



**“Their
voices
are
heard
through-
out
all
the
earth;**

**their words,
to the end of the world.”** Psalm 19:4

**Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles
Our Lady of Lourdes
June 29, 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

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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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661-9262

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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

Summer

Evening

Prayer

2008

Summer Evening Prayer Concert

Welcoming a very special music group,

"The Servants of the Shepherd"

Monday, July 7

7:30 PM – Great Lawn

The evening starts with a special *Potluck Supper*

(see information on page 5)

And there's more...

July 14th – Special Guest Homilist!

July 21st – Summer Evening Prayer – **ON LOCATION**

**You're
Invited!**

**on the
Great Lawn**



**FIRST ANNUAL
POTLUCK SUPPER**

6:30 PM

**Monday,
July 7**

**To launch this year's Summer Evening Prayer,
we are having a Potluck Supper.**

**This will be a wonderful way to share our
culinary expertise with our parish and, as is tradition at
Our Lady of Lourdes, enjoy a meal together at the table.**

Name _____ Phone Number _____

Main Dish _____ (ex. quiche, pasta, chicken, etc)

Salad _____ (ex. greens, pasta, seafood, etc)

Appetizer _____ (ex. antipasti, vegetable platter, etc)

**Bring your *culinary delight* at 6:30 PM to be placed at our sharing table.
Drinks and dessert will be provided.**

**Please call Joanne at 631.897.8253 or e-mail jmaher@glencove.k12.ny.us
for any questions and to tell what you are bringing.**

**You can also drop this form at the Parish Office with a notation-
Summer Evening Prayer Potluck Supper-or drop it in the collection basket.**



OLL Vacation Bible Camp '08
S.U.R.F.F. Camp
Summer Understanding Real Faith and FUN!

July 28-August 1
 9 AM -12:30 PM daily

Camp Registration Form

*Return to OLL Parish Office along with fees
 (\$75 per child) before July 6th.*

Please make checks payable to Our Lady of Lourdes Church.

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!!

Please list below the names and present grade levels of the children in your family who will attend camp. Camp is for Nursery (age 4) through Grade 5.

(Students entering grade 6 and up are volunteer counselors and assistants and do not need to pay any fee. Please note that 5th graders cannot be helpers this year.)

Child's First & Last Name	Grade Level in Sept. '08
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Full Names of Parents/Guardians: _____

Family Address (Street, Town, Zip): _____

Email: _____

Phone #: _____

Cell and/or Business Phone(s): _____

Name of Emergency Contact and Phone #: _____

Please indicate below any health problems, food allergies, or special situations that it might be helpful for the camp staff to know about your child.

You will receive a letter with your child's group name and all important camp information around July 15th. We need adult and teen volunteers! If anyone in your family (teens and/or adults) would be willing to help out at the camp, please list their names and ages.

We will hold a meeting for all volunteers in mid-July. See page 11 for meeting information...

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.

Wedding Ministry

How do you feel when you get to share in the most special days of a couple's life? Excited? Joyful? Blessed? Nostalgic? These are words we use to describe our feelings about being a part of the Wedding Ministry. We are there for the couple on the day of their wedding rehearsal to go through the steps of the ceremony and answer any last minute questions they may have. More importantly, we are there to calm, reassure, and offer our support. On the "big day" we are at the Church early to prepare and welcome the couple and their guests to OLL. In the wedding ministry it is all about the little things. We hope to help make their day as beautiful as they dreamed it would be!

-Theresa Moy

For more information...

Our Wedding Ministry is growing and changing and looking for some new members! We would love for you to come and find out more. If you're interested in being a part of this ministry, please come to the meeting or contact John Sureau at jsureau@ollchurch.org.

Children's Liturgy of the Word/Family Liturgy Committee

Our Lady of Lourdes wants young people and their families to know they are a vital and active member of the Church community! These two exciting ministries work closely together to help that happen. **The summer is a great time to think about getting involved and learning if this is the ministry for you!**

Children's Liturgy of the Word: Each Sunday at the 9:30 AM Mass, we invite young people from age four to about fourth grade to share God's Word in a special way. Children leave Mass and process to the Parish Center to hear the Sunday readings in a way designed for them. Teams of adults and teenagers work together to plan out each Sunday to include unique homilies, creative activities, music and ideas for parents. We are always looking for new Team members for each of our teams. Each team presents approximately once a month. For more information, contact Mrs. Joanne Maher at 661.5478 or e-mail to jsureau@ollchurch.org

Family Liturgy: This group meets monthly, along with the members of Children's Liturgy of the Word teams, to create events and opportunities for families to come together for social, spiritual and fun activities. This group helps to plan events like the Blessing of the Animals, Children's Liturgy services, and much, much more! This group meets only about eight times a year after the 9:30 AM Mass.

