

*If we live in the Spirit,*



*Gal 5:25*

*let us also follow the Spirit.*

*Pentecost Sunday  
Our Lady of Lourdes May 31, 2009*



## *Pastoral Team*

**Rev. Michael A. Vetrano**  
Pastor

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Coordinator of Stewardship

### **Deacon John Teufel**

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Senior Ministry-SAGE

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Director of Religious Education

### **Jennifer Gallagher**

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Summer Program Director

### **Carol M. Goetz**

Parish Music Director

### **Louise Jane Krol**

School Principal

### **Sr. Diane Liona**

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### **Mary McMahan**

Director of Parish Social Ministry

### **Vita Scorcio**

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### **John Sureau**

Coordinator of Worship

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Christine Volk

## *Parish Staff*

### **Barbara Catuosco**

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### **Mary Anne Lettieri**

Parish Office

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### **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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*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  
West Islip, New York 11795

## **Altar Servers**

### *Serving the Lord with Gladness*

We are getting ready to welcome a new group of altar servers. Altar servers help at Sunday liturgy, parish prayer services, funerals and weddings.

-To become a server you only need to be entering fourth grade and be willing to serve with a great spirit!

If you're interested, please contact the Parish Office at 661.3224, x. 135 or e-mail to [jsureau@ollchurch.org](mailto:jsureau@ollchurch.org).

## **The 9:30 AM Family Mass NEEDS YOU!**

Interested in being part of our Family Liturgy Committee? Are you intrigued by our Children's Liturgy of the Word!? Come and find out more!

Our next Family Liturgy/Children's Liturgy of the Word meeting is on **Sunday, June 7, 2009 at 10:30 AM**(immediately following the 9:30 AM Mass!)  
Come and find out more!

We are also in need of lectors to read at Children's Liturgy of the Word as well as instrumentalists to help lead our psalm at Children's Liturgy (only one song!).

This is a great way to get involved in the life of our parish community!  
Come and be a part of it all!

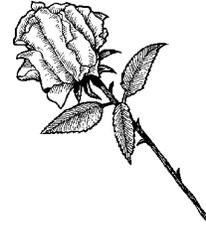
If you have any questions, please contact John Sureau at 661.3224, x. 135 or e-mail to [jsureau@ollchurch.org](mailto:jsureau@ollchurch.org)

## **"The Six"**

Our Sunday night Mass is up to doing good things, particularly as we enter the Summer of 2009!  
Would you come and help us?

Our next Six Committee Meeting is on  
**Sunday, June 7, 2009 - 5 PM - Parish Center**

*Please come and be a part of it all!*



## **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.

## **Summer Evening Prayer**

Summer Evening Prayer is a little over a month away and our Summer Evening Prayer Committee has been hard at work to make this a great summer for all of us!

Our first evening prayer is



## ***Bishop Libasci Night!***

**Monday, July 6**

**7:30 PM**

*(Dinner for everyone beginning at 6:30 PM)*

We are honored to welcome Bishop Peter to kick off our  
2009 Summer Evenings of Prayer!

Check the bulletin for more information and for more ways for you to be involved.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday, June 17, at 7 PM All are welcome!

## **Religious Retirement Fund**

### ***“Hope and Harmony”***

Next weekend, the weekend of June 6/7 is the annual collection for the Religious Retirement Fund. Religious Sisters and Brothers who have been involved in education, health care and social ministry in the Diocese of Rockville Centre need our help. The stipends being earned by young members of Religious Communities are no longer enough to support the needs of the elderly members of their Communities. The number of elderly Religious in assisted living or nursing facilities continues to rise and health care costs are rising too.

For this reason, the Diocese of Rockville Centre, for the past twenty-four years has committed to return to our Religious Communities a portion of our gifts of treasure, in appreciation for the many years of service to the people of our Diocese of these dedicated servants of Our Lord.

Please come prepared next week to assist the elderly Religious with a once-a-year gift, as generous as your means will allow. These gifts will be distributed among the twenty-nine communities who serve our Diocese.

Your gift may be placed in the mail or dropped in the collection basket on the weekend of June 6/7. On behalf of the Religious who serve in our parishes and hospitals, thank you for your generosity.



### **Our Lady of Lourdes 25th Annual Golf Classic Monday, July 20, 2009 Island Hills Country Club, Sayville**

The Our Lady of Lourdes 25th Annual Golf Outing to Support Catholic Education will be held on July 20, 2009 at the Island Hills Country Club, Sayville.

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.

