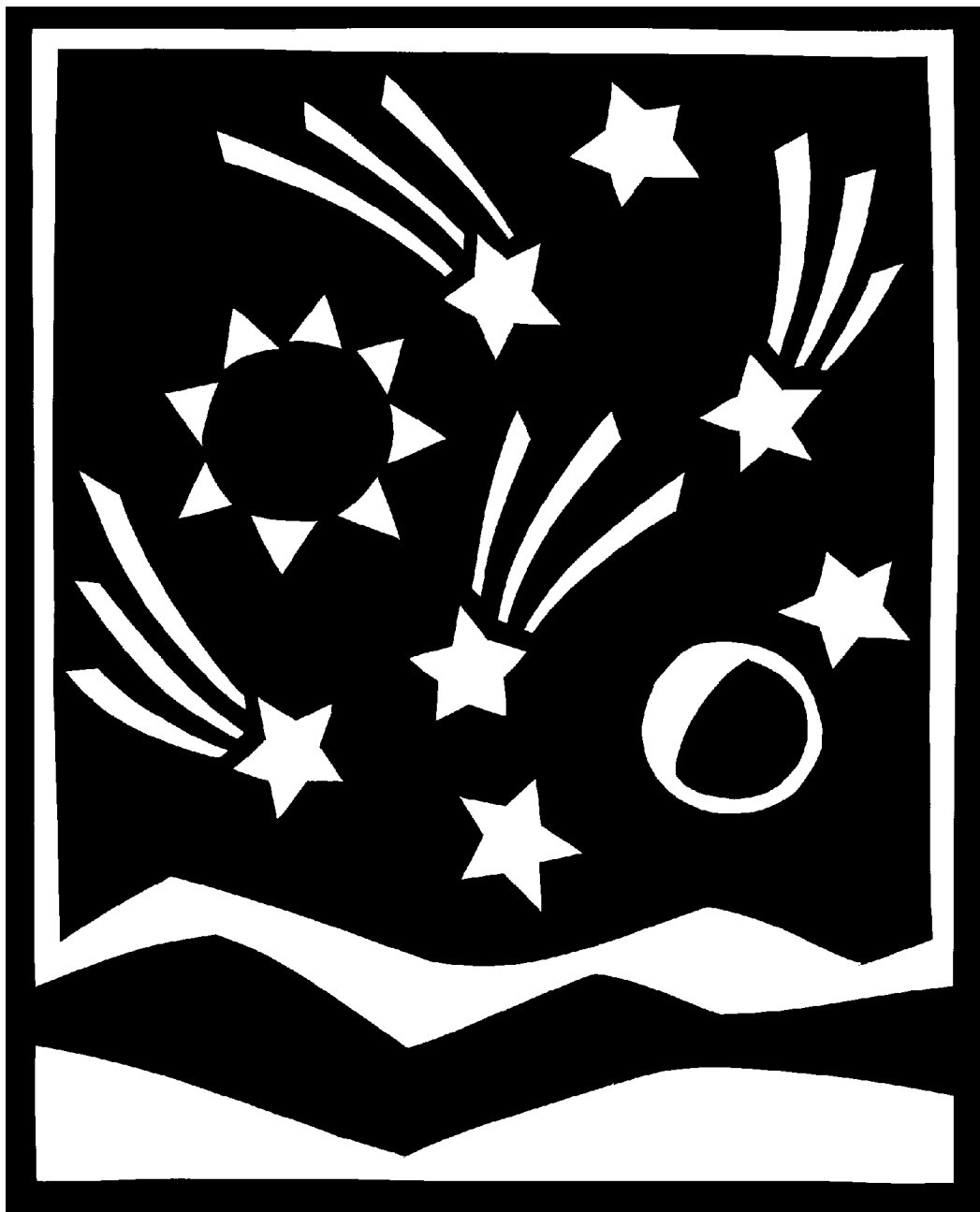


**Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Our Lady of Lourdes November 15, 2009**



**“In those days the  
powers in heaven  
shall be shaken.”**

Mark 13:24-25

*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.*

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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.*

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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.