Daily Mass

8 AM

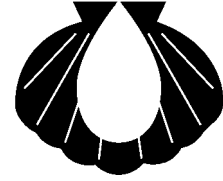
Weekend Masses

Saturday: 5 PM

Sunday: 8 AM, 9:30 AM,
11 AM, 12:30 PM and 6 PM

Reconciliation

Saturday: 4 PM - 4:45 PM



Baptisms

Ava Kristine Devries

Kevin and Nancy

Tyler Lee Nelson

Nick and Kimberly

Mia Jo Nicolosi

Joseph and Coleen

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.

Upcoming Marriages

Melissa McLoughlin, OLL and

Fred Van Liew

Jessica Dienstag and

Stephen Barry, both OLL

Susan Callahan, St. Lawrence, Sayville and

Timothy Mullins, OLL

Jeannine Quartuccio, OLPH, Lindenhurst and

Keith Wempe, OLL

Jennifer Hill and

Frank Galatro, both OLL

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.



The Parish Office will
be closed on Friday, July 4
in observance of
Independence Day.

Remembering...

Monday, June 30

8:00 AM Virginia McKenna

Tuesday, July 1

8:00 AM Barbara McGarrity

Wednesday, July 2

8:00 AM Gregory D. Hallahan, Sr.

Thursday, July 3

St. Thomas, apostle

8:00 AM Danny Miranda

Friday, July 4

St. Elizabeth of Portugal

8:00 AM Edith & Pepe Caiazzo

Saturday, July 5

8:00 AM Louis Prudenti, Maria, Francesco & Pasquale Artese,
Carmela & Salvatore Cricelli, Rose Favlago, Frank Dato,
Patricia DeLyra, Joyce Mamalakis, Mary Manning, Dennis Forgit,
John A. Donahue, Lidia Lopez

5:00 PM John Lovari

Fr. Mike Vetrano

Sunday, July 6

8:00 AM Lillian & Bill Fennikoh

Fr. Bob Scheckenback

9:30 AM Joan Maggi

Fr. Stan Chukwube

11:00 AM Louis Montanino

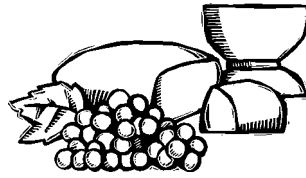
Fr. Mike Vetrano

12:30 PM Dec'd mbrs of the Lynch Family

Fr. Ambrose Cabildo

6:00 PM People of the Parish, John Lovari, Helen Murphy, Marie Clancy,
Rick Munkwitz, Frank VanBramer, Fr. Thomas Pietrantonio,
Leonardo R. Vicencio, Ashley Jorgensen, George Merkel

Fr. John Asomugha



Altar Bread

and Wine

In Memory of Rick Munkwitz

Dear Parish Family,

As you drive around the neighborhood, you may see some homes that have a paper chalice in the front window. This represents a child who has received First Holy Communion this spring. I can't tell you how much I appreciate your prayerful support! About nine weeks ago, we put the names of each candidate in the bulletin and asked you to pray for them. So many of you sent cards to the children and they were overwhelmed by the fact that "people who didn't even know us are praying for us!"

As part of their preparation, they worked on a little booklet, part of which included some questions about their impression of the parish and parish life. Over the next few weeks, we'll be printing some of their responses. It is especially heartwarming to read about their great love for this Parish Family. Enjoy!

*Love,
Sister Diane and
the Pep 2 Program*

Receiving First Holy Communion is important to me because...

-this is the most greatest thing
that can happen to me

-it shows how much I love Jesus

-Jesus gives himself to me
-this is another sacrament that
brings me closer to God

-I love God and Jesus

-it brings me closer to Jesus

-I am going to welcome Jesus into my heart

-I get to be a part of the Church and share the
body of Christ

-instead of sitting in the pew, I get to take Communion
-I receive the Body of Christ and I am as close to Jesus as
the leaf is on the branch

-I am receiving God into my life more each time

-it will be the first time I receiving
the Body of Christ

-it makes me feel like I am getting older and
can do what my sister and brother do

-now I will be able to finally receive every week

Top Reasons for NOT going to Mass during the Summer...

