

OUR LADY OF LOURDES • ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME • JUNE 13, 2010

"YOUR SINS ARE FORGIVEN."



***"YOUR FAITH HAS SAVED YOU;
GO IN PEACE."***



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

Lisa Cantalino

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Nilo DeLeon

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Jerry Esposito

Deacon Jack Meehan

John Muldoon

Bob Natale

Eileen Rega

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Organist

Rita Spera

Religious Education Office

Lori Walsh

Parish Office

Parish Office

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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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website: www.ollchurch.org

Our Lady of Lourdes School

587.7200 (option 2)

Monday-Friday: 9 AM - 3 PM

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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

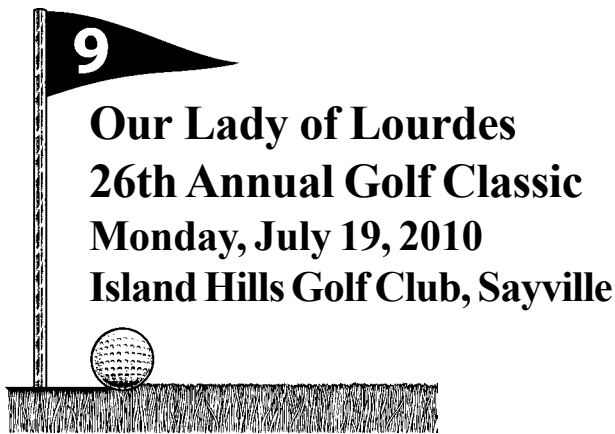
Our Golf Classic Honorees are...

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.

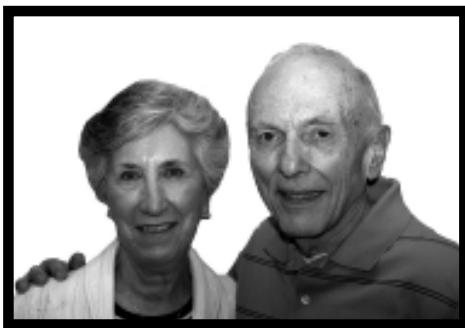
Paul and Diane Munch

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.

The Seminarian Sent Forth Summer School

I wanted to write to all of you and let you know how things are going. First, and most importantly, thank you for your constant support and appreciation of me. Not only have you sent me forth but, you have continued to encourage me on this road. Believe it or not – we have one year down! I completed my first full year of classes at the seminary and have been recommended to classes in Fourth Theology. In other words, I passed!



The end of the semester has been filled with many projects and activities. The academics provided its challenges with finals and papers, in addition to responsibilities in the Seminary. For the last semester, my “house job” was to serve as the Head Sacristan which allowed me to become even more involved in the liturgical and prayer life of the community. With that involvement comes some additional responsibility which, truthfully, I loved.

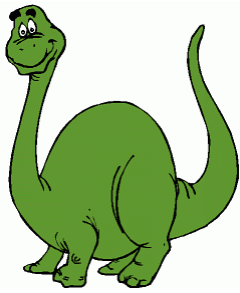
In addition, the seminarians participated in two additional projects. First, we were part of a special Symposium for Priests held jointly by the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception and St. Joseph’s Seminary in Dunwoodie. We listened to a number of excellent talks about good preaching, the history and modern challenges of priesthood and a workshop on the revision of the Roman Missal that will likely be implemented in Advent 2011.

The highlight of these projects has been our school visits. For the first time, seminarians spoke in elementary and high schools throughout the Diocese (similar to our experience of speaking in parishes during Lent and Easter). I was lucky enough to return to St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School (see picture) last week. It was my first time back to SJB in an official capacity and it was wonderful. A fellow seminarian and friend, John Kwon, came with me and we spoke throughout the day to hundreds of kids about vocations and the need to stay open to God’s call in our lives, no matter our age. I have written previously to you about the opportunities living with men from other countries provides the seminarians. John’s presence that day provided the young people of SJB SJB (and me) with a powerful witness of sacrifice and desire to serve God and the Church. It was great to show him some of my old stomping grounds but even better to witness the impact he made on that community.

