

Our Lady of Lourdes • Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time • August 10, 2008

"Take courage,
it is I;



do not be afraid."

Matthew 14:27



Pastoral Team

Rev. Michael A. Vetrano
Pastor

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661-3224

Monday-Friday: 9 AM - 7:30 PM

Saturday: 9 AM - 3 PM

Sunday: 9 AM - 2 PM

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Our Lady of Lourdes School

587-7200

Monday-Friday: 9 AM - 3 PM

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661-5440

Monday-Friday: 9 AM - Noon

1 PM - 5 PM

7 PM - 9 PM

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Parish Outreach Office

661-9262

Monday: 9:30 AM - 7:30 PM

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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*

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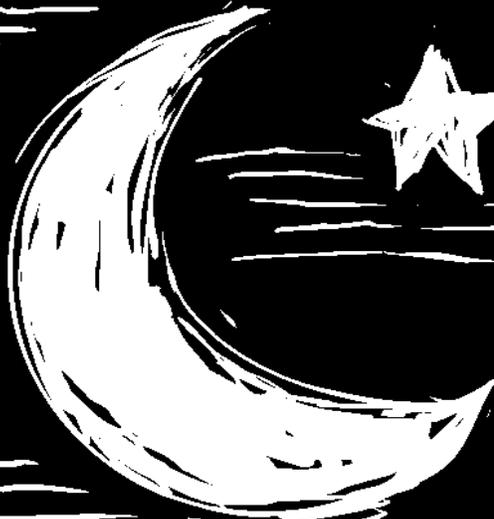
Summer



Evening



Prayer



2008



Monday,

August 11

7 PM

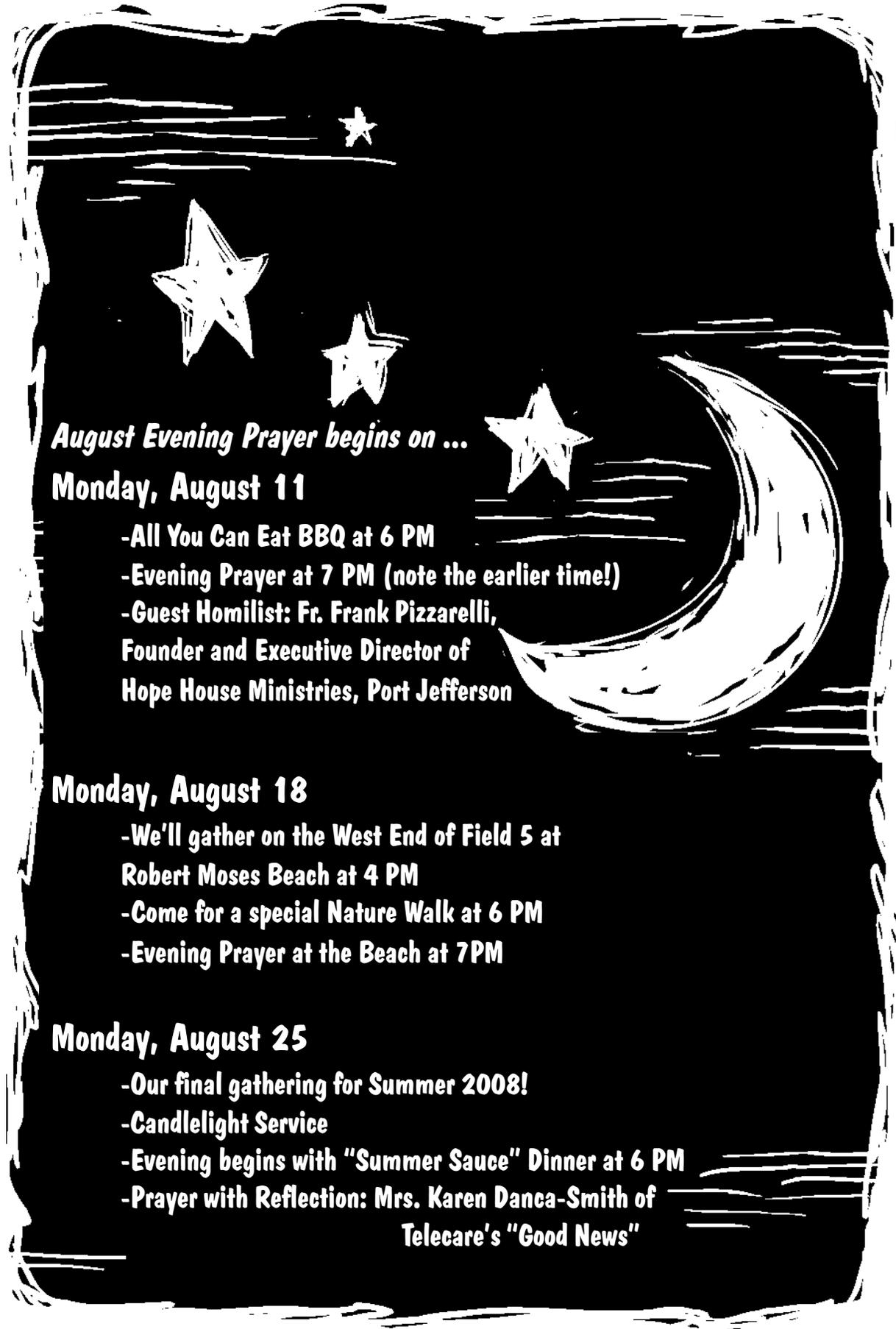
Summer Evening Prayer will be on vacation for the weeks of July 28 and August 4.

