

**EVERYONE WHO LISTENS TO THESE
WORDS OF MINE AND ACTS ON
THEM WILL BE LIKE A WISE MAN
WHO BUILT HIS HOUSE ON ROCK.**

MATTHEW 7:24



**NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
OUR LADY OF LOURDES
JUNE 1, 2008**



Pastoral Team

Rev. Michael A. Vetrano
Pastor

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

Parish Office

661-3224

Monday-Friday: 9 AM - 7:30 PM

Saturday: 9 AM - 3 PM

Sunday: 9 AM - 2 PM

email: ParishOffice@ollchurch.org

fax: 661-7143

website: www.ollchurch.org

Our Lady of Lourdes School

587-7200

Monday-Friday: 9 AM - 3 PM

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Religious Education Office

661-5440

Monday-Friday: 9 AM - Noon

1 PM - 5 PM

7 PM - 9 PM

email: ReligiousEd@ollchurch.org

Parish Outreach Office

661-9262

Monday: 9:30 AM - 7:30 PM

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

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Deacon John Teufel

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Summer Program Director

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School Office

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Organist

Rita Spera

Religious Education Office

Lori Walsh

Parish Office

Mission Statement

As stewards of all that God has given us, the Parish Family of Our Lady of Lourdes serves and ministers to all who come to this place. Regardless of a person's history, ethnicity, gender, orientation, age or race, we commit ourselves to open wide the doors of our Parish to provide a place of welcome and hospitality.

Vision...

so that all may know that they are a vital part of the Body of Christ, we further recommit and challenge ourselves to:

***Live** out our Baptismal call passionately by caring for all of God's people with justice.*

***Grow** in an understanding of God's role in each of our lives.*

***Respond** to the Gospel in a radical way, inviting and inspiring all to form the Kingdom of God in every moment of life.*

***Acknowledge** we are not complete without the willingness to grow, discern and discover the Spirit who moves and guides us.*

*Our Lady
of Lourdes*

455 Hunter Avenue
West Islip, New York 11795

mark your calendar...

24th Annual OLL Golf Classic

**Timber Point Country Club
Thursday, June 19 at 2:30 PM**

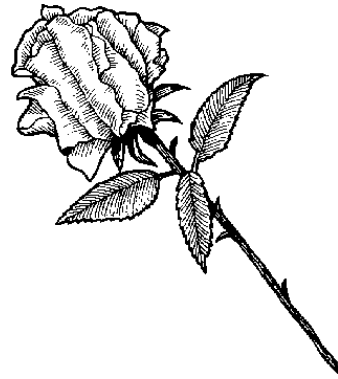


This year's honorees are
Sister Nancy and Sister Diane
Co-Directors OLL Religious Education

- Singles, twosomes and foursomes are welcome
- Sponsorships ranging from \$50 to \$1,500 are now available
- Awards and prizes throughout the day
(including a live auction with professional auctioneer)
- Includes barbeque lunch and gourmet dinner
- \$175 for golf and dinner or \$75 for dinner only
- All skill levels are welcome

Please call Joe Macina at 647.7440 or Frank Antonawich at 587.7988 or the school office at 587.7200 for further information.

Last year's event was a great success and a key fundraiser for the school.
Don't miss it...sign up today!



Mother's Day / Father's Day Mass for parents who have lost a child

*Mother's Day and Father's Day can be difficult times
for parents who have lost a child.*

*Whether you have lost a child in childhood or adulthood,
to stillbirth or miscarriage,
this Mass will be celebrated to bring you
God's peace and consolation.*

*We would like to invite any parent
who has lost a child
to a special Mass on
Saturday, June 7 at 10 AM.*

*Mass will be followed by hospitality in our Parish Center.
Please feel free to invite family or friends with you.*

*For more information, or to let us know you will be able
to attend, please call the Parish Office at 661.3224.*

Living Liturgy – Summer 2008

Many times people are overwhelmed or fear they are too busy to get involved in parish life. The summer is a great time to explore some more and see if a particular ministry is for you! Each week we're including a brief description of some ministries and ways you can get involved. Think about it...and know how much we need and want you to be part of our parish's liturgies and prayer services.