As I write to you today, I am in summer school! No, I didn’t fail. For the next three weeks, though, I am in a Spanish Language Immersion Program in the Southeast Pastoral Institute in Miami. I am just starting today, so hopefully it will be a good experience and one that will allow me to more effectively serve the Church on Long Island!

I’ll write again soon about what is happening here! I’ll keep posting weekly updates on johnsureau.blogspot.com if you’re following. For now, let’s continue to pray for and with one another – and for Deacon John Ryan as he will be ordained next Saturday!

Peace –



“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.

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.

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**.

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.

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...Men's Group

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.

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.

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 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!



Cash for Gold comes back to OLL!

As a last fundraiser for our mission trip to El Salvador, we will be holding the Cash for Gold Party on **June 20 from 10:30 AM until 1:30 PM in the cafeteria.**

Please bring the gold you no longer want, or broken gold jewelry, to OLL that day, and you will be given the value of the jewelry. A small percentage will be donated to the trip so that you are helping the team and making a profit!



OLL Pilgrimage to the Holy Land Walking in Jesus' Footsteps

April 25 - May 4, 2011

Come and walk in the footsteps of Jesus along with our Pastor Fr. Mike Vetrano.

Consider being with family and friends on a trip of a lifetime!

Walk the streets of Jerusalem and be in the place of our Christian heritage. Come to Bethlehem, visit the Basilica of the Nativity. Be at the Baptism site of Jesus on the Jordan River, sail on the Sea of Galilee and walk in the Garden of Gethsemane. You will visit the room of the Last Supper, walk on the Via Dolorosa "The Way of the Cross", and drive through the wilderness of Judea and the mountains of Jerusalem. All this on your trip of a lifetime.

For more information, come to our second meeting on

Monday, June 28 at 7:30 PM in the Spiritual Life Center.



Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

What's it all about?

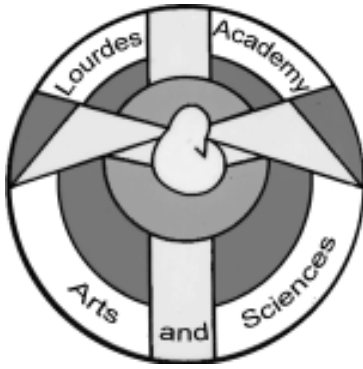
IF you are an adult AND

- ... you were never Baptized
- ... you were Baptized in another faith and would like to become a baptized Catholic
- ... you never received Holy Communion (Eucharist)
- ... you never received your Confirmation

IF you are an adult AND one or all of the circumstances above apply to you...

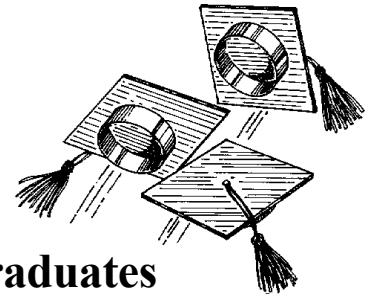
IF you feel you would like to become a baptized Catholic or become more fully initiated into your Catholic faith

Please contact S. Nancy or Fr. Bob at the Parish Office, 661.3224 #1, and we would be happy to help you.



**Congratulations Graduates!
Our Lady of Lourdes School
Academy of Arts and Sciences
Class of 2010
June 17, 2010**

*Ashley Acompora
Stephanie Aliaga
Shea Amdur
John Appey
Daniel Brown
Robert Buonaspinga
Ashley Carter
Chad Coffin
Brendan Cunningham
Alayzia Evans
Stephanie Francis
Matthew Galke
Michael Goldin
Mian Taha Hafeez
Jaclyn Hahn
Bethany Hammer
Christine Hess
Brandon Khoury
Jessica Khoury
Samantha Kiewra
Brianna Lennon
Casey Matthews
Dylan McCarty
Kelsi Merkel
Kimberly Nottingham
Connor O'Hara
Erika Paz
Shauna Quinn
Sean Rogers
Diana Rosario
Josue Ruiz
Jacqueline Schweitzer
Tyler Secreto
Kenneth Simpson
Maria Tobin
Joseph Trupia
Mark Vandenburg
Ariyana Washington*



