

**Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Our Lady of Lourdes • September 27, 2009**

**“The cries of the
harvesters
have
reached God’s ears.”**



James 5:4

*Our Lady
of Lourdes*

455 Hunter Avenue
West Islip, New York 11795

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.

Mission Statement

As stewards of all that God has given us, the Parish Family of Our Lady of Lourdes serves and ministers to all who come to this place. Regardless of a person's history, ethnicity, gender, orientation, age or race, we commit ourselves to open wide the doors of our Parish to provide a place of welcome and hospitality.

Vision...

so that all may know that they are a vital part of the Body of Christ, we further recommit and challenge ourselves to...

Live out our Baptismal call passionately by caring for all of God's people with justice.

Grow in an understanding of God's role in each of our lives.

Respond to the Gospel in a radical way, inviting and inspiring all to form the Kingdom of God in every moment of life.

Acknowledge we are not complete without the willingness to grow, discern and discover the Spirit who moves and guides us.

Pastoral Team

Rev. Michael A. Vetrano
Pastor

Rev. Patsy Amabile
Associate Pastor

Rev. Robert Scheckenback
Associate Pastor

Rev. Ambrose Cabildo
In Residence

Deacon John DeGuardi

Deacon Tom Lucie

Deacon Jack Meehan

Coordinator of Stewardship

Deacon John Teufel

Sr. Margaret Bickar

Senior Ministry-SAGE

Sr. Nancy Campkin

Director of Religious Education

Allegra D'Alo

Youth Minister/Social Action

Jennifer Gallagher

Childrens' Choir/Women's Chorale

Summer Program Director

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Louise Jane Krol

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Mary McMahan

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Parish Office

661-3224

Monday-Friday: 9 AM - 7:30 PM

Saturday: 9 AM - 3 PM

Sunday: 9 AM - 2 PM

email: ParishOffice@ollchurch.org

fax: 661-7143

website: www.ollchurch.org

Our Lady of Lourdes School

587-7200

Monday-Friday: 9 AM - 3 PM

email: lkrol@ollschool.org

Religious Education Office

661-5440

Monday-Friday: 9 AM - Noon

1 PM - 5 PM

7 PM - 9 PM

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Parish Outreach Office

661-9262

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday:

9:30 AM - 3 PM

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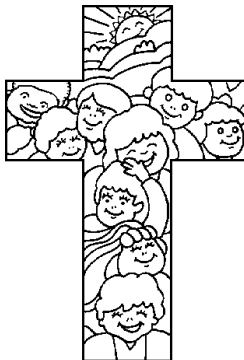
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(Senior Advocates for Growth
and Enrichment)

email: Sage@ollchurch.org

Religious Education Registration

for children in Public School, Grade 1, September 2009



Information Meeting & Registration

Meetings will take place in the Parish Center. (room opposite the playground on Hunter Ave)

Please note: Baptismal Certificates required for any child being registered in PEP 1.

Wednesday, September 30

10:00 am or 7:30 pm

Saturday, October 3

10:00 am

If this is your *first child in our program*, the registration fee (Family Fee) is \$160 and textbooks are \$20 (if needed.) Details will be provided at the meeting.



Confirmation

On **Thursday, October 29**, Bishop William Murphy, 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.

Adult Faith Formation

Top Ten Reasons to be a Catholic: What I Learned in 30 Years of Being a Priest!

Presenter: Fr. Mike Vetrano

Tuesdays-October 13, 20, 27 and November 3, 10

Parish Center

7:30 PM - 9:30 PM

Being a Catholic is wonderful but not necessarily easy. It is demanding, challenging, and not without its controversy. At its best, it can bring you close to God and at its worst, it can scandalize.

The five weeks of this course are designed for either the beginner, the searcher, or the experienced Catholic - it will help you learn what I have learned: how to grow with and deepen your faith.



Week 1

Sunday Mass: What does God get out of it! A view of mass from the other side of the altar.

Week 2

Lessons learned from hearing confessions: Why forgive? And who needs to be forgiven? A new look at the power behind both forgiving and being forgiven

Week 3

What does it mean to be a moral person and is life really better if you are?

