



**“The Lord God  
will wipe away the tears  
from all faces.”**

Isaiah 25:8

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Our Lady of Lourdes • October 12, 2008



## *Pastoral Team*

**Rev. Michael A. Vetrano**

Pastor

**Rev. Robert Scheckenback**

Associate Pastor

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661-3224

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661-5440

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7 PM - 9 PM

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### **Parish Outreach Office**

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Monday: 9:30 AM - 7:30 PM

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

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In Residence

**Rev. Ambrose Cabildo**

In Residence

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**Deacon Jack Meehan**

Coordinator of Stewardship

**Deacon John Teufel**

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**Sr. Margaret Bickar**

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**Carol M. Goetz**

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School Principal

**Sr. Diane Liona**

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**Mary McMahan**

Director of Parish Social Ministry

**Vita Scorgia**

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Vita Scorgia

Mary Steck

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## *Parish Staff*

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Parish Office

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**Rosemary Multer**

School Office

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Organist

**Rita Spera**

Religious Education Office

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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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*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.*

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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

## **A New Men's Group is Forming**

*An Invitation to all men from OLL and beyond...*

Come join us on **Thursday, October 16, in the Parish Center after the 8 AM Mass.** We plan to meet once a month to read and discuss the Scriptures for the following Sunday. Come with your ideas and suggestions. We'll gather for conversation and fellowship. Join us in this pioneering experience for **MEN ONLY.** If you plan to attend, please call Jack Fitzgerald at 587.5548.



## **HandCrafting Justice**

*Give the gift of hope*

Our Lady of Lourdes will host a Fair Trade Holiday Handcraft Sale, a project of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd, on Saturday and Sunday, October 25 and 26 after all Masses in the All-Purpose Room. There will be pottery, toys, clothing, linens, and so much more! For more information, contact H CJ@handcrafting justice.

## **God's Greatest Desire – For You!**

### **Renewal Apostolate Saturday Seminar**

presented by Sr. Madeline Birmingham, RC

**Saturday, October 18**

**10 AM - 4 PM**

**Parish Center**

Do you feel drawn toward taking a little time to rediscover and reflect upon Scripture passages that have spoken to you in the past of God's compelling and reassuring love for you? Enter into the richness of the Word; experience God's longing desire to be at home with you. Suggested donation of \$15 for the day. For more information, please contact Dr. John Palmer at 516.678.5800, ext. 408.

## **Padre Pio Presentation**

On **Monday, October 27 at 1 PM** the Senior Circle will host a presentation on Padre Pio **in the Parish Center.** There will be a speaker and video presentation. All parishioners are invited to attend. If you are interested in attending, please contact Vera at 587.1553. (We would like to know how many people to expect.)

## **Signing at Mass for Hearing Impaired**

We have contracted with sign language interpreters to provide our deaf parishioners with an opportunity for deeper participation in our Sunday liturgies. They will be signing at the 12:30PM Mass each Sunday. Please feel free to let anyone know who may benefit from this service.



## Leaders Wanted

### Pastoral Council Accepting Nominees

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Our Pastoral Council is currently accepting nominations for new members to fill several open seats. The Pastoral Council is one of the most important leadership groups in the parish. Members of the parish meet approximately every 6 weeks to advise the pastor on issues affecting the mission and ministries of the parish. The Council has also taken an active role in sponsoring programs and events that serve the parish. Most importantly, our current Council will conduct a pastoral assessment of the parish to assist our pastor and team to plan for the future of our community.

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

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

Parishioners may nominate either themselves or another parishioner for the Council. Eligible applicants will be asked to complete a profile.

Parishioners are appointed to the Council by the current Council in consultation with the pastor. The goal of this process is to insure that the Council represents the diversity of Our Lady of Lourdes and has the gifts and interests necessary to our present goals.

