

OUR LADY OF LOURDES • MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD • JUNE 6, 2010

**"I WILL TAKE THE CUP OF
SALVATION ...**



PSALM 116:13

**AND CALL ON THE NAME
OF THE LORD."**



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 Scorcia
Ministry Spiritual Director

Sr. Betty Toohig
Senior Ministry-SAGE

Anthony Trombino
Business Manager

Pastoral Council

Stacie Baltrusitis
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Sonia DaSilva
Nilo DeLeon
Jane Desthers
Jerry Esposito
Deacon Jack Meehan
John Muldoon
Bob Natale
Eileen Rega
Vita Scorcia
Mary Steck
Fr. Mike Vetrano
Christine Volk

Parish Staff

Barbara Catusco
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

*Most Holy
Body & Blood*



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
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Our Lady of Lourdes School

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Religious Education Office

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1 PM - 5 PM
7 PM - 9 PM
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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)
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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

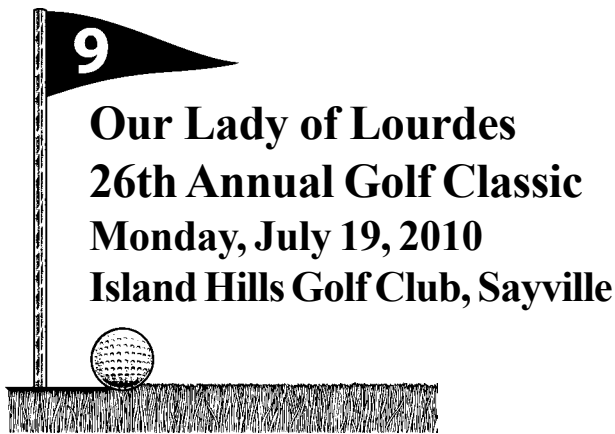
Our Golf Classic Honorees are...

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.

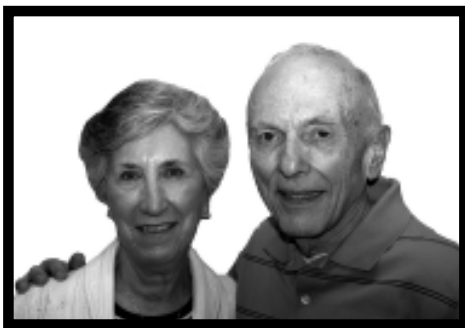
Paul and Diane Munch

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.

Rosary Christian Mothers

The Rosary Christian Mothers June meeting will be on **Monday, June 7, at 7 PM in the Parish Center.**

We will start with a covered dish dinner followed by a brief business meeting and conclude with the Mass of the Installation of New Members following.

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...

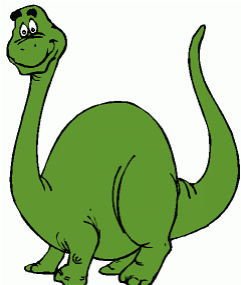
A new *evening* men's prayer group is starting up! It will be held once a month, on the third Wednesday of each month from **7:30 PM until 8:30 PM in Room 16.**

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.

SAGE

The SAGE Group (Senior Advocates for Growth and Enrichment) will meet on **Tuesday, June 8**, in the **Parish Center at 9 AM**.



“DINO” Camp Counselors needed!

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 deadline.

Holy Name Society

The Holy Name Society meets on the second Sunday of each month. The next meeting will be on **Sunday, June 13**. We will begin with the **Rosary at 7:40 AM in the Church** and the meeting will follow the **8 AM Mass at 9 AM in Room 16**.

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.



Daytime Eucharistic Devotion

The afternoon adoration for the month of February will be on **Wednesday, June 9 from 1-3 PM**. All are invited and welcome! We will be praying for world peace, for priests and all religious.

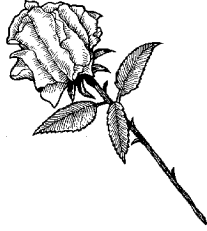


Eucharistic Adoration

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.

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.

Youth Group Meeting Schedule

Middle School

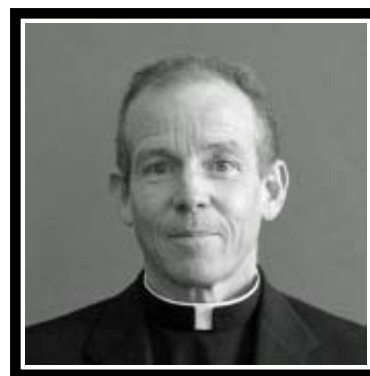
June 7, 21

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!