## *Pastoral Team*

**Rev. Michael A. Vetrano**  
Pastor

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**Rev. Patsy Amabile**  
Associate Pastor

**Rev. Robert Scheckenback**  
Associate Pastor

**Rev. Ambrose Cabildo**  
In Residence

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**Deacon John DeGuardi**

**Deacon Tom Lucie**

**Deacon Jack Meehan**

Coordinator of Stewardship

**Deacon John Teufel**

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**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

**Carol M. Goetz**

Parish Music Director

**Louise Jane Krol**

School Principal

**Sr. Diane Liona**

Director of Religious Education

**Mary McMahan**

Director of Parish Social Ministry

**Robin Reynolds-Brennan**

Coordinator of Worship

**Vita Scorcio**

Ministry Spiritual Director

**Sr. Betty Toohig**

Senior Ministry-SAGE

**Anthony Trombino**

Business Manager

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Lisa Cantalino

Sonia DaSilva

Nilo DeLeon

Jane Desthers

Jerry Esposito

Deacon Jack Meehan

John Muldoon

Bob Natale

Eileen Rega

Vita Scorcio

Mary Steck

Fr. Mike Vetrano

Christine Volk

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## *Parish Staff*

**Barbara Catuosco**

Religious Education Office

**Mary Anne Lettieri**

Parish Office

**Debbie Meyer**

Bulletin Editor/Parish Office

**Rosemary Multer**

School Office

**Rex Muro**

Organist

**Rita Spera**

Religious Education Office

**Lori Walsh**

Parish Office



### **Parish Office**

661-3224

Monday-Friday: 9 AM - 7:30 PM

Saturday: 9 AM - 3 PM

Sunday: 9 AM - 2 PM

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

fax: 661-7143

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

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

587-7200

Monday-Friday: 9 AM - 3 PM

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

### **Religious Education Office**

661-5440

Monday-Friday: 9 AM - Noon

1 PM - 5 PM

7 PM - 9 PM

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

### **Parish Outreach Office**

661-9262

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday:

9:30 AM - 3 PM

### **S.A.G.E.**

661-3224

(Senior Advocates for Growth  
and Enrichment)

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



## The Eucharist as a Meal

**Presenter: Fr. Bob Scheckenback**

**Tuesday, November 17 and 24**

**Parish Center**

**7:30 PM**

Can a meal be Sacred?

A brief look at some Eucharistic history to see how the “breaking of the bread” is rooted in a thanksgiving (eucharistia) meal. You are what and how you eat.

*Upcoming dates...*

### **Monday Mornings in Advent**

**Fr. Pat Amabile**

**Fr. Bob Scheckenback**

Come to 8 AM Mass on Mondays in Advent. You will be able to pray the rosary after Mass or just take some time for your own prayer. At 9 AM, we will gather in the Parish Center for coffee, rolls and a talk, with some time for discussion and reflection.

*(If you can't make Mass, please join us at 9 AM.)*

### **Finding My Way to Bethlehem**

**An Advent Evening of Reflection**

**Fr. Pat Amabile**

**Wednesday, December 16**

**7:30 PM**

**Parish Center**

During Advent, we journey as did Mary and Joseph. We bring the *joys* of preparing for Christ's coming, the *love* for one another along the way, the *peace* that waiting holds for us, and the *hope* that brings us beyond ourselves!

