

OUR LADY OF LOURDES • MOST HOLY TRINITY • MAY 30, 2010

**"OUR HEARTS ARE FILLED
WITH GOD'S LOVE**



ROMANS 5:5

**THROUGH
THE HOLY SPIRIT."**



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.

Our Lady of Lourdes

*455 Hunter Avenue
West Islip, New York 11795*

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

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

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

Pastoral Council

Stacie Baltrusitis
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

Parish Staff

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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 (option 1)
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

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Religious Education Office

661.5440 (option 3)
Monday-Friday: 9 AM - Noon
1 PM - 5 PM
7 PM - 9 PM
email: ReligiousEd@ollchurch.org

Parish Outreach Office

661.9262 (option 4)
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

Welcome...

to Our Lady of Lourdes!

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

Would you like to know more about our parish family?

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

If you would like more information about our parish or if you would like one of our team to be in touch with you, please contact the Parish Office at 661.3224, option 1, or send an email to parishoffice@ollchurch.org

Who's Who

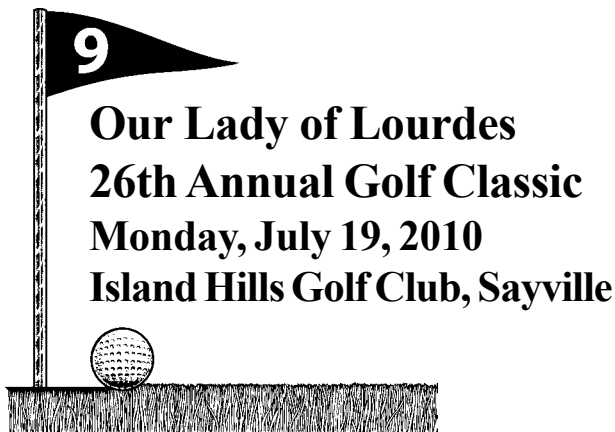
Our Golf Classic Honorees are...

John and Anne DeGuardi

Deacon John and Anne have been at the heart and soul of our parish for many years. They serve together in our ministry of consolation reaching out to so many who have lost a loved one. They support our stewardship and evangelization ministries which help our parishioners to find a place of belonging and service in our parish. A gifted artist, Deacon John has brought much beauty to our parish -- most recently a new processional cross (inspired by eighth graders in the class of 2009) and a new mural for the entrance to our church to be dedicated this fall. Deacon John has been an active supporter of Our Lady of Lourdes school and has been the spiritual guide for many graduating classes.

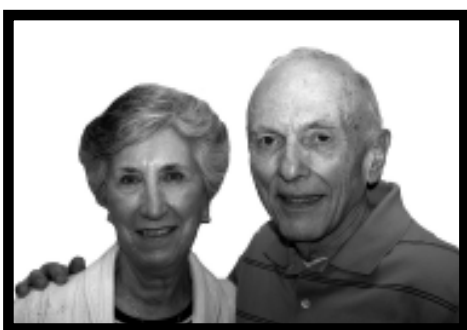
Paul and Diane Munch

Many OLL parishioners know Paul as the person who is most responsible for the beauty of our parish grounds throughout the year -- Munch Landscaping always keeps us looking our best! Paul and Diane are also the first to support important programs here at OLL. They are good benefactors for our Summer Evening Prayer Program and also our Parish Italian Family Feast. They have helped us with the design and building of our Father Joe Garden including the beautiful Christmas tree in his memory. Diane is a very active member of the West Islip community and has been active in many projects of beautification for our town. They are true supporters of everything we do and we are happy to honor them this year.



**Our Lady of Lourdes
26th Annual Golf Classic
Monday, July 19, 2010
Island Hills Golf Club, Sayville**

This year we will be honoring:



Deacon John and Anne DeGuardi



Paul and Diane Munch

(see page 4 for more info)

Golfing Package includes green fees, golf cart, driving range, lunch and dinner, all for \$250 per golfer.
Discounts for seniors 60+ and college students, \$200.



If you would like to join us for dinner only, \$75 per person.

Registration and BBQ is at 11 AM with a 12:30 PM shot gun tee off. Cocktail hour is 5:30 - 6:30 PM with dinner at 6:30 PM.



Outing includes cocktails, raffles, roving beverage cart, Hole-in-one contest for a new car, contests-longest drive, most accurate, closest to pin.