Call to Priesthood

On **Saturday, June 12**, Bishop Murphy will ordain our parishioner *John Ryan* to the priesthood!

John has assisted us in the summer months, 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.

Where is the RCIA?

Their journey continues...

Listen as they share their stories with us each week.

It's been a great journey and it's not over yet...


As a child, I came to OLL and celebrated my Communion. Now as an adult I've come back and just celebrated my Confirmation at the Easter Vigil this year. The RCIA has taught me the values of Church, Community, Friendship... and the way God and love hold them together.

Thanks to Father Bob, Sister Nancy, and all the team members of the RCIA, I now have new goals. Jack Fitzgerald and I are starting a new Men's Prayer Group which will be at night. This is in addition to the "morning" Men's Prayer Group that's already underway. I'm a part of the Art & Environment Ministry with Jerry Esposito and his team. I'm looking forward to next year's RCIA as I will be a member of the RCIA team. Please join me in any or all of these ministries here at OLL.....

It's been a great journey and it's not over yet!!!

- Timothy Keegan

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

OLL School Music News

While our Kindergarten students have been busy practicing for their graduation ceremony, students in grades 1-8 have been preparing for the Spring Concert. The program will include performances by: the school band, piano classes, violin, cello, guitar and choral classes. Mr. Montella's art classes will be providing decorations for the event. It promises to be a wonderful event!

Our school was well represented by students at this year's NYSSMA Festival which took place on the weekend of May 7/8. Many congratulations to the students who worked so hard on their solos and did so well!

Our NYSSMA participants were: *Ashley Acompora, Robert Buonaspina, Alexandra Calabria, Nicole Capuano, Eva Gallegos, Sara Gallegos, Jaclyn Hahn, Stephanie Hahn, Theresa Maher, Christina Natale, Thomas Roulette, Katherine Scheid and Emily Zotto.*

Rosemary Buonaspina, a former graduate of OLL, also performed a violin duet with her brother, Robert. *Danny Brown* played guitar at an earlier Jazz Festival which was hosted by the West Islip School district. NYSSMA medals will be given out at the awards ceremony in June to our fine musicians and singers.

The entire OLL community is so proud of each of you! Well done!

"DINO" Camp

Digging Into the New and Old Testaments

OLL Vacation Bible Camp '10

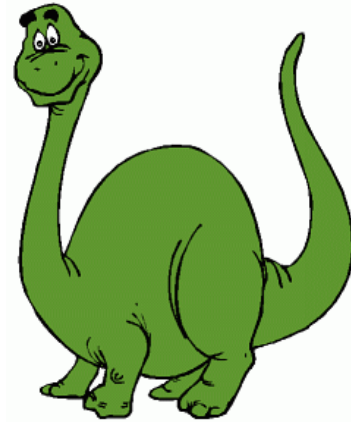
July 26-30

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. '10

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.)

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

Andrea Pellegrino and

John Savino, both OLL

Meagan Carrick, OLL and

John Townsend, St. Patrick's, Fayetteville, NC

Ashley Buonomo and

Peter DeStefano, both OLL



Rest In Peace

Herman "Red" Guenther died on May 22 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was May 26. We extend our prayers to his wife, Laura, children, and entire family.

Margaret Kruger died on May 23 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was May 26. We extend our prayers to her children, grandchildren, great-grandchild, and entire family.

Remembering...

Monday, June 7

8:00 AM Carmela and Vincent Stumpo

Tuesday, June 8

8:00 AM Mariano, Rosa and Leonard Bencivinni

Wednesday, June 9

Saint Ephrem, deacon and doctor of the Church

8:00 AM Carmela & Fortunato Maggi

Thursday, June 10

8:00 AM Angelina Primavera

Friday, June 11

The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

8:00 AM Charles Vento

Saturday, June 12

8:00 AM Annette C. Ferrara, Marie Osterman,
Annemarie Bradley, Laurence F.DeSandis,
Ciro Ferraro, Mrs. Michele Atanasio (*living*)

5:00 PM Mary Jane Perrotta

Sunday, June 13

8:00 AM Consuelo Ball

9:30 AM Anna Mancuso

11:00 AM Burns Family

12:30 PM Nora Olsen

6:00 PM People of the Parish, Ginny Sweeney, Tommy Gilroy,
John Hildebrandt, Theresa Marie Touhey, Gregory J. Mountzalia,
Joseph DiPalma, Jr., Tom & Mary Kennedy, John Terance Gallagher,
Myra Durcan, Rita Lyons, Catherine Keenan