*There is a \$5 fee for each session. No fee is required for those who have paid the Religious Education Family Fee or Our Lady of Lourdes School tuition.*

*Registration is necessary and helpful. This will enable us to have enough reading material and refreshments for all those attending. To register, please call the Religious Education Office at 661.5440, option 3 or email to [religioused@ollchurch.org](mailto:religioused@ollchurch.org).*

***When we love...***

**Renewing our Support for Our Lady of Lourdes**

*Dear Parishioners:*

*Each year, our parish uses the weeks at the end of October and beginning of November to celebrate parish stewardship. Stewardship is a way of life, an attitude of generosity and faith that allows us to use our gifts of time, talent, and treasure to do the work of the gospel. Our parish community would not exist without the generosity of our members. Please pay special attention to the message of stewardship on these upcoming weekends.*



***...we serve.***

**Saturday and Sunday, November 14 and 15**

**Commitment Weekend**

Parishioners will be invited to return their commitment cards if they did not do so last weekend. In addition, we will have cards available at the entrances of the Church over the next several weeks for your use. All cards can be returned in the collection baskets at Mass or they can be dropped off at or mailed to the Parish Office in the Rectory.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

I / we pledge an offering of: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Weekly \_\_\_ Monthly \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_

- Please check here if you would like us to send periodic reminders for your pledge.*
- Please check here if you would like information on options for direct debit or credit card contributions.*

***When We Love We Serve!***



## Our Lady of Lourdes Mission Awareness Trip 2009

As many of you know, this past July, a team of 28 OLL parishioners traveled to El Salvador to pray and work with the communities of Mogotes and Tecuba. It is in keeping with Catholic Social teaching that we help others and share our faith with Catholics everywhere. With the help of the parishioners here at home the El Salvador team has been raising money through our CASA project to build homes for those belonging to our sister parishes. Through the support of Our Lady of Lourdes our young people have been able to experience another culture and help people in need. Thank you OLL!

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### *Cora McElwain*

Mogotes, the first town we visited, is located on top of a mountain. I was afraid. I didn't know what to expect of the people, or how'd they react to Americans. As we pulled into the church in the center of town, I couldn't help but smile. The entire town was waiting for us. These people, who were the poorest of the poor, had given up a day's work to clap, cheer, and throw flowers to welcome us as we entered the wooden church. I remember feeling embarrassed, thinking we didn't deserve their adulation. It was the last time I felt embarrassed because, as the days passed and this happened in town after town, I learned that the El Salvadorian culture is a gracious and giving culture, and it would be disrespectful of me to be nothing less than grateful for their hospitality. After mass, our group was privileged enough to visit different families at their homes. I followed a mother and her young son up a rocky path, walking carefully around stray chickens and under broken fences before we finally reached their house. It was nothing more than four poles and a piece of tarp, but this woman was not ashamed. She was proud. She was proud she could support herself and her young child. When we began talking, she told us that she couldn't offer us anything material other than her friendship. That was more than enough for me. She collected rain water for drinking and grew beans for eating. She told us that the last time she had eaten meat was at Christmas, and it was now the end of June. As I talked to this woman something my mother always said came to mind: "There are people in this world who would love to eat what you eat; now finish your dinner." For the first time in my life, I felt spoiled because I had the opportunity to drink clean water and eat meat when I wanted.

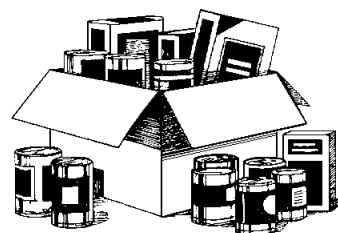
Throughout my visit I saw numerous examples of El Salvadorian pride and humility. Women felt no shame: they bathed in the wide open and breast fed their babies in public; men worked hard for little reward other than supporting their families. When I handed out food rations, the families were not embarrassed to take them. They didn't think of it as charity, but as a means to survive. I felt proud to be able to help them.

The children broke my heart. Not many of my fellow parishioners spoke or understood Spanish, but every person was taught the phrase "Quieres jugar?" which means "Do you want to play?" The children did not care that we didn't speak their language or didn't look like them; they only wanted to play futbol and dance with us. I was surprised to see how brave the children were. Many of the children approached us and started talking whether we understood them or not. I expected the children to be shy, but they were uninhibited, freely sharing their lives with us.

## Food Drive

Calling all families! Outreach needs your help!