1. It's hot.
2. It's too early.
3. It's a drag.
4. It's too long.
5. I'm wearing shorts.
6. I love the beach...I have to be there early.
7. We have so much going on during the day.

We've got the answer for you....

“THE SIX!”

Our Sunday night Mass, “The Six,” continues throughout the Summer! It's air-conditioned, casual, lively, less than an hour, at the end of the summer day and a great way to have some great summer fun and make God a part of it all!

In August....look for us outside and on the beach! Check the bulletin for information soon!

Interested in helping to make “The Six” happen?

We need lectors, set up people, clean up people, greeters, and more! If you're interested or have some questions contact John Sureau at 661.3224, x. 135 or e-mail to jsureau@ollchurch.org

S.U.R.F.F. Camp

Summer Understanding Real Faith and FUN!

Bible Camp Volunteers

Adult and Teen Volunteers Needed for OLL Vacation Bible Camp!

July 28-August 1, from 8:30 AM to 1 PM daily

If you are interested in helping out, email camp director Jen Gallagher at jengallagher@ollchurch.org.

Camp Volunteer Meetings

Adult Volunteers:

Tuesday, July 22, from 8:00-8:45 in the Parish Center.

Teen Orientation Meetings

(all teens who wish to help at camp this year MUST attend ONE of these meetings):

Sunday, July 20: 10:30-11:30 a.m. in the Parish Center

Tuesday, July 22: 7:00-8:00 in the Parish Center

Wednesday, July 23, 7:00-8:00 in the Cafeteria

You must only attend one of the three meetings, but all teens who want to be counselors this year must attend a meeting.

Camp Decorating Day: Saturday, July 26, 12:00-2:00

Meet-the-Counselor Breakfast: Sunday, June 27, following the 9:30 Opening Camp Mass



Nocturnal Adoration

Nocturnal Adoration will follow the 5 PM Mass on **Saturday, July 5**, followed by Benediction at 9:50 PM. Please come and pray with us. 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.

Jesus, King of All Nations Prayer Group

The Jesus, King of All Nations Prayer Group meets each **Thursday afternoon** in the **Church**. The meeting is from **3 PM until 4 PM** in **front of the Blessed Sacrament**.

Members in the Military

We ask that you pray especially for those in our parish that are on active duty in the Middle East conflict.

They are:



Bryan R. Dempsey-US Marines
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.

Senior Circle

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

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, Lucas Anderson, Susan Aviza, Deacon Dick Barry, Eric Becker, Pat Bonavita, Nicholas Buscemi, Jr., Howard Campkin, Lynn Castellano, Regina Cranor, Joseph Cristallo, Karen DellaVecchia, TJ Devlin, Josephine DiBenedetto, Jeanette Doyle, Susan Gigante, Samantha Hil, Brian Hinkelman, Lili Hinkelman, Kathleen Kerrigan, Evelyn Lang, Richard Lang, Nancy Letsch, Kara Lobasso, Vicki Massaro, Michele McCann, Peter McCann, Sr., David McCarthy, Eleanor McGee, Edward McKay, Dorothy Meloni, Bryan Monahan, Cheryl Nolte, Joseph Ortiz, Arthur Petrino, Joanne Popper, Joe Radosti, Jean Rubino, Patricia Salimbene, Dorothy Schiavone, Derek Stahl, Mary Stone, Diana Marie Taveras, Baby John Tramazzo, Jean Virgilio, Pat Wallace, Flo Worysz



Feast of St. Peter and St. Paul, Apostles

On October 12, 2007, Pope Benedict XVI inaugurated the "Bronze Door," the nearly 400-year-old but newly refurbished principal entrance to the Vatican Apostolic Palace in Rome. In his remarks, the Holy Father said, "this door assumes a symbolic and spiritual significance. Those who come to meet Peter's successor pass through here." It is Benedict's hope that those who pass through these doors will feel his embrace.

Jesus asks his disciples two very important questions: Who do the people say the Son of Man is, and who do you say that I am? Imagine Jesus' joy in Peter's response- "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Peter didn't hesitate in speaking from his heart, and was rewarded with the embrace of Jesus Christ and the authority to govern the Church. What can we learn from Peter's immediate, heartfelt response?

