

**“THE HOLY SPIRIT FELL
UPON ALL WHO WERE
LISTENING TO THE WORD.”**

ACTS 10:44



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
OUR LADY OF LOURDES MAY 17, 2009



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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.

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.

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

Welcome...

to Our Lady of Lourdes!

We are so happy to welcome everyone who has come to worship with us today! Whether you have come a long distance or you live locally, we are glad that you have decided to spend some time with us as we worship our Lord together. Please know that your presence today is a blessing to our parish family.

Would you like to know more about our parish family?

All are welcome at Our Lady of Lourdes and we do our best to reach out to everyone.

If you would like more information about our parish or if you would like one of our team to be in touch with you, please fill this form out and place it in any collection or offering basket, mail it to us, or send an email to parishoffice@ollchurch.org

Welcome...

to Our Lady of Lourdes!

455 Hunter Avenue, West Islip, New York 11795



I would like information about:

- Religious Education of my Children Becoming a Catholic or Adult Confirmation
 Marriage or Annulment / Remarriage Spiritual Direction or Counseling
 Our Parish Catholic School Adult Education Senior Services
 Joining the Parish Baptizing my Children Other _____

I would prefer to be contacted by:

Phone at: _____ Email at: _____

Mail at: _____

Your Name: _____

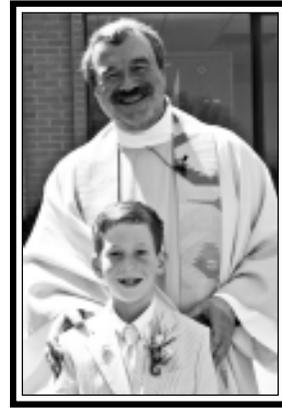
Roving Photographer

Did you get any great pictures of our first communion class?

Why not share them!

Send a digital picture of your first communicant to us and you just might see it here in the bulletin or on the web. Send your picture to firstcommunion@ollchurch.org

We are proud of all those who received First Holy Communion!



Praying Before Mass

In Advent 2007, we began the practice of asking all the liturgical ministers – lectors, servers, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion - sacristans, ushers, deacons and presiders – to pray together before Mass. The idea of this is not to offer a special blessing or to set them apart. Rather it's to bring all the ministers together in a spirit of prayer – one that can unite and inspire all who are serving at God's table.

We are called to a greater sense of prayer at Liturgy – particularly by taking some time before Mass. While our ministers pray together in the Narthex, please consider making this a time of prayer for you and for those who will serve us at Liturgy.



Mother's Day / Father's Day Mass *for parents who have lost a child* Saturday, June 13 at 10 AM

Mother's Day and Father's Day can be difficult times for parents who have lost a child. Whether you have lost a child in childhood or adulthood, to stillbirth or miscarriage, this Mass will be celebrated to bring you God's peace and consolation.

We would like to invite any parent who has lost a child to a special Mass on **Saturday, June 13 at 10 AM.**

Mass will be followed by hospitality in our Parish Center. Please feel free to invite family or friends with you.

For more information, or to let us know you will be able to attend, please call the Parish Office at 661.3224, option 1.



Taize...Prayer Around the Cross

Please join us for this evening of prayer

Monday, May 18

7:30 PM, Church

Carol Goetz, Parish Music Director

Looking for another way to pray?

Taize is a form of worship that provides some time in our busy lives where we can stop and focus on the love of God. Join us in prayerful worship this Easter season. Together we will share simple chants and prayers that will celebrate God's saving love for us all.

TAIZE ... and the San Damiano Cross

The original San Damiano Cross, fashioned about the year 1100, hangs in Santa Chiara Church in Assisi. This was the cross through which St. Francis of Assisi received his commission from Christ: "Rebuild my Church." All Franciscans cherish the San Damiano Cross as the symbol of their mission from God to renew and rebuild the Church in the power of God.

Fr. Mike will bless our new San Damiano Cross at this service.

and don't forget...

