

**“Where two or more are  
gathered in my name,  
I am in the midst of them.”**

Matthew 18:20



**Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Our Lady of Lourdes • September 7, 2008**



## *Pastoral Team*

**Rev. Michael A. Vetrano**

Pastor

**Rev. Robert Scheckenback**

Associate 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](mailto:ParishOffice@ollchurch.org)

fax: 661-7143

website: [www.ollchurch.org](http://www.ollchurch.org)

### **Our Lady of Lourdes School**

587-7200

Monday-Friday: 9 AM - 3 PM

email: [lkrol@ollschool.org](mailto: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](mailto: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

(Senior Advocates for Growth and Enrichment)

email: [Sage@ollchurch.org](mailto:Sage@ollchurch.org)

### **Rev. John Asomugha**

In Residence

### **Rev. Ambrose Cabildo**

In Residence

### **Deacon John DeGuardi**

### **Deacon Tom Lucie**

### **Deacon Jack Meehan**

Coordinator of Stewardship

### **Deacon John Teufel**

### **Sr. Margaret Bickar**

Senior Ministry-SAGE

### **Sr. Nancy Campkin**

Director of Religious Education

### **Jennifer Gallagher**

Childrens' Choir/Women's Chorale

Summer Program Director

### **Carol M. Goetz**

Parish Music Director

### **Louise Jane Krol**

School Principal

### **Sr. Diane Liona**

Director of Religious Education

### **Mary McMahon**

Director of Parish Social Ministry

### **Vita Scorcio**

Ministry Spiritual Director

### **John Sureau**

Coordinator of Worship

### **Sr. Betty Toohig**

Senior Ministry-SAGE

### **Anthony Trombino**

Business Manager

## *Pastoral Council*

Stacie Baltrusitis

Jane Desthers

Stephen Frodell

William Hurley

Anne Kerrigan

Maria Lucie (*co-chair*)

Deacon Jack Meehan

Vita Scorcio

Doreen Spiller

Mary Steck

Fr. Mike Vetrano

Marie Yuliano (*co-chair*)

## *Parish Staff*

### **Barbara Catuosco**

Religious Education Office

### **Mary Anne Lettieri**

Parish Office

### **Debbie Meyer**

Bulletin/Parish Office

### **Rosemary Multer**

School Office

### **Rex Muro**

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.*

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## *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



# **Italian Family Feast 2008**

**September 10 - 14, 2008**

**Opens Wednesday thru Friday at 7 PM**

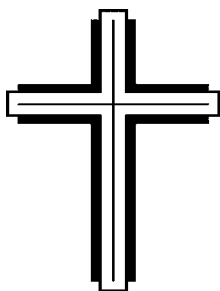
**Opens Saturday at 6 PM**

**Opens Sunday at 2 PM**

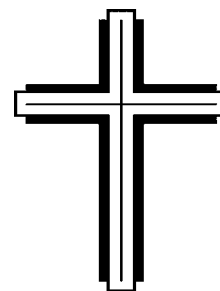
## **Official Feast Sponsor**

- **West Islip Wines & Liquors, Inc.**
- **Hither Brook Nursery, Inc.**

## **Parish Feast Mass**



**Saturday  
September 13  
5 PM Mass**



# Walk for Mary

**Saturday, September 13**

**Beginning at 4 PM at the "Feast Grotto"**

**We'll process through key parts of our parish community including:**

- "Jesus and the Children" in the Fr. Joe Garden
- The St. Joseph Statue at the Convent
- Our Lady of Lourdes statue at Our Lady of Lourdes School
- Parish Outreach and the Brendel Parish Center
- Statue of the Blessed Mother in front of OLL Rectory

**Our procession will feature beautiful readings and wonderful hymns giving honor to the Blessed Mother and our parish community!**

**The procession concludes at the Entrance Hymn at the Parish Feast Mass Saturday, September 13 at 5 PM. All are welcome!**