When we recite the Apostles' Creed, we renew to ourselves our mission as members of the Church to be apostolic, to carry out the message of Christ's love to the world (CCC 863). Just as Peter was acknowledged for his true faith received from God, and just as Paul and the apostles traveled throughout the land, we are called to know the gift of God's grace, and to share our gift whenever and wherever possible.

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Readings for the Week of June 29, 2008

Sunday:	<i>Vigil:</i> Acts 3:1-10/Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19 <i>Day:</i> Acts 12:1-11/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19
Monday:	Am 2:6-10, 13-16/Mt 8:18-22
Tuesday:	Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12/Mt 8:23-27
Wednesday:	Am 5:14-15, 21-24/Mt 8:28-34
Thursday:	Eph 2:19-22/Jn 20:24-29
Friday:	Am 8:4-6, 9-12/Mt 9:9-13
Saturday:	Am 9:11-15/Mt 9:14-17
Next Sunday:	Zec 9:9-10/Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30



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.

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

Donations

Outreach has received donations in memory of:

- *Walter Giziewski*
- *Vincent Mirabella*
- *Achilles Zappoli*
- *Anthony Juliano*

Shots for Tots

Free immunizations for children ages birth to 18 years. Given the fourth Wednesday of each month at Msgr. Purick Hall, St. Patrick's, Bay Shore from 9 AM until 1:30 PM. For additional information please call Family Outreach at 631.665.7216.

Fidelis Cares

Fidelis cares about health coverage for all. Child Health Plus and Family Health Plus are New York State-sponsored programs offered by Fidelis Care to provide you with complete healthcare coverage when you're sick or injured and when you're healthy. To enroll in Fidelis Care Child Plus or Family Health Plus, please bring proof of age, income and address to St. Patrick Outreach, Bay Shore. For additional information please call Family Outreach at 631.665.7216.

Gentle Reminder: We no longer accept clothing/ household donations of any kind. In recent weeks, there have been donations left on a regular basis. **Please do not leave them on the premises.**

Financial Summary

June 29, 2008

Weekly Collection	\$ 17,279.00
Weekly Budget	-\$ 21,000.00
+/- for the week	\$ (3,721.00)

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

CMA Over the Top Weekend !

OLL CMA

June 17, 2008

Amount Pledged	\$90,520
Number of Pledges	376
Average Pledge	\$241

We have almost reached our Catholic Ministries Appeal Goal of \$94,778.

Please be generous in your response and be one of those who will join with the 376 parishioners who have already contributed to the appeal. Your generous pledge may be just the boost we need to reach our goal!

If this is the weekend that you will make your gift to the Appeal, please complete the pledge card below and place it in the collection basket or drop it off at the Parish Office.



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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.

Seasonal Safety-Summer friends are great and all, but . . .

by Erika Allen, J.D., Ph.D.-Consultant to the VIRTUS® Programs

As summer approaches, I am struck that parents tend to fall into two distinct camps. There are those who, by May, are dying for a change of pace: “I am sooooo ready not to have the kids on such a schedule! I can’t wait to not hustle us out the door to school by 8 am.” Against such admirable cheerfulness, of course, there is my camp—the parents like me who, when faced with three months of “freedom, flexibility, and fun” are already wondering about how in the world we’ll fill the time!

Whatever your take on summer, for better or for worse, it will surely consist of some sort of lifestyle change for your elementary school-age children. Gone is the daily structured interaction with school friends and in its place are often seamless hours with neighborhood kids. Indeed, this is some of the best stuff of summer. But a new kind of peer group brings new challenges, too. Take just a few minutes to consider what issues your child may face as he or she navigates the often Machiavellian world of the summertime neighborhood.

So much time together/ too much time together. Some of my fondest memories are of endless summer hours with Nikki, my best-friend-from-the-block. We’d be riding bikes by 9 am, head to the community pool by 11:30, convince somebody’s mom to take us to the mall about 4 pm, and then beg and plead to spend the night together. Days like that are great, but they do require a certain stamina simply to remain amicable. Pay attention to identify when relations have begun to break down from the sheer exhaustion of being together! It may be tempting to put the onus on your child—“If you keep fighting like that, Nikki will have to go home. . . .” When, in reality, such incentives may create undo pressure on your child to put up with bullying and other mistreatment. Instead, use your own informed judgment to decide when it is time to take a break for a few days.

