science Lab & Media Center!

Lourdes Academy of Arts & Science
Grades 6, 7, 8

WE WELCOME NEW 6th GRADE
ENROLLMENT for SEPTEMBER!

Early Childhood Programs

Somebody Special & Me! 2 year olds
Nursery for 3 year olds
PreK for four year olds
Full day Kindergarten

After-Care AVAILABLE
(Dismissal until 6 PM) - Beginning September

*Registration for the 2008/09 school year
has begun!*

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 School Plant Sale

Why not order your flower bed flats, plants and baskets through the Our Lady of Lourdes School Plant Sale.

Plants will be on sale **after all the Masses on the weekend of May 3/4.**

Pre-orders must be returned to the school office by Wednesday, April 30.

Plants can be picked up on Saturday, May 3 between 2 - 5 PM.

Please watch the bulletin for the Plant Sale flyer and order form.

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

Camille Narissi died on March 30 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was April 2. We extend our prayers to her daughter, Barbara and son, Joseph and entire family.

Drew William Brust died on March 29 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was April 2. We extend our prayers to his mother, Amanda, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Mary Laino died on March 30 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was April 3. We extend our prayers to her husband, Rocco, children and grandchildren.

Maureen V. Kania-Wright died on March 31 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was April 4. We extend our prayers to her husband, William, son, Kevin and entire family.

Joseph Conboy died on April 2 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was April We extend our prayers to his wife, Lorraine, his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Remembering...

Monday, April 14

8:00 AM Salvatore J. Puccio

Tuesday, April 15

8:00 AM Virginia V. Adamo

Wednesday, April 16

8:00 AM Richard Zocchia

Thursday, April 17

8:00 AM Maria Manganis

Friday, April 18

8:00 AM John Raio

Saturday, April 19

8:00 AM Peter Reehil, Vincent McCarthy, Josephine Sabella,
Ed McManus, Anthony Ciccarello, Kim Ecker, Joseph Ferrara,
Gerard Bahnken, Robert Costanza, Mary Laino,
Sick family members of Lising & DeRoxas Families

5:00 PM Eleanor Tuohy
Fr. Bob Scheckenback

Sunday, April 20

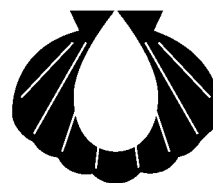
8:00 AM Barbara McGarrity
Fr. Mike Vetrano

9:30 AM Sylvan Lodespoto
Fr. Stan Chukwube

11:00 AM Michael & Laura Alonge
Fr. Mike Vetrano

12:30 PM Francisco, Felizberta, Ramon, Ruperto Dimaculangan & Asuncion Castro
Fr. Bob Scheckenback

6:00 PM People of the Parish, James L. Boyle, Anthony Messina,
Joseph Chirichella, William (*living*) & Philomena Crosby,
Rudolph Kolar, Robert Maeurer, Richard Neuman, Wade Kromhout,
David Justin Lehner, Madelyn Dikeman
Fr. Stan Chukwube



Baptisms

Addison Michele Costanza
Daniel and Kimberly
Alexandra Lucia DiLauro
Paul and Adda
Michael Kristian Farina-Pairan
Michael and Lauren
Addison Marie Newell
Keith and Donna



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 Buonaspina, 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.

Liturgy

Goin' Green

This year, our Liturgy Committee has made a concerted effort to do what we can to recycle and to reduce paper waste. Each week, we are in need of volunteers to take a box of paper home to place in your WRAP can or recycle bin. If you're able to help – please let John Sureau know by calling the Parish Office at 661.3224, x 135 or e-mail to jsureau@ollchurch.org

Summer Evening Prayer

OLL always celebrates summer with a great spirit of prayer and excitement. . . . but it doesn't come without some good planning and hard work.

This year, as always, we are looking for volunteers to be part of our planning committee. Would you be interested? Would you be willing to think about it?

There are about 3 or 4 meetings and then presence at Evening Prayer when you're able!

Could this be the year for you?? If so, call John Sureau at 631.661.3224, x. 135 or e-mail to jsureau@ollchurch.org.

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 11AM Mass. Adults who are proficient in playing a musical instrument and are interested in playing with the choir at the 11AM 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 11AM 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.

Financial Summary

April 6, 2008

Weekly Collection	\$ 18,663.00
Weekly Budget	-\$ 21,000.00
+/- for the week	\$ (2,337.00)

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

2008 Catholic Ministries Appeal

Hands of Christ-Supporting the Community Around Us

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.