On **Sunday, November 15 OLL Parish Outreach** will be **holding a food drive at the Stop and Shop on Montauk Highway in Babylon** and we need your help to hand out flyers. PLEASE sign up for a shift by emailing [Allegra@ollchurch.org](mailto:Allegra@ollchurch.org). The shifts are from 9-11, 11-1 and 1-3. We also need help unloading the food back at OLL so there is plenty of time to catch up with us!



## Peace and Justice

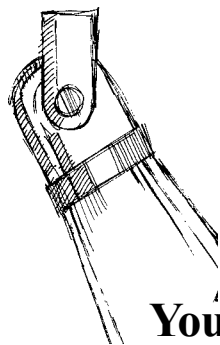
On **Wednesday, November 18** the Peace and Justice Club will be hosting Dale from the non-profit organization “Midnight Run,” which benefits the homeless of New York City. Dale will be speaking about the organization and about homelessness in New York. **The free event will begin at 7 PM in the All Purpose Room.** Refreshments will be served.

## Movie Night

**Friday, November 28 - Movie Night!**

Come in your pajamas with a friend, munch some popcorn and watch “The Goonies.”

Movie starts at 7 PM in the Parish Center.



## Youth Spotlight!

Our Lady of Lourdes Youth Program now has a FACEBOOK! Friend Bernie Soubirous and join the OLL Youth group and stay in the loop about all of the teen events that are happening at OLL. Awesome things are coming up so you don't want to miss out.

## Thanksgiving

Let us make Thanksgiving a meaningful and spiritual day in our parish. First, plan to include the needs of others in your giving thanks. You can support our parish Thanksgiving Food Drive by bringing food for the pantry at Mass and also by visiting our Youth Group as it collects food at the Babylon Stop-and-Shop on November 15 from 9 AM until 3 PM.

Second, plan to join us for **Mass on Thanksgiving Day at 9:30 AM** to celebrate the anniversary of our parish and join with your brothers and sisters in being thankful to God for all good gifts.

## Folk Group Gathering

All members of the past OLL Folk Groups are invited to our "Folk Group Gathering." We will come together on **Sunday, November 29 from 2 PM until 5:30 PM in the Parish Center.**

Bring your families, singing voices, instruments, pictures and memories. Please contact Dorothy at [Kuchdot@optonline.net](mailto:Kuchdot@optonline.net) or Cathy at [danowhouse@aol.com](mailto:danowhouse@aol.com) for details.



## Taize-Prayer Around the Cross

Please join us for a Taize Prayer Service on **Tuesday December 1 at 7:30PM in the Church.** If you're interested in singing/playing with our Taize Group, please contact Carol Goetz at [music@ollchurch.org](mailto:music@ollchurch.org) for further information.

## Bereavement Ministry - Coping with the Holidays

*"How Can I Celebrate When My Heart is Broken?"*

All who have experienced a loss are invited to a Presentation and Brunch to help in facing and embracing the holidays while mourning. The Presentation and Brunch will be on **Saturday, December 12 at 11:30 AM in the Parish Center.**

Please call the Parish Office at 661.3224 to register.



## Parish Outreach

### Office telephone:

661-9262, option 4

### Office hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday:  
9:30 AM - 3 PM



## Pantry Needs

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

## Outreach Donations

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.

## Outreach Assistance

Outreach has received two separate requests for drivers...

A gentleman in our Parish requires a ride home from dialysis three mornings a week: Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 10:30 AM.

A parishioner, recently discharged from Consolation requires transportation to physical therapy three times a week as she continues to heal from a shoulder fracture. If you are interested in volunteering to assist either person, please contact the Outreach Office at 661.9262, option 4.

We will request that each person sign a waiver, if transported in your vehicle.

## **SAGE**

The SAGE Group (Senior Advocates for Growth and Enrichment) will meet on **Tuesday, November 17**, in the **Parish Center at 9 AM**.

