

**“My word shall not return
to me void,**



**but shall do my will,
achieving the end for which I sent it.”**

Isaiah 55:11

**Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Our Lady of Lourdes • July 13, 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

email: lkrol@ollschool.org

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

S.A.G.E.

661-3224

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Rev. Robert Scheckenback

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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

Our Lady of Lourdes School



44 Toomey Road, West Islip

631 587-7200 ext 102

Mrs. L. Krol - Principal

www.ollschool.org



"Mommy & Me"

2 year olds

SmartBoards

Playtime, Storytime, Circletime

Separation activities

"Early Childhood"

3-5 year olds

Computer class

SmartBoards

Dance lessons

Italian classes

Pre-reading & Math skills

Have you seen Catholic School lately?
Come in and take another look!

"Grades 1-8"

Total emersion Spanish class

Departmentalized classes in 4 - 8

Public Speaking

Band, dance, violin class during the school day

New modern completely stocked Science Lab

New Media Center including the Follet System

Academy

of

Arts & Sciences

Middle School grades 6-8

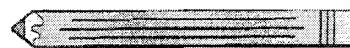
Ballroom Dance lessons, Acrylic Painting

AOI with Stony Brook Medical School

Mock Trial, Student Government

Before/After Care available

Including homework help



Enrichment Clubs, Music lessons, Sports

Active eChalk website, Gradebook,

class assignments, homework & textbooks on-line!

NOW accepting
Registration
for September 2008

Summer

Evening

Prayer

2008

Monday, July 14

7:30 PM

Great Lawn

Summer Evening Prayer

Welcoming a very special guest homilist-President: Mr. John Ryan

Our parish's own seminarian and Homilist: Deacon Tom Lucie

Our parish's newest deacon!

Come this night and let's take some time to look at how God works through each and every one of us to bring healing and peace to those in need!

Dessert... Last Names A – L *Bring in your own fruit dessert!*

(Last Names M- Z -You're on in August!)

And there's more...

July 21st – Summer Evening Prayer – ON LOCATION



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) .*

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 7 for meeting information...

OLL Vacation Bible Camp '08

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 PM 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 AM in the Parish Center

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

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

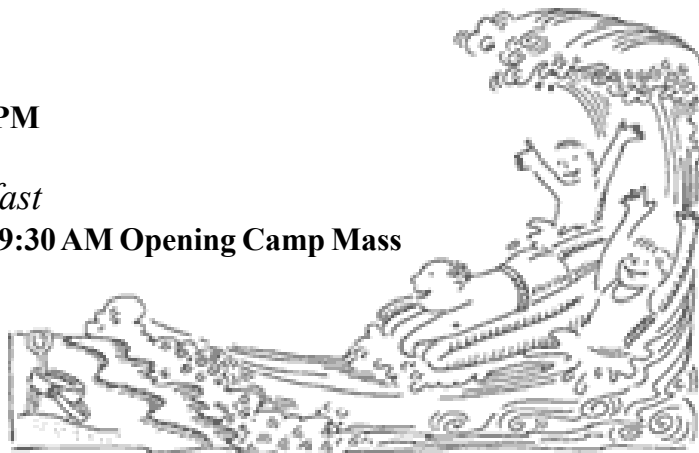
You must only attend one of the three meetings, but all teens who want to be counselors this year must attend a meeting.

Camp Decorating Day

Saturday, July 26, 12:00-2:00 PM

Meet-the-Counselor Breakfast

Sunday, July 27, following the 9:30 AM Opening Camp 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

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

Margaret E. Kopitsch died on June 23 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was June 28. We extend our prayers to her children, grandchildren and entire family.

Stephen R. Bonora died on June 29 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was July 2. We extend our prayers to his wife, Angelina and entire family.

Dorothy A. Haight died on July 3 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was July 8. We extend our prayers to her children, grandchildren and entire family.

Remembering...

Monday, July 14

Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, virgin

8:00 AM William Heim

Tuesday, July 15

St. Bonaventure, bishop, doctor

8:00 AM Carmella Stanziani

Wednesday, July 16

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

8:00 AM Diana Zotto

Thursday, July 17

8:00 AM George Shaddock

Friday, July 18

St. Camillus de Lellis, priest

8:00 AM Loretta Yankel

Saturday, July 19

8:00 AM Peter Reehil, Eileen Brien, Theresa DiPaolo, Leonardo R. Vicencio,
Mary Anne Curran, Margaret Kopitsch, Paul Zimmerman, Paul Ermert,
Elizabeth Hoffses, Mary Broden, Nancy Fico