Our Lady of Lourdes 25th Annual Duffers Classic Monday, July 20, 2009

The Our Lady of Lourdes 25th Annual Golf Outing to Support Catholic Education will be held on July 20, 2009.

This year we will be honoring **Dom and Mary Anne Lettieri**, who have supported our Golf Outing and our Parish Italian Family Feast for over 25 years.

Please mark your calendars and plan to be with us.

For more information about our Golf Outing, please contact the Parish Office.

Summer Evening Prayer

It's almost summer...and time for Summer Evening Prayer! OLL annual tradition of gathering for Evening Prayer on the "Great Lawn" will continue in 2009 and we need to get working on new ideas, activities and events to make our 2009 celebration the best ever! This group only meets a few times in May and June so it's not a "forever" commitment. Think about it – may be something for you!



If you're interested in joining contact the Parish Office at 661.3224 or e-mail to jsureau@ollchurch.org. We'd love to have you!

Save the date...

Coming Pentecost Sunday, May 31!



Celebrating Our Heritage...

One Faith – Many Traditions

This event will begin with Mass at 12:30 PM on Sunday, May 31 – Pentecost Sunday. Our celebration will continue after Mass in the cafeteria, as we celebrate the many heritages within our parish family. The celebration will include food, costumes, music and traditional dancing. Join us as we begin our journey arriving in America and experience a favorite “all American” food.

- We’re asking each parish family to bring a “food item” (*a sampling*) according to their family heritage, and bring it to their country’s table. This way, we will have something to share from all the different countries.
- Do you have a costume from your country of heritage? Please wear it or bring it to display.
- Did you find your “country of heritage” on any of our “One Faith – Many Traditions” posters? If not... please contact us and let us know so we can add it.
- ...any questions... please call Religious Ed Office: 661-5440 x3 or e-mail: Religioused@ollchurch.org

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Bring your prayer and creativity together in a gift of love.

Join us ...

Wednesdays, May 20, June 10 from 9 AM until 11:30 AM in the Parish Center.

All you need to bring is scrap yarn, knitting needles or crochet hooks (patterns and instructions will be given to you) and your gifts of love and prayer.

Ministry of Family Healing

Learn to have Fun!

The Ministry of Family Healing invites you to spend a night celebrating laughter and joy with Jesus. Joy and Laughter are part of life. They help us to get through each day and they are important to our faith in God because they give us perspective. But sometimes we forget how to celebrate or our ability to celebrate is reduced by life events. Come learn how to restore a spirit of joy and laughter to living. Come join us on **Wednesday, May 20 at 7:30 PM in the Parish Center.**

Please call the Religious Ed Office at 661-5440, option 3 or e-mail to Religioused@ollchurch.org to register. Please come and bring a friend. As always, food and fellowship to follow.

DISCOVERY Summer Camp

Sponsored by Our Lady of Lourdes School

44 Toomey Road, West Islip, NY

Four Week Program

June 29 - July 24, 2009

9AM – 5 PM, Monday thru Friday



Open to all children entering grades K – 7

Registration applications now being accepted!

Registration Fee*:	\$50.00
Deposit*:	\$100.00
Full Course Cost:	\$675.00

*Deposit and registration fee are non-refundable/non-transferable.
No refunds made after May 1, 2009.

For further information contact: Lisa Kennedy: 631.587.7200 ext. 100 or
LKennedy@OLLSchool.org, Check out our website: www.OLLSchool.org
Applications and program descriptions can be found “in the Backpack” section of our website.



SAFARI Camp

Sharing About Faith and Religion

Our Lady of Lourdes

NINTH Annual Vacation Bible Camp

July 27-31, 2009

Don't miss the fun!

The grounds of Our Lady of Lourdes will be transformed into SAFARI Camp! (SAFARI stands for *Sharing About Faith and Religion*) Our campers will participate in lots of fun daily activities: singing super songs, making cool crafts, participating in awesome safari-themed science activities and, learning about God through different Bible adventures! And, of course, there'll be snacks!