Golfing Package includes green fees, golf cart, driving range, continental breakfast, lunch and dinner, all for \$250 per golfer. If you would like to join us for dinner only, \$75 per person. Registration is at 11 AM with a 1:30 PM shot gun tee off. Cocktail hour is 6 - 7 PM with dinner at 7 PM.

For more information please contact Golf Committee member Rich at 661.5478 or Keith at 539.8542.

*Today...*

**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](mailto:Religioused@ollchurch.org)

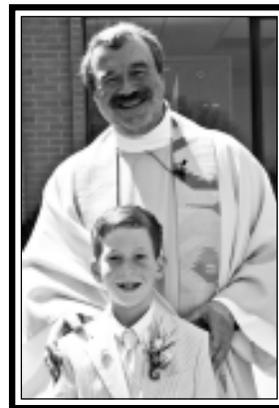
**Roving Photographer**

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](mailto:firstcommunion@ollchurch.org)

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



# **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*



## Men's Group

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

Come join us on **Thursday, June 18, 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.

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

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

**Join us ...**

**Wednesday, 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.

## 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 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*



*Helen Brown* died and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was May 19. We extend our prayers to her nephew Charles and entire family.

*Catherine Lipari* died on May 18 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was May 22. We extend our prayers to her children, grandchildren and entire family.

## Remembering . . .

### *Altar Bread & Wine*

#### **Monday, June 1**

*St. Justin, martyr*

**8:00 AM** Frank Barba, Jr.

In Memory of *Joseph Lombardi*

#### **Tuesday, June 2**

*Ss. Marcellinus & Peter, martyrs*

**8:00 AM** Alfredo Isola

#### **Wednesday, June 3**

*St. Charles Lwanga, martyr, & his companions, martyrs*

**8:00 AM** Mariano, Rosa & Leonard Bencivinni

#### **Thursday, June 4**

**8:00 AM** LaRocca & Sweeney Family

#### **Friday, June 5**

*St. Boniface, bishop & martyr*

**8:00 AM** Paul Sasso

#### **Saturday, June 6**

**8:00 AM** Niyt Marczak, Armand Porzio, Bernadette Tuma-Marcella,  
Sophie Sweeney, Thomas Nusspickle

**5:00 PM** D-Day Veterans

#### **Sunday, June 7**

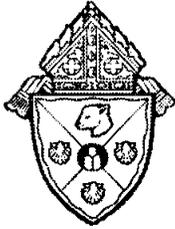
**8:00 AM** Catherine M. Peterson

**9:30 AM** Consuelo Ball

**11:00 AM** Joseph DiMola III

**12:30 PM** Alan Kittner

**6:00 PM** People of the Parish, Mary Occhiuzzo, Rose Russo,  
Rosemary Schendel, Susan Zwarych, Concetta F. Faisetta,  
Robert Volk, Ralph DeDomenico, Clifford Taffner, Louis Leo, Leo Dzwil, Sr.



## 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.

<b>Parish Goal</b>	\$101,839
<b>Amount Pledged</b>	\$ 80,993
<b># of Donors</b>	336
<b>Average Pledge</b>	\$ 241

### *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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**2009 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL**  
*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.

## 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.

## 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*

**Christopher Florca**-*US Marines*

**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 services, listed in our Parish Book of Intentions.

Our whole parish family rejoices with the Ferrara Family in gratitude for the safe return of their son from active duty. **James J. Ferrara** -*US Marines* has returned to the United States safe and sound from his third tour of duty in Iraq. Thank you, *James*, for your most generous service to our country!

The Ferrara Family would like to thank Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Family for all of their prayers.

Our whole parish family rejoices with the Kelly Family in gratitude for the safe return of their son from active duty. **Edward A. Kelly, IV**-*US Air Force* has returned to the United States safe and sound from his second tour of duty in Iraq. Thank you, *Edward*, for your most generous service to our country!

The Kelly Family would like to thank Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Family for all of their prayers.



## Pentecost Sunday

Every year, Holy Name Cathedral in Chicago offers a special Mass for couples who are celebrating their fiftieth anniversary. On the occasion of my in-laws' fiftieth, there were so many couples celebrating that family and friends were forced to watch the Mass from an adjoining building! The term Pentecost literally means "fiftieth" and was celebrated as a feast on the fiftieth day following Passover in the time of Jesus. Today, of course, we know and celebrate Pentecost as the birthday of the church, when the disciples were unified by the Holy Spirit and empowered as one to bring the Word to the world.