Altar Servers



Have you ever wondered how Masses come together each week? How it seems that things just happen naturally! It's usually because of the Altar Servers. We need many young people in our parish to step up and serve as many of our servers have graduated and are moving on to other ministries. Altar servers help to make our Masses and prayer services so great! Also, altar servers go on trips (like Splish Splash, Islanders games, and more) and do a lot of other fun things. We are always looking for new Altar Servers and are in need of many for our parish Masses. Training will begin later this month and you will begin serving in the Summer of 2008!

What's the commitment?

There are five or six altar server training sessions before you can actually serve. Being an altar server is a lot of work, so we want to make sure you're prepared. For Sunday Masses, we try to schedule you based on the Mass you most frequently attend. Servers sign up for Masses on holidays, holy days and special occasions. Servers can volunteer to serve at weddings and funerals, too.

I want more information...

Contact Mrs. Kate Newman at bounceusa@ollchurch.org or call John Sureau at 661.3224, x. 135 or e-mail to jsureau@ollchurch.org.

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist



Extraordinary Ministers distribute communion at Sunday liturgy, weekday Masses and during holy days of obligation. Some ministers also choose to bring Communion to the Sick in our parish community.

What's the commitment?

There is a training offered by the Diocese of Rockville Centre in the Fall and a follow up training here at OLL. We try to schedule you based on the Mass you most frequently attend. Ministers sign up to serve on holidays, holy days and special occasions. We also offer opportunities for reflection and prayer that all are invited to and requested to be a part of throughout the year.

I want more information...

Ask one of our Extraordinary Ministers you might see at Mass, call the Parish Office at 661.3224, x. 135 or e-mail to jsureau@ollchurch.org.

Religious Education

Grade 6/7/8 Hang Out Nite

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.

"My journey into this faithful community at Our Lady of Lourdes and to my baptism at the Easter Vigil has been quite an unexpected but joyful whirlwind... I was invited to join the RCIA group at Our Lady of Lourdes which I gladly accepted. The friendships I have made....all have embraced and empowered me on my journey. My call was heard and I am so excited to continue to grow, nurture and to serve this parish community and the Spirit."

-Bronwen Sessa, Baptized, Confirmed and

Received First Eucharist at the Great Vigil, 2008

RCIA-Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

What's it all about?

IF you are an adult and

... you were never Baptized

... you were Baptized in another faith and would like to become a baptized Catholic

... you never received Holy Communion (Eucharist)

... you never received your Confirmation

IF you are an adult AND one or all of the circumstances above apply to you...

IF you feel you would like to become a Baptized Catholic or become more fully initiated into your Catholic faith...

please contact John Sureau, S. Nancy, Fr. Bob or Fr. Stan at the Parish Office, 661-3224 #1, and we would be happy to help you.

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

Stephanie A. Garcia died on May 16 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was May 20. We extend our prayers to her mother Patricia and entire family.

Remembering...

Monday, June 2

Sts. Marcellinus and Peter, martyrs

8:00 AM Alfredo Isola

Tuesday, June 3

St. Charles Lwango & companions, martyrs

8:00 AM Maraino, Rosa & Leonard Bencivinni

Wednesday, June 4

8:00 AM May & Carol Jensen

Thursday, June 5

St. Boniface, bishop, martyr

8:00 AM D-Day Veterans

Friday, June 6

St. Norbert, bishop

8:00 AM LaRocca & Sweeney Family

Saturday, June 7

8:00 AM Vincent McCarthy, In Honor of Blessed Mother, Patricia DeLyra,
John Lovari, Cecilia Francoeur, Helen Murphy, Orrin Shotts,
Robert Connelly, In Honor of St. Anthony, Frank Kellner

5:00 PM John Lovari

Sunday, June 8

8:00 AM Consuelo Ball

9:30 AM Edward DeMatteo

11:00 AM Joseph Rizzo & Robert Cullen

12:30 PM Edward & Gerry Burns

6:00 PM People of the Parish, Anthony Messina, Alan Kittner, Martin Jasczuck,
Joseph Bownes, Patricia DeLyra, Mafelda Monaco, James Reid,
Phoebe DeSena

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

An old saying has it that all roads lead to Rome, and within Rome, all roads lead to St. Peter's Square. Day after day, the Piazza San Pietro is a stage for the entire world. In every season of the year, the piazza is alive in a way encountered nowhere else. St. Peter's Square is a meeting place for all Christianity, sacred space for those who journey from all corners of the world.