To nominate oneself, or another, for membership on the Pastoral Council begin by sending a letter or email to [pastoralcouncil@ollchurch.org](mailto:pastoralcouncil@ollchurch.org) or by postal mail to Pastoral Council, c/o Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 455 Hunter Avenue, West Islip, NY 11795. All letters of nomination will be acknowledged and must include your name and return address.

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## Ministry of Consolation

*We Remember*

*We Celebrate*

*We Believe*

### All Souls Mass of Remembrance

During this past year at Our Lady of Lourdes, more than one hundred fifty Funeral Masses have been celebrated for members of our parish family who have died. Their families will be invited to participate in a special Mass of Remembrance and Communion Breakfast on **Saturday, November 8 at 11:30 AM**. If you have suffered the loss of a loved one within the past year and would like to receive an invitation to this Mass of Remembrance, please contact the Parish Office at 661.3224 no later than October 31.



### Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

*What's it all about?*

*IF* you are an adult and

- ... you were never Baptized
- ... you were Baptized in another faith and would like to become a baptized Catholic
- ... you never received Holy Communion (Eucharist)
- ... you never received your Confirmation

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

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

Please contact John Sureau, S. Nancy or Fr. Bob at the Parish Office, 661.3224 #1, and we would be happy to help you.

*“Becoming a member of this church community through the RCIA has been a beautiful journey for our family. We didn't realize how much we had clouded our lives. We met Deacon Jack who baptized our Angelika and he pointed us towards the RCIA..... where we were welcomed with open arms and filled hearts ... We have been transformed, empowered by the Holy Spirit.”*

-Fernando DeLeon, Confirmed at the Great Vigil, 2008

## **SAGE**

The SAGE Group (**S**enior **A**dvocates for **G**rowth and **E**nrichment) will meet on **Tuesday, October 14**, in the **Parish Center at 9 AM**.

## **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.

## **Confirmation**

On **Wednesday, November 5**, Bishop Peter Libasci, Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Rockville Centre, will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to the Candidates of our parish. These young women and men are the chosen members of this community who have studied, served and prepared for this Sacrament.



During the next few weeks, they will begin the final steps of their journey towards Confirmation and even greater involvement in the life of our Church. The Confirmation Candidates of our parish will participate in “Spirit Nights” with their parents and sponsors. These times together will be an opportunity for them to experience how important it is to be active faith-filled members of the Church community. Each evening will include celebrating Mass with our parish family at “THE SIX”.

Please pray for our Confirmation Candidates as they embrace this very important commitment in their faith journey and that they will continue to be strengthened, loved and supported by YOU... their parish family.

## Daily Mass

8 AM

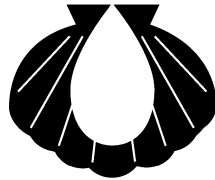
## Weekend Masses

**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*

*Nicole Emma Grieco*

Vincent and Adrienne

*Frank Joseph Pannacchione*

Frank and Yoelma

## 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.  
(Babysitters available)

## *Upcoming Marriages*

*Gigi Grillot and*

*Thomas Lee, both OLL*

*Jennifer Neary and*

*Jason Simonetti, both OLL*



*Columbus  
Day*

## **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 **Monday, October 13** in observance of Columbus Day.

The Parish Office will reopen on Tuesday, October 14 at 9 AM.



# Remembering...



## Rest In Peace

### Monday, October 13

8:00 AM Carmella Parasole

### Tuesday, October 14

8:00 AM Erna Schmid

### Wednesday, October 15

8:00 AM Joseph Birbiglia

### Thursday, October 16

8:00 AM Howard & Dorothy Ahland

### Friday, October 17

8:00 AM James Maune

### Saturday, October 18

8:00 AM Charles Homann, William Kuhlwilm, Peter Lynch,  
Mark Marciano, Donna Campbell

5:00 PM Alfred Isola

*Fr. John Asomugha*

### Sunday, October 19

8:00 AM Lillian Calogero

*Fr. John Asomugha*

9:30 AM Nancy & Peter Santoro (*wedding anniversary*)