Week 4

The political Christian: Is it possible to be both a good Catholic and a faithful citizen ?

Week 5

More expert than our pastors: The power and importance of the laity in our church today.



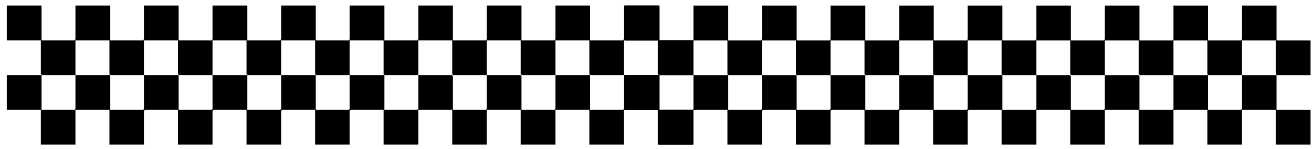
All Souls Mass of Remembrance

We Remember We Celebrate We Believe

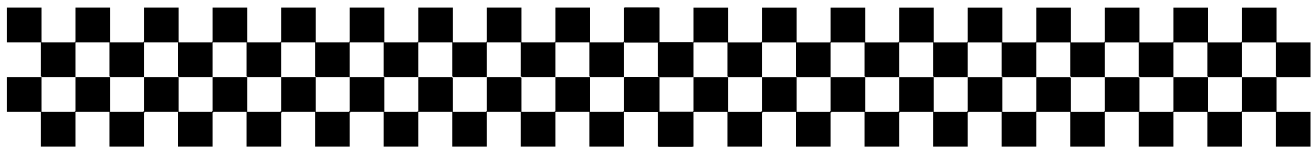
During this past year at Our Lady of Lourdes more than 100 Funeral Masses have been celebrated for members of our parish family who have died. Their families will be invited to participate in a special Mass of Remembrance and Communion Breakfast on Saturday, November 7 at 10 AM.

If there is someone you wish to honor whose Funeral Mass was not celebrated at Our Lady of Lourdes, please contact the Parish Office at 661.3224 no later than October 31.

Our Lady of Lourdes



Italian Family Feast 2009



Super Raffle Winners!



\$7,000

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\$2,000

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\$1,000

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Thank you Feast Sponsors!

West Islip Wines & Liquors, Inc.
Munch Landscape, Inc.
Chapey & Sons Funeral Home

Nightly Raffle Winners

Wednesday	#01851
Thursday	#04994
Friday	#39372
Saturday	#16482
Sunday	#04822

El Salvador!



This year's trip to El Salvador was a wonderful success and a beautiful experience for all those who participated. We are all looking forward to next year's trip and in the meantime we aim to help our friends in Central America as much as we can.

On **Saturday, September 26, and Sunday, September 27**, participants in our Mission Trip will be sharing their experiences at all Masses. We are also going to ask every parishioner to join us in helping our brothers and sisters in El Salvador.

There are many ways to be involved, but two special projects will be introduced that weekend:

- 1) Sponsor a child or elderly person in El Salvador through the Christian Foundation for Children and Aging (CFCA).** Each year, CFCA hosts our trip and shows us the wonderful work they do among the poor in El Salvador. They have sent us photos and profiles of 100 children and elderly from El Salvador who need our help. Sponsorship costs \$30 per month, and helps to provide for basic nutrition, health, and education. We saw firsthand the difference sponsorship makes, and we hope that some of our OLL family will join this important work. We will have sign-up information on the 26th-27th, or you can visit CFCA's website at www.cfcausa.org.
- 2) Participate on Our Lady of Lourdes' CASA Project** to build homes for people in our sister parish communities. For only \$1500, a solid and safe home can be constructed in El Salvador. Our goal this year is to build 20 homes as a parish. To fund this project, we will be selling special house-shaped piggy banks, and the "Piggy Back Project" will return to OLL! We will ask our parishioners to return their spare change (not the banks) to our special coin receptacles at the doors on the first Sunday of every month. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could take pictures of the 20 homes we built when we go to El Salvador next year!