We will meet again on Monday, August 11 at 7 PM.

(Please note the earlier time.)

We will begin with an all you can eat BBQ at 6 PM.

Hope to see you there!



August Evening Prayer begins on ...

Monday, August 11

- All You Can Eat BBQ at 6 PM
- Evening Prayer at 7 PM (note the earlier time!)
- Guest Homilist: Fr. Frank Pizzarelli,
Founder and Executive Director of
Hope House Ministries, Port Jefferson

Monday, August 18

- We'll gather on the West End of Field 5 at
Robert Moses Beach at 4 PM
- Come for a special Nature Walk at 6 PM
- Evening Prayer at the Beach at 7 PM

Monday, August 25

- Our final gathering for Summer 2008!
- Candlelight Service
- Evening begins with "Summer Sauce" Dinner at 6 PM
- Prayer with Reflection: Mrs. Karen Danca-Smith of
Telecare's "Good News"

Living Liturgy

Something different...come and see...and bring others!

“THE SIX” Outside

On August 10, 17, 24 and 31, we’ll celebrate our Sunday night liturgy outside in the Fr. Joe Garden. This promises to be a great time and place to hear God’s Word, join in the Eucharist and experience God’s presence in a special way.

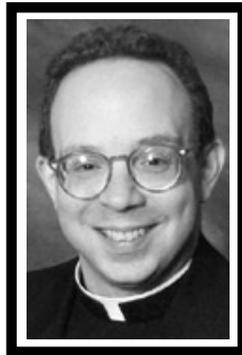
What do you need to do?

- Come** – ready for a great experience.
- Be prepared** - bring a beach chair or blanket (and some sunscreen too!). We’ll provide the rest!
- Be open** – we promise some fun surprises along the way!
- Share** - tell others about this great way to celebrate the Eucharist.

(If the weather is extraordinarily hot or it’s raining, we’ll gather in the Church.)



Questions for Reflection



As we continue to celebrate the Eucharist well here at Our Lady of Lourdes, it’s important to look at some of the foundational documents that ground and direct the liturgy, the public prayer of the Church.

Fr. Joe DeGrocco, host of Telecare’s Divine Intervention and Professor of Liturgy at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, recently published some good questions for reflection regarding the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy in our diocesan newsletter, Summit and Source. During the next few weeks, we’ll publish questions for reflection with answers based on the Church’s documents.