5:00 PM Rose A. Guider

Fr. Mike Vetrano

Sunday, July 20

8:00 AM Robert Carro

Fr. Ambrose Cabildo

9:30 AM Sylvan Lodespoto

Fr. Ambrose Cabildo

11:00 AM Mona Rose LiGres

Fr. Mike Vetrano

12:30 PM Francisco, Felizberta, Ramon, Rupert Dimaculangan and Asuncion Castro

Fr. John Asomugha

6:00 PM People of the Parish, Marjorie Chironno, Mario Cuzzi, Patricia DeLyra,
Fr. Thomas Pietrantonio, Catherine Denmark, Ediberto Cuevars,
Angie & Benjamin Cinquemani, Margaret Kopitsch, AnneMarie Roche,
Millie & Joseph Oliva, Stephanie, Nick & Joseph Rotolo

Fr. John Asomugha

Upcoming Marriages

Jeannine Quartuccio, OLPH, Lindenhurst and

Keith Wempe, OLL

Jennifer Hill and

Frank Galatro, both OLL

Ann McGrath, OLPH, Lindenhurst and

William Rocco Staak, OLL

Ann Konik, St. Peter and Paul, Manorville and

William Hurley, OLL

Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Pat Wissing*.
If you would like to help care for our altar needs, please
call the Parish Office at 661.3224.

SAGE

The SAGE Group (Senior Advocates for Growth and Enrichment) will
meet on **Tuesday, July 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:

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.

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

Summer Hours:

During the summer months, we will service our clients on Monday and Thursday from 9:30 AM until 4 PM.



canned fruit
canned vegetables
jelly
peanut butter
pudding/jello
soup



Pastoral Care of Our Sick

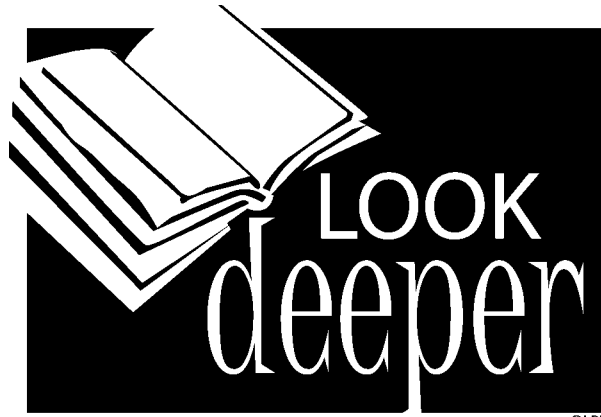
Please call the Parish Office at 661.3224 to leave the names of parishioners who:

- 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, Lucas Anderson, Susan Aviza, Deacon Dick Barry, Eric Becker, Pat Bonavita, Nicholas Buscemi, Jr., Howard Campkin, Lynn Castellano, 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, Margaret McHugh, Edward McKay, Dorothy Meloni, Regina Mirabella, Bryan Monahan, Cheryl Nolte, John O'Brien, Joseph Ortiz, Robert Petersen, Arthur Petrino, Joanne Popper, John Posanti, Louise Posanti, Joe Radosti, Jean Rubino, Patricia Salimbene, Dorothy Schiavone, Joe Shields, Derek Stahl, Mary Stone, Diana Marie Taveras, Baby John Tramazzo, Jean Virgilio, Pat Wallace



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15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In our religious special education classes this past year, we discussed miracles with the kids. But before the year began, each of us catechists was given a "miracle box," a simple wooden box with an inscription on top, asking us to look deeper-to look deeper at our kids with special needs, for in them we would find the miracle of God's true love, a love given freely to the innocent and shared with us.

Jesus' parables are widely known, and most of us can recall them in some detail. But often, we fail to look deeper into their meaning and accept the challenge to apply them to our own lives. As with the parable of the sower and the seed, do we listen to God's word at Mass or are we distracted or uninterested? How many of us can actually recall the readings or the pastor's homily even a few hours after we hear them?

Today, please accept the challenge of looking deeper into the word of God. The Catechism of the Catholic Church advises we meditate; this is an opportunity to quiet ourselves to the noise of the world and listen to each and every word given to us (CCC 2707). The beauty of Jesus' parables is that although they are short and to the point, they can have a different meaning to each of us, and can truly be life-changing. Look deeper.

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Readings for the Week of July 13, 2008

Sunday:	Is 55:10-11/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 <i>or</i> 13:1-9
Monday:	Is 1:10-17/Mt 10:34-11:1
Tuesday:	Is 7:1-9/Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday:	Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Mt 11:25-27
Thursday:	Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Mt 11:28-30
Friday:	Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Mt 12:1-8
Saturday:	Mi 2:1-5/Mt 12:14-21
Next Sunday:	Wis 12:13, 16-19/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 <i>or</i> 13:24-30

Financial Summary

July 6, 2008

Weekly Collection	\$ 20,639.00
Weekly Budget	-\$ 21,000.00
+/- for the week	\$ (361.00)

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

CMA Over the Top!