Baptisms

Sophia Rose Aiello
Raymond and Lindsay
Isabella Rose Baynes
Jacqueline
Jillian May Kuzmiak
Peter and Courtney
Kenna Marie Zimmerly
Christian and Kerry
Tyler Michael Devine
Daniel and Melissa



Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

On holidays, the table at grandma's house was always full—a full complement of aunts, uncles, and cousins, and a full array of food. With two stoves (one in the kitchen and one in the basement) and two refrigerators (in the same locations) it was a sure bet that we were not going to run out of food even with the extended family gathered around. And afterward, when everyone was ready to leave, there were plenty of leftovers to be packed up and sent home for enjoyment in the coming days.

Like grandma's holiday feasts, the miracle of the loaves and fishes left everyone satisfied. There were even leftovers that got packed up into twelve wicker baskets as St. Luke tells us. But Luke's account of the event contains more than just a great story about a lot of food. If that were all there was to the story, the miracle of the loaves and fishes wouldn't be that different from the abundance of food at grandma's holiday table. Luke's story, like every description of this miracle in the four Gospels, contains ritual language that points to what Jesus did with bread and wine before he died: he took, blessed, broke, and gave.

When we gather on Sunday to celebrate the Eucharist, we do exactly the same things in a ritual manner through the taking of the bread and wine at the procession with the gifts, the blessing in the eucharistic prayer, the breaking of the bread at the Lamb of God, and the giving in Communion. The miracle of God's abundant blessing is made present not through a lot of bread and fish, but through the gift of his Son and our communion with him. It is an abundant feast, and the leftovers we take home is our commission to love and serve each day.

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Readings for the Week of June 6, 2010

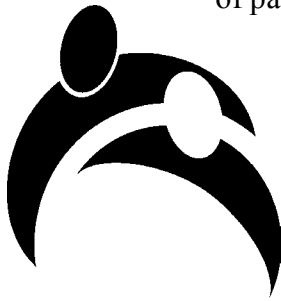
Sunday:	Gn 14:18-20/1 Cor 11:23-26/Lk 9:11b-17
Monday:	1 Kgs 17:1-6/Mt 5:1-12
Tuesday:	1 Kgs 17:7-16/Mt 5:13-16
Wednesday:	1 Kgs 18:20-39/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday:	1 Kgs 18:41-46/Mt 5:20-26
Friday:	Ez 34:11-16/Rom 5:5b-11/Lk 15:3-7
Saturday:	1 Kgs 19:19-21/Lk 2:41-51
Next Sunday:	2 Sm 12:7-10, 13/Gal 2:16, 19-21/Lk 7:36---8:3 or 7:36-50

Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Rose Grant*.
If you would like to help care for our altar needs,
please call the Parish Office at 661.3224.

Pastoral Care of Our Sick

Please call the Parish Office at 661.3224 to leave the names
of parishioners who:



- are homebound and would like to receive the Eucharist.
- are in Good Samaritan Hospital and would like to be visited by a member of our Pastoral Care Ministry.
- would like to receive the Sacrament of the Sick.

Pray for Our Sick

Please remember to keep in your thoughts and prayers ...

Carol Alfieri, Roy Anderson, Susan Aviza, Deacon Dick Barry, Ben Bellotti, Antoinette Bongiorno, Theresa Buffa, Nicholas Buscemi, Jr., Keith Canaby, Jerry Castonguay, Michael Ciotkosz, Donald L. Coffey, Regina Cranor, Jeanne DellaRagione, Ann Donlon, Tony Drexler, Debbie Eichen, Mike Gaffney, Vivian Gordon, Edward Herger, Brian Hinkelman, Lili Hinkelman, Max Illiano, 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 Oliveri, 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 30, 2010

Weekly Collection	\$ 17,217.00
Weekly Budget	-\$ 19,000.00
+/- for the week	\$ (1,783.00)

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

Members in the Military

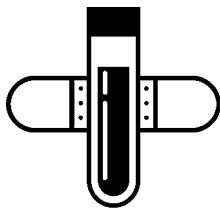
We ask that you pray especially for those in our parish that are on active duty in the Middle East conflict.

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.



OLL Blood Drive

Help save a life—Give Blood!