## **Rosary Christian Mothers**

The Rosary Christian Mothers will be sponsoring a Holiday Raffle on the weekend of **November 21/22**. Raffle tickets will be sold after the 5 PM Mass on November 21 and after the 9:30, 11 AM and 12:30 PM Masses on November 22. Please help support this wonderful ministry.

## **Men's Group**

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

We invite all men of the parish to meet for prayer and reflection after 8 AM Mass on **Thursday, November 19, in the Parish Center**. 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. Call Jack Fitzgerald at 587.5548 for more information.

## **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.

*Save the date ...*

## **Breakfast with Santa**

Breakfast with Santa at Our Lady of Lourdes School this year will be on **Sunday, December 13.**

This year, seatings will be from 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM for the first seating and the second seating will be from 11AM to 1PM.

For more information please feel free to contact Charlene Coppola via email at [marchbaby@optonline.net](mailto:marchbaby@optonline.net).

*Please look for more information in future bulletins.*

## **Halloween Bash!**

Our Lady of Lourdes School celebrated Halloween with a school-wide Halloween Bash! Various costume categories were voted on throughout the evening. Pictured is Serafina Shaner whose “Head on a Table” was voted most original costume.



## **Día de Los Muertos**

Spanish teacher, Miss Vanessa Salubro, and her fourth grade class at Our Lady of Lourdes prepare for the celebration of Mexican holiday Día de Los Muertos by decorating las Calaveras (sugar skulls) with colorful icing, sequins, and feathers. This cultural holiday, unlike Halloween, serves to remember and celebrate the lives of family members who have gone before us. The fourth graders eagerly participated in the festive activity, and did their best to decorate (and not eat!) their projects.

## **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***

*Anne Capparelli* died on November 2 and the Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on November 5. We extend our prayers to her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and entire family.

*John Timmer, Jr.* died on November 5 and the Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on November 9. We extend our prayers to his wife, Sheila, children, grandchildren, and entire family.

## Remembering . . .

### Monday, November 16

*St. Margaret of Scotland*

*St. Gertrude, virgin*

**8:00 AM** Molly Giamboi

### Tuesday, November 17

*St. Elizabeth of Hungary, religious*

**8:00 AM** Nora O'Brien

### Wednesday, November 18

*Dedication of the Basilicas of Peter & Paul, apostles*

**8:00 AM** Jean Celluffo & John Lodespoto

### Thursday, November 19

**8:00 AM** Peter Reehil

### Friday, November 20

**8:00 AM** Laura Abela

### Saturday, November 21

**8:00 AM** Joan O'Brien, Peter Schreiner, Vincent & David McCarthy,  
Intentions of Marie Peppers, Robert D. Baxter, Lawrence F. Kelly, II & Vita Kelly, Robert Kelly,  
Joseph DeSantis, John G. Timmer, Jr., Christopher Nolan, Elizabeth Meditz

**5:00 PM** Steven Perone

### Sunday, November 22

**8:00 AM** Mary Daly

**9:30 AM** Kenneth E. Boyd

**11:00 AM** John McKeefery

**12:30 PM** Kenneth E. Boyd

**6:00 PM** People of the Parish, Lena Bianco, Trinidad Olivo, Megan Anderson,  
Edward Amott, Lina Mercedes Vilca Porras, Mary Clare Andrysik, Angelo & Felicia DeLeo,  
Frank, Michael & Marie DeLeo, Jack Timmer, Lillian Cummings McLaughlin,  
Georgeann McLoughlin, Colleen McNamara (living)



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## 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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There are many Web sites out there that proclaim that we are close to the end of time; that the troubles of our not-too-distant past have been the events that were prophesized by many and written of throughout the Bible. These Web sites tell us how to prepare, what to watch for, etc. But on nearly every single Web site, you will find advertisements by Google or Yahoo. It is possible to have a Web site without advertisements; but if we are near the end of times, do these Web sites really need a revenue stream? If it is nearly over, does money really matter?