Both the sponsorship papers and house banks will be available at all of the Masses on **September 26-27**. Just speak with a member of our El Salvador team and you can help in this great way without ever setting foot in JFK! Contact Allegra@ollchurch.org with any questions

An Evening Retreat with the Deacons of OLL



Walking in the Footsteps of St. Francis

An evening to slow down in our busy lives and come to realize our God that dwells in us following the footsteps of St. Francis of Assisi.

Deacon John, Deacon Jack M., Deacon Jack T., and Deacon Tom invite you to an Autumn Retreat on **Monday, October 19 at 7:30 PM in the Church.**



Senior Circle

The Senior Circle meets on the last Monday of each month. The next meeting will be held on **Monday, September 28, at 12:30 PM in the Parish Center.**

Prayer Shawl Ministry

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

Join us ...

Wednesday, October 7 at 9:30 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.

Rosary Christian Mothers

The Rosary Christian Mothers meet on the first Monday evening of each month. The next meeting will be **Monday, October 5.** We will begin with **Rosary at 7:45 PM in the Spiritual Life Center** followed by **meeting at 8 PM.**

(please use the entrance located between the school and convent.)

Men's Group

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

Come join us on **Thursday, October 15, in the Parish Center following 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.



Help Save a Life - Give Blood

Quite simply, blood is LIFE, but frankly, there sometimes isn't enough to go around. That's why it's critical for all of us to do our part in expanding the blood supply, so everyone who so desperately needs blood gets it.

On Wednesday, October 7, Our Lady of Lourdes Parish will hold a BLOOD DRIVE from 3:30 PM to 8:30 PM. The Drive will be held in the All Purpose Room.

All eligible donors are strongly urged to give blood.

To donate you must be between the ages of 16 (with parental consent) and 72 (individuals over 75 can donate with written permission from their physician, dated within one year), in good health, and weigh at least 110 pounds.

All donors must show proof of identification and should eat some food before donating. Donating blood is easy and completely safe. The donation includes a mini-health exam, including blood pressure, pulse, temperature and iron count. The entire donation process takes about one hour (the actual donation takes about 10 minutes). After the donation, donors rest and enjoy light refreshments, then are able to go back to their normal day.

For more information about the Blood Drive or to make an appointment, please call Marie at 669.5837 or just walk in the day of the Blood Drive.

St. Pius X Enriched Living Facility Fund

"Caring for those who cared for us"

The response to last week's Second Collection for St. Pius X Enriched Living Facility at our parish was outstanding.

A big, warm thank you to all who have helped to support the special needs of our Diocese's retired priests – your generosity has been outstanding.

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

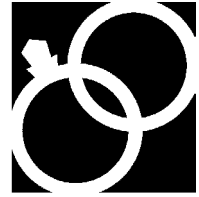
Arranged at least six months in advance, please call the Parish Office.

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.

Upcoming Marriages

Jennifer Silvestri, Port Chester, NY and
Lawrence Fantauzzi. OLL



Rest In Peace

Jean LoCascio died on September 13 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was September 15. We extend our prayers to her children, grandchildren, and entire family.

Paul McKee, brother of Anne Kerrigan, dies on August 17 and Mass of Christian burial was celebrated in Fishkill, NY. We extend our prayers to his sister Anne, and entire family.

Michael Ramos died on September 17 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was September 21. We extend our prayers to his wife, Eleanor, children, grandchildren, and entire family.

Frances M. Robinson died on September 17 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was September 21. We extend our prayers to her sister, Marguerite, niece, Donna, and entire family.

Remembering . . .

Monday, September 28

St. Wenceslaus, martyr

8:00 AM Edith & Al Peterson

Tuesday, September 29

Ss. Michael, Gabriel, & Raphael, archangels

8:00 AM Tom Malcolm

Wednesday, September 30

St. Jerome, priest & doctor

8:00 AM William Petersen

Thursday, October 1

St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, virgin & Doctor

8:00 AM Troops in Iraq & Afghanistan

Friday, October 2

Guardian Angels

8:00 AM John Lovari

Saturday, October 3

8:00 AM John R. Hodgkins, Peter Reilly, Rosario Vincencio,
Frank Panobianco, Henry Glecker, Jr., Michael Reilly,
Michael J. Podhany, Mary Bolkle, David McCarthy