“Please can Janie spend the night?” The appeal of spending the night with a friend is a powerful force. Little else seals best-friend bonds like staying up until 2 am, eating junk food, and watching television. The closeness of all-nighters can be an additional source of strain, however. Make sure you have talked with your child about appropriate behavior and boundaries in the bathroom and while changing clothes. Not only do you want to make sure that your child isn’t intimidated or bullied in these especially sensitive circumstances, you have a fairly unique opportunity to reinforce your family guidelines about privacy and appropriate behavior.

Older and younger. In most schools, kids spend much of the day, if not all of it, segregated by age. Even in Montessori classrooms, the age span is fairly small. During the summer, however, your child is much more likely to be playing with children both younger and older. Have you spoken with your child about conduct in such situations? Does he or she understand that being older should be used as a force for good—modeling excellent behavior for the younger kids? Or as a younger member of the pack, does your child understand that mistreatment by older kids isn’t acceptable? Also your child needs to know that there may be certain activities that the older kids are allowed to do that aren’t appropriate for him or her. The start of summer is an excellent time to have an open-ended conversation about age, maturity, and discretion. Crossing the street and other landmines. It seems as if all of us parents these days talk about the relatively greater freedom we had when we were school-age: playing unsupervised around the neighborhood until dark, for example. Your kids may be on a tighter rein, but in summer, he or she will very likely be outside more. Does your child know the basic rules for crossing the street—both your family’s standards about when and where they can go as well as basic safety? Do they know where they are allowed to go and, if they are old enough to be unsupervised, and when you expect them to check in? Reviewing these rules will not only keep your kids safer, but can both allay some of your fears and avoid a few disciplinary moments, as well.

Going it alone. It seems universally true that kids seem to have more opportunities for independence in the summer. Perhaps it is juggling childcare or simply the longer hours of sunlight. Whatever the reason, though, you will want to make sure that your kids understand the basic rules for staying safe from sexual predators—especially as summer approaches. Do they know that their private parts are private, to tell you if anyone is inappropriate, even if they are told to “keep it a secret”? And do you know which adults are going to be with your kids at other people’s homes and activities—including older brothers and visiting relatives? Have you made a point to meet the adults involved? Perpetrators target kids they believe are vulnerable and less supervised. How can you convey to other adults that you are, in fact, paying close attention?

I hope your summer gets off to an excellent start. While this is a short list of issues worth thinking through, these are all certainly worth your attention. Whether you are cheerfully anticipating the change—or a tad worried, even—let’s make this summer a safe one.

Don't Worship Your Emotions

by Ron Rolheiser, OMI

Every major spiritual tradition offers this challenge: Don't worship your emotions!

Don't love only when you can feel natural sympathy. Don't love only when you can feel good and clean about it. Don't let your moral decisions be dictated by your emotions, even when they seem to be operating at their highest level.

What's at issue here? Fuller maturity and what's highest in Christian discipleship. When Jesus tells us that all the commandments can be boiled down to a single one, love, he adds a caveat: Love, as I have loved you.

How did he love? He continued to love, forgive, and give his life even when those he was loving were destroying him. That's the challenge, but it isn't easy. Why not?

If you were bullied as a child, laughed at, humiliated, and shamed before your friends and classmates, it isn't easy (no matter how much you have grown and matured) to feel sympathy for the bully who, as you have learned since, was only acting out the abuse he had received from someone else, probably from his own father. It's more natural to continue to hate him and rejoice that his later life is as laden with problems and unhappiness as were his school days.

If you are a woman who has been hit by a man, perhaps even by your own spouse, and made to feel the helplessness and humiliation of that, it is hard, emotionally impossible perhaps, to feel real empathy for the plight of men (let alone for the man who struck you) just because you now know that men are more wounded than women, that their suicide rates are infinitely higher, and that they struggle much more than women to express themselves, to give and to receive love, and to enjoy life's simple joys.

If you have been sexually abused it is understandably impossible, at least at one level to feel compassion for pedophiles and sexual predators of any kind, even once you know that every victimizer was himself first victimized and that this wound is the cause of his deep sickness and that the stigma of that sickness is the new leprosy in our society.