Our next information meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, June 10 at 7:30 PM in Room 16 of OLL School**. There are forty-five parishioners who have reserved their place for our parish pilgrimage. We have reached capacity and can no longer accept new travelers. However, if you are interested, please call the Parish Office and we will place your name on a waiting list.

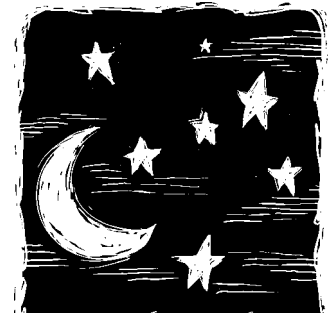
Summer Evening Prayer

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.



Summer at "The Six"

Our Six Committee is busy working to make our Sunday night liturgy a relaxing, meaningful and great way to end the summer weekends.

So, this summer – sleep late, go to the beach, relax and then give thanks to God (and we'll help!) *next Sunday...*

Our Six Committee meets on Sunday, June 1 at 5 PM in the Parish Center.

on Sunday, June 8...

"Blessing for the Stressin" - It's exam time and the pressures of the end of school are upon us. Get ready for a special Mass that will offer you God's peace for the weeks ahead.

after Mass...

We're HELPING THE HOMELESS. We'll gather in the Cafeteria after Mass and make Peanut Butter and Jelly sandwiches for local homeless shelters. A lot of time, volunteerism wanes in the summer but not here at OLL!



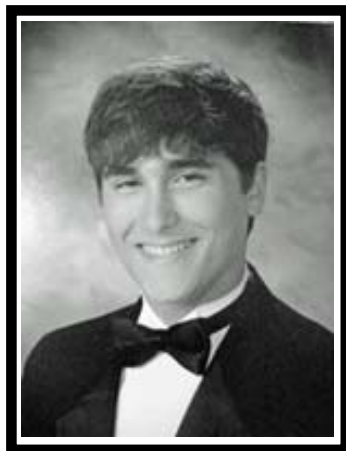
Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Car Raffle

Our friends at Atlantic Hyundai are donating a three year lease for a 2009 Hyundai Sonata. Raffle tickets are \$50 each - buy two and get one free. Raffle will be drawn at the 24th Annual OLL Golf Classic, June 19, 2008 at the Timber Point Golf Club in Great River. Winner need not be present. Winner is responsible for tax, title, and tags.

Tickets are available at the Parish Office, Our Lady of Lourdes School, or see Dan Toomey of Atlantic Hyundai located on the Sunrise Highway Service Road in West Islip.

The car will be on display at the 24th Annual OLL Golf Classic
at Timber Point on June 19.

Come and see what can be yours!



Alumni News

Anthony Abbruscato was chosen as Valedictorian for the graduating class of 2008 at St. John the Baptist High School. He is the captain of the SJB Crew Team.

Anthony is a graduate of OLL and was the salutatorian of OLL School Class of 2004. He will be attending Northeastern University in Boston enrolled in the six year Pharm-D Program for a Doctorate in Pharmacy. Congratulations and Good Luck Anthony!

Religious Retirement Fund

“A Lifestyle for all Seasons”

This weekend is the annual collection for the Religious Retirement Fund.

Religious Sisters and Brothers who have been involved in education, health care and social ministry in the Diocese of Rockville Centre need our help. The stipends being earned by young members of Religious Communities are no longer enough to support the needs of the elderly members of their Communities. The number of elderly Religious in assisted living or nursing facilities continues to rise and health care costs are rising too.

For this reason, the Diocese of Rockville Centre, for the past twenty-three years has committed to return to our Religious Communities a portion of our gifts of treasure, in appreciation for the many years of service to the people of our Diocese of these dedicated servants of Our Lord.

Please come prepared in two weeks to assist the elderly Religious with a once-a-year gift, as generous as your means will allow. These gifts will be distributed among the thirty communities who serve our Diocese.

Your gift may be placed in the mail or dropped in the collection basket this weekend. Brochures describing this appeal are available in the church or you may have received one at home.

On behalf of the Religious who serve in our parishes and hospitals, thank you for your generosity.