Campers should presently be in Pre-K (age 4) through 5th grade. Students in grades 6-12: we need you as volunteer counselors and assistants!! The camp director is Dr. Jennifer Gallagher, a school principal and part-time team member at OLL. She'll be working with a volunteer team of adults and teens from our parish family.

The cost is \$75 per child. The fee includes all materials, snacks, crafts, and an official camp T-shirt! Fill out the registration form (which will be available at the school and religious ed. offices and will be in the bulletin in the beginning of June) and mail it to OLL at 455 Hunter Ave. (att. Jennifer Gallagher) with all fees by June 30. Email JenGallagher@ollchurch.org

First Holy Communion



Beginning on Saturday, April 25 you will see many homes in our parish displaying a paper chalice in their front window, a sign that a child living there has received First Holy Communion this season. We are so grateful for your prayerful support during their time of preparation, and we invite you to rejoice with us as we continue to welcome them at the Table of the Lord each week. This is truly a cause for rejoicing because 280 children have taken another significant step on their journey of faith as members of our parish family.

Religious Education

What's happening during the Easter Season

Please pray for our Grade 7 Confirmation Candidates and their families as they begin their decision process to choose their Sponsors.

For all in Grade 8 in our Parish Family...

“Rescue Closing”

Sunday, May 17

6 PM Mass

All eighth graders in our Parish Family, their Sponsors and parents share in celebrating their time together. The eighth graders and their Sponsors have been getting together and doing service for others.

For all in Grades 6/7/8 in our parish family...

Hang Out Nites continue...

Friday June 19

7:30 PM - 9:30 PM

Parish Center

Don't forget...there's something for everyone!

All 6th / 7th / 8th graders of our Parish Family... come play volleyball, basketball.

We have Guitar Hero 2, Dance Revolution, music and more... **DON'T MISS IT!**

also...

Grades 9/10/11/12

ALL ARE WELCOME! Be a part of the Team. High School leaders help with set-up, participating in activities, refreshments, clean-up, etc... and assist Adult Chaperones.

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.

(Free babysitting available)

Rosary/Novena

Rosary

Daily after 8 AM Mass

Miraculous Medal Novena

Monday after 8 AM Mass

Anointing of the Sick

Throughout the liturgical year.

If needed sooner, please call the Parish Office.

Baptism

Please contact the Parish Office to schedule an appointment.

Marriage

Arranged at least six months in advance, please call the Parish Office.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults(RCIA)

A process to be embraced by the Catholic Church. For non-Catholics and for Catholics who have never received formal religious education. If interested, please call the Parish Office.

Rest In Peace



John Henry died on April 23 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was May 6. We extend our prayers to his niece, Ann Munkwitz and entire family.

Mary Esther Flowers died and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was May 8. We extend our prayers to her sister, Gloria and entire family.

Walter Francis, Sr. died on May 5 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was April 8. We extend our prayers to his wife, Mary, son, Walter, grandchild and entire family.

Remembering . . .

Monday, May 18

John I, pope & martyr

8:00 AM Bill Mace

Tuesday, May 19

8:00 AM LaRocca & Sweeney Family

Wednesday, May 20

St. Bernardine of Siena, priest

8:00 AM People of the Parish

5:00 PM Stephanie Garcia

Thursday, May 21

The Ascension of the Lord

8:00 AM Frank Barba

7:30 PM Molly Sweeney

Friday, May 22

St. Rita of Cascia, religious

8:00 AM Carmella Parasole

Saturday, May 23

8:00 AM Vincent & David McCarthy, Phyllis Conforte, Gaetana Mastroianni,
Joe Gordon, Marcella Daguanno, Lillian Miller, Patrick Corrigan,
45th Wedding Anniversary of Angela & Joe Franzone

5:00 PM Holly & Michael Caraballo
Fr. Ambrose Cabildo

Sunday, May 24

8:00 AM Catherine M. Peterson
Fr. Bob Scheckenback

9:30 AM Thomas Florez
Fr. Ambrose Cabildo

11:00 AM John Gennuso
Fr. Bob Scheckenback

12:30 PM Stephanie Garcia
Fr. Ambrose Cabildo

6:00 PM People of the Parish, Patricia Santangelo, Marie Turano, Rosemaria Russo,
Robert Donohue, Grace Clark, Jennie Quigley, Ottavio Caratozzolo,
Rudolph Parson, Richard Connor
Fr. Bob Scheckenback