Monday, June 21

All Purpose Room

3:30 PM to 8:45 PM

All eligible donors are strongly urged to give blood. To donate you must be between the ages of 16 (with parental consent) and 75. All donors must show proof of identification. Donating blood is easy and completely safe. The donation process takes approximately an hour and includes a mini-health exam, including blood pressure, pulse, temperature and iron count. The donation itself takes about ten minutes, plus time for refreshments.

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 drive. (Whole Blood can be donated every 56 days.)

Pantry Needs



canned fruit
 canned vegetables
 jelly (*desperate need*)
 peanut butter
 pudding/jello
 soup

Donations to Outreach

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

- The Robinson Family has made a donation to Outreach in memory of *Maryellen Robinson*.
- Pat Kennedy has made a donation to Outreach in the name of *Tom & Mary Kennedy*.
- Margaret Cassiano has made a donation to Outreach in memory of *Artemis (Dolly) Delli-Paoli*.
- Jean McNamara has made a donation to Outreach in memory of her husband, *Bill*.
- Peter and Regina Mirabella have made a donation to Outreach in honor of *Pearl Gizewski, Mary Mirabella, Helen Nogaj and Jennie Zappoli*.
- Pat and Carl Falco have made a donation to Outreach in memory of *Joseph Shields*.
- June Quirino has made a donation to Outreach in memory of *Joseph Shields*.
- A “student of Sacred Heart” has made a donation to Outreach in memory of “*Brother Shields*.”
- The Sage Group has made a donation to Outreach in memory of *Joseph Shields*.
- Peggy Cook has made a donation to Outreach in memory of her husband, *Arthur Cook*.
- Phyliss Diesso has made a donation to Outreach in memory of *Charles Diesso*.
- Richard and Doris Shaddock have made a Father’s Day donation to Outreach in memory of their fathers, *Frank Monroe and George Shaddock*.

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.

Priestly and Affective Prayer

by Ron Rolheiser, OMI

Prayer is classically defined as lifting mind and heart to God. That's a good definition, but it needs an important qualification.

There are two essential kinds of prayer: Something we call liturgical prayer, the public prayer of the church, and something we call private or devotional prayer. Unfortunately we often confuse the two.

For example, five hundred people might be sitting in meditation together in a church or praying the rosary together at a shrine and this is still private or devotional prayer. Conversely, someone might be praying the Office of the Church alone at home in an armchair or a priest might be celebrating the Eucharist alone at a kitchen table and this is public, liturgical prayer. The distinction, as we see from these examples, is not dependent upon the number of people participating, or whether the prayer is taking place in a church, or even whether the prayer is being prayed in a group or privately. The distinction is based upon something else. What?

Perhaps a change of names might help us understand the distinction: Liturgical, public prayer might more aptly be called priestly prayer, while private and devotional prayer might better be termed affective prayer.

What is priestly prayer? It is the prayer of Christ through the church for the world. Our Christian belief is that Christ is still gathering us together around his word and is still offering an eternal act of love for the world. As an extension of that we believe that whenever we meet together, in a church or elsewhere, to gather around the scriptures or to celebrate the Eucharist we are entering into that prayer and sacrifice of Christ. This is liturgical prayer; it's Christ's prayer, not ours. We pray liturgically whenever we gather to celebrate the scriptures, the sacraments, or when we pray, in community or privately, something that is called the Prayer of the Church or the Office of the Church (Lauds and Vespers).

And this kind of prayer is not restricted to the ordained clergy. We are all priests by virtue of our baptism and part of the implicit covenant we make with the community at our baptism is the commitment, when we reach adulthood, to pray habitually for the world through the liturgical prayer of the church.

What needs also to be highlighted here, since we easily miss this aspect, is that the church's liturgical prayer is for the world, not for itself. The church, in this world, does not

exist for its own sake, but as an instrument of salvation for the world. Its function is to save the world, not itself. In liturgical prayer we pray with Christ, through the church, but for the world.

Affective prayer has a different intent. Though it has many forms, meditation, centering prayer, praying the rosary, devotional prayers of all kinds, it has a single aim, to draw us and our loved ones into deeper intimacy with Christ. In the end, no matter its particular form, all non-liturgical prayer ultimately aims at personal intimacy with God and is, ultimately too, private, even when it is done publicly or in a large group. All private and devotional prayer can be defined in this way: It is prayer that tries, in myriad ways, to open us or our loved ones up in such a way that we can hear God say to us: "I love you!"