Journal Ads:

- Full page \$ 100
- Half page \$ 75
- Quarter page \$ 50

Sponsorships:

- Dinner \$1,500
- Lunch \$ 750
- Driving Range \$ 500
- Individual Hole \$ 100

*For more information please contact Golf Committee member Rich at 661.5478.
All proceeds will benefit Our Lady of Lourdes.*



Call to Priesthood

On Saturday June 12 Bishop Murphy will ordain our parishioner John Ryan to the priesthood. John has assisted us in the summers during his studies at Immaculate Conception Seminary and he will return to Our Lady of Lourdes for the 11 AM Mass on June 20 (Fathers Day!). The mass will be followed by hospitality and first blessings in our parish center. Please join us to celebrate John's call to priesthood.

White Elephant Sale

The Rosary Christian Mothers will be having a **White Elephant Sale on Saturday, June 19** on the lawn in front of the Parish Center. If anyone has useable items that they would like to donate to the sale, please contact Claire McLoughlin at 669.3178 to arrange for pick up.

Jesus, King of All Nations Prayer Group

The Jesus, King of All Nations Prayer Group meets each **Thursday afternoon** in the **Church**.

Please join us in praying for our nation's healing. We will pray before the Blessed Sacrament from **3 PM until 4 PM**.

Bereavement Ministry

"Coffee & Conversation"

We would like to bring all of our past bereavement support group members together for a night of conversation and hospitality. the date is Wednesday, June 16 from 7:30 PM until 9:30 PM in the Spiritual Life Center (*in the convent*). Please RSVP to Diane Ackerly at dkkkk710@hotmail.com or call Diane at 631.226.9373.

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.



There's a new...

A new *evening* men's prayer group is starting up! It will be held once a month, on the third Wednesday of each month from **7:30 PM until 8:30 PM in the Spiritual Life Center**.

The first meeting will be **Wednesday night, June 16**. Come with your ideas. We'll read and discuss the Liturgy for the following Sunday Mass.

For more information, call Jack Fitzgerald at 587.5548 or Tim Keegan at 926.4900.

Youth Group Meeting Schedule

Middle School
June 7, 21

High School
June 14, 21

**All meetings will be in Room 16 of the school*

For a full list of dates please go to ollchurch.org/youth, email Allegra@ollchurch.org or check the bulletin board in the All Purpose Room!

Counselors wanted!

It's that time again... Bible Camp will be July 26-30 this year and we need students from grades 6-12 to help out with our campers.

Very Important change! This year, counselors must pay a \$10 registration fee. Check must be turned in with registration fee by July 1.

“The 6 Committee” is getting a make-over!

We all love *The 6* and its laid-back atmosphere and now it's going teen! If you're a student in grades 6-12, join “The 6 Committee”! We need your help to keep “The Six” comfortable and to make it even better! To become a member of the 6 Committee speak with Allegra or email Allegra@ollchurch.org.



Nocturnal Adoration

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

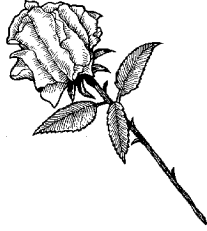
Eucharistic Adoration

Please come and join us on **Friday, June 11 at 7:30 PM in the Church** for Eucharistic Adoration. All are invited, *especially the youth of our parish*, to come and adore our Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament. Come and bring a friend.



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, June 17, 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.



Mother's Day / Father's Day Mass
for parents who have lost a child
Saturday, June 12 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 12 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.

Religious Education

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

Hang Out Nites continue...

Friday June 18 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, free raffles, 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.

For more information, call 661.5440, option 3 or email religioused@ollchurch.org.

Did you know?

You can go to "eChalk" at www.ollreled.org to link and follow your "own" grade to find new and exciting activities, important parent information, and view our OLL Religious Education Calendar.

Where is the RCIA?

Their journey continues...

Listen as they share their stories with us each week.

My Faith Journey...

Hello OLL! My name is Scott Sender and I have a story about a journey that I have taken with the "coolest crew" I know.... the RCIA. My faith journey is a gift that changed my life forever! My journey all started out when my wife Karen and I had to decide what faith our daughter Kaylee was to be brought up in. My wife was brought up Catholic and I was brought up Jewish. We both decided to raise her Catholic.

Kaylee was baptized at OLL by Fr. Bob whom I have come to think of as "My Man". The morning of the Baptism, as I sat in church with my wife and my newly born, I had a feeling of comfort and acceptance. This was an awesome feeling I thought. The Baptism ended, we had our party, but I kept thinking about the church for some reason. Months later I told Karen that I wanted to become a Catholic.