Ascension Thursday

Thursday, May 21

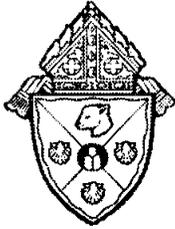
Holy Day of Obligation

Mass Schedule:

Wednesday, May 20 5 PM

Thursday, May 21 8 AM 7:30 PM

The Ascension of Our Lord, which occurred 40 days after Jesus Christ rose from the dead on Easter Sunday, is the final act of our redemption that Christ began on Good Friday. On this day, the risen Christ, in the sight of His apostles, ascended bodily into Heaven.



Catholic Ministries Appeal UPDATE

Thank You to all those who have responded!

We are at **67%** of our goal, our parish has over **\$67,000** in pledges. *Father Mike* and the CMA leadership team would like to thank the **265** families who have made a sacrifice to help those in need. Our parish will also benefit from these gifts as we reach our goal.

Parish Goal	\$101,839
Amount Pledged	\$ 67,105
# of Donors	265
Average Pledge	\$ 253

We can't do it without you!

We all know what is happening in the world around us. Today families that are struggling will be hurting even more. As the hard times continue, more and more families will look to our parish for help. Because of you, our parish has always been there for those less fortunate and we will continue to do what we can with what we have. If you have not already given we are asking those families who have not responded will prayerfully consider making a sacrifice to continue helping those who come to our doors. As the doors of Christ are always open, so to our hearts.

Your gift together with gifts from thousands of other Catholics can be a wonderful force to help those families that are looking to our Church for hope. Please consider joining with those who have made a sacrifice to assist those families in need by making a gift to the Appeal today. Please accept our deepest thanks from those lives that will be changed because of your gift.

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Supporting the Community Around Us

To provide funds I/we agree to make a gift of:

Pledge \$ _____ Initial Payment \$ _____ Balance \$ _____

If you would like to charge your contribution to your credit card, please check here and see reverse side of this form.

Signature of Donor _____

A Guide To Giving

Pledge	8 Payments
<input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000	\$125.00
<input type="checkbox"/> 500	62.50
<input type="checkbox"/> 250	31.25
<input type="checkbox"/> 150	18.75

Every Gift Counts!

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Please make checks payable to:
Catholic Ministries Appeal
Thank you for your support

For gifts of securities, please call the Appeal Office for instructions. (516) 379-5210, Ext. 2
Matching gifts: if you qualify for a matching gift from your employer, please forward to the cma office.

Senior Circle

The Senior Circle meets on the last Monday of each month. The next meeting will be held on **Monday, May 18, at 12:30 PM in the Parish Center.**

SAGE

The SAGE Group (Senior Advocates for Growth and Enrichment) will meet on **Tuesday, May 19, 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.

Men's Group

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

Come join us on **Thursday, May 28, in the Parish Center after the 8 AM Mass.**

We 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.



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6th Sunday of Easter

It was 1943, and Hitler's legions of death squads had occupied most of Poland. In the small town of Nowogrodek, sixty Jews were executed. Soon, however, the Gestapo arrested another 120 citizens to be executed simply as a show of force. A small order of nuns, the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth, offered themselves in exchange for the release of the 120 prisoners. The Nazis agreed, and on July 18th, eleven sisters were lead out into the woods and were murdered. Today, a biala fara (white church) stands at the final resting place of the blessed martyrs who gave their lives without hesitation for their friends.