It is important to know this distinction when we go to pray: Which kind of prayer are we entering? To confuse the two is to risk doing both badly. For example, the person who feels frustrated because the liturgical ritual and interaction of a congregation inside a church service are felt as a hindrance and distraction to the private devotional prayers she would like to saying is confusing the two forms of prayer and is consequently doing both badly. The function of liturgical prayer is not first of all devotional.

Or sometimes the confusion leads someone to abandon one form of liturgical prayer altogether. I know a man who after years of praying the Office of the Church is substituting his own private prayer in its place because he doesn't find the ritual prayers personally meaningful. His private meditations now might well be wonderful affective prayer, but he is no longer praying the priestly prayer of Christ when he is praying in this way. We see this sometimes too in well-intentioned, but badly planned, churches services where what is intended to be a liturgical service ends up being a guided private meditation, however well-done and powerful, which neither uses scripture nor prays for the world.

Churches themselves struggle with this. Roman Catholics, Anglicans, Episcopalians, and main-line Protestant churches have a strong liturgical tradition, sometimes to the detriment of affective prayer. Evangelical and Pentecostal churches, on the other hand, have a strong focus on affective prayer, sometimes to the point of neglecting almost entirely liturgical prayer.

We would probably all do ourselves a favor by having two prayer shawls, each embroidered separately:

Priestly Prayer and Affective Prayer.

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bishopreilly1970reunion.com or email Steve DiTomaso at

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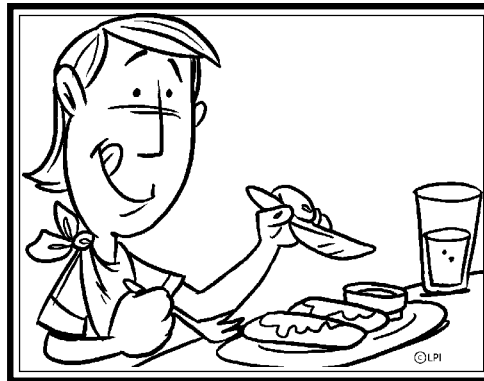
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Jesus told his friends to give a whole crowd of people something to eat. All they had was a little fish and bread. How could they possibly feed all those people with so little food? God gave them what they needed to help other people. When you want to help other people, trust God to give you what you need.



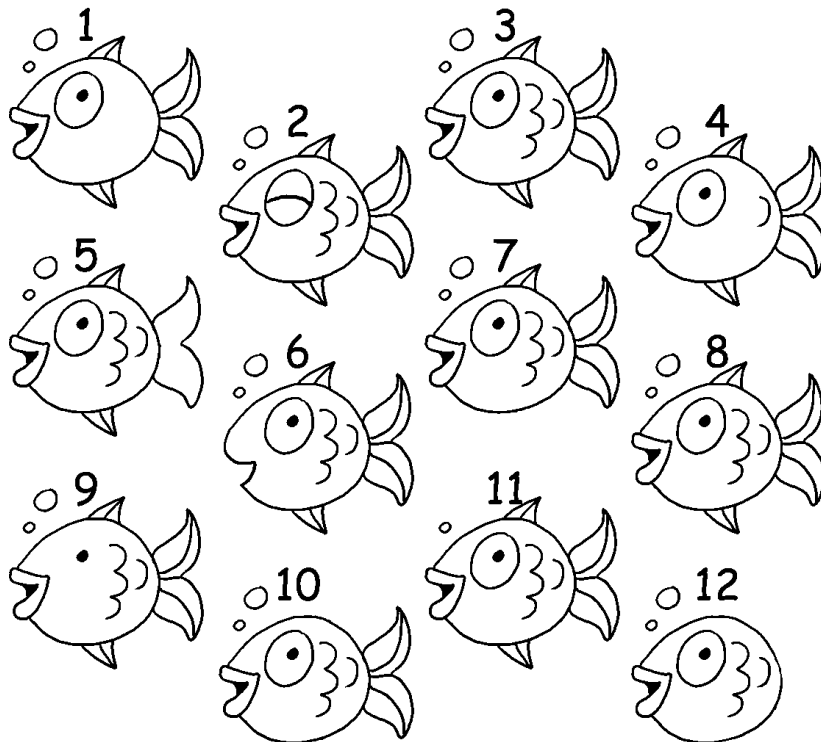
Mission for the Week



If God has blessed your family with plenty of food to eat, make sure you also give food to people who are hungry.

Puzzle

Find the identical fish!



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Prayer



Dear God,
with your power I
can really help other
people.

Something to Draw



Draw a picture of
yourself sharing your
lunch with a friend.