*Fr. Bob Scheckenback*

11:00 AM Joseph Rizzo & Morrone Family

*Fr. Ambrose Cabildo*

12:30 PM Donald & Patrick Manning

*Fr. Ambrose Cabildo*

6:00 PM People of the Parish, Joseph Bedamo, Peter Reehil,  
William Kuhlwilm, Virginia Samu, Mr. Vullo,  
James Stephen, Maureen Ferro, Frank & Marge Riggio,  
Harriet Falco, Carmela (Millie) Lombardo

*Fr. Bob Scheckenback*

*Carmela Lombardo* died on September 28 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was October 2. We extend our prayers to her husband, Michael and entire family.

*Frank Antkow* died on September 28 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was October 3. We extend our prayers to his children, grandchildren and entire family.

**“One should always be prepared to give shelter to the shelterless and help to the helpless.”**  
- Aphorism from the Jain Agamic Texts.

## ***“A Roof over My Head”-- A Basic Right for All?***

**MICAH\***: An Interfaith Campaign to End Poverty on Long Island  
(\*Mobilized Interfaith Coalition Against Hunger)

**“Do justice, love mercy, walk humbly with your God.”** Micah, 6:8

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The MICAH campaign seeks to address the underlying causes of hunger and poverty among working people on Long Island. The lack of affordable housing is the single most important reason that many people in our region cannot make ends meet: people turn to food pantries for emergency assistance because they cannot find housing they can afford.

A glimpse into the problem:

- Long Island is among the 10 least affordable places to live in the United States.
- Nassau and Suffolk counties have the highest rents in New York State.
- A one bedroom apartment averages \$1,084 which half of Long Islanders cannot afford.
- Someone paid the minimum wage, \$7.15 an hour, would have to work 151 hours to afford a one bedroom apartment—and there are only 168 hours in a week.
- Since people generally can afford to purchase a house that is 2½ times their annual income, a \$250,000 house is affordable for the average homeowner on Long Island. Only 2 percent of houses are this price.
- Some families with incomes of \$50,000 are becoming homeless.
- Families are being separated by the high cost of living on Long Island and employers are struggling to fill positions.
- Seniors on fixed incomes are not able to meet their home expenses and are moving to other areas.
- Young people are being forced to move out off the Island because they cannot find affordable, safe and legal rental apartments on Long Island.
- Teachers, nurses, fire fighters, school bus drivers, and painters cannot afford to buy or rent a home on Long Island, and we cannot afford to live without them.

At its conference at Adelphi University last April, MICAH developed a public-policy agenda for the coming year that includes creating a wider variety of housing options for Long Islanders, including:

***“Towns and villages should adopt accessory apartment legislation to legalize, supervise and encourage the creation of accessory apartments.”***

Creating accessory apartments can provide affordable rental homes for young adults, seniors and single parent families and can help home owners remain in their homes without changing the traditional look of their community, without requiring additional infrastructure such as roads and sewers, and without compromising valuable green space. Apartments above stores can help revitalize struggling downtown shopping areas. Housing located near public transportation and village centers creates vibrant neighborhoods. When affordable housing is done right, it increases the value of one’s home and creates the sort of diverse communities in which many people want to live, particularly the young workers Long Island desperately needs.

To learn more about the MICAH campaign, contact Rev. Thomas Goodhue at the LI Council of Churches ([LICCHEMP@aol.com](mailto:LICCHEMP@aol.com)) or LICC Advocacy Director Neelofer Chaudry ([liccmicah@aol.com](mailto:liccmicah@aol.com))

## Parish Outreach

### Office telephone:

661-9262, option 4

### Office hours:

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

## Pantry Needs

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

## Donations

- Outreach had received a donation from the Choir in memory of *Joseph Rooney*, Mary Hulse's brother.
- Regina Mirabella made a donation to Outreach in memory of *Don Bolin*, *James Stephen* and *Edward Gizewski*.
- The neighbors on Karp Drive in West Islip have made a donation to Outreach in loving memory of *Donald Bolin*.