In today's Gospel reading from Mark, Jesus was sitting privately with Peter, James, John, and Andrew. They had been discussing the end of times, and the four disciples wanted to know how they would recognize the second coming of Christ. There will be wars and conflicts, he told them; this will happen but does not mean impending doom. Rather, Jesus was most concerned about the destruction of Jerusalem and those who would proclaim to be Jesus himself, performing acts that will cause a distraction among the people. We cannot be distracted; in keeping our faith and our trust in the Lord, we will easily recognize the coming of Jesus Christ.

We have absolutely no idea how or when Jesus Christ will come again, transforming this world into one in which sin is dead and goodness prevails (CCC 1048). We are told to be ever watchful, however, and to do so means to surrender our hearts to God's love. As Catholic Christians, we believe that God loves each and every one of us despite our sins, and wants us all to be saved. And we also believe that "with God, all things are possible."

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### Readings for the Week of November 15, 2009

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<b>Sunday:</b>	Dn 12:1-3/Heb 10:11-14, 18/Mk 13:24-32
<b>Monday:</b>	1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Lk 18:35-43
<b>Tuesday:</b>	2 Mc 6:18-31/Lk 19:1-10
<b>Wednesday:</b>	2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Lk 19:11-28
<b>Thursday:</b>	1 Mc 2:15-29/Lk 19:41-44
<b>Friday:</b>	1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/Lk 19:45-48
<b>Saturday:</b>	1 Mc 6:1-13/Lk 20:27-40
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	Dn 7:13-14/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37

## **Altar Society**

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Joyce Petersen*.  
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 ...

*Roy Anderson, Susan Aviza, Deacon Dick Barry, Ben Bellotti, Nicholas Buscemi, Jr.,  
Howard Campkin, Nicholas Cibelli, Michael Ciotkosz, Regina Cranor,  
Jeanne DellaRagione, Mary DeVivo, Ann Donlon, Marge Flem, Edward Herger,  
Brian Hinkelman, Lili Hinkelman, Mary Kaval, Veronica Kenny, Kathleen Kerrigan,  
Bill Kruger, Joseph Lehmann, Kara Lobasso, Amy Maher, Vicky Massaro, Marie Mathena,  
Michele McCann, Peter McCann, Sr., Muriel Meade, Vinny Meade, Dorothy Meloni,  
Rick Mirabella, Brenden Muldoon, John O'Brien, David Petito, Mark Petito,  
Arthur Petrino, Helen Pitkowitz, Joanne Popper, Laura Prichard, Santa Quevedo,  
Joe Radosti, Frank Raimo, Carol Randazzo-Hopkins, Michael Savino, Ann Marie Schiraldi,  
Jayna Schmidt, Dorothy Shiavone, Joe Shields, Albina Sipplak, Derek Stahl, Mary Clair  
Stephen, Stephen Straub, Sr., Baby John Tramazzo, Vera Vieni, Pat Wallace, Flo Worysz*

# 2009 Catholic Ministries Appeal

*Hands of Christ-Supporting the Community Around Us*

**Thank you to all those who have responded!**

Our Lady of Lourdes and the Diocese of Rockville Centre would like to thank all those who have made a sacrifice by making a gift to the *2009 Catholic Ministries Appeal*.

## OLL CMA

**November 10, 2009**

Parish Goal	\$101,839.00
Amount Pledged	\$112,383.00
Total Paid	\$101,155.00
Number of Pledges	468
Average Pledge	\$225

As you can see, we have reached our parish goal in the amount pledged. However, we do not see the benefits of reaching our goal until the total paid has met or exceeded our parish goal amount. Therefore, our work is not done yet!

Please continue to make your annual pledge. If you have not already done so, please fill out the pledge card below and return to the Parish Office or place in the collection basket at Mass.

Thank you for your continued generosity.

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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.