Pastoral Council Accepting Nominees

Our Pastoral Council is currently accepting nominations for new members to fill several open seats. A person who wishes to serve on the pastoral council must be a parishioner who desires to offer their time and insight to help the pastor and pastoral team form the vision and future of the parish. Pastoral Council members must have an interest and investment in the parish. Practically, this means that a nominee for the pastoral council must be a person who:

- Worships weekly in the parish and takes full part in the spiritual life of the community
- Offers their time and talent in service or ministry to this community
- Supports the parish financially in a manner appropriate to their means

Parishioners may nominate either themselves or another parishioner for the council. Applicants will be reviewed by the pastoral council nominating committee and if willing and qualified will be asked to complete a profile.

- Parishioners are appointed to the council by the current council in consultation with the pastor and pastoral team in a process of discernment. The goal of this process is to insure that the council represents the diversity of Our Lady of Lourdes and has the gifts and interests necessary to our present goals.
- To nominate oneself, or another, for membership on the council begin by sending a letter or email to pastoralcouncil@ollchurch.org or by postal mail to Pastoral Council, c/o Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 455 Hunter Avenue, West Islip, NY 11795. All letters of nomination will be acknowledged and must include your name and return address.



Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration will **follow the 5 PM Mass on Saturday, June 7**, followed by Benediction at 9:50 PM. Please come and pray with us - our prayers will be for fathers, grandfathers, and all men who have helped us on our life's journey, especially for priests who are our "*Spiritual Fathers.*" All are invited and welcome! Bring a friend.

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, June 8**. 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.**

Rosary Christian Mothers

The Rosary Christian Mothers meet on the first Monday evening of each month.

The next meeting will be **Monday, June 2**.

We will begin with **Rosary at 7:45 PM in the Church** followed by **meeting at 8 PM.**

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.**

BUILT upon the ROCK



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9th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The story goes that Alex Jordan's boss, an architect, fired Alex one day, telling him he couldn't design a cheese crate, let alone a house. So Alex set out to prove him wrong, and in 1945 began building a house atop Deer Shelter Rock in Wisconsin. This 14-room home attracts thousands of visitors each year, tangible proof that Alex's boss-Frank Lloyd Wright-was wrong.

Today's Gospel reading from Matthew presents us with a particular challenge. In it, Jesus asks us to look inward to our faith and allow every aspect of our lives to flow from our belief in God. He warns that merely "talking the talk" isn't the way to enter the kingdom of heaven. Our faith-built upon the rock of the very core of our hearts-is the only true way, and if we do so we can withstand anything.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us that often the Church is referred to as the building of God. Jesus referred to himself as the stone which the builders rejected but would become the cornerstone for the Church (CCC 756). By succession through Peter and the apostles, we have also become the building stones of the Church; to keep the foundation strong we must keep our faith as strong as that first cornerstone.

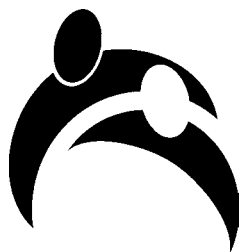
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Readings for the Week of June 1, 2008

Sunday:	Dt 11:18, 26-28, 32/Rom 3:21-25, 28/Mt 7:21-27
Monday:	2 Pt 1:2-7/Mk 12:1-12
Tuesday:	2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18/Mk 12:13-17
Wednesday:	2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12/Mk 12:18-27
Thursday:	2 Tm 2:8-15/Mk 12:28-34
Friday:	2 Tm 3:10-17/Mk 12:35-37
Saturday:	2 Tm 4:1-8/Mk 12:38-44
Next Sunday:	Hos 6:3-6/Rom 4:18-25/Mt 9:9-13

Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Rose Grant*.
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 ...

*Laura Abela, Connie Altadonna, Susan Aviza, Deacon Dick Barry,
Pat Bonavita, Howard Campkin, Lynn Castellano, Regina Cranor,
Joseph Cristallo, Karen DellaVecchia, TJ Devlin, Josephine DiBenedetto,
Jason Fisher, Susan Gigante, Samantha Hil, Kathleen Kerrigan,
Richard Lang, Nancy Letsch, Anthony Lombardo, Michele McCann,
Peter McCann, Sr., David McCarthy, Dorothy Meloni, Regina Mirabella,
Bryan Monahan, Jimmy Murphy, Joseph Ortiz, Arthur Petrino,
Joanne Popper, Joe Radosti, Edward Rusielewicz, Patricia Salimbene,
Dorothy Schiavone, Derek Stahl, Diana Marie Taveras, Grace Terranova,
Baby John Tramazzo, Virginia Trimarchi, Jean Virgilio, Pat Wallace,
Flo Worysz*

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*

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 whole parish family rejoices with the deRoxas Family in gratitude for the safe return of their son from active duty.