Perhaps it is difficult to comprehend what it would feel like to willingly lay down one's life for a friend. In today's Gospel reading from John, we are given the answer through what is known as the Great Commandment-love. Jesus tells us that there is no greater love than to be willing to make the ultimate sacrifice for another. This is exemplified in God's pure, unending love for us in offering his only Son to die for our sins and give us everlasting life. If we are able to love one another purely and wholly as he loved us, all things will be possible, even our ultimate sacrifice for another.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church is very clear in explaining Jesus' words to us that if we are to love one another "as I have loved you" we cannot do it simply through words of promise or imitation (CCC 2842). Only through the strength of the Holy Spirit will we be empowered to demonstrate, from the bottom of our heart, true love, mercy, and forgiveness. In the words of St. Ignatius of Loyola, "Teach us, good Lord, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost."

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Readings for the week of May 17, 2009

Sunday:	Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17
Monday:	Acts 16:11-15/Jn 15:26---16:4a
Tuesday:	Acts 16:22-34/Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday:	Acts 17:15, 22---18:1/Jn 16:12-15
Thursday:	Acts 18:1-8/Jn 16:16-20
Friday:	Acts 18:9-18/Jn 16:20-23
Saturday:	Acts 18:23-28/Jn 16:23b-28
Next Sunday:	<i>Ascension of the Lord:</i> Acts 1:1-11/ Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20

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 ...

*Lucas Anderson, Giovanni Andrioli, Susan Aviza, Deacon Dick Barry,
Deacon Steve Behar, Theresa Borruso, Nicholas Buscemi, Jr., Howard Campkin,
Nicholas Cibelli, Michael Ciotkosz, Marion Coletto, Regina Cranor, Louise Crisci,
Ann Donlon, Claire Donovan, Marge Flem, Susan Gigante, Brian Hinkelman,
Lili Hinkelman, Kathleen Kerrigan, Kara Lobasso, Baby Josephine Mahan,
Mindy Mancini, Vicky Massaro, Michele McCann, Peter McCann, Sr.,
Dorothy Meloni, Rae Morris, Brenden Muldoon, John O'Brien, Arthur Petrino,
Joanne Popper, Joe Radosti, James Reilly, Dorothy Shiavone, Joe Shields,
Derek Stahl, Mary Clair Stephen, Diana Marie Taveras, Baby John Tramazzo,
Vera Vieni, Pat Wallace, Flo Worysz*

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

John Finn-US Army

Christopher Florca-US Marines

Edward A. Kelly, IV-US Air Force

Michael Mallimo- US Army

Anthony Mannino-US Marines

Trent Narra-US Marines

Peter Provenzano-US Army

Frank Silva-US Army

...and remember those of our parish family that are in the armed ser-
vices, listed in our Parish Book of Intentions.

HUNGRY LONG ISLANDERS...HOW CAN THIS BE?

“Justice demands that social institutions guarantee all persons the opportunity to participate actively in economic decision-making that affects them.

All workers...have the right to choose to organize [a union] for the purposes of collective bargaining.”

- General Assembly Presbyterian Church (USA), 1995

Do We Still Need Unions?

MICAH*: An Interfaith Advocacy Campaign to End Hunger & Poverty on Long Island

(*Mobilized Interfaith Coalition Against Hunger)

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

During America’s Industrial Revolution, from the 1860s through the 1930s, exploited American workers turned to unions for basic protections. Since the 1950s, union membership has fallen from 30% of the American workforce to 11%, causing some to wonder if unions have outlived their usefulness. Yet, the media are filled with reports of continuing abuses of workers. For example, *Newsday* reported on April 9, 2009, that the number of New York State claims filed by workers for unpaid or underpaid wages (what has been called “wage theft”) rose from 6,628 in 2007 to a projected 10,000 in 2009. **Here is just one story, provided by the Change to Win union, told in 2007 by a worker who fought to form a much-needed union in his plant.**

“My name is Jose Guardado and I worked at the Nebraska Beef meatpacking plant in Omaha, Nebraska for 8 years. I worked on the kill floor where we faced more than 2500 steers each day. My co-workers and I wanted a union at work to fight back against the dangerous working conditions, the lack of respect, and abusive treatment. We all signed cards showing our support for the UFCW. The company threatened to fire union supporters, threatened to call immigration and deport the Latinos and threatened to close the plant. They promised to slow the line down and treat everyone better. Nebraska Beef even brought in a bunch of strange workers on the day of the election just to get them to vote against the union. Workers were scared. No one wanted to lose their job. The company won the vote by a small number. The line was sped back up and no one was given what was promised to them.