I went to OLL's Parish Office and left my name and number. A month or two later I got a phone call from Pat Raimondi who is so awesome and she was so enthused about this RCIA group I was about to join. The first Sunday morning we met I was kind of scared.... like the first day of Kindergarten! I sat down, introduced myself and in walks Fr. Bob. He sat next to me. I told him like a crazed fan "You're the one that baptized my daughter", and we then had a new connection... me. Everybody was so nice to me. I enjoyed spending a couple of hours a week with all these people. This RCIA group was getting better and better every week. On Thursdays we'd share stories, joked around, learned about the Church and had many good times!

I was baptized at the Easter Vigil 2010. I felt some weight come off my shoulders that night. The feeling was too awesome! I still get that every Sunday as I step into church. I thank OLL for inviting me into the family and the RCIA group for being there for me, even for laughing at every "dumb move" I made.....just kidding !!!!!!!

-Scott Sender

Religious Retirement Fund

"I am the vine, you are the branches"

Next weekend, the weekend of June 5/6, 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 5/6. On behalf of the Religious who serve in our parishes and hospitals, thank you for your generosity.

Discovery Camp



Sponsored by
Our Lady of Lourdes 44 Toomey Road, West Islip

Registration Now Being Accepted*

June 28th – August 6th
9am – 5pm, Monday - Friday

A full time day camp program for students entering grades K – 7 beginning with an academic based morning and a fun-filled afternoon of sports provided by F.A.S.T. Athletics.

Program choices include:
K – 1 "Under the Sea" or "Bugs Galore"
2 – 4 "Rain Forest" or "Space Camp"
5 – 7 "Mind Games" or "Teen Spirit"

Before / After Care and School Provided Lunch Available for an Additional Fee. For More Information Contact:

Lisa Kennedy, Director
lkennedy@ollschool.org 631.587.7200 ext.100

*non-refundable/non-transferable

May Crowning

Thursday, May 20, was May Crowning Day at Our Lady of Lourdes School. The day started with a Mass to honor the Blessed Mother. After Mass, the Blessed Mother statue was honored with a crown made from flowers brought from each and every school child. The new communicants from the second grade had the honor of conducting the ceremony.



Wellness Clinic

Recently, Dr. Chris Hansen, accompanied by his staff, performed a wellness awareness clinic at Our Lady of Lourdes School. Teachers and staff were given a chiropractic screening and evaluation as well as a massage, to help ease the tensions of the day. Thanks, Dr. Chris!



Someone Special & Me

The Someone Special & Me class at Our Lady of Lourdes School is great fun for the kids! It allows a bonding time between child and their parent or special caregiver, while socializing with other kids within their age group. Part of the class consists of free play with ride-on toys.

"DINO" Camp

Digging Into the New and Old Testaments

OLL Vacation Bible Camp '10

July 26-30

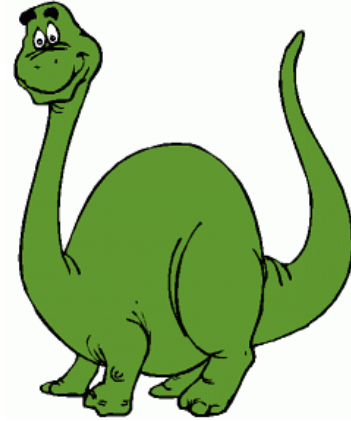
9 AM - 12:30 PM daily

Camp Registration Form

Return to OLL Parish Office along with fees

(\$75 per child) before July 1.

Please make checks payable to Our Lady of Lourdes Church.



OLL Vacation Bible Camp '10

We'll journey on an exciting journey of faith and fun as we learn about God, hear stories from the Bible, share cool science activities, and make crafts. And of course, we'll end our camp each day with our famous OLL camp sing-along!

Please list below the names and present grade levels of the children in your family who will attend camp. Camp is for Nursery (age 4) through Grade 5.

NEW this year: Counselors are grades 6-12 and there is a \$10 fee for counselors.

Child's First & Last Name

Grade Level in Sept. '08

Full Names of Parents/Guardians: _____

Family Address (Street, Town, Zip): _____

Email: _____

Phone #: _____

Cell and/or Business Phone(s): _____

Name of Emergency Contact and Phone #:

Please indicate below any health problems, food allergies, or special situations that it might be helpful for the camp staff to know about your child.

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-9:30 AM beginners meeting convent lower level.
(Free babysitting available.)