5:00 PM William Otterbeck

Fr Pat Amabile

Sunday, October 4

8:00 AM Richard Joseph Shaddock

Fr. Ambrose Cabildo

9:30 AM Emma & Angelo Crisci

Fr. Bob Scheckenback

11:00 AM Mark & John Nardone

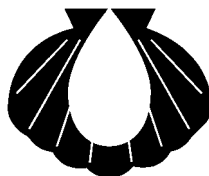
Fr. Mike Vetrano

12:30 PM Lydia & Gene Olsen

Fr. Pat Amabile

6:00 PM People of the Parish, Eleanore Basakiris,
Theresa Marino, John Beasley, Marie Skibinski,
Ruby Hebron, Frances Robinson

Fr. Bob Scheckenback



Baptisms

Katelyn Marie Mercorella

Brian and Heather



Lost Treasure Found by Preschoolers!

The first day of Pre-K at Our Lady of Lourdes School was quite an adventure! The teachers, Mrs. O'Sullivan and Mrs. Pryhocki received a letter from Pirate Pete! He asked the children to find his lost treasure! He was being chased too far from his ship, so he hid his treasure in our school. He left each of the children a treasure map to guide them.

They followed the map and found clues throughout the school! The first clue led them to the Principal's office. Mrs. Krol read our next clue and they headed off! The children explored the gym and the cafeteria! Along the way, we bumped into our Drama, Music and Italian teachers! Finally, they found a treasure chest in the Media Center! The chest was filled with treat bags for all the Pre-K children! It was a great adventure and we are sure to have many more throughout the school year!

Summer Reading for All Students

This year all students at Our Lady of Lourdes in West Islip, in grades 4-8 were assigned required reading over the summer vacation. The books that were chosen came from the historical time period of WWII and dealt with the holocaust.

The fourth grade had to read "Jacob's Rescue". A fourth grader, Allison Appey, when asked if she liked reading about the holocaust said "Yes. I didn't know about the holocaust before." The fifth grade was required to read "Snow Treasure". Christopher Merandi, a fifth grader, said "I enjoyed the book. I liked when he threw the snowball at the soldier's head and then ran away." The sixth grade was required to read "Yellow Star", while the seventh grade was required to read "The Cage". A seventh grader, Christina Natale said "I thought the book was really sad, but it got me thinking". The eighth grade read "The Diary of a Young Girl" by Anne Frank. They will follow up the novel by seeing the play in the upcoming months.

In addition, the children in the younger grades had a summer list of books for their choosing. All children in the school are required to read a minimum of 20 minutes per day and keep a book log. As a result, the grades on standardized tests have shown great improvement.

Men of the Parish-Relax

When was the last time you stopped to relax? Spend a weekend of meaningful time together. Make a retreat at **Bishop Molly Passionist Retreat House in Jamaica Estates the weekend of October 2 -4, from 6:30 PM Friday until noon Sunday.** (*Transportation can be arranged if needed.*) Stroll the beautiful Monastery Garden and enjoy your time to rest, reflect on life, and renew your relationship with God. If you have any questions or for further information call Jack Gordon at 661.4147, Ed Hawkins at 666.7284, or Pete Cunningham at 661.0273.

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**.

We Need Your Help

Are you computer savvy?

Can you do some computer work at home?

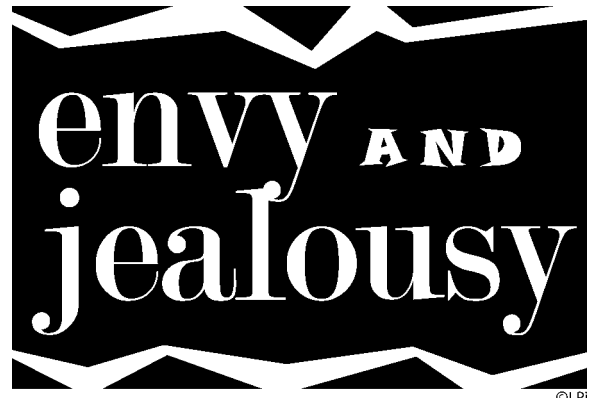
The Parish Bereavement Ministry is in need of a volunteer to help with mailings three to four times per year. This would consist of working with mail-merge, word, and excel. The content would always be provided. The task would be to put the names and letters together and label the envelopes to be mailed.