”Then, Nebraska Beef began firing workers who had supported the union. I knew they were watching and waiting for me to make a mistake, so I was very careful. But the company fired me. My insurance was terminated weeks before they fired me and I had to pay \$1,000 out of my own pocket for doctor’s visits and medicine. Meanwhile, they still took \$20 out of the last three paychecks for health insurance I didn’t have. This company took away my livelihood and hurt my family just to keep us from organizing a union. Many other workers were fired or quit because they were so afraid.”

This information was provided by LI Jobs with Justice. For more information, contact JwJ-LI Director Vanessa Crilly at vanessac@jwj.org or Dr. Richard Koubek, rkmicahli@gmail.com. To learn how you can get involved, or make a donation to the MICAH campaign, contact Rev. Thomas Goodhue at LI Council of Churches (licchemp@aol.com) or LICC Advocacy Director Neelofer Chaudry (liccmicah@aol.com).

Parish Outreach

Office telephone:

661-9262, option 4

Office hours:

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



Pantry Needs

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

Outreach Memorial Donations

Parish Outreach has received many donations in memory of loved ones.

- Maureen and Ed Hawkins have made a donation to Outreach in memory of *Frank Huffanagel*.

If you would like to make a donation to Parish Outreach in memory of a loved one, please call Mary McMahon, Director of Parish Social Ministry at 661.3224, option 4.

Financial Summary

May 10, 2009

Weekly Collection	\$ 19,257.00
Weekly Budget	-\$ 19,000.00
+/- for the week	\$ 257.00

The estimated weekly collection needed to maintain and operate our parish buildings, ministries, programs and salaries is \$19,000.

Our Lady of Lourdes Fr. Joe Lukaszewski Walk of Life Memorial Garden

In Loving
Memory of
Mary Jones

Peter Jacobs
Baptized
January 2002

In Gratitude
Jean & John
Reilly

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Smith Family

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Pastoral Formation Institute

*“...with that their eyes were opened and they recognized him
in the breaking of the bread.”*

-Luke 24:31a

Join PFI: A two year process of personal, spiritual, theological, and ministerial formation for Catholics

The Pastoral Formation Institute offers an exciting, integrated approach to discipleship through instruction, prayer, faith sharing and development of leadership skills. Weekly two-hour sessions prepare the lay Catholic adult to enter more fully into the life of the Church. Studies include Sacred Scripture, Christology, Ecclesiology, Morality, Sacraments, Liturgy and Church Ministry. In addition to weekly sessions, formation weekends at the Seminary enrich the PFI process. Two to three formation weekends and/or workshops are held each year. After the completion of the two year program, participants have an option to enroll in a third year leadership track in a chosen ministry.

**For more Information: Logon to: [http://www.drvc-faith.org/
PastoralFormationInstitute.html](http://www.drvc-faith.org/PastoralFormationInstitute.html) or contact Estelle Peck, 516-678-5800 x 200, email:
epeck@drvc.org**

PFI Year I Classes for 2009-2010

Cost: \$900 Tuition + \$50 Application Fee + Cost of Books
Monthly Payment Plans Available
Cost includes Formation Weekend Retreats



Mondays, 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
St. Mary of the Isle
315 East Walnut Street, Long Beach, 11561

Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
St. Bernard Church
3100 Hempstead Tpk, Levittown, 11756

Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
St. Agnes Cathedral
29 Quealy Place, Rockville Centre, 11570

Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
St. Rosalie Church
31 Montauk Hwy, Hampton Bays, 11946

Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
Our Holy Redeemer Church
37 South Ocean Ave., Freeport, 11520
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
20 Chestnut Street, Centereach, 11720

Classes in Spanish:
Fridays, 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
St. Joseph the Worker Church
510 Narragansett Avenue
East Patchogue, 11772
Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
St. Agnes Cathedral
29 Quealy Place
Rockville Centre, 11570