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PO BOX 4000 • ROCKVILLE CENTRE, NEW YORK 11571-4000 • www.drvc.org/cma.html

2008 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

Supporting the Community Around Us

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 _____

A GUIDE TO GIVING	
PLEDGE	10 PAYMENTS
\$ 1,000	\$ 100
\$ 500	\$ 50
\$ 350	\$ 35
\$ 250	\$ 25
Other \$ _____	
EVERY GIFT COUNTS!	

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.

SAGE

The SAGE Group (Senior Advocates for Growth and Enrichment) will meet on **Tuesday, April 15**, in the **Parish Center at 9 AM**.

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:



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.

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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Reilly

God Bless the Smith
Family

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Married
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Our Lady of Lourdes-Dedication
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West Islip, NY 11795

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 Sacrament of the Sick.

Pray for Our Sick

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

Connie Altadonna, Susan Aviza, Deacon Dick Barry, Brenda Bello, Pat Bonavita, Thomas Brennan, Howard Campkin, Lynn Castellano, Peggy Cornell, Regina Cranor, Joseph Cristallo, Maureen Darrell, 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, Dorothy C. Proctor, 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?

New York Should Invest More in TANF Programs That Get At the Causes of Poverty

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

Since welfare reform was enacted in the mid 1990s, 60 % of public assistance cases have been closed. But, **most of the former welfare clients were not trained for jobs that pay self-sufficiency wages (at least \$40,000 a year for a family of four on Long Island) and thus continue to live in poverty**, relying on food pantries and outreach centers to make ends meet. Many former welfare clients simply recycle back on to public assistance. To lift “families out of poverty for good” welfare policies would have to address long-term barriers to self sufficiency such as the lack of: education and training; transportation; child care. **While New York has one of the nation’s most generous welfare programs, consider these cutbacks in Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) funding that have occurred in the past seven years:**

- **New York’s \$2.5 billion TANF block grant has been used to alleviate State deficits by funding existing programs** such as the Tuition Assistance Program for college students or the State’s Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) rather than creating new programs such as vocational education and training that address long-term barriers to self sufficiency. Today, despite arguments that the EITC should be funded by the General Fund, one third of the TANF block grant is still used to pay for the EITC.
- Between 2000 and 2003, a time of serious State budget deficits due to tax cuts for upper income New Yorkers and an economic downturn, spending on training programs for low-income people fell from \$476.9 million to only \$90.7 million. **The use of TANF funds for education programs such as Bridge, Adult Family Literacy, VESID, English as a Second Language (ESL) and Basic Education (e.g., GED programs) fell 33% from \$17.8 million in 2003 to \$12 million in the recommended 2008 State budget.**
- While Federal TANF rules allow 30 % of work-eligible welfare clients to attend an education and training program, **only 11.4% of New York State’s clients do so; about 16% of Nassau and Suffolk clients are enrolled in education and training programs** which could lead to jobs that pay self-sufficiency wages.
- Spending on transportation programs to help poor people get to work or school fell from \$20 million to \$5 million between 2000 and 2003. **The 2008 recommended State budget includes only \$6.2 million in TANF funds for transportation.**
- The recommended 2008 State budget contained **\$376,256 million in child care funding, \$1.3 million less than was spent in 2005.**

Sources: *Newsday*, November 7, 2003; Testimony by Trudi Renwick, Ph.D. Fiscal Policy Institute, to the NY State Legislature’s Ways and Means Committees, February, 2008; Richard Koubek, Ph.D., Public Policy Education Network, Catholic Charities.

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)



Food Pantry Needs

canned fruit
canned vegetables
jelly
peanut butter
pudding/jello
soup

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) this weekend.

Proceeds to benefit Parish Outreach.

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

Celine Dion Concert

When-Tuesday September 16, 2008 at 8PM

Where-Madison Square Garden

Cost- \$89.50

Transportation-Bus from OLL parking lot. Cost \$20

Limited number of tickets. First come first served.

Call Wilma at 669.4728 or cell 631.807.1389.

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.



Fourth Sunday of Easter

A kindergarten class is truly a wonderful thing to observe. This is often the first opportunity for the little ones to experience life away from their parents. After some time, their teacher becomes their trusted friend and they will do whatever he or she asks them to do. They sit in close circles while listening to stories; at recess or lunch, they will fall in line at the sound of their teacher's voice.