The final act of the New Covenant is the gift of the Holy Spirit, who is described as "Advocate" and "Spirit of truth." Jesus tells us in today's Gospel reading from John that all that God has given him will now be given to us. In this sense, the truth that we are given is the one truth which cannot be denied, and that is that the only path to the kingdom of heaven and the saving grace of our Lord is through true, unfaltering belief and love in Jesus Christ. And that truth is not to be kept to ourselves but joyfully shared with others without fear or doubt. It is up to us.

On the day of Pentecost, the church was given to the world through the power and presence of the Holy Spirit. "The gift of the Spirit ushers in a new era in the 'dispensation of the mystery,' the age of the Church, during which Christ manifests, makes present, and communicates his work of salvation through the liturgy of his Church" (CCC 1076). From a tiny spark 2,000 years ago, the church has blazed forth like a raging fire throughout the world. Each and every one of us who believes has been given a part in this celebration, a gift we cannot deny.

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### Readings for the week of May 31, 2009

<b>Sunday:</b>	<i>Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 Day: Acts 2:1-11/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27;16:12-15</i>
<b>Monday:</b>	Tb 1:3; 2:1a-8/Mk 12:1-12
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Tb 2:9-14/Mk 12:13-17
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a/Mk 12:18-27
<b>Thursday:</b>	Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a/Mk 12:28-34
<b>Friday:</b>	Tb 11:5-17/Mk 12:35-37
<b>Saturday:</b>	Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20/Mk 12:38-44
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/Rom 8:14-17/Mt 28:16-20

## Financial Summary

**May 24, 2009**

Weekly Collection	\$ 18,009.00
Weekly Budget	-\$ 19,000.00
+/- for the week	\$ (991.00)

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

## Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Rose Grant*.  
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, Brian Barthel, Marion Belcher, Theresa Borruso, Nicholas Buscemi, Jr., Howard Campkin, Nicholas Cibelli, Michael Ciotkosz, Regina Cranor, Louise Crisci, Ann Donlon, Marge Flem, Susan Gigante, Brian Hinkelman, Lili Hinkelman, Maryellen Jaggi, Kathleen Kerrigan, Kara Lobasso, Baby Josephine Mahan, Mindy Mancini, Vicky Massaro, Michele McCann, Peter McCann, Sr., Joan Melville, 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, Pat Wallace, Flo Worysz*

## HUNGRY LONG ISLANDERS...HOW CAN THIS BE?

*“The Union of Reform Judaism...calls upon employers to allow their workers to choose freely whether to unionize or not, without intimidation or coercion, and to abide by their employees’ decision when a majority indicates that it supports union representation.”*

- Union for Reform Judaism General Assembly, 2005

### *Difficulties Faced by Workers Who Try to Form 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**

Unionized workers earn 30% more than non-unionized workers; few if any union workers need to get help at food pantries. Yet, Interfaith Worker Justice, a coalition of faith groups that supports workers’ rights, reports, **“Unfortunately, U.S. workers face a very hostile climate for organizing unions. Workers who choose to organize ... are often viewed as troublemakers....** More than 80 percent of companies faced with union organizing efforts hire help to wage anti-union campaigns....

**“What happens to workers who attempt to organize?**

- **Ninety-one percent of employers require employees to attend a one on one meeting with their supervisors where they are told why unions are bad and why they should vote against a union.**
- **Fifty-one percent of employers illegally coerce union opposition through bribes and favors.**
- **Thirty percent of employers illegally fire pro-union employees.**
- **Forty-nine percent of employers threaten to eliminate all workers’ jobs if they join together in a union.”**

[Note: these statistics are drawn from, “Uneasy Terrain: The Impact of Capital Mobility on Workers, Wages and Union Organizing,” a Cornell University study conducted by Kate Bronhofenbrenner for the U.S. Trade Deficit Review Commission, 2000.]

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This information was provided by LI Jobs with Justice. For more information, contact JwJ-LI Director Vanessa Crilly at [vanessac@jwj.org](mailto:vanessac@jwj.org) or Dr. Richard Koubek, [rkmicahli@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:licchemp@aol.com)) or LICC Advocacy Director Neelofer Chaudry ([liccmicah@aol.com](mailto:liccmicah@aol.com)).

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## Parish Outreach

Office telephone:  
661-9262, option 4

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

## Pantry Needs



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

## Outreach Memorial Donations

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

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.



## Nocturnal Adoration

Nocturnal Adoration will follow the 5 PM Mass on **Saturday, June 6**, followed by Benediction at 9:50 PM. Please come and pray with us. All are invited and welcome! Bring a friend.