Prayer for Graduates

God of our beginnings,
We thank you for the gifts of these graduates;
their excitement, their awesome wonder and curiosity,
their open speech and encouraging words.
Their contributions have blessed and challenged us,
and we have become a richer
and more diverse community because of them.
As they step forward into the world that awaits,
comfort their fears with the full knowledge
of your divine presence.
Strengthen their resolve
to walk in the footsteps of Jesus
as modern-day disciples in
a world that needs their spirit.
Guide their feet as they move through life,
protecting them from
the pitfalls of darkness
while they help to lead future generations
into the warmth
and promise of your light.
We ask this blessing upon each of them,
In the name of the Father, the Son,
and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

"DINO" Camp

Digging Into the New and Old Testaments

OLL Vacation Bible Camp '10

July 26-30

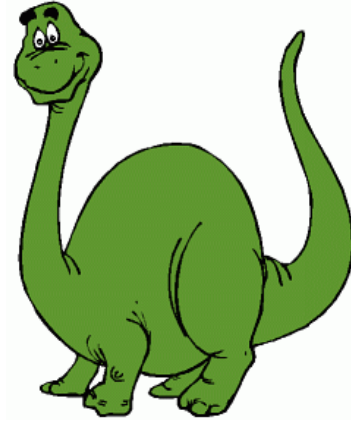
9 AM - 12:30 PM daily

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.

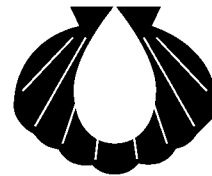
Upcoming Marriages

Meagan Carrick, OLL and

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

Ashley Buonomo and

Peter DeStefano, both OLL



Baptisms

Jack Raymond Bartoli

Keith and Kerri

Scott Matthew Brown

Scott and Christina

Patrick Joseph Cahill

Matthew and Jessica

Benjamin Cole Jacobs

Jeff and Denise

Jack Thomas Lella

Eric and Jeanann

Isabella Marie Nowakowski

Shawn and Gabrielle

Kayla Marie Scandura

Stephen and Dina

Charlotte Elizabeth Pickney

Christian and Amanda

Jonathan Richard Brunjes

Richard and Sabrina

Remembering...

Monday, June 14

8:00 AM Molly & John Sweeney

Tuesday, June 15

8:00 AM Charlotte & James Quinn

Wednesday, June 16

8:00 AM Carmela Parasole

Thursday, June 17

8:00 AM Emma Cameron

Friday, June 18

8:00 AM Mary Homann

Saturday, June 19

8:00 AM Dorothy Jones, Debra Cameron,
Raphael Vega, Peggy Moran,
Joseph Shields, Nick Chapman

5:00 PM Danny & Mike Salegna

Sunday, June 20

8:00 AM Colin & Yankel Fathers

9:30 AM Charlotte & James Quinn

11:00 AM Joseph DiMola III

12:30 PM Josephine & Pasquale Perri

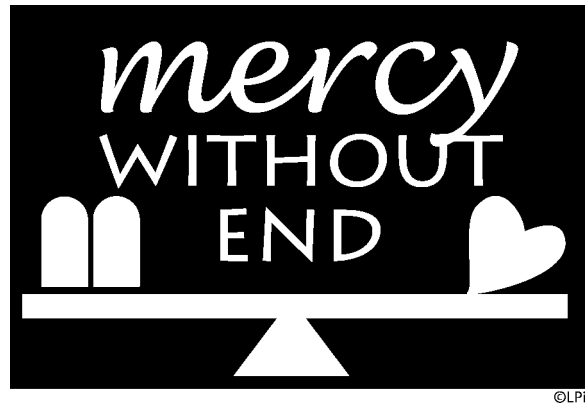
6:00 PM People of the Parish, Phillip Charron,
Rick Munkwitz, Walter Henry, Luigi Capoccia,
Frank Carroll, Howard Alfred Campkin, Joseph DiPalma, Jr.,
Joseph McGuire, Irwin Maher, Bob Herr, Jr., Edith Occeña



Rest In Peace

Bernard G. Eilers died on May 26 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was May 29. We extend our prayers to his Kenneth, and entire family.