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PARISH OF DONOR \_\_\_\_\_

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PLEDGE	10 PAYMENTS
\$ 1,000	\$ 100
\$ 500	\$ 50
\$ 350	\$ 35
\$ 250	\$ 25

Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**EVERY GIFT COUNTS!**

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

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## Financial Summary

**November 8, 2009**

Weekly Collection	\$ 20,468.00
Weekly Budget	-\$ 19,000.00
+/- for the week	\$ 1,468.00

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

## 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.

## Ad Usam

by Ron Rolheiser, OMI

Several years ago a young Benedictine monk shared this story in class.

He lived in a monastery that kept a rather strict rule. Their observance of poverty and obedience required that he ask permission of his Abbot before purchasing anything, even the smallest object. If he wanted to buy a new shirt, he needed the Abbot's permission. Likewise if he wanted to take some stationary supplies from the storeroom, a pen or some paper, he needed permission. For years, he felt that this was belittling.

"I felt like a child," he said, "it seemed silly to me that a grown man should have to ask permission to buy a new shirt! I looked at men my own age who were married, raising children, paying for houses, and presidents of companies and I felt that our rule reduced me to a child and I resented it. But eventually his attitude changed: "I came to realize that there is an important spiritual and psychological principle in our rule, in having to ask permission to buy or use something. Ultimately none of us owns anything and nothing comes to us by right. Everything is a gift, including life itself, everything should have to be asked for and nothing should be taken for granted as if it was ours by right. We should be grateful to God just for giving us a little space. Now when I ask permission from the Abbot, I no longer feel like a child. Rather I feel that I am more properly in tune with the way things should be in a gift-oriented universe where nobody has a right to ultimately claim anything as his own. Everyone should have to ask for permission before buying or using anything."

His story reminded me of an incident in my own life: When I was a novice in our Oblate novitiate, our novice-master tried to impress upon us the meaning of religious poverty by making us write two Latin words, Ad usam, inside of every book that was given us for our own use. Literally the words translate into "For use". The idea was that although a book was given to you for your personal use you were never to think that you actually owned it. Real ownership lay elsewhere. You were only a steward of someone else's property. And this idea was then extended to everything else that you were given for your personal use - your clothes, your sports equipment, things you

received from your family, and even your toiletries and toothbrush. You got to use them, but they were not really yours. You had them ad usam.

One of the young men in that novitiate eventually left our community and went on to become a medical doctor. He remains a close friend and one day while I was in his office I picked up one of his medical textbooks. I opened the cover and there were the words: Ad usam. When I asked him about did this he made a comment to this effect: "Even though I no longer belong to a religious order and no longer have the vow of poverty, I still like to live by the principle that our novice-master taught us: In the end, we don't really own anything. These books aren't really my own even though I've paid for them. They're mine to use, temporarily. Nothing really belongs to anybody and I try not to forget that."

Both of these stories can help remind of something that deep down we already know but tend to forget, namely, that what ultimately undergirds all spirituality, all morality, and all authentic human relationship is the unalterable truth that everything comes to us as gift so that nothing can ever be owned as ours by right. Life is a gift, breath is a gift, our body is a gift, food is gift, any love given us is a gift, friendship is a gift, our talents are a gift, our toothbrush is a gift, and the shirts, pencils, pens, medical textbooks we use are each of them a gift. We get to have them, ad usam, but we should never nurse the illusion that we own them, that they are ours, that we can claim them by right. Metaphorically there should be an Abbot in each of our lives from whom we should ask for permission to buy or use anything. That would be a recipe for health.

In those moments when we are most in touch with ourselves (and generally those are the moments when we most feel our vulnerability and contingency) we sense that truth. The reverse is also true, at moments when we feel strong, in control, and aware of our own power, we tend to forget this truth and cling to the illusion that things are ours by right.

Maybe if we all had to ask permission to buy a new toothbrush or a new item of clothing we would be more aware that everything we think we own is really only ours ad usam.

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## Goin' Green!

Each week we work hard to recycle and to save our planet. Our Sacristans with the help of many volunteers work hard to clear of our Church of all worship aids, bulletins and the like! We are always in need of help with this effort!