## Upcoming Meetings

**Tai Chi** will be starting on Wednesday, October 15 in the Parish Center from Noon - 2PM. Fee is a free-will offering.

**Social Action Committee** will be meeting on Thursday, October 16 in the Outreach Office at 7:30 PM.

## A Century of Christmas

A limited number of tickets are available for "A Century of Christmas" show **Sunday, December 21, 2008 at 4 PM at the Patchogue Theater of Performing Arts**. Tickets are \$37.90. We have a school bus available- \$8 per person if so desired. We intend to go for dinner at a nearby restaurant after the show. The approximate cost would be \$30 per person. If interested, please call Wilma at 669.4728.



## 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Every four years, this country holds primary elections. Usually, two or three states vote at a time. On what is called Super Tuesday, more than twenty states hold their primary elections. And 2008 was no different; however, on this Super Tuesday there were reports in one state of voters showing up at their usual polling place to vote only to discover that their state had already had its election a week earlier, and in another state, people showed up to vote only to learn that their primary wasn't for a few more weeks. Some were finally ready, but it was too late; others tried to get in but weren't ready.

The parable of the wedding feast in today's reading from Matthew actually tells two different stories. In the first, the king prepared for his son's wedding and sent out an invitation to all he thought would attend. But no one took him seriously, and all refused to attend the wedding. The king had their city burned; one would assume they then wished they had attended the wedding, but their wishes came too late. In the second part of the parable, the king has invited just about anyone to the wedding; many come, but one who does is not dressed for a wedding; the king sees he is not ready to attend and escorts him out.

We are called to the kingdom of heaven; we cannot afford to wait to answer until the time is right for us. Nor can we assume that we will be welcome just because we think we deserve it. Remember, through his parables Jesus invites people to the feast of the kingdom, but he also asks for a radical choice: to gain the kingdom, one must give everything. Words are not enough, deeds are required (CCC 546). How we use our gifts of grace in preparation for the kingdom is what matters most.

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### Readings for the Week of October 12, 2008

Sunday:	Is 25:6-10a/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 <i>or</i> 22:1-10
Monday:	Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1/Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday:	Gal 5:1-6/Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday:	Gal 5:18-25/Lk 11:42-46
Thursday:	Eph 1:1-10/Lk 11:47-54
Friday:	Eph 1:11-14/Lk 12:1-7
Saturday:	2 Tm 4:10-17b/Lk 10:1-9
Next Sunday:	Is 45:1, 4-6/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21

## Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Carol Grillo*.

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, Margaret Bentley, Nicholas Buscemi, Jr., Howard Campkin, Regina Cranor, Karen DellaVecchia, TJ Devlin, Josephine DiBenedetto, Sandra Dubois, James, Jr. & Julia Florio (infants), Susan Gigante, Samantha Hil, Brian Hinkelman, Lili Hinkelman, Doris Ingrassia, Thomas Kelly, Kathleen Kerrigan, Richard Lang, Nancy Letsch, Kara Lobasso, Vicky Massaro, Michele McCann, Peter McCann, Sr., David McCarthy, Eleanor McGee, Dorothy Meloni, Brenden Muldoon, Jean Muller, Joe Murray, Joseph Ortiz, Frances Parine, Arthur Petrino, Joanne Popper, Joe Radosti, Patricia Salimbene, Dorothy Schiavone, Joe Shields, Derek Stahl, Joseph D. Sullivan, Diana Marie Taveras, Charlie Tibbetts, Baby John Tramazzo, Jean Virgilio, Nancy Volpe, Pat Wallace*

## 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.

# David and Goliath

by Ron Rolheiser, OMI

There's no substitute for imagination. Without good images to provide us with vision, the world overpowers us and leaves us feeling small and helpless. Unless our symbols are working, fate can never be turned into destiny.