Rest In Peace

Vincenza DeLena died on May 15 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was May 18. We extend our prayers to her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and entire family.

Mariette Niski died on May 17 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was May 19. We extend our prayers to her daughter, Claire, and entire family.

Jerry Strieb died in March and celebration of the Mass of Christian burial was held in Florida. Jerry was a longtime parishioner of OLL and we extend our prayers to his parents, Eleanor and George, and entire family.

Frank R. Vassallo died on May 17 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was May 21. We extend our prayers to his wife, Mafalda, his children, grandchildren, and entire family.

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.

Remembering...

Monday, May 31

The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 AM Kathleen Richichi

Tuesday, June 1

Saint Justin, martyr

8:00 AM LaRocca & Sweeney Families

Wednesday, June 2

Saint Marcellinu and Saint Peter, martyrs

8:00 AM Alfredo Isola

Thursday, June 3

Saint Charles Lwanga, martyr

8:00 AM John Lovari

Friday, June 4

8:00 AM Paul Sasso (45th Anniv.)

Saturday, June 5

8:00 AM Jack Timmer, Mary Fannon, Annette Ferrara,
Peter Sherman, Vincent Grabinsky III, Linda Kelly (living)

5:00 PM Peter, Anna & Danny Mancuso
Fr. Mike Vetrano

Sunday, June 6

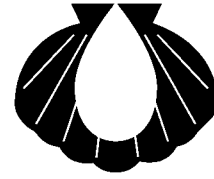
8:00 AM Catherine M. Peterson
Fr. Ambrose Cabildo

9:30 AM D-Day Veterans
Fr. Pat Amabile

11:00 AM Tony Squeo
Fr. Mike Vetrano

12:30 PM Joseph DiMola III
Fr. Pat Amabile

6:00 PM People of the Parish, Betty Mele (1st Anniv.), John McAllister,
Joseph C. Walsh, Matthew Badamo, Rita Lyons, Joseph DiPalma, Jr.,
Benjamin Rio, William Kern, Nicholas Cibelli, Gilda Cardello
Fr. Bob Scheckenback



Baptisms

John Raymond Connelly

John and Ruth



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The Most Holy Trinity

God's incredible love is totally incomprehensible. We can try to imagine it, and we can compare it to the love we experience as human beings, but the reality is that God's love is so overwhelming and unconditional, that it will never be possible for us to comprehend how great God's love is. That's why the feast we celebrate today, the Most Holy Trinity, can leave us with more questions than answers. In truth, any theologian who has tried to plumb the mystery of the Trinity, whether saints like Thomas Aquinas or Augustine, or contemporary scholars like Karl Rahner or Gerald O'Collins, may write page after page, but in the end is still left standing before the mystery.

One of the most famous images of the Trinity, the icon by the Russian master Andrei Rublev (ca. 1360-1430), is an image of hospitality. The three persons of the Trinity are represented by angelic beings seated around a four-sided table inviting the viewer to come and take a place to dine with them. When we encounter the love of God and truly experience it, this is in effect what happens to us: we are seated at the table and enveloped in God's love.

In the icon, the place at the table is empty, because it is there for anyone and everyone. It is not just my place or yours. Everything that the Father has, is also of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. And so it is with the place at the table. When God invites us in, it is not to the exclusion of others, but to the welcome of all. We may question how this is even possible, since as limited creatures we parcel out our time, our resources, and even our love. God does no such thing. And the more we are caught up in God's love, the more we are able to express that love to others.

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Readings for the Week of May 30, 2010

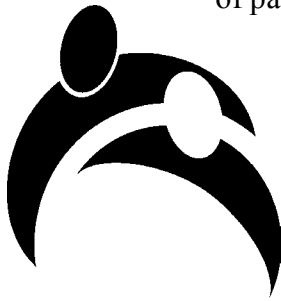
Sunday:	Prv 8:22-31/Rom 5:1-5/Jn 16:12-15
Monday:	Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Lk 1:39-56
Tuesday:	2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18/Mk 12:13-17
Wednesday:	2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12/Mk 12:18-27
Thursday:	2 Tm 2:8-15/Mk 12:28-34
Friday:	2 Tm 3:10-17/Mk 12:35-37
Saturday:	2 Tm 4:1-8/Mk 12:38-44
Next Sunday:	Gn 14:18-20/1 Cor 11:23-26/Lk 9:11b-17

Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Elizabeth Netska*.
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 ...