*How can you help?*

- *Clean up after yourself!* When you leave the Church, take home any extra worship aids, bulletins, or whatever else you see around.
- *Help us recycle!* Each week our Sacristans keep all the paper collected. Whenever you come to Mass check in the Sign In Room. (It's located in the front of the All Purpose Room with a big banner by its entrance) Check with the sacristans or take a box from the room and drop it in your recycle can!

## Men's Day of Reflection

Join the Suffolk County Chapter Knights of Columbus on **Saturday, November 21 from 10 AM to 2:30 PM for an inspirational Day of Reflection at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Island**. You need not be a member. Cost is \$15. Contact Ray Burhan at 631.846.4068 to register.

## Upcoming Craft Fairs

**St. Matthew Rosary Altar Society , Dix Hills**, is sponsoring their Annual Holiday Craft Fair on **Sunday, November 22 from 9 AM until 4 PM**. there are over fifty vendors, lots of food, prizes and raffles, something for everyone. For information, please call Louise at 631.586.4515.

Christmas Craft Fair at **Westminister United Presbyterian Church, Udall Rd., West Islip on Sunday, December 5 from 9 AM until 4 PM**. Vendors are welcome-\$25 table fee. Please call the church office at 631.661.6740 for more information.

## Wanted: Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist who have been commissioned by the Diocese are needed to bring the Eucharist to patients at Good Samaritan Hospital.

You may schedule whatever mornings are convenient for you. Even one day per month will help a great deal. If interested, please call 631.376.4103.

## 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 others in an atmosphere of fun. Call 516.541.7322.

## Hope for Warriors

On **November 21, Brumidi Lodge, Deer Park is running a fund raiser -**

**“Hope for Warriors”**. The purpose is to raise funds to pay for schooling for the wives of wounded men. Many of the women are stay at home Moms and do not have skills that would enable them to earn a living wage, now that they will be the primary wage earner in their families. Everything to make this happen is donated, all monies raised will be used for the purpose of educating the women. The donation is \$25., dinner will be served from 7:30 PM to 11:30 PM. If you have any questions, please call John at 242.7479.

## Good Shepherd Hospice

Volunteers needed! Do you have a few hours a week to spare? Are you that special person who is willing to walk along with our patients and families during their final journey? Find out! Please call the Good Shepherd Hospice Volunteer Department at 631.465.6355 for more information on volunteer opportunities.

## 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 **“Responsibility.”** Don’t miss it! To listen online or receive more information regarding “Religion & Rock” go to [www.religionandrock.com](http://www.religionandrock.com) or at “Religion & Rock” on ITUNES. Don’t forget to tune into TELE CARE, Cablevision 29 or Verizon FIOS 271 for the Best in Catholic Television!

# Sharing the Gospel

Today's Gospel reading gives us both a warning and a promise. One day Jesus will come back, so we need to be ready. For those of us who follow God to the end, Jesus promises to take us to heaven. So live every day like you are going to meet Jesus. One day you will.



## Prayer



Dear God,  
Keep me close to you until I live with you in heaven.



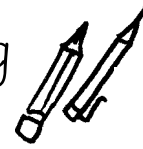
## Word Unscramble

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

shaken	glory	chosen
clouds	angels	leaves
power	gather	heaven

shknae	<u>s</u>	<u>h</u>	<u>a</u>	<u>k</u>	<u>e</u>	<u>n</u>
gthrae	—	—	—	—	—	—
chsnoe	—	—	—	—	—	—
cldsou	—	—	—	—	—	—
glryo	—	—	—	—	—	—
hvneea	—	—	—	—	—	—
pwroe	—	—	—	—	—	—
angsl	—	—	—	—	—	—
lvseea	—	—	—	—	—	—

Something to Draw



Draw a picture of angels bringing you to heaven.

Mission for the Week



Invite a friend to come to church with you. Share a meal together, and talk about the promise Jesus made about heaven.

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