Rose Khoury died on May 29 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was June 2. We extend our prayers to her husband, Freddie, children, grandchildren, and entire family.



11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

We'd like our children to be perfect angels. As parents, we spend a lot of time teaching them proper manners, coaching them on moral behavior, and helping them understand right from wrong. And while we would like everything they do to be good and right, we know that sometimes our sons and daughters have to learn from their mistakes. We just hope and pray that the mistakes in their lives are minor and give them an education, as opposed to serious problems that lead to calamitous results. Sometimes, as parents, we have to take a stand (tough love, some call it) as a way of holding firm to certain principles of behavior.

The woman in the Gospel today is described as a sinner, although Luke never specifies the actual sin. We like to imagine the worst—adultery, harlotry. Maybe we do that because if she's guilty of really awful sins (after all, Jesus said that her many sins were forgiven), then she's not quite like us. We can stand on the side of righteousness—just like the Pharisee! (Whoops! Is that really the side we want to be on?)

Well, yes, it is. We do want to be on the side of righteousness. But we don't want to be on the side of self-righteousness. That is the delicate balance that each of us must strike. When our own children behave badly, we have to be prepared with correction. But we also have to be ready with forgiveness. Mercy is also one of the certain principles of Christian life. And just as God's justice is tempered with eternal mercy, so must our own desire for the right be guided by a merciful love. It's not always an easy balance to strike, but as we'll hear throughout this year as we read from Luke's Gospel, God's mercy is without limit or end.

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Readings for the Week of June 13, 2010

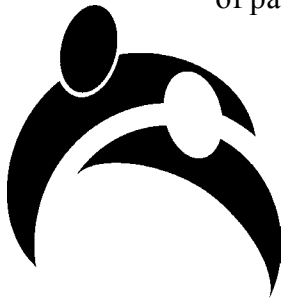
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| Sunday: | 2 Sm 12:7-10, 13/Gal 2:16, 19-21/Lk 7:36---8:3 or 7:36-50 |
| Monday: | 1 Kgs 21:1-16/Mt 5:38-42 |
| Tuesday: | 1 Kgs 21:17-29/Mt 5:43-48 |
| Wednesday: | 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18 |
| Thursday: | Sir 48:1-14/Mt 6:7-15 |
| Friday: | 2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20/Mt 6:19-23 |
| Saturday: | 2 Chr 24:17-25/Mt 6:24-34 |
| Next Sunday: | Zec 12:10-11; 13:1/Gal 3:26-29/Lk 9:18-24 |

Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Janet Loehr*.
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, Edward Herger, Brian Hinkelman, Lili Hinkelman, Max Illiano, Diana Kaehne, Mary Kaval, Kathleen Kerrigan, Josephine Kosiczky, Joseph Lehmann, 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

June 6, 2010

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| Weekly Collection | \$ |
| Weekly Budget | -\$ 19,000.00 |
| +/- for the week | \$ |

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

Due to a change in the bulletin deadline,
the weekly collection amount will be published in next week's bulletin.

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.

Pantry Needs



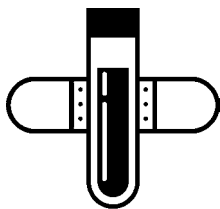
baked beans
boxed potatoes
boxed rice
canned meat
cookies
crackers
jelly (*desperate need*)
hot chocolate
mayonnaise

Donations to Outreach

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

- A donation has been made to Outreach in memory of *Rose Khoury*.

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.



OLL Blood Drive

Help save a life—Give Blood!

Monday, June 21

All Purpose Room

3:30 PM to 8:45 PM

Be a Life Saver – GIVE BLOOD

In real life accidents happen. People get diseases and surgery is often required. Any and all of these patients can require blood. 95% of us will use blood at some point in our lives. We do not collect enough blood in this area to meet our needs. People needing blood most urgently are the elderly. The second largest group is children. These people rely on our donations of blood. It often means the difference between life and death. The human body is the only producer of this precious fluid and its only source is you and me, people who care.