2. *Do we understand that the chief effect of the liturgy is not to be upon the things, but upon us?*

The ultimate end of the sacraments is the people of God who are sanctified through them. Bread and wine are transformed into the Body and Blood of Christ not for the sake of the bread and wine, and not for the sake of Christ, but for our sake, so that He might give Himself to us, so that we might be taken up into Him and become more and more His presence in the world. Baptismal water is blessed not for the sake of having holy water, but so that those who are immersed in it might be regenerated unto new and eternal life with Christ. Oil is blessed not for the sake of the oil, but so that members of the holy nation and royal priesthood might be healed and anointed. For too long in our tradition we have stopped at the “middle reality” of the material object itself used in the sacrament and we have forgotten to make the connection with the “final reality” that is supposed to have an effect in our life. In other words, liturgy is supposed to not only strengthen us to live a Christian life, but it should also be expressing the life we are already living and bringing to the celebration of liturgy. This is why number 10 of the Constitution speaks about the liturgy as “the summit toward which the activity of the Church is directed; it is also the fount from which all her power flows.” Good liturgy is not simply when everything goes correctly and smoothly at the celebration; this is important, but it is only a starting point. Good liturgy occurs when it is celebrated as part of what might be called a “circle of liturgy and life.” It is “good” liturgy when we are able to connect the offering of ourselves, the dying and rising with Christ, that we celebrate at liturgy with the numerous ways we have offered ourselves and died to ourselves in the days leading up to liturgy, and when we have been nourished and renewed to continue to live that way until our next celebration of liturgy. This is why a true sense of mystery in liturgy does not mean “mysterious” in the sense of being arcane, or hard to understand, or only for the elite; rather, it is “mysterious” in the sense of delving ever-deeper into that which is most real about life, a reality that cannot be exhausted.



Italian Family Feast

September 10 - 14, 2008

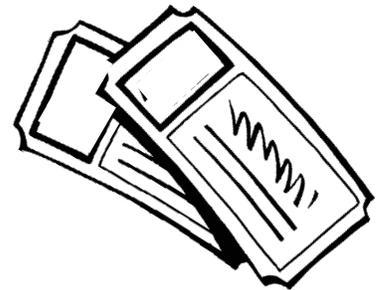
Opens Wednesday thru Friday at 7 PM

Opens Saturday at 6 PM

Opens Sunday at 2 PM

Pay-One-Price

**Ride *all* rides every day-Wednesday, Thursday,
Friday, Saturday and Sunday-for only \$25
(*\$5 discount with coupon*)
*purchase Pay-One-Price at the feast***



Super Raffle

**Drawing to be held on Sunday, September 14 at 9 PM
Super Raffle tickets are \$100 each - only 200 tickets sold!**



Advance Tickets

**Any six rides for \$13 (average discount of over 50%!)
Tickets good for any ride/any day of the Feast!
Purchase "Advance Tickets" at the Parish Office,
Monday through Friday from 9 AM to 5 PM.
Advance ticket sales end Monday, September 8.**

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.

Feast of the Assumption

Friday, August 15

Holy Day of Obligation

There will be Mass on Thursday evening, August 14 at 5 PM
and on Friday, August 15 at 8 AM and 7:30 PM.



Rest In Peace

Ronald L. Pascale died on July 25 and
celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was
July 30. We extend our prayers to his wife,
Margarita, their children and entire family.

Rose Collura died on July 27 and
celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was
July 30. We extend our prayers to her daughter,
Concetta and entire family.

Janet A. Taino died on August 1 and
celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was
August 4. We extend our prayers to her husband,
Steven, their son, Matthew and her entire family.

John L. Panella died on July 28 and
celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was
August 4. We extend our prayers to his children and
entire family.

Remembering...

Monday, August 11

St. Clare, virgin

8:00 AM LaRocca & Sweeney Family

Tuesday, August 12

8:00 AM Robert T. Beck

Wednesday, August 13

8:00 AM Steven Perone

Thursday, August 14

St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe, priest, martyr

8:00 AM Peter Santoro (*1st anniv.*)

5:00 PM Joseph Sullivan
(*vigil*)

Friday, August 15

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 AM William Martino

7:30 PM Vincent & Grace Capanzano

Saturday, August 16

8:00 AM Rosemarie Nocera, Thomas K. LaPierre, Sr.,
Leonardo R. Vicencio, Irene Dunne, Blessed Virgin Mary,
Ronald Pascale, Martina Quijano