Today's Gospel reading from John is the parable of the good shepherd. Jesus relates to his followers that believing in him is in essence the same as the shepherd whose sheep recognize only his voice; there may be others who try to summon the sheep but they will run away in fear. With their shepherd, the sheep feel safe and secure. So, too, will we feel safe and secure with Jesus as our only shepherd.

On this Fourth Sunday of Easter, the Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us that Jesus entrusted a very special responsibility to Peter, in that he gave him "the keys to the kingdom of heaven" (CCC 553). And in doing so, he instructed Peter to go about his apostolic duties and "feed my flock." We are the flock of the Good Shepherd; we recognize his voice and follow his command.

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Readings for the Week of April 13, 2008

Sunday:	Acts 2:14a, 36-41/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10
Monday:	Acts 11:1-18/Jn 10:11-18
Tuesday:	Acts 11:19-26/Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday:	Acts 12:24-13:5a/Jn 12:44-50
Thursday:	Acts 13:13-25/Jn 13:16-20
Friday:	Acts 13:26-33/Jn 14:1-6
Saturday:	Acts 13:44-52/Jn 14:7-14
Next Sunday:	Acts 6:1-7/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12

Golden Wedding Jubilee

On **Sunday, May 18** couples married 50 years or more are invited to a special Mass to be celebrated by Bishop Peter Libasci at **St. Lawrence the Martyr, Sayville at 3 PM**. Please pick up your registration card at the Parish Office. Approximately ten days before the ceremony, you will receive information regarding the day. If you have any questions, you may call 516.678.5800, extension 242.

An Evening with Sinatra

Our Lady of Grace Knights of Columbus and Columbiettes will host An Evening with Sinatra on Friday, **April 25 from 7:30 PM until 11 PM at the Father Shanahan Hall at Our Lady of Grace**.

Tickets are \$20 per person and will include family style dinner, beer, wine, soda dessert. There will be raffles, games, prizes and a whole lot more! For ticket information, call Frank at 631.218.0925 or Lorraine at 631.884.4219.

A Trip for Two to the Holy Land “In the Footsteps of Jesus”

Take a chance on the Trip of a Lifetime! Proceeds to benefit Christa House, a place of peace, safety and dignity for the dying poor of Long Island.

Tickets: \$100 each – Limited number to be sold. Drawing: May 1, 2008 (winner need not be present). Trip can be taken anytime available from 5/20/08 to 5/20/09. This is a \$6,000 package!

For tickets and information, call Joy at 631.376.0114.

Donated by 206 Tours, Hauppauge, NY. Includes: Roundtrip airfare, JFK to Tel Aviv-8 nights in a first class hotel. Breakfast and Dinner daily, + tours, escort, entrance fees, etc.

For further information visit: www.206tours.com.

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: **“The Issues in Life.”**

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.

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.

Music Lovers Club

Scholarship Benefit concert on Sunday, April 27 at 2 PM at the United Methodist Church, Main Street, in Islip. Donation is \$10/ \$5 for students. The guest artists are the Hibernian Festival Singers with conductor Christopher Bilella. One of the 2008 scholarship winners is our own Meggan Kent. Way to go Meggan-Congratulations!

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.

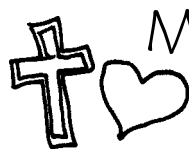
For further information, contact Diane Garretson at 587.0966.

Dominican Village

Please join us for an Open House on Saturday, April 26 from 1 PM until 3 PM. Dominican Village is an independent retirement community that offers assisted living and respite care, outstanding programs, all-inclusive services and bountiful amenities. For more information, or to schedule a tour at your convenience, call 631.842.6091.

Sharing the Gospel

You are one of God's sheep. Jesus calls you by name. You recognize his voice. Close your eyes. Listen to the voices of your family and friends. You can tell who is talking by the sound of their voices. You choose to follow Jesus on his path. You love God above everything. You love your neighbor as yourself. You share your toys, money and food with your family and the poor.



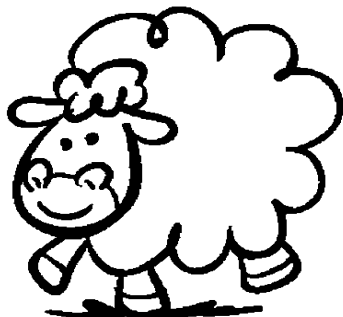
Mission for the Week

I will listen and follow directions of my parents and teachers right away.



Puzzle

Find the lamb that is different!



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Prayer



Jesus,
help me hear the
right voices, and
not follow the
wrong voices.

Something to Draw



Draw a sheep
following Jesus
along a road that
leads into heaven.