This is especially true regarding how we, as persons of faith, stand before a world that can often be cold, loveless, unjust, and hard. If you're a sensitive person it's easy to feel overwhelmed by your own powerlessness and seeming insignificance. What can you do? The powers of the world are so huge and universal while you are so small and limited.

Whenever we feel discouraged in this way, a helpful image can be the biblical picture of David standing before Goliath. It's an archetypal image of how, invariably, good stands before evil, justice before violence, sensitivity before brute indifference, and tenderness before iron. David standing before Goliath is the perennial image for how good and evil face off with each other in the struggle for life and death and how, in that struggle, what is good, just, and tender always looks hopelessly overmatched.

Here's the image:

At one point in her history, Israel, who here represents God's cause, is in battle against the Philistines who (as the word "philistine" still connotes) represent brutality, lack of justice, lack of feeling, lack of goodness, and lack of God. Their champion is a giant, Goliath, a brute of unparalleled strength who, in the picture presented, has no feelings, no sensitivity, no goodness. He walks onto the battlefield clothed in iron, seemingly inanimate, sneering, arrogant, disdainful of all opposition. Beside him stands his armour-bearer, also clothed in iron.

On the other side, stands Israel, intimidated in the face of this brute strength, knowing that, among them, nobody who can fight Goliath on his own terms.

So they change the terms! Instead of taking their strongest man, clothing him in iron, and sending him out against Goliath, they send a young boy, David, with no armour at all. He goes out barefoot, with only a slingshot, more a boy's toy than a weapon of war.

And he cuts a pathetic figure. He walks onto the battlefield as a naive child, unsophisticated in war, someone not to be taken seriously. That is also how Goliath sees him - "Am I a dog that you come out against me with sticks? You're not an opponent even worth fighting. This is a joke! Come over here and I will cut off your head and feed it to the birds!" Godless forces do not exactly cower when truth marches out to do battle against them.

But we know the outcome. David reaches into his shepherd's pouch, takes out his slingshot, inserts a smooth pebble, and his first shot penetrates the skull of the giant. He then cuts off Goliath's head with his own sword. A boy fells a giant; the toy of a child overpowers the weapons of war; what's naive defeats what's sophisticated; and sensitivity proves more powerful than iron.

There's a lesson in this:

That image, David before Goliath, the child before the giant, depicts how anyone who is a true defender of God's cause invariably stands before the world - hopelessly overmatched, looking naive, a child before an adult, bare skin against iron, a joke, someone not to be taken seriously. But victory belongs to the child. It's the giant that's vulnerable, it's iron that won't hold up, providing of course that the child has some smooth pebbles inside his or her shepherd's pouch.

What's a shepherd's pouch and what's inside of it that can fell a giant?

When David reached into his shepherd's pouch and took out a slingshot and a pebble, you can be sure that this was not the first time he had done this. As a shepherd, in the fields by himself, he would have spent countless lonely hours practising with his slingshot, searching for just the right pebbles, and then palming those pebbles to know their exact feel, to give them the feel of his hand, to really make them his own. When he walked out to face Goliath his weapons may have looked pathetic in comparison to his opponent's steel and iron, but he knew their exact feel, they were an extension of himself. And in that is the lesson.

Long before we walk onto any battlefield to confront what opposes God, love, truth, and feeling, we too need to spend countless lonely hours palming and polishing what's in our shepherd's pouch - prayer, sacraments, our traditions, and especially our charity and respect. These are David's pebbles, our weapons against Goliath. We need, through many lonely hours, to palm them, press them, and give them the smell and feel of our own skin. Then, when we fling them at the giant, they will penetrate the iron and hardness that stand in the way of God.

We won't always have spectacular results, like David. We won't always save the world or our own nation, but at least we will save our own sanity.