5:00 PM Michael Walsh
Fr. Ambrose Cabildo

Sunday, August 17

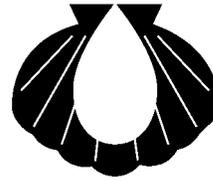
8:00 AM Walter Fox & Ryan Schemering
Fr. Ambrose Cabildo

9:30 AM George Earley
Fr. John Asomugha

11:00 AM Nicholas & Teresa Ambrosino
Fr. Bob Scheckenback

12:30 PM Nora Colasuonno
Fr. Stan Chukwube

6:00 PM People of the Parish, Gerard Francavilla, Audrey Chartrand,
Laura Abela, Roland & Wayne Van Acker, Barbara Shenger
Fr. Bob Scheckenback



Baptisms

Rosalie Hope Crowe

Nick and Lorrie

Antonio Xavier Aviles

Juan and Jacklene

Brody Thomas Bowden

Thomas and Marianne

Joseph Anthony Kennedy

Joseph and Linda

Nicholas Scott McDowell

Scott and Jessica

Bradán Neil Strauss

Ronald and Jennifer

Ava Grace Verderosa

Nick and Doreen

Upcoming Marriages

Kristin LeBarr and

Kevin Venendaal, both OLL

Angela Brancato and

Dustin Dente, both OLL

Susana Lima and

Joao Mendes, both OLL

“You Can’t Walk on Water in Happyville”

One recent evening, having sent Evelina and Edward to bed; I was enjoying the peace and solitude which follows a busy summer day. Suddenly, the silence was shattered by a blaring rendition of the tune “In the Good Old Summertime.” The music seemed to be coming from right next to me though no radio or television was on at the time. The song was too clear to be coming from a neighbor’s yard. Try as I might, I couldn’t locate the source of the music. As mysteriously as the song started, it stopped. The next sounds I heard were Edward’s laughter coming from the large “peace lily” in our den: “Ha! Ha! Got you Mom!!”

On his way to bed, Edward placed one of his Walkie Talkies in the plant, brought the other receiver to his room while he played a Disney CD! He ‘got me!’

The following day as the three of us were walking the dogs, Edward lagged behind singing and dancing to his own version of “In the Good Old Summertime.” As we neared the house, I turned to watch Edward, smiling and carefree; oblivious to anyone or anything around him. I asked, “Edward what planet do you live on?” Edward replied, snapping his fingers to the tune he was singing; “I live in Happyville!” I decided there and then, that I wanted to be a citizen of Happyville.

“Happyville” has become Edward’s *raison d’être*. Citizens of Happyville can eat 6 ice cream pops for dessert, stay up until midnight and watch unlimited hours of TV each day. There are no chores in Happyville, certainly no Time Outs, and I know this is pushing it, but brushing teeth is optional. Happyville is all fun and games with no responsibility, and certainly no rules. . . that is until recently.

Still living under the illusion of Happyville, Edward was with me at the Lake Byron Pool in Oakdale. He and Evelina were swimming and I asked that they come out of the water while I swam a few laps. As I finished the third lap, I became aware of whistles and a commotion in the pool. I heard Evelina shouting, “Edward,

use your arms!” With that, three lifeguards dove into the water and pulled Edward, gasping for breath, from the deep end of the pool! Shaken, but otherwise unharmed, Edward sat at the side of the pool crying. As soon as I ascertained that Edward was unharmed, Time Out was immediately reinstated with an admonition that Edward think about his choices and what he had done.

Edward sat in that chair afraid to move! When I calmed down, I approached Edward. “Edward,” I said, “what were you thinking? I asked you to sit out for a few minutes! What did you learn from this?” Edward looked up at me, shrugged his shoulders saying; “I guess in Happyville you can’t walk on water!”

Remember the recent Gospel story. . .

Peter couldn’t walk on water either.

Peter couldn’t walk on water because he didn’t believe and became frightened by the strong wind. Peter couldn’t walk on water until Jesus put his hand out and held him up. Many people come to Outreach frightened by the ‘storm’ in their lives.