And if your emotions are normal it is hard to be opposed to the death penalty when the person awaiting the sentence is unrepentant, rationalizing, hard, and is blaming everyone else for his problems. It's easier to oppose the death penalty for someone whose heart is repentant and tearful and who wants only to make amends to the family of his victim.

But that's the stretch! That's precisely what we are invited to when scripture says: "Sing a new song!" What is our old song and what is wrong with it?

Our old song is the song we naturally sing, even at our best, when we let our emotions, our natural instincts, and our bruised and needy egos dictate our sympathies. When we do this, we give out our love and empathy only when our emotions, naturally protective and wounded, allow us to, namely, whenever we can feel clean, good, and cathartic in loving and forgiving. That is why it is so difficult for us to have a consistent ethic of life within which we are as solicitous to save the life of a guilty murderer as we are to save the life of an innocent unborn child.

We struggle with this because emotion rather than our discipleship is dictating our sympathies. We are naturally loving and empathic, but in a very restricted way, namely, we give out our love and empathy only when we can feel good about it, that is, when it is clean, wanted, respected, and appreciated. We can love, forgive, and bless someone who wants to be loved, forgiven, and blessed by us, but, we find it existentially impossible to do the same when that person has hurt us, hates us, blames us, and wants us dead.

But that's precisely what Christian discipleship and full human maturity call us to, namely, to be able to have real empathy, forgiveness, and love for those who have hurt us, humiliated us, blame us for their unhappiness, remain unrepentant, and, in essence, curse us.

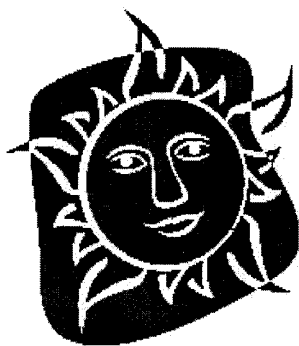
A couple of years ago, when all the negative publicity about sexual abuse among clergy was at high fever, a very sincere, good-hearted, Catholic man said to me: "I'll never give another penny to the Catholic Church! I will not have any of my money supporting a pedophile!"

That's nature speaking, but it's a long way from the love and understanding that Jesus preached. In essence, what this sincere man is doing is worshipping his emotions by saying: "I can give my love and support when I can feel good about it, but I can't give my love and support when I can't feel good about it, no matter that a pedophile suffers from the most unglamorous of all diseases.

But love calls us to more than that and, in order to get to that higher level, we must stop worshipping our emotions.

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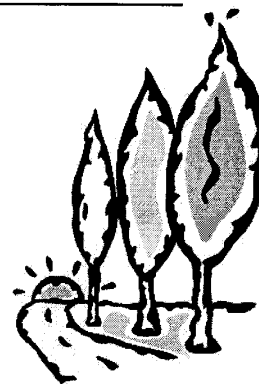
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Why not give yourself a summer break? You are welcome to join sister Pat on four Thursday evenings in the month of July. We will meet on the porch of Mary Immaculate Church, Bellport to spend a little time discussing ways to help us grow as women and men dedicated to the Christian path in life. We will meet on Thursdays, July 10, July 17, July 24 and July 31. No reservations needed-just come and bring a friend and a lawn chair.

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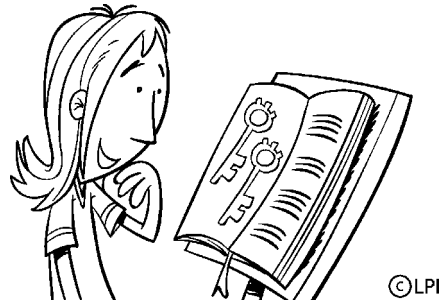
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Peter told Jesus, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus gave the keys to heaven to Simon Peter. Many stories show St. Peter standing watch at heaven's gate. Jesus died on the cross so that your sins could be forgiven. He called Peter "the rock" because Peter believed strongly in Jesus and his teachings. He made Peter the head of his church. Peter was the first pope.



Mission for the Week

I will stand watch to keep evil out of my soul.

Puzzle

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

BLESSED
SIMON
PETER

ROCK
BUILD
CHURCH

KEYS
KINGDOM
HEAVEN

J	P	E	C	S	L	R	D	K	E	B
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Prayer



Thanks for helping me learn about the way to heaven.

Something to Draw



Draw St. Peter as he opens the gates of heaven for you to enter.