Concert in Honor of the Year of St. Paul

To mark the 2000th Anniversary of his birth, a Concert in Honor of the “Year of St. Paul” will be held on **Friday, June 5 at 8 PM at St. Paul the Apostle Church, Rt. 107, Brookville-Jericho**. This evening of classical music will feature the Diocesan Choir of Rockville Centre, under the direction of Michael Wustrow, soloist Holliday Haynes (principal cantor at St. Agnes Cathedral), organist Frank Crosio, and an orchestra. Proceeds from the concert will benefit the rebuilding of the Bishop Gerald J. Ryan Outreach Centre at Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Parish in Wyandanch. To obtain tickets for the concert please contact St. Paul the Apostle Church at 516.935.1880 or the Diocesan Office of Worship at 516.678.5800 x504. Suggested ticket donation is \$15 (\$10 for students/seniors).

A Journey Worth Taking

St. Catherine of Siena Medical Center is offering a free six week support group for adults who are struggling to cope with the death of a loved one. Registration is required for the group which begins on **Monday, June 1**. For information and registration, please call Pastoral Care Office at 631.862.3104.

SJU Alumni Reunion Celebration

St. John’s University invites all alumni to attend Alumni Reunion Celebration 2009 on Saturday, May 30 and Sunday, May 31. Alumni who are celebrating their 50th anniversary are invited to a special candlelight dinner with SJU President Rev. Donald J. Harrington, C.M. The celebration ends with a Sunday Mass and champagne brunch on the Queens campus. For the most up-to-date information, please visit www.stjohns.edu/reunion.

Dominican Village

Please join us for an Open House on Thursday, May 21 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.

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 the East End of Long Island. The show is also available on Sirius Radio, Channel 159 at 11 PM on Saturday. Next Sunday’s theme is **“Prayer.”** Don’t miss it! To listen on-line or receive more information regarding “Religion & Rock” go to 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

I would be really happy, if only I was ? rich ? popular ? better looking ? the boss. Those selfish wishes sound great, but they cannot give you true happiness inside. In today's Gospel, Jesus shares the three secrets to his complete happiness: (1) Jesus obeyed God; (2) Jesus knew God loved him; (3) Jesus loved other people enough to die for them. Wow. Jesus was completely happy, but he was not selfish at all. In fact, Jesus told his friends if they followed his loving example, they could be completely happy too. Follow Jesus to be filled with happiness from the inside out.



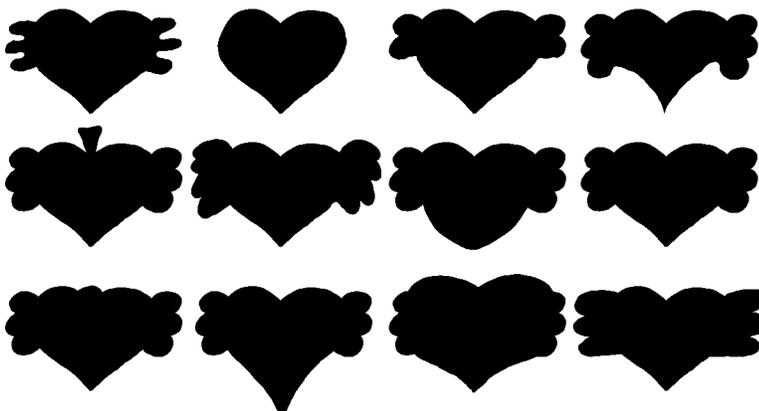
Mission for the Week



Read John 15:9-17 with your family. God loves you, and he wants you to be completely happy, but you need to let go of your selfishness. You can obey God and love others by sharing your time with them. You can show your love for God by sharing your money with others, too.

Puzzle

Find the heart that matches.



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Prayer



God, on my own I am selfish. Thank you for loving me. Help me to obey you. Help me to love other people as much as Jesus does.

Something to Draw



Draw a picture of yourself happily holding Jesus' hand.