Jeremy DeRoxas -*US Air Force* has returned to the United States safe and sound from his tour of duty.

Thank you, Jeremy, for your generous service to our country!

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

Our whole parish family rejoices with the Bacchi Family in gratitude for the safe return of their son from active duty.

Lorenzo Bacchi -*US Marines* has returned to the United States safe and sound from his tour of duty.

Thank you, Lorenzo for your generous service to our country!

Lorenzo's father Albert, brother Anthony and Grandma Frances wish to thank all the parishioners for their prayers for bringing him home safely.



baked beans
boxed potatoes
boxed rice
canned meat
cookies
crackers
hot chocolate
mayonnaise

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:

In order to service our clients better, Parish Outreach now has extended hours on Mondays, until 7:30 PM.

To All My Parish Family and Friends,

Thank you, from the bottom of my heart, for all your prayers, cards, calls and good wishes. It helped me so much in my recovery.

**God Bless You All,
*Flo Worysz***

Collection for Fr. Stan

Fr. Stan has been a faithful presence, ministering to the people of Our Lady of Lourdes for several years. In tribute to Fr. Stan, a collection bin will be located in the Church lobby for the remaining week of May to collect: childrens' vitamins, childrens' band aids and childrens' toothbrushes.

These, in addition to other items, will be sent to Nigeria.

If you are interested in donating, or have any questions, please contact Kelsey Herron at 243.2520.

A Higher Court of Things

by Ron Rolheiser, OMI

Perhaps more than anything else, moral issues are what divide us. Sincere people, who can agree on almost everything else, often find themselves painfully divided over issues such as abortion, gay marriage, just war, capital punishment, immigration, and economic justice.

One of the reasons for this is because, purely at the level of justice, each of these is very complex. Inside of each there are certain competing rights which will always make for disagreements in terms of what is asked for by strict justice.

Take capital punishment: We argue back and forth about whether or not it is a deterrent to crime, whether or not it eases the hurt of the families of the victims, and whether or not it is humane; but each of these questions is arguable and each side compiles its own statistics and anecdotal evidence to support its arguments. Simply on the basis of justice, a strong case can be made either way.

However, if we move the argument into the realm of Christian discipleship, the ambiguity disappears: For a disciple of Jesus, capital punishment is always wrong and should never be done (independent of any arguments about justice) because it goes against the very heart of the gospel, namely, we are supposed to forgive murderers not kill them. Jesus is clear on this: He challenges us to forgive those who murder our loved ones and who might indeed murder us. The capacity to forgive a murderer is one of the litmus tests for Christian discipleship. This where Jesus most stretches the heart.

The same is true for a number of other divisive moral issues: abortion, immigration, just war. In each of these there are elements of justice that compete with each other and it is not always clear what justice, all on its own, demands. Strict justice, unlike the gospels, does not demand that we forgive those who have hurt us, does not demand that we turn the other cheek when someone strikes us, and does not demand that we take the high road rather than the way of recrimination. But the heart of Jesus' teaching does ask this of us. It asks us to move beyond justice to a compassion, understanding, self-effacement, and selfless love that, like the Father of the prodigal son and older brother, can bring God's understanding, love, and forgiveness to every situation, including murder.

Biblical principle mitigates justice and takes us beyond it. In justice, for instance, we can argue about whose rights are to be defended on the issue of immigration.

Biblically it's a lot clearer: The earth belongs to everyone equally and we have a right to surplus only after everyone else has what is necessary for his or her subsistence. There are higher principles than justice.

This is true too of abortion: In justice we can argue about the competing rights of the unborn for life and the mother for the freedom of choice, even if one does outweigh the other. Biblically though it's clear: God is the author of all life and human life is sacred, all of it, and it is not our prerogative to ever actively snuff out a human heartbeat.

What isn't everywhere clear in justice is much clearer in discipleship.