Carol Alfieri, Roy Anderson, Alicia Atteniese, Susan Aviza, Deacon Dick Barry, Ben Bellotti, Antoinette Bongiorno, Theresa Buffa, Nicholas Buscemi, Jr., Keith Canaby, Jerry Castonguay, Michael Ciotkosz, Donald L. Coffey, Anthony Colitti, Regina Cranor, Jeanne DellaRagione, Ann Donlon, Tony Drexler, Debbie Eichen, Vivian Gordon, Jack Hartz, Edward Herger, Brian Hinkelman, Lili Hinkelman, Max Illiano, Herb Jaggi, Diana Kaehne, Mary Kaval, Kathleen Kerrigan, Josephine Kosiczky, Joseph Lehmann, S. Diane Liona, Kara Lobasso, Charlie Maccio, Louise Malcuit, Vicky Massaro, Michele McCann, Peter McCann, Sr., Dorothy Meloni, Rick Mirabella, Rae Morris, Brenden Muldoon, Ruth Murray, Evelyn Nonnon, John O'Brien, Edna Oloveri, Arthur Petrino, Joanne Popper, Laura Prichard, Joe Radosti, Carol Randazzo-Hopkins, Baby Skyler Rene, Michael Savino, Ann Marie Schiraldi, Jayna Schmidt, Ruth Shea, Dorothy Shiavone, Derek Stahl, Mary Clair Stephen, Stephen Straub, Sr., John Tramazzo, Nancy Turano, Vera Vieni, Pat Wallace, Kyle Williams, Geraldine Wloszczyna, Joe Yezek

Financial Summary

May 23, 2010

Weekly Collection	\$ 17,434.00
Weekly Budget	-\$ 19,000.00
+/- for the week	\$ (1,566.00)

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:

Bryan R. Dempsey-US Marines

Christopher Florca-US Marines

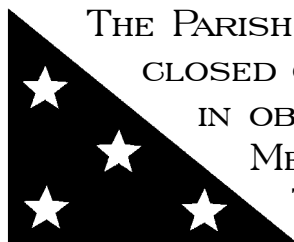
Michael Mallimo- US Army

Anthony Mannino-US Marines

JD Montefusco-US Marines

Peter Provenzano-US Army

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



THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE
CLOSED ON MONDAY, MAY 31
IN OBSERVANCE OF
MEMORIAL DAY.

THE OFFICE WILL REOPEN
TUESDAY, JUNE 1 AT 9 AM.

MEMORIAL
DAY

Pantry Needs



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

Donations to Outreach

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 McMahan, Director of Parish Social Ministry at 661.3224, option 4.

Public Service Announcement

Good Samaritan Hospital Medical Outreach Program

Free: Physical Exam and Medical Screening at Good Samaritan Hospital, 100 Montauk Highway, West Islip, New York 11795

Includes: History, Physical, Chest X-Ray, Breast Exam, EKG, Blood & Urine Test, Pap Smear.

Eligibility: 18 yrs. or older without funds or medical insurance, those who have Medicaid only and are not regularly seen by a physician or clinic. This is non-denominational and open to all who qualify. For an appointment or more information call: 631.376.3182. Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday from 10 AM-2 PM.

Grass, Sky, Song – A Moral Voice

by Ron Rolheiser, OMI

Good writing, like good art, is moral without being moralizing, expresses deep sentiment without being sentimental, challenges without inducing false guilt, and is mature without being cynical. No easy formula.

With this in mind, I would like to highlight a new book by a Canadian writer, Trevor Herriot, *Grass, Sky, Song, Promise and Peril in the World of Grassland Birds*. It walks that fine line: powerfully moral without a trace of bad moralizing, mature without a hint of cynicism, a book about death that leaves its reader with hope.

On the surface, it is a book about grassland birds declining and disappearing in the Canadian and American prairies, but it is a book about more than birds, much more. It's about our relationship to the earth, all of us, whether we live in the country or in the city, and how unconsciously, no matter how innocent our intentions might be, our grip on nature is slowly tightening so as to threaten to suffocate the very life forces that support us.

But it might be a little ahead of its time. Its narrative is a little like Nietzsche's *Madman* a hundred years ago. He smashes a lantern in the market square to get peoples' attention, but then announces that he has probably proclaimed an urgent message too early. The evidence needed to convince people will only come later, when they begin to feel the consequences of what they are enacting.

What's Herriot's message? He's a trained naturalist, a natural theologian, a seminarian of nature. His earlier book, *River in a Dry Land*, a sober reflection upon our sometimes over-careless relationship to nature, won critical acclaim and series of literary awards in Canada. It was a pure meditation on nature, but it spoke volumes of theology. *Grass, Sky, Song* does the same thing, more deeply.