The economic climate is causing many concerns for people once secure in their earning potential. As you read this, you may be among the families that are struggling now. Please don’t hesitate to approach Outreach for help. We are here to extend that hand and to offer some assistance to ease your concerns. To all who faithfully donate to Outreach—thank you! The help we can offer is possible because of your kindness. Donations received have helped pay medical bills, purchase oil for a family of six who have not had hot water in several weeks, purchase medication, purchase diapers, assist in paying funeral costs for an infant and most importantly enabled people to have hope during the storms in their lives. We don’t walk on water and we don’t live in Happyville, but we do offer a possibility of hope in turbulent times! Thank you.

—Mary McMahan

Parish Outreach

Office telephone: 661-9262, option 4

~~Office hours:~~

~~Monday: 9:30 AM - 7:30 PM~~

~~Tuesday - Friday: 9:30 AM - 5:30 PM~~

Back to School Drive

Outreach is starting to collect Back To School Supplies!

Donations of all school supplies are gratefully accepted.

Pantry Needs

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

Summer Hours:

For the months of July and August...

Outreach is open on Mondays and Thursdays from 10 AM to 4 PM.

Outreach is closed on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

We will resume regular hours in September.

Outreach Oktoberfest

“The Best of the ‘Wurst’ in Town!”

Saturday – October 4

Hibernian Hall in Babylon

8 PM – Midnight

Oktoberfest Trivia

Did you know...



Visitors to Oktoberfest eat traditional hearty fare which includes sausage, sauerkraut, and Apfelpfannenkuchen (apple pancakes).



Oktoberfest begins with a twelve-gun salute and the cry: “O’zapft is!” (It’s tapped!) referring to the tapping of the first keg of Oktoberfest beer!



You can feast on Sauerbraten; Bratwurst & Knockwurst; Jagerschnitzel; Potato Pancakes & Red Cabbage at the “Outreach Oktoberfest”....

Limited seating available...

Tickets go on sale in the Outreach Office starting Monday, August 11!

\$40 per person includes German buffet unlimited beer/wine/soda



19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A couple of years ago, the American Psychological Association conducted a study on impulsiveness. From a group of 700 students, they selected thirty who drank at least four cups of coffee every day, and thirty who did not. Based on the research, it was found that the caffeine-dependent students were much more prone to acting impulsively than the others. Could this explain Peter's behavior at times? Probably not, but he was impulsive!

What is the significance of today's reading from Matthew? The disciples venture out into a boat, far away from Jesus. As a storm threatens, Jesus appears to calm them. But Peter, often speaking before he thinks, asks Jesus to prove that he is real. Peter's initial doubt causes him to sink before his faith saves him. When we find ourselves further from Jesus than we should be, does doubt cloud our faith?

Peter was prone to acts of impulsiveness such as this. But the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us that faith, indeed, is certain "because it is founded on the very word of God who cannot lie" (CCC 157). When times become very tough for you, and you may feel further from your faith than ever, it is precisely at this time when you should reach out for Jesus, just as Peter did, and you will find that he is closer to you than ever.

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Readings for the Week of August 10, 2008

Sunday:	1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33
Monday:	Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c/Mt 17:22-27
Tuesday:	Ez 2:8-3:4/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wednesday:	Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22/Mt 18:15-20
Thursday:	Ez 12:1-12/Mt 18:21-19:1
Friday:	<i>Vigil:</i> 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28 <i>Day:</i> Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56
Saturday:	Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32/Mt 19:13-15
Next Sunday:	Is 56:1, 6-7/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28

Thank you

I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the “Good Samaritan” who found my wallet and brought it to me. I wasn’t able to properly thank you and I wanted you to know how grateful I am.

-Helen Bukowski

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**.

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.

Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Elizabeth Netska*.

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, Nicholas Buscemi, Jr., Howard Campkin, Lynn Castellano, Regina Cranor, Pat Crowley, Karen DellaVecchia, TJ Devlin, Josephine DiBenedetto, Susan Gigante, Samantha Hil, Edgar Hill, Brian Hinkelman, Lili Hinkelman, Kathleen Kerrigan, Richard Lang, Nancy Letsch, Kara Lobasso, Rose Lucio, Vicky Massaro, Michele McCann, Peter McCann, Sr., David McCarthy, Eleanor McGee, Margaret McHugh, Dorothy Meloni, Regina Mirabella, John O'Brien, Joseph Ortiz, Robert Petersen, Arthur Petrino, Joanne Popper, John Posanti, Louise Posanti, Joe Radosti, June Reutlinger, Patricia Salimbene, Dorothy Schiavone, Joe Shields, Derek Stahl, Diana Marie Taveras, Baby John Tramazzo, Jean Virgilio, Pat Wallace

Understanding Suicide

by Ron Rolheiser, OMI

Canadian poet, Margaret Atwood, says that it is not enough to say certain things just once. Some things need to be said, and said, until they don't need to be said again.