This would be a significant and yet simple way to be a part of an important Ministry. Please leave a message for Diane at the Parish Office at 661.3224, ext 121.

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.



26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Envy and jealousy are emotions we're all familiar with; they seem to appear with ease and yet are almost impossible to suppress or destroy. A coworker receives a promotion, and perhaps we wonder why it wasn't us. A neighbor announces she is building a new house, and suddenly our house is showing its age. A friend finds time to volunteer at a homeless shelter and participates in several ministries at your parish, all the while smiling about his life, and you wonder how negative his home life must be. Yet when you are blessed with good fortune by God, aren't you ready to shout it from the rooftops?

In today's Gospel reading from Mark, the disciples of Jesus have witnessed someone casting out demons in the name of Christ. Yet, as they point out, this person hasn't spent the time they have, following closely in the company of Jesus and listening to his teachings. Surely he can't be qualified, they say. Jesus gently reminds his disciples that any person who attempts to do truly good things in his name is a child of God. Perhaps the disciples were a bit envious; perhaps they failed to recognize that the abilities of this person were gifts from God, and in attempting to stop him they were attempting to deny God's wisdom in granting such gifts.

Jesus tells us the second greatest commandment, after loving God with all our hearts, is to love our neighbors as ourselves (CCC 2055). The tenth commandment serves to instill in us the desire to abolish envy and jealousy completely. If we are willing to acknowledge that everything we have and are is a gift of God, we cannot afford to challenge God's wisdom in his gifts to others.

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Readings for the Week of September 27, 2009

Sunday:	Nm 11:25-29/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48
Monday:	Zec 8:1-8/Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday:	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 <i>or</i> Rv 12:7-12a/Jn 1:47-51
Wednesday:	Neh 2:1-8/Lk 9:57-62
Thursday:	Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Lk 10:1-12
Friday:	Bar 1:15-22/Mt 18:1-5, 10
Saturday:	Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Lk 10:17-24
Next Sunday:	Gn 2:18-24/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 <i>or</i> 10:2-12

Financial Summary

September 20, 2009

Weekly Collection	\$ 15,177.00
Weekly Budget	-\$ 19,000.00
+/- for the week	\$ (3,823.00)
Priests' Retirement	\$ 4,750.00

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

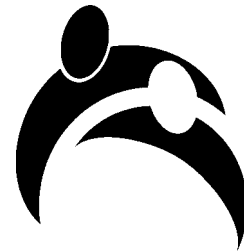
Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Pat Wissing*.
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 ...

Andrew Albert, Christine Ausiello, Susan Aviza, Deacon Dick Barry, Ben Bellotti, Bill Best, Anne Bolin, Antoinette Bongiorno, Nicholas Buscemi, Jr., Howard Campkin, Phil Charron, Nicholas Cibelli, Michael Ciotkosz, Jeanne Della Ragion, Ann Donlon, Andrea Flathman, Marge Flem, Edward Herger, Brian Hinkelman, Lili Hinkelman, Mary Kaval, Veronica Kenny, Kathleen Kerrigan, Kara Lobasso, Vicky Massaro, Charles Matushefske, Michele McCann, Peter McCann, Sr., Dorothy Meloni, Rick Mirabella, Brenden Muldoon, John O'Brien, Frances Parine, Arthur Petrino, Joanne Popper, Laura Prichard, Santa Quevedo, Joe Radosti, Frank Raimo, Lucy Raimo, Carol Randazzo-Hopkins, Michael Savino, Jayna Schmidt, Dorothy Shiavone, Joe Shields, Albina Sipplak, Derek Stahl, Mary Clair Stephen, Stephen Straub, Sr., Baby John Tramazzo, Nancy Turano, Vera Vieni, Flo Worysz



Mary, Our Model of Love and Outreach

(This is a copy of the short reflection offered during the "Walk with Mary" celebrated at the Italian Family Feast on Saturday, September 19)

It is the small acts of kindness and love, repeated - performed daily - over and over that make the difference....