The essential message of this book might be summarized in a single metaphor he gives as he tries to sort through our ecological woes: Denying, excusing, looking elsewhere, is easy enough until you hold one of the victims in your hand. Once Stephen Davies finished banding the pipit [a grassland bird] that morning at the Last Mountain Lake bird sanctuary, he asked if Don or I would like to release it. Receiving the bird in both hands, Don looked at it briefly then extended his arms at eye

level and opened his fingers. The pipit stayed crouched, as though hands were still holding it in place. It swayed a little, showing no interest in flying. We watched in silence and dread, wondering if it was hurt. Stephen touched it with an index finger - 'C'mon. It's okay' - and the pipit took flight, fluttering off weakly a short distance and then diving into the familiar refuge of the grass.

Later, Don talked about a sense of transgression he felt at that moment, as though we were being clumsy and graceless with a mystery. He spoke of a kind of attention, different from scientific attention, a leaning toward the other without wanting to possess it or turn it into forms of knowledge, a way of listening that might over time deepen our sense of what it means to be in a place.

I have no good reason to believe that great numbers of us will soon be listening to the land, opening our grip and releasing all that we have been holding onto, but there is much in our political and philosophical talk to indicate that we are discovering just how clumsy we have been. At the very least we are beginning to see what suffering we have brought to the prairie by forcing alien and extractive lifeways on its people, places, and wild creatures.

In a similar series of essays a few years ago entitled, *Small Wonders*, Barbara Kingsolver tried to point our eyes towards some small things we should be noticing, but, to our own peril, are not. For Trevor Herriot, one of these small wonders is the sparrow, a bird which Jesus himself assures us never falls from the sky without God noticing. Here are Herriot's words:

“True grassland birds - species that cannot tolerate trees or cropland - bear witness to the world in their own particular way. It is a testimony as worthy of our best efforts to listen, dream, and imagine as any other in Creation; not loud enough to attract busloads of tourists, perhaps, but all the more rewarding for the attention it cultivates in any who try. These small creatures make their stand in the face of great powers transforming their prairie world, living out a yearly drama, a freedom and fidelity to the wind that may escape our awareness even as they sing out to any soul within earshot. The influence of beings as unprepossessing and elusive as grassland birds is something like gravity, a weak though persistent mystery that holds us in place. The heart recognizes such a gentle force, knows that in simply becoming aware of its pull we take a small step towards belonging here ourselves.”

This is moral theology.


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Would you ever consider spending a few hours of your time reveling in moments of quiet, simply enjoying God? Would you be drawn to a few simple passages of scripture where God describes what God cares about most of all—loving you and being loved by you? Come join us on Sunday, June 6 from 1:30 PM until 4:30 PM at the Maude Adams House at the Cenacle in Ronkonkoma. Registration begins at 1 PM. Offering \$30 for the afternoon. A deposit of \$10 (non-refundable) will hold your registration. Light refreshments will be served.

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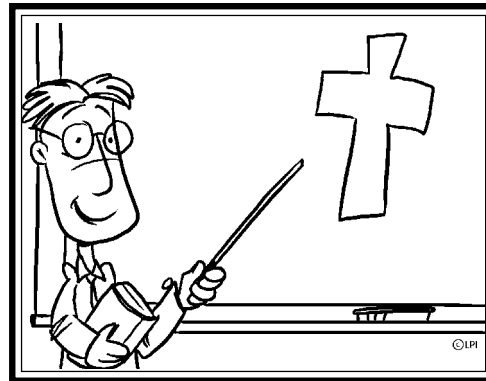
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The disciples learned a lot from Jesus, but he knew they still needed to learn more. That's why Jesus asked God the Father to send the Holy Spirit to his friends. Jesus knew that the Holy Spirit would stay with them, to teach them everything Jesus wanted them to know.



Mission for the Week



As you read a Bible story tonight before bed, ask the Holy Spirit to teach you what Jesus wants you to learn.

Puzzle

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

UNDERSTAND
SPIRIT
SHOWS

GUIDE
TRUTH
SPEAK

GLORY
MESSAGE
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A S P E A K H M T E H
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Prayer



Dear God,

I want the Holy Spirit to teach me more about Jesus, too.

Something to Draw



Draw a picture of a large triangle. Inside of it, write these words: Father, Son, Spirit.