But inside of secular society, laws aren't always made on the basis of Christian discipleship. Hence we have to try too to argue our moral principles from a human and rational point of view. After all, every one of these moral issues very much affects the common good and each is as much a human and moral matter as it is a religious one.

But, as we know only too well, inside the court of rationality, public opinion, and politics, we don't always win. We lose as often as we win and, too often, we get lost ourselves in the raw struggle to win. And yet we need to continue to be a moral voice on all of these issues. As painful as it is to divide ourselves from others by taking an unpopular stand on moral issues, Christian discipleship demands that we continue to try to make a case for what we believe to be right inside the arenas of public discourse and politics.

However we need to accept too that, when we argue solely on the basis of justice, we will experience a lot of strong counter-challenge from good, sincere people. We live in a very large and diverse family, in a democracy rather than a theocracy, and we are not free to impose our morality on others. Much as we would like to, we can't always shape our laws.

But we can shape our hearts and our consciences and there, given the invitations of Jesus, we find demands that go far beyond the demands of justice. It's in the invitation to deeper discipleship where it is clear that we must forgive murderers rather than execute them, that the earth belongs equally to all, and that God alone has the power to decide life and death.

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.

Financial Summary

May 25, 2008

Weekly Collection	\$ 17,115.00
Weekly Budget	-\$ 21,000.00
+/- for the week	\$ (3,885.00)

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

OLL CMA

May 14, 2008

Amount Pledged	\$88,570
Number of Pledges	371
Average Pledge	\$241

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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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.

Cub Scouting is for you!

Come be a Part of Cub Scout Pack 330. Registration is Friday, June 6 at 7 PM in the Parish Center. Come see our soda bottle rocket launch demonstrations (weather permitting) Join now and your son can go to camp this summer and also participate in our many fun-filled summer-time activities! For more information, contact Elizabeth Minicozzi (631) 669-0929.

Pancake Breakfast

OLL's chartered organization Cub Scout Pack 330 will be having its pancake fundraiser on **Sunday, June 1 between the hours of 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM**. The cost is \$5 which includes a plate of pancakes & sausage along with juice and coffee. This fundraiser will help support our scouting program for the boys in our pack. We appreciate your help in making this year's fundraiser a huge success!

All Years' Reunion

Sts. Philip & James School, St. James is having an "All Years' Reunion" on **Sunday, June 8 at 12 PM**. We will begin with Mass followed by a reception in the school auditorium and tours of the school. Please call Mary (McGunnigle) Specht at 631.751.8577 or Mary Monte (retired principal) at 631.981.3155.

Dominican Village

Please join us for an **Open House on Tuesday, June 10 from 2 PM until 4 PM and Saturday, June 14 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.

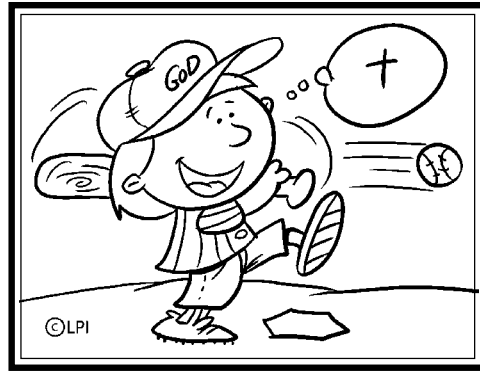
Religion & Rock

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: "**Graduation.**" 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

Hearing God's word is easy. Obeying God's will is harder. You hear your mother call you for supper. If you are the next batter in a game of baseball, then you might not want to come in for supper right away. Sometimes your parents may say, in five minutes, come in for supper. God does not want you to wait until later to obey him. He wants you to do what he asks right now.



Mission for the Week



I will obey God and my parents right away because I love them.



Puzzle

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

LORD
FATHER
HEAVEN

DEMONS
WISE
HOUSE

ROCK
FOOLISH
SAND

N R O Y T O E N V H E
W T S M A D Y L S F O
E H O U S E O W R A D
I E L N R M H E K T L
N A G F O O L I S H D
O V M B H N A U V E N
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H N O H D O S L F T O
M R Y I F N A O H S E
I S A N D H M R O C K
N E Y V W E I D N L S

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Prayer



Lord,
I will do
what you ask right
away.

Something to Draw



Draw yourself doing
three things God
wants you to do.