I was thinking of the TV show "Extreme Makeover, Home Edition." You may be familiar with the television show which airs weekly. Each week, a family who has experienced a tragedy or crises is selected to receive a complete home renovation. As the show opens we, the viewers, learn about the family and their particular needs. We listen as members of the family share the impact of the tragedy on their lives. We enter into their homes and see first hand, dwellings that are so substandard we wonder how the family has survived. How many times do we watch the show and are moved to tears. Each episode is truly an Extreme Makeover. Homes are demolished and rebuilt in one week-completely gutted and fully appointed one week later with new furnishings, appliances, clothing, sometimes new vehicles, playrooms, pools, gyms, workshops. As we watch, it seems that no need is left unfilled, the family receives a second chance, the opportunity to start over and rebuild shattered lives. The drama continues throughout the hour as we watch the crew struggle through long days and nights to complete the project; with the end ever in view-the moment when the family pulls up in front of their new home. Crowds gather outside the family's new home. It is truly a spectacular moment! And we get to watch this every week!

But, we all know that on a basic and simple level-it is the small acts of kindness and love, repeated...performed daily....over and over that really make the difference. And for that model, we look for our example, not in the extremes...but to the very gentle and tender mother of Jesus, Mary. It was she, who over

and over in simple ways ministered to Jesus as a child-who nurtured to not only his hunger and thirst, but to his heart and soul....she cared for her son when he was ill and in the end, stood by him as he died. From Mary, we learn about the consistency of love-of being present always...in good times, (Wedding of Cana)- and in the painful and difficult times. We can be certain that Mary held the child Jesus her arms and held his body, one last time after his death on the cross. We can be sure that she rocked him to sleep, sang songs to him and taught him the prayers he prayed as an adult. It would not be a stretch to imagine that Mary's tender and loving care to Jesus was the inspiration for the Gospel words spoken by Jesus: "Whatever you do to the least of these, you do to me."

Mary is a wonderful Model for the works of Outreach, which are so faithfully supported by this Parish Family. Mary reminds us, that it is, in fact the simple acts of love and kindness performed each day that make the difference. For it is in the donation of a box of cereal, the donation of a package of meat, the offering of alms for the poor among us, these very simple blessings from each of you- has the potential to transform the lives of others. In your giving, Outreach truly is able to embrace those who struggle, who are hungry, ill, without shelter. Outreach a viable ministry in this community embraces those in need through dedication of volunteers and donors alike. And so, really, we are like Extreme Makeover-except, in our giving, we are building the Body of Christ with Mary as our foundation. We don't need the extravagant, for we offer what makes a difference. We offer, as did Mary, compassion for those in need and that is magnificent!

Parish Outreach

Office telephone:

661-9262, option 4

Office hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday:

9:30 AM - 3 PM

Pantry Needs



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



Dosado!

Swing yer partners!

Save the date...

Third Annual Outreach Fundraiser!

Parish Outreach Square Dance

Saturday, October 24

7 PM until 11 PM

Promendae!

Food! Friends! Dancing! Prizes!

Tickets are now on sale in the Parish Outreach Office during office hours - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday - 9:30 AM until 3 PM. Tickets are \$40 per person.

Did you know...

- A square dance consists of 8 people (four couples) in each square and that there can be several squares dancing at the same time (could that get confusing!)
- Square dance attire for men includes bolos, western-style shirts, dress pants and boots! For women, gingham dresses with plenty of crinolines, petticoats or pettipants.
- Parish Outreach is hosting a Square Dance on October 24. Join us and you might see some of the Outreach workers all “gussied up!”

Outreach hours have changed.

Due to the volume of services offered, it has become necessary to *close Outreach on Wednesdays* to allow time for the necessary paperwork to be completed.

Outreach will remain open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9:30 AM– 3 PM.