OLL CMA

July 8, 2008

Amount Pledged	\$95,993
Number of Pledges	390
Average Pledge	\$246

You did it! We have reached, and exceeded, our Catholic Ministries Appeal Goal of \$94,778.

Let's keep it going!

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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PARISH OF DONOR _____

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

Soul-Chained to Things Beyond Us

by Ron Rolheiser, OMI

In his novel, *Clowns of God*, Morris West suggests that there are deep reasons why we are so incurably restless: "The fact is that we live only in communion - not only with our present, but with the past and future as well. We are haunted by a whole poetry of living, by lullabies half-remembered and sounds of train whistles in the night and the scent of lavender in a summer garden. We are haunted by grief, too, and fear, and images of childhood terror and the macabre dissolution of age."

Living, at least living with a certain restfulness and peace of soul, is not as simple as we think. We shouldn't be so surprised at our perpetual disquiet and pathological restlessness for we are haunted, as West puts it, by a whole poetry of living that doesn't allow us to be easily inside the present moment. Too many things that have nothing to do with the present moment constantly invade our consciousness. We are, in the words of Toni Morrison, "soul-chained" to things beyond us. Our hearts sense things, remember things, and connect to things in ways that we do not necessarily want and these half-remembered, half-thought, and half-felt feelings forever keep us from being comfortably inside our own skins. They bring the past and future into our present and they chain our hearts to worlds beyond us.

We feel this most clearly and painfully whenever we suffer a heartache or an obsession for someone we love but can't have. Whenever that happens, as we know, the ache in our hearts makes for a heaviness, an emptiness, and a restlessness that robs us of virtually all of the joy we might experience at a given moment. There are so many times when we have every practical reason to be happy and content, but, because of a heartache, simply cannot give ourselves over to the moment or be content inside of its simple joys. Our heartache, coming from somewhere beyond, colors everything with its restlessness.

And it isn't just romantic heartaches that do that to us. We suffer through obsessions of all kinds. Memories, regrets, hurts, intuitions, nostalgia, and daydreams of all sorts, are forever impaling themselves inside of us and leaving us deeply restless. Karl Jung once said that energy isn't always friendly. Whenever we have a heartache, a regret, or an obsession that spoils our day and leaves us too restless to sleep at night we experience what he meant.

This is both good and bad: Some of the things we are chained to produce pain and restlessness in ways that rob us of sunshine, freedom, and sleep.

Often, when we are restless, the thoughts and feelings that have invaded us are unwanted. We wish we could be free of them in order to enjoy our lives, without these thoughts and feelings roaming around inside of us like ghosts inside a haunted house. But, painful as this can be, we really wouldn't want the opposite.

If we could ever be content simply with the pleasures contained in a given moment, like a contented animal munching grass in the sun, we would, by that same token, reduce ourselves from human to animal. What makes our souls different from the souls of animals is precisely the fact that our souls are infinite in their depth, infinite in their yearnings, and therefore infinite too in the realities to which they are chained. Our restlessness is, in fact, a sign of our humanity.

Sometimes of course this wears us down and we get to be so weary and tired that we want only to numb ourselves against those things that over-stimulate our souls from beyond. This numbing ourselves to depth can be healthy for a while, as a convalescent space, but in the end we need to be haunted from beyond. The ghosts that haunt us bring with them depth, spirit, and meaning.

Morris West tells us that we are always haunted by things beyond us, but he adds: "I am sure that it is in this domain of our daily dreaming that the Holy Spirit establishes his own communion with us. This is how the gift is given which we call grace: the sudden illumination, the sharp regret that leads to penitence or forgiveness, the opening of the heart to the risk of love."

What haunts us from beyond is also what drives us beyond simple, animal, satisfaction and opens us to other worlds.

In her novel, *Love*, Nobel-prize winning novelist, Toni Morrison describes a young boy who is falling rather hopelessly in love with a woman who is incapable of reciprocating that love. This, she suggests, will surely lead to heartbreak and ruin: "God help the boy," she laments, "if he got soul-chained to a woman he couldn't trust."

We all know the pain and heartbreak of that! But the reverse is probably worse: God help any of us if we become so dulled, calloused, or self-protective that we are no longer soul-chained to worlds beyond us."

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.



Religious Emblems

Fifteen Scouts from Pack 279 received religious emblems for their participation in programs developed by the National Catholic Committee on Scouting.