**NEW!**

## "The Magic of Mark & Kym"

**An illusionary journey into the World of Magic!**

**Sunday, September 14 on the Great Lawn**

**Show Times: 2:30 PM, 3:30 PM and 5 PM**

**Free Admission!**

**Come one and all-especially children -to see live exotic animals, breathtaking illusions, and become involved in audience participation!**

## Pay-One-Price

**Ride *all* rides each 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 evening, 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.**



## Adult Faith Formation 2008/2009

### *Living Wills, Health Care Proxies, Complex Health Care Decisions, Patient Rights*

We live in a rapidly changing and challenging technological world. Patient and family members are often faced with complex medical and legal issues as they try to assume greater responsibility for their own health care decisions.

This course will explore some of the medical, ethical, and legal dimensions of health care decision making. Topics to be addressed are living wills, health care proxies, artificial life support, palliative care and patient rights. Please join us on Tuesdays, September 9, 16, 23 at 7:30-9:30pm in Room 16 with presenters: Marty and Anne Kerrigan

## Ministry of Consolation

The Ministry of Consolation is looking for bakers! Please consider becoming a part of this "tradition." If you are interested, or have any questions, please call the Parish Office at 661.3224.

### "THE SIX"

Our parish's "Six Committee" has been busy working on our weekly 6 PM Sunday night Mass outside! Next Sunday, September 7, we'll meet to begin planning great things for the Sunday night liturgy. The meeting will take place at 5 PM in the Parish Center. All are welcome!

## Sing to the Lord!

Kick off the Fall season by getting involved in the OLL Music Ministry. If you've always wanted to sing with a choir or play with a music group, now is the perfect time to join. Our groups will begin singing and playing at Masses again after Labor Day.

**The OLL Choir** rehearses every Thursday night 8 PM - 10 PM and sings weekly at the 11 AM Mass, September - June. Our first rehearsal is on September 4 in the Church. We especially need tenors and basses. Adults who are proficient in playing a musical instrument and are interested in playing with the Adult Choir at the 11 AM Mass are also invited to join us at our first rehearsal.

**The Contemporary Group**, grade 8 through college age, rehearses on Sunday afternoon 4:30 PM - 6 PM and sings at "The Six," September - June. Our first rehearsal will take place on September 9 in the Church. Students, we'd love to have you come and sing with us - bring a friend or two with you. Also, if you're proficient at a musical instrument, we would love to have you join our group.

**Our Youth Choir**, grade 2 through grade 8, rehearses every Thursday 7 PM - 8 PM and sings at the 9:30 AM Mass each Sunday, September - June.

**Women's Chorale** rehearses once a month and sings at the 11 AM Mass on the first Sunday of each month, September - June.

There are also opportunities to sing with many of our groups during holiday seasons. Our **Holiday Choir** requires a limited commitment to a small number of rehearsals before Christmas or Easter.

If you have any questions regarding the *Adult Choir, Contemporary Group or Holiday Choir*, please contact Carol Goetz at 661-3224 or [music@ollchurch.org](mailto:music@ollchurch.org). If you have any questions about the *Youth Choir or Women's Chorale*, please contact Jennifer Gallagher at 661-3224 or [jengallagher@ollchurch.org](mailto:jengallagher@ollchurch.org).

## 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.*

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

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.

## Education of a Lifetime

A Catholic High School education offers young people a challenging, value-centered liberal arts education. It also affords each student an opportunity to test abilities, add skills, build confidence and develop an understanding of faith, while preparing for college and for life.

Open Houses present students and parents with a special opportunity to gain information about the programs, faculty, and facilities of the Catholic High Schools on Long Island. Administrators, faculty members, staff, and students are available to describe school programs and to answer questions at the Open House events. For additional information on particular schools, plan to attend one or more of the Open House.