Every year I write a column on suicide and each of those columns usually prompts a flood of mostly grateful letters. The gratitude comes from the fact that those columns suggest that, in most cases, suicide claims its victims in the same way as does a heart attack, a stroke, cancer, or an accident. There is no freedom not to die. Suicide victims are, like victims of sickness and accidents, not responsible for their own deaths and suicide should not be a matter of secrecy, shame, moral judgment, and second-guessing.

For this year's column, I will not reiterate those same themes, namely, that suicidal depression is usually a terminal disease and is not a free choice that connotes moral and psychological delinquency. Rather I will give a first-hand testimony from William Styron, author of *Sophie's Choice*. A victim of suicidal depression he wrote, in 1990, a book entitled, *Darkness Visible, A Memoir of Madness*, within which he chronicles his own descent into suicidal madness and his helplessness as he spirals into that hell.

Since Styron is sharing, first-hand, the experience of suicidal depression, allow me to quote him extensively:

"The pain of severe depression is quite unimaginable to those who have not suffered it, and it kills in many instances because its anguish can no longer be borne. The prevention of many suicides will continue to be hindered until there is a general awareness of the nature of this pain. ... and for the tragic legion who are compelled to destroy themselves there should be no more reproach attached than to the victims of terminal cancer. ...

What I had begun to discover is that, mysteriously and in ways that are totally remote from normal experience, the gray drizzle of horror induced by depression takes on the quality of physical pain. But it is not an immediately identifiable pain, like that of a broken limb. It may be more accurate to say that despair, owing to some evil trick played upon the sick brain by the inhabiting psyche, comes to resemble the diabolical discomfort of being imprisoned in a fiercely overheated room. And because no breeze stirs this caldron, because there is no escape from the smothering confinement, it is entirely natural that the victim begins to think ceaselessly of oblivion."

Styron then describes graphically how the depressed person becomes obsessed with thoughts of oblivion: "any of the artifacts of my house had become potential devices for

my own destruction: the attic rafters (and an outside maple or two) a means to hang myself, the garage a place to inhale carbon monoxide, the bathtub a vessel to receive the flow of my opened arteries. The kitchen knives in their drawers had but one purpose for me. Death by heart attack seemed particularly inviting, absolving me as it would of active responsibility, and I had toyed with the idea of self-induced pneumonia—a long, frigid, shirt-sleeved hike though the rainy woods."

After reading virtually all the literature, medical and psychological, on the issue, Styron suggests the suicidal depression is, in the end, caused by chemical imbalance, despite the fact that other factors (lifestyle, childhood, moral values, memory) contribute. Modern sensitivities, he contends, make us reluctant to use old-fashioned words like madhouse, asylum, insanity, melancholia, lunatic, or madness, but "ever let it be doubted that depression, in its extreme form, is madness. The madness results from an aberrant biochemical process. It has been established with reasonable certainty (after strong resistance from many psychiatrists, and not all that long ago) that such madness is chemically induced amid the neurotransmitters of the brain, probably as a result of systemic stress, which for unknown reasons causes a depletion of the chemicals norepinephrine and serotonin, and the increase of a hormone, cortisol."

Styron was one of the lucky ones. With his suicide already planned, he drew on some last gleam of sanity and, in that, realized that he could not commit this desecration on himself and his loved ones. He woke his sleeping wife and she drove him to a hospital. In its "safety" and given "seclusion and time" he healed. He lived on to tell this insider's story.

That insider's story has a double value: Not only should it help us to understand suicide more deeply and exorcise more of its shameful stigma, but, in helping to expose the anatomy of suicide, Styron gives us better tools to help others (and ourselves) in its prevention.