Struggling with our own

Inadequacy *by Ron Rolheiser, OMI*

It is hard to measure up. In our lucid moments we admit this. Rarely is there a day when we could not echo these words by Anna Blaman:

I realized that it was simply impossible for a human being to be and remain good or pure. If, for instance, I wanted to be attentive in one direction, it could only be at the cost of neglecting another. If I gave my heart to one thing, it left another in the cold. No day and no hour go by without my being guilty of inadequacy. We never do enough, and what we do is never well enough done, except being inadequate, which we are good at because that is the way we are made. This is true of me and of everyone else. Every day and every hour brings with it its weight of moral guilt, as regards my work and my relations with others. I am constantly catching myself out in my human failings and, in spite of their being implied in my human imperfection, I am conscious of a sort of check. And this means that my human shortcomings are also my human guilt. It sounds strange that we should be guilty where we can do nothing about it. But even where there is no set purpose, no deliberate intention, we have a conviction of our own shortcomings, and of consensual guilt, a guilt which shows itself all too clearly in the consequences of what we have done or left undone.

Henri Nouwen occasionally expressed similar feelings: There is a nagging sense that there are unfinished tasks, unfulfilled promises, unrealized proposals. There is always something else that we should have remembered, done, or said. There are always people we did not speak to, write to, or visit. Thus, although we are very busy, we also have a lingering feeling of never really fulfilling our obligations. A gnawing sense of being unfulfilled underlies our filled lives.

When we are in touch with ourselves, we can relate to these words, these expressions of inadequacy. At the end of the day, we cannot measure up and cannot not disappoint others and ourselves. Generally the fault is not that we are not sincere or that we do not put out the effort. The fault is that we are human. We have limited resources, get tired, experience feelings we cannot control, have only 24 hours in our day, have too many demands on us, have wounds and weaknesses that shackle us, and thus know exactly what St. Paul

meant when he said: Woe, to me, wretch that I am, the good I want to do, I cannot do; and the evil I want to avoid, I end up doing!

That may sound negative, neurotic, and stoic, and it can be those things, but, appropriated properly, it can generate hope and renewed energy in our lives. To be human is to be inadequate, by definition. Only God is adequate and the rest of us can safely say to ourselves: Fear not you are inadequate! But a God who made us this way surely gives us the slack, the forgiveness, and the grace we need to work with this. Personally, I take consolation from the gospel parable of the ten bridesmaids who, while waiting for the bridegroom, all fell asleep, wise and the foolish alike. Even the wise were too human and too weak to stay awake the whole time. Nobody does it perfectly and accepting this, our congenital inadequacy, can bring us to a healthy humility and perhaps even to a healthy humor about it.

But it should bring us to something more: prayer, especially the Eucharist.

The Eucharist is, among other things, a vigil of waiting. When Jesus instituted the Eucharist he told the disciples to keep celebrating it until he returned again. A biblical scholar, Gerhard Lofink, puts it this way: The early apostolic communities cannot be understood outside of the matrix of intense expectation. They were communities imminently awaiting Christ's return. They gathered in Eucharist, among other reasons, to foster and sustain this awareness, namely, that they were living in wait, waiting for Christ to return.

I try to celebrate Eucharist every day. I do this because I am a priest and part of the covenant a priest makes with the church at his ordination is to pray the priestly prayer of Jesus, the Eucharist and the Liturgy of the Hours, regularly for the world. But I do it too, more personally, for another reason: The older I get, the less confident, in some ways, I am becoming. I don't always know whether I'm following Christ properly or even know exactly what it means to follow Christ, and so I stake my faith on an invitation that Jesus left us on the night before he died: To break bread and drink wine in his memory and to trust that this, if all else is uncertain, is what we should be doing while we wait for him to return.

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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:



Lorenzo Bacchi-*US Marines*
Bryan R. Dempsey-*US Marines*
Christopher Florca-*US Marines*
Michael Mallimo- *US Army*
Anthony Mannino-*US Marines*
Peter Provenzano-*US Army*
Frank Sliva-*US Army*

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

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

Sunday, September 27	12 PM - 2:30 PM	Holy Trinity D.H.S.
	2 PM - 4:30 PM	St. Mary's College Prep. High School
Saturday, October 3	9 AM - 12 PM	Sacred Heart Academy
	10 AM - 1 PM	Kellenberg Memorial H. S.
	2 PM - 4 PM	Chaminade H. S.
Saturday, October 17	10 AM - 1 PM	McGann-Mercy D.H. S.
Sunday, October 19	10:30 AM - 2 PM	St. John the Baptist D.H.S.