### Open House Schedule

<b>Sunday, September 14</b>	10 AM - 1 PM	St. Anthony's High School
<b>Saturday, September 20</b>	11 AM - 1:30 PM	Our Lady of Mercy Academy
<b>Sunday, September 21</b>	1 PM - 4 PM	St. Dominic High School
<b>Sunday, September 28</b>	12 PM - 2:30 PM	Holy Trinity High School
	2 PM - 4:30 PM	St. Mary's College Prep. High School
<b>Saturday, October 4</b>	9 AM - 12 PM	Sacred Heart Academy
	10 AM - 1 PM	Kellenberg Memorial H. S.
	2 PM - 4 PM	Chaminade H. S.
<b>Saturday, October 18</b>	10 AM - 1 PM	McGann-Mercy D.H. S.
	12 PM - 2 PM	Academy of St. Joseph
<b>Sunday, October 19</b>	10:30 AM - 2 PM	St. John the Baptist D.H.S.

The Catholic High School Entrance Exam is scheduled for Saturday, October 25 and will be held at several locations. Applications for the Catholic High School entrance exam are available at the Religious Education Office and the OLL School Office.

If you have any questions, please call the Religious Education Office at 661.5440, option #3 or the OLL School Office at 661.7200, option #2.

## **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.



## ***Baptisms***

*Luke Frank Kropf*

James and Lisa

*Bruno Joseph Basile*

Dana and Izabela

*Tessa Rose Untiedt*

David and Alison

## ***Upcoming Marriages***

*Adrienne Marie Kalosieh*, Sacred Heart, Little Falls, NJ and

*Eric Paul Storjohann*, OLL

*Karen A. Smith*, OLL and

*Joseph Jackowski*, St. Patrick's, Bay Shore

*Megan Goodrich*, OLL and

*Frank Santanello*, Notre Dame, New Hyde Park



## Remembering...

### Monday, September 8

8:00 AM John Lovari

### Tuesday, September 9

*St. Peter Claver, priest*

8:00 AM Richard Zocchia

## *Altar Bread and Wine*

*In Memory of Richard M. Devlin, Sr.*

### Wednesday, September 10

8:00 AM Adam Ippolito

### Thursday, September 11

8:00 AM 9/11 Victims and Families,  
Robert D. Colin

### Friday, September 12

*Holy Name of Mary*

8:00 AM Victims of 9/11

### Saturday, September 13

8:00 AM Ryan Schemering, Diane Assaro, Pauline Delgado,  
Margaret Homann, Jeffrey Unterschuetz, Jeanette Doyle,  
Nancy Laszewski, Albert Laszewski, Mary Ellen Azzurro,  
John Ebeling, Clara Shaw, Marion Squillanti (*birthday*),  
Lillian Gerken (*100th Birthday-living*)

5:00 PM John Sweeney  
*Fr. Mike Vetrano (Feast Mass)*

### Sunday, September 14

8:00 AM Salvatore Carrano  
*Fr. Mike Vetrano*

9:30 AM Barbara McGarrity  
*Fr. Ambrose Cabildo*

11:00 AM Vincent & Francis Bivona  
*Fr. John Asomugha*

12:30 PM John Eifler  
*Fr. Bob Scheckenback*

6:00 PM People of the Parish, Anthony Caputo, Arthur Gallagher,  
Maria Williamson, Jennifer Ann Denault, Frances Cafiero,  
Marie Takats, Frank Diamante, Susan Keegan  
*Fr. John Asomugha*

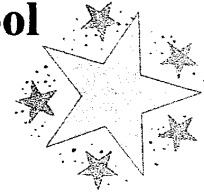
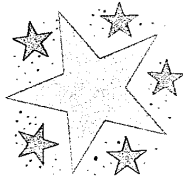


# The Two Year Old Program

At

## Our Lady of Lourdes School

44 Toomey Road  
West Islip, NY 11795  
631-587-7200  
[www.ollschool.org](http://www.ollschool.org)



Designed as a gentle introduction to our school setting,  
We offer a variety of developmentally appropriate activities  
presented to stimulate the senses through  
Arts & Crafts, Music, Dance and Exercise  
Under the guidance of a certified early childhood teacher.