The Lumen Christi (Light of Christ) emblem is given to scouts in the 1st and 2nd grade who completed study and service requirements approved by the Diocese of Rockville Centre. The boys receiving awards this year are: *Justin Keane, Nicholas Monaco, Eric Besanceney, Shamus Davidson, Peter DiMicco, and Devon Wood.*

The Parvuli Dei (Children of God) emblem is given to Cub Scouts or Webelos in the 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade who complete an advanced program in spiritual growth and religious knowledge. The boys who received this award are: *Joseph Caputo, Zachary Cavagnet, Joseph Lutraino, Mark Cairo, Vincent Carboni, Anthony DiStefano, Michael Salatti, James Wood, and Stephen Davidson.*

Fr. Joe Lukaszewski “Walk of Life”

Preserve your name, or that of a loved one, with a personalized brick paver. Paver size is 4” x 8” and are \$150 per paver.

If you have any questions or are interested in ordering a brick, please call the Parish Office at 661.3224 or visit the Parish Office and fill out the order form.

Retired and Senior Volunteer Program

Telephone Reassurance Program

If you live alone and would like a **daily phone** call from a volunteer, just call the **Retired and Senior Volunteer Program** at 631.979.9490.

Friendly Visitor Program

If you live alone and would like a **visit** from a volunteer, just call the **Retired and Senior Volunteer Program** at 631.979.9490.

If you are 55+ and would like to volunteer to call and/or visit a homebound senior, call the **Retired and Senior Volunteer Program** at 631.979.9490.

Free Concert

As part of its 50th anniversary celebration, Westminster Presbyterian Church will host a free outdoor concert on Saturday, July 26, from 3 PM until 7 PM. All are welcome. Please bring your lawn chair. Refreshments will be sold. The Church is located at 109 Udall Road, West Islip. For additional information, please call 661.6740.

Woman Why are You Weeping?

A Women's Retreat hosted by Magnificat on Friday, September 12 to Sunday, September 14 at the Montfort Spiritual Center, Bay Shore. Give yourself a gift of a weekend of prayer, fellowship, adoration reconciliation and praise and worship! For information and registration, please call Angela at 516.763.1739.

Sisters of Charity-Halifax

Step on the links for the **Eighth Annual Sisters of Charity-Halifax Golf Outing to be held on Monday, August 4 at the Cherry Valley Club in Garden City.** Honorees at the event are Sister Kathleen O'Donnell sc, for her 52 years of dedication to ministry in New York, and Henry Read, *In Memoriam*, famed coach at Seton Hall High School, Patchogue, from 1937 until 1974. Coach Read and his family have been valued friends, guides and mentors to generations of students and to the Sisters of Seton Hall. For details and sponsorship opportunities, please call the Sisters of Charity at 718.424.1813 or email advancement@schalifax.ca

Porch Chats

Why not give yourself a summer break? You are welcome to join Sister Pat on 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 17, July 24 and July 31.

No reservations needed-just come and bring a friend and a lawn chair.

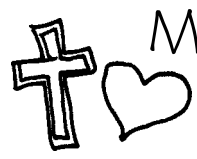
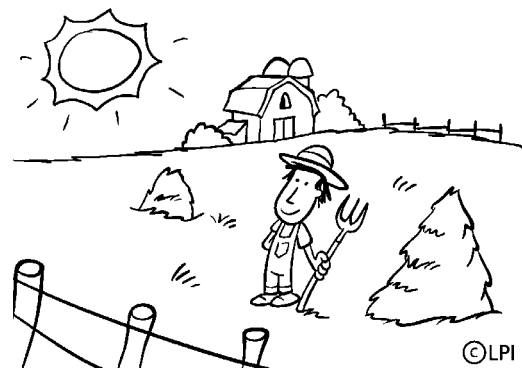
Religion & Rock

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 Long Island's East End. The show is also available on Sirius Radio, Channel 159 at 11 PM on Saturday nights.

Next Sunday's theme is: **"Having a Positive Attitude."** Don't miss it! To listen online or receive more information regarding Religion and Rock, go to www.ReligionandRock.com. Don't forget to tune into TELE CARE, Cablevision 29 or Verizon FIOS 271 for the best in Catholic television!

Sharing the Gospel

Jesus is standing in a boat at the edge of a large lake. He is talking to you and a crowd on the shore. You are sitting on a blanket with your mother's picnic basket beside you. Jesus talks about sowing seed. You are like God's seed. You grow in God's way because you are baptized with the water of salvation and are given the nutrients that come from obeying God's commandments.



Mission for the Week

I will plant a seed in good dirt and water it for you, Lord.



Puzzle

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

farmer
soil
root

rocky
thorns
path

birds
choked
seed

- frame f a r m e r
- sede _____
- ptah _____
- brisd _____
- rkyoc _____
- tohrsn _____
- rtoo _____
- cohekd _____
- silo _____

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Prayer



Lord, tell me how to grow closer to your ways of goodness.

Something to Draw



Draw Jesus in a boat on the lake talking to you and your family.