The Catholic High School Entrance Exam is scheduled for Saturday, October 31. 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.

Tea with Spirit

The former students and staff of Dominican Commercial High School are invited to attend a special celebration at the Queen of the Rosary Motherhouse of the sisters of St. Dominic at 555 Albany Ave., Amityville on Sunday afternoon, October 4. Please call Benincasa Family Services at 631.842.6000 extension 351 for invitation information.

Help Feed the Hungry

The Mercy INN Soup Kitchen in Wyandanch is in need of a person to pick up food in the West Islip area early on Thursday mornings. If you can help, please call Kathy at 422.1420.

Golden Wedding Jubilee

On **Sunday, October 18, 2009** couples married 50 years or more are invited to a special mass to be celebrated by Bishop Paul Walsh at **Christ the King, Commack at 2:30 PM**. Please pick up your registration card at the Parish Office, fill it out and return it no later than September 28. If you have any questions, you may call 516.678.5800, extension 242.

Rebuilding Together

Volunteers are needed any time, Mondays to Fridays. Rebuilding Together Long Island is a volunteer group that performs free repairs to low-income seniors and handicapped homeowners in both Nassau and Suffolk. Volunteers with minor skills are needed. Come join us and feel the joy of helping other in an atmosphere of fun. Call 516.541.7322.

Pastoral Formation Institute

The Diocese of Rockville Centre celebrates the 20th Anniversary of the Pastoral Formation Institute. You are invited to the celebration! **Saturday, November 7 at St. Agnes Cathedral**. Liturgy begins at 6:30 PM, Bishop William Murphy presiding, followed by cocktail hour, dinner and dancing. Limited seating so reserve your tables early! Tickets are \$55 per person. Ticket purchase includes cocktail hour, full course buffet dinner, dessert, wine, beer and soft drinks. Please make check payable to "Pastoral Formation Alumni Association" and mail to Diocese of Rockville Centre, Office of Faith Formation, P.O. Box 9023, Rockville Centre, NY 11571-9023, Attn.: Patricia Schreck.

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. Listen on Saturdays at 11 PM on Sirius Radio, Channel 159, the Catholic Channel and at 11 PM on XM Satellite, channel 117. Next Sunday's theme is "**Doing & Being**." Don't miss it! To listen online or receive more information regarding "Religion & Rock" go to www.religionandrock.com or at "Religion & Rock" on ITUNES. Don't forget to tune into TELECARE, Cablevision 29 or Verizon FIOS 271 for the Best in Catholic Television!

Sharing the Gospel

The disciples started to feel proud because they thought they were the "in" group of friends of Jesus. One day they saw a complete stranger working powerful miracles in the name of Jesus. The disciples told the stranger to stop because he was not part of their special group. The disciples should have encouraged him instead.



Prayer



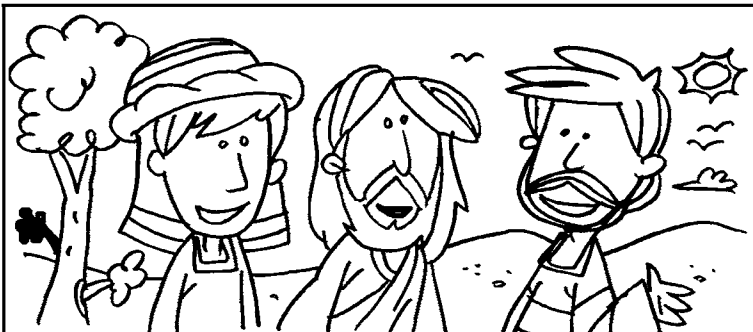
Dear God,

help me to work side-by-side with other people who love Jesus, no matter who they are.



Puzzle

Find 10 differences.



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Something to Draw

Draw a picture of yourself helping another Christian who does not belong to your church.

Mission for the Week



Pray for missionaries around the world who teach others about Jesus.