**Dance**

The children learn to share, take turns and  
Follow a routine within a safe, secure and  
Child-centric environment.

**Playtime**

For toddlers learning is play & play is learning!



**Come & Join Us!**  
**Tuesdays & Thursdays**  
**9:00-11:00 AM**  
**Or**  
**12:00-2:00 PM**



*We know you'll love it here, so please call to attend a free class and meet the teacher*

**Our goal is to establish a positive self image,  
Provide the tools for separation**

**&**

**Develop a Love for Learning!**

**Snack Time**



**Story Time**

## 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.

## Pantry Needs

detergent  
kleenex  
paper towels  
personal feminine products  
shampoo  
soap  
toilet tissue  
toothbrush  
toothpaste

# Outreach Oktoberfest

**“The Best of the ‘Wurst’ in Town!”**

**Saturday – October 4**

**Hibernian Hall in Babylon**

**8 PM – Midnight**

**Music, dancing, German buffet and, of course, beer!**

## Oktoberfest Trivia

*Did you know...*



Among the many reasons the Oktoberfest is celebrated during the end of September thru early October is because the temperature is near 30 C and this stimulates the thirst of visitors.



Although the citizens of Munich vowed never to cancel Oktoberfest, war, famines and emergencies have forced the cancellation of this event twenty-four times.



In 1816, carnival booths appeared at the Oktoberfest, with prizes, silver, porcelain, and jewelry-no flat screen TV. You have to attend the “Outreach Oktoberfest to win a flat screen TV!

*Outreach Oktoberfest will not be cancelled!*

*Tickets are selling quickly, limited seating remains.*

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



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## 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

A man had a very self-righteous brother-in-law who often chastised him for not reading the Bible from cover to cover. They hardly spoke except through e-mail. "It's amazing to me," the brother-in-law wrote to him, "just how many people like you call themselves Christians who haven't read the entire word of God." The man wrote back to his brother-in-law saying, "It's amazing to me how many people have not read the complete assembly and repair manuals for a Boeing 747, and yet they call themselves pilots." The brother-in-law never again bragged about his extensive reading abilities, and the two were able to save their relationship.

Jesus' lesson in today's Gospel reading from Matthew speaks of reconciliation. Very simply, if we feel we have been wronged by someone, whether it be by words or actions, our first step is to speak to the person directly and in private. If the person does not see the wrong he or she has done, it is okay to bring a few others with you to help make your point. This is not to mean you gang up on the offender; rather, think of it more as an intervention, where friends gather to help someone overcome a sinful, hurtful lifestyle.

According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, we are reminded that beginning with the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus preached a conversion of the heart. Before we can ever offer ourselves to God, we must first go and make peace with the person or persons in our lives with whom we are angry (CCC 2608). If there are those in your life with whom you've grown distant, you absolutely cannot give up on them. If you've only spoken to them, take the next step and go see them. And if even then they will not offer forgiveness, you offer yours-and pray.

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### Readings for the Week of September 7, 2008

<b>Sunday:</b>	Ez 33:7-9/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20
<b>Monday:</b>	Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Mt 1:1-16,18-23 or 1:18-23
<b>Tuesday:</b>	1 Cor 6:1-11/Lk 6:12-19
<b>Wednesday:</b>	1 Cor 7:25-31/Lk 6:20-26
<b>Thursday:</b>	1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Lk 6:27-38
<b>Friday:</b>	1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Lk 6:39-42
<b>Saturday:</b>	1 Cor 10:14-22/Lk 6:43-49
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

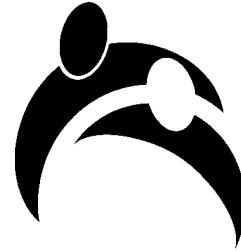
## Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Dottie Collins*.  
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.