## SAGE

The SAGE Group (Senior Advocates for Growth and Enrichment) will meet on **Tuesday, June 2**, in the **Parish Center at 9 AM**.

## Rosary Christian Mothers

The Rosary Christian Mothers meet on the first Monday evening of each month. The next meeting will be **Monday, June 1**.

We will begin with **Rosary at 7:45 PM in the Church** followed by **our Installation Mass at 8 PM in the Church**. The meeting will follow **in the Parish Center**.

# Pentecost 2009-The Mystery of Giving and Receiving Spirit

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There are different ways to be present or absent to each other.

For example, when Jesus is saying farewell to his disciples he tries to explain to them some of the deep paradoxes inside the mystery of presence and absence.

He tells them that it is better for them that he goes away because, unless he does, he will be unable to send them his spirit. He assures them too that the heaviness and grief they will feel at his leaving is really the pain of giving birth and that this heartache will eventually turn warm and nurturing and bring them a joy that no one can ever take from them.

That is the language of Ascension and Pentecost, not just as it pertains to Jesus leaving this earth and sending his spirit, but it is also as it pertains to the mystery of giving and receiving spirit in all our goodbyes.

Among other things, it points to that perplexing experience we have where we can only fully understand and appreciate others after they go away, just as others can only fully understand us and let themselves be fully blessed by us after we go away. Like Jesus, we can only really send our spirits after we go away.

We experience this everywhere in life: A grown child has to leave home before her parents can fully understand and appreciate her for who she really is. There comes a day in a young person's life when she stands before her parents and, in whatever way, says the words: "It is better for you that I go away! Unless I go you will never really know who I am. You will have some heartache now, but that pain will eventually become warm because I will come back to you in a deeper way." Parents say the same thing to their children when they are dying.

We only really grasp the essence of another after he or she has gone away. When someone leaves us physically, we are given the chance to receive his or her presence in a deeper way.

And the pain and heartache we feel in the farewell are birth-pangs, the stretching that comes with giving new birth. When someone we love has to leave us (to go on a trip, to begin a new life, or to depart from us through death) initially that will feel painful, sometimes excruciatingly so.

But when that leaving is necessitated by duty or by life itself then, no matter how hard it is, even if it is death itself that takes away our loved one, eventually he or she will come back to us in a deeper way, in a presence that is warm, nurturing, and immune to the fragility of normal relationships.

Many of us, I suspect, have experienced this in the death of someone whom we loved deeply. For me, this happened at the death of my parents. My mother and father died three months apart, when I was twenty-three years old. They were young, too young to die in my view, but death took them anyway, against my will and against theirs. Initially, their death was experienced as very painful, as bitter. My siblings and I wanted their presence in the same way as we had always had it, physical, tangible, bodily, real.

Eventually the pain of their leaving left us and we sensed that our parents were still with us, with all that was best in them, our mum and dad still, except that now their presence was deeper and less fragile than it had been when they were physically with us. They were with us now, real and nurturing, in a way that nobody and nothing can ever take away.

Our presence to each other physically, in touch, sight, and speech is no doubt the deepest wonder of in all of life, sometimes the only thing we can appreciate as real. But wonderful as that is, it is always limited and fragile. It depends upon being physically connected in some way and it is fragile in that separation (physical or emotional) can easily take someone away from us. With everyone we love and who loves us (parents, spouse, children, friends, acquaintances, colleagues), we are always just one trip, misunderstanding, accident, or heart attack away from losing their physical presence.

This was the exact heartache and fear that the disciples felt as Jesus was saying goodbye to them and that is the heartache and fear we all feel in our relationships. We can easily lose each other.

But there is a presence that cannot be taken away, that does not suffer from this fragility, that is, the spirit that comes back to us whenever, because of the same inner dictates of love and life, our loved ones have to leave us or we have to leave our loved ones. A spirit returns and it is deep and permanent and leaves a warm, joyous, and real presence that nobody can ever take from us.

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

-Luke 24:31a

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## 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.

## A Night on Broadway

The Babylon Chorale presents A Night on Broadway, covering over 100 years of Broadway melodies, with memories for all ages - Saturday, June 13 at 8 PM at Suffolk Community College, Sagtikos Theater, Brentwood. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$12 for seniors and students and may be purchased at the door. For more information, call 516.798.5475 or 631.650.7413 or visit [www.babylonchorale.org](http://www.babylonchorale.org).

## Dominican Village

**Please join us for an Open House on Thursday, June 4, 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.

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