So care enough to give blood on **Monday, June 21 from 3:30 PM to 8:45 PM in the Parish Center.** To make an appointment, please call Marie at 669.5837.

Your gift of blood may mean another day of life for someone, another birthday, another anniversary, another hug, another smile. Love makes it all worthwhile.

Losing a Prophet

by Ron Rolheiser, OMI

On the evening of May 18th, five priests driving north from Guatemala City for a community meeting were stopped by masked gunmen. After robbing the priests of their belongings, they opened fire, killing Fr. Lawrence (Lorenzo) Rosebaugh, an American priest, and seriously wounding Fr. Jean Claude Nowama, a Congolese priest.

This item on the news hit close to home, not just because the victims were priests, but because they were all members of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, the community to which I belong, and the man who was killed was someone whom I knew well and deeply admired.

Mircea Eliade warned communities to not botch its deaths. Our community does not want to botch this one. Lorenzo Rosebaugh was no ordinary man and no ordinary priest. He was a special gift to the world, to the church, to our community, and especially to the poor for whom he gave his life.

Fr. Lorenzo was born in Appleton, Wisconsin, in 1935, but grew up in St. Louis. He entered the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate in 1955 and was ordained to the priesthood in 1963. Always in love with the poor and driven by a passion for justice, Lorenzo was strongly influenced by Dorothy Day and Daniel Berrigan. For this, he paid a price.

In 1968, in protest of the Vietnam war, he burned some draft files. This landed him in prison for two years. In 1975, he hitchhiked to Brazil and for the next several years lived on the streets of Recife, without a rectory or an address, celebrating the Eucharist with the street people and helping them find food each day. This aroused the suspicion of the authorities and he was arrested, imprisoned, and beaten. Given the political climate in Brazil at the time he would, no doubt, have disappeared had there not been international pressure for his release. Indeed it was only after Rosalyn Carter visited there that he was released. She met with him afterwards and he made the most of the opportunity, asking her to intervene on behalf of prison conditions in Brazil.

In the 1980s, a near-deadly bout of hepatitis forced him to return to the United States for treatment, but he was soon active again. In 1983 he was arrested for sabotaging a public address system at Fort Benning

and playing Archbishop Romero's last homily through it. For this action, he spent another 18 months in prison.

From there, he moved to the Catholic Worker in New York, then on to El Salvador to live again with the poor, and, after a long retreat at our Oblate Motherhouse in France and some time in St. Louis to tend to his dying mother and write a memoir, he moved to Guatemala where he ministered to the poor until his death last month.

He authored a book about his experiences: "To Wisdom through Failure: A Journey of Compassion, Resistance and Hope". I had the privilege of writing the Foreword for this book, a disarmingly honest account of his inner journey through all of this. Among other things, I said this:

Daniel Berrigan once said: A prophet does not make a vow of alienation, but a vow of love. This is what Lorenzo did. He made a vow of love and it has taken him over some pretty rough roads, mostly alone, mostly on foot, landed him in prison, left his body beaten and showing the wear and tear of it, but it has left him in the end - happy, mellow, gentle, faithful, honest, and wonderfully grateful. Our religious community was founded to serve the poor and our founder challenged us to learn the language of the poor. We all try to do that, but only a few have the charisma and heart to actually get down and dirty, right on the streets where the poorest of the poor look for food, for a bed, for consolation, for dignity, and for God. Lorenzo learned the language of the poor, became their friend, their advocate, and their priest and we are proud of him!

At his funeral, his provincial superior described him as "partly John the Baptist, partly Francis of Assisi". That's exactly how the poor saw him.

Lorenzo didn't like to talk about himself, but at our Motherhouse in France one night he shared this story: "Before I first went to prison for civil disobedience, I did a retreat with Daniel Berrigan. He told us: 'If you can't do this without growing angry and bitter - then don't do it!' I prayed the whole night before my first arrest, both because I was scared and because I knew I needed God's help not to grow angry and bitter!"

And he never did grow angry or bitter. Always gentle in spirit and baptized by the poor, I suspect that even in his final moments when an unthinking gunman was senselessly ending his life, he, like Jesus, had an empathic sense of why this was