## 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.

## 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., Jim Butler, Howard Campkin, Rose Contelmo,  
 Regina Cranor, Karen DellaVecchia, TJ Devlin, Josephine DiBenedetto,  
 Susan Gigante, Samantha Hil, Brian Hinkelman, Lili Hinkelman,  
 Kathleen Kerrigan, Richard Lang, Nancy Letsch, Kara Lobasso,  
 Anthony Marrotta, Margery Marrotta, Vicky Massaro, Michele McCann,  
 Peter McCann, Sr., David McCarthy, Eleanor McGee, Dorothy Meloni,  
 Brenden Muldoon, Joseph Ortiz, Robert Petersen, Arthur Petrino,  
 Joanne Popper, Joe Radosti, Patricia Salimbene, Joe Shields, Derek Stahl,  
 Diana Marie Taveras, Charlie Tibbetts, Baby John Tramazzo,  
 Jean Virgilio, Pat Wallace*

# A Conspiracy Against Interiority

by Ron Rolheiser, OMI

Recently I heard an interview on the radio with an American journalist who had just returned to the USA after living for nearly twelve years in Paris. While living there, his son was born. That child, now nearly ten, had been raised outside of popular culture. His parents, both literary types, didn't own a television set, listened to classical rather than popular music, weren't attuned to the sports scene, and their interests and spirits didn't rise and fall with the ups and downs of the celebrity of the day.

And so when they returned to the USA, their son was very much the outsider to pop culture, unfamiliar with the latest pop stars, game shows, and the like. As his dad was explaining all of this, the interviewer asked him: "Has your son held out against American culture?"

The journalist's answer: "For about two days! Of course, he didn't hold out, nobody does! Western pop culture, for good and for bad, is the most powerful narcotic that has ever been perpetrated on this planet! Nobody holds out against it."

Our culture is a powerful narcotic, for good and for bad.

It is important that we first underline that, partly, there's a good side to this. A narcotic soothes and protects against brute, raw pain. Our culture has within it every kind of thing (from medicine to entertainment) to shield us from pain. That can be good, providing it isn't a false crutch.

But a narcotic can also be bad, especially when it becomes a way of escaping from reality. Where our culture is particularly dangerous, I feel, is in the way it can perpetually shield us from having to face the deeper issues of life - faith, forgiveness, morality, and mortality. It can, as Jan Walgrave famously said, constitute a virtual conspiracy against the interior life. How?

By keeping us so entertained, so busy, so preoccupied, and so distracted that we lose all focus on the deeper things. We live now in a world of instant and constant communication, of mobile phones and email, of ipods that contain whole libraries of music, of television packages that contain hundreds of channels, of malls and stores that are open 24 hours a day, of restaurants and clubs that stay open all the time, of sounds that never die and lights that never go out. We can be amused, distracted, and catered to for 24 hours a day.

While that has made our lives wonderfully efficient it has also conspired against depth. The danger,

as one commentator puts it, is that we are all developing permanent attention deficient disorder. We are attentive to so many things that, ultimately, we aren't attentive to anything, particularly to what is deepest inside of us.

This isn't an abstract thing! Typically our day is so full of things (work, noise, pressure, rush) that when we do finally get home at night and have some time when we could shut down all the stimulation, we are so tired and fatigued that what soothes us is precisely something that functions as a narcotic - a sporting event, a game show on television, a mindless sitcom, or anything that can soothe our tensions and relax us enough to sleep. It's not bad if we do this on a given night, but it is bad when we do it every night.

What happens then is that we never find the space in our lives to touch what's deepest inside of us and inside of others. Given the power of our culture, we can go along like this for years until something cracks in our lives, a loved one dies, someone breaks our heart, the doctor tells us we have a terminal disease, or some other crisis is powerful enough to suddenly render all the stimulation and entertainment in the world empty. Then we are forced to look into our own depth and that can be a frightening abyss, if we have spend years and years avoiding looking into it.

The poet, Rumi, once wrote: "I have lived too long where I can be reached!" That's true, I suspect, for most of us. And so we end up as good people, but as people who are not very deep - not bad, just busy; not immoral, just distracted; not lacking in soul, just preoccupied; not disdaining depth, just lacking in practice.