Beyond that, a proper understanding of suicide should help us all walk more humbly and compassionately in grace and community, resisting the bias of the strong and unreflective who make the unfair judgment that people who are sick want to be that way.

The human heart is exquisitely fragile. Our judgments need to be gentle, our understanding deep, and our forgiveness wide.

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Financial Summary

August 10, 2008

Weekly Collection	\$ 20,058.00
Weekly Budget	-\$ 21,000.00
+/- for the week	\$ (942.00)

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

Members in the Military

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

They are:

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.

Religious Education Registration

for children in Public School, Grade 1, September 2008

INFORMATION MEETING & REGISTRATION: (meeting will take place in the Parish Center – the room opposite the playground on Hunter Ave)

*Please note: **Baptismal Certificates required for any child being registered in PEP 1, including children Baptized at Our Lady of Lourdes.***

Monday, September 22	7:45pm
Wednesday, September 24	1:00 pm or 7:45 pm
Thursday, September 25	1:00 pm
Monday, September 29	10:00 am or 7:45pm

The registration fee (Family Fee) is \$140 and texts are \$20 and the materials fee and worksheets are \$20. Details will be provided at the meeting.

Elder Law 101

Vincent J. Russo & Associates, P.C. will be offering the following free seminar:

“Elder Law 101” at Villa Monaco Restaurant, West Islip on **Tuesday, August 12 at 9:30 AM.** The seminar is free and breakfast and refreshments will be provided. To RSVP or for more information please call Susan Tame at 800.680.1717.

Moonlight Kayak Bay Tour

The Young Adult Ministry, South Shore - Y.A.M. S. - will be having a kayak bay tour on **Friday, August 15 in Amityville at 6 PM.**

\$50 each for rental/tour guides.

To RSVP or for more information, call Lena at 631.669.0068, ext. 115.

Family Rosary Rally and Marian Concert

The Office of New Evangelization of the Diocese of Rockville Centre invites you to a day of prayer and celebration at The Shrine of Our Lady of the Island in Eastport featuring “These Three Tenors.” on **Saturday, August 23 from 9:30 AM until 5 PM.** There will be opportunities for confession, multi-lingual rosary you may purchase lunch or pack a picnic.

Retrouvaille

You can help your marriage now! Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. For confidential information about the Retrouvaille program, or to register for the upcoming weekend beginning **Friday, September 5**, please call 1.800.470.2230 and you will be connected directly to a couple from Long Island/Metro Retrouvaille.

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.

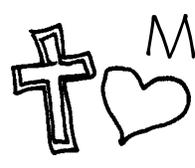
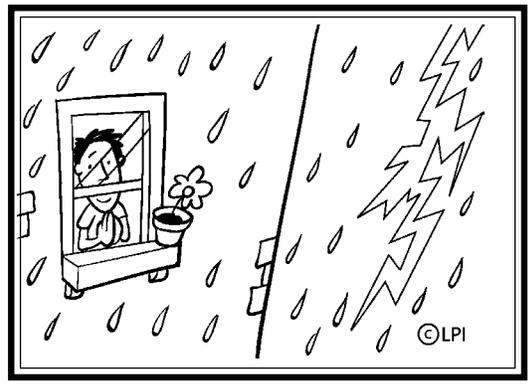
Next Sunday’s theme is: **“Relationship with God.”** Don’t miss it! To listen online or receive more information regarding Religion and Rock, go to www.ReligionandRock.com. Don’t forget to tune into TELE CARE, Cablevision 29 or Verizon FIOS 271 for the best in Catholic television!

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.

Sharing the Gospel

Jesus went up the mountain to pray. You went with him. You got high above everything. Tents and people looked like little dots. You then realize that you are not as big as you thought you were. When you go to Jesus for help when you are afraid, God is good. His strength makes you appear bigger and stronger than you have ever been before. With God's strength and power, you can say, "NO," to evil ways.



Mission for the Week

I will remember that you can save me.



Puzzle

Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:

**Jesus went out to them,
walking on the lake.**

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Prayer



Jesus,
you are the Son
of God.

Something to Draw



Draw Peter
walking on water,
sinking with fear,
then being saved
by Jesus.