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*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](http://www.ronrolheiser.com).*

## Financial Summary

### October 5, 2008

Weekly Collection	\$ 19,485.00
Weekly Budget	-\$ 21,000.00
+/- for the week	\$ (1,515.00)

### Respect Life

Collected Amount	\$ 3,620.00
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*The estimated weekly collection needed to maintain and operate our parish buildings, ministries, programs and salaries is \$21,000.*

## One Sunday for the Whole World



Next Sunday, Pope Benedict XVI calls every Catholic in the world to celebrate our vocation to be missionary. It's **World Mission Sunday!** As Catholics around the world—here at home and in the Missions—gather at the Eucharist around the table of the Lord, we are to pray for the Church's worldwide missionary work. We pray for those awaiting the "Good News" of our Lord's great love for us and for the missionaries who offer the poor and suffering the light of Christ. And we are to offer financial help through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith for more than 1,150 dioceses in Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Pacific Islands.

## 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>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.

## Golden Wedding Anniversary

On **Sunday, November 16, 2008** couples married 50 years or more are invited to a special Mass to be celebrated by Bishop Peter Libasci at **Christ the King, Commack at 3:30 PM**. Please pick up and fill out your registration card at the Parish Office no later than October 31. Approximately one week before the ceremony, information regarding the celebration will be mailed to you. If you have any questions you may call 516.678.5800, extension 242.

## Dominican Village

**Please join us for an Open House on Saturday, October 18 from 1 PM until 3 PM.** Dominican Village is an independent retirement community that offers assisted living and respite care, outstanding programs, all-inclusive services and bountiful amenities. For more information, or to schedule a tour at your convenience, call 631.842.6091.

## Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary

All alumnae of schools, colleges and universities founded or staffed by the Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary are invited to The Third Annual RSHM Alumnae and Friends Benefit Luncheon on Thursday, October 23 at the New York Athletic club. Proceeds from the luncheon will benefit the elderly and infirm RSHM sisters. For more information, please call 914.631.4407.

## Charismatic Renewal Center

Charismatic Prayer Groups in Nassau County will sponsor an evening of Prayer and Praise on Monday, October 13 beginning at 8 PM in the St. Barnabas Holy Family Chapel, Bellmore. After a period of Praise and Worship, we shall hear the details of our Diocesan Magnificat ministries. Everyone is welcome! For further information, call Charismatic Prayer Groups at 516.785.0054.

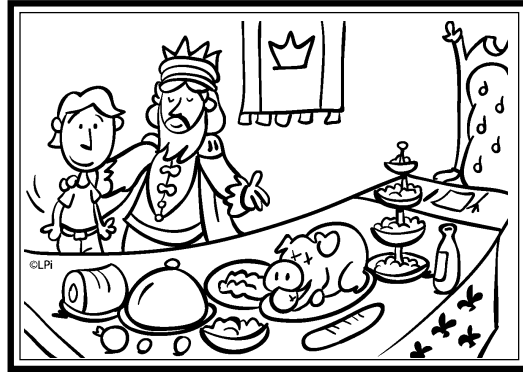
## Religion & Rock

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: **"Discovery (Columbus Day)."** 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

Imagine how it would feel to be invited by a King to come to his palace for a party! Well, you have been invited! God wants you to come. People who ignore God will not go to heaven. Don't ignore God. Say "yes" to his invitation. Go to God's party in heaven!



## Mission for the Week

As a family, plan a special party. Let each person make their favorite foods and play their favorite music. Heaven will be even better!



### Puzzle

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

wedding	banquet	king
servants	field	ready
guests	invited	business

winddeg  w e d d i n g

kign \_\_\_\_\_

redya \_\_\_\_\_

bnaguet \_\_\_\_\_

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### Prayer



Thank you for inviting me to heaven, God. I want to go!

### Something to Draw



Draw a picture of yourself at a party in heaven with God.