Our culture is a powerful narcotic, for good and for bad. It has the power to shield us from pain, to soothe us in healthy ways. That can be good. Sometimes we need a narcotic. But our culture can also be over-intoxicating, too-absorbing It can swallow us whole. And so we have to know when it is time to unplug the television, turn off the phone, shut down the computer, silence the ipod, lay away the sports page, and resist going out for coffee with a friend, so that, for one moment at least, we are not avoiding making friends with that one part of us that will accompany us into the sunset.

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## Financial Summary

### August 31, 2008

Weekly Collection	\$ 18,779.00
Weekly Budget	-\$ 21,000.00
+/- for the week	\$ (2,221.00)

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



## Daytime Eucharistic Devotion

The afternoon adoration for the month of September will be on **Wednesday, September 10 from 1- 3 PM**. All are invited and welcome!

We will be praying for our children, our country, our men and women in the military and our clergy.

## 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, September 7**. 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**.

## 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**.

## Genesaret Retreat

Genesaret Retreat held **September 19-20-21 at Montfort Spiritual Center, Bay Shore**, offers a unique opportunity for persons who face serious illness to come away for a weekend retreat of spiritual renewal and refreshment. The retreat focuses on God's love, God's forgiveness and God's faithfulness. Several parishioners have already experienced the retreat and have found the weekend extraordinary. There is no charge for the weekend retreat. All the caregivers volunteer their time. To register or to receive more information about this wonderful weekend, please call Colette Fanelli at 631.665.7052

## Catholic Daughters of the Americas

**Court Bishop McDonnell #1403**

CDA invites all women to an old fashioned **Tea Party** meeting on **Wednesday, September 10 at 7:30 PM in the O'Connell Room of St. Joseph Church, Babylon**. Our guest speaker, Kristine Henderson will speak about the history, uses and health benefits of tea.

## Gala Dinner Dance and Auction

The Sisters of Saint Joseph of Brentwood will honor Joseph K. Collins, President/CEO Collins Building Services, William J. Forrester, Exec. VP/COO Goodwill Industries, Sister Elizabeth Mullane, CSJ, Assoc. Dir., St. Vincent Services, Medical & Special Services, St. Vincent Services at their Gala Dinner Dance and Auction to be held at the **Garden City Hotel on Thursday, October 23**. For further information call 631.273.1187, extension 25.

## 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.

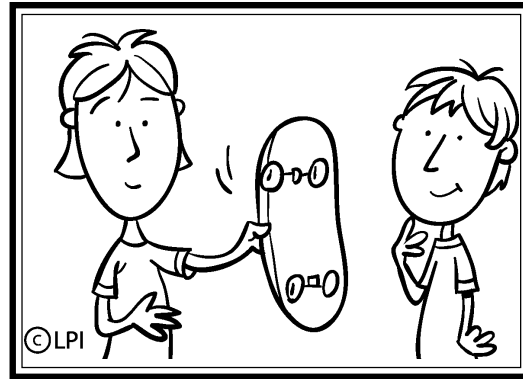
## Religion & Rock

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: **"Routine in Our Lives."** Don't miss it! To listen online or receive more information regarding Religion and Rock, go to [www.ReligionandRock.com](http://www.ReligionandRock.com). Don't forget to tune into TELECare, Cablevision 29 or Verizon FIOS 271 for the best in Catholic television!



# Sharing the Gospel

One day someone might sin against you. Friends may hurt your feelings. A neighbor may take your toy without asking. Remember what Jesus said. Remember that you sin, too. Talk it over quietly, just the two of you, and give your friend a chance to apologize.



## Mission for the Week



Pray for your friends who get stuck in sin. Help them out if you can.

### Puzzle

Find the two that are the same.



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### Prayer



Be with me, Jesus, when someone has hurt me. Help me to forgive. Amen.

### Something to Draw



Draw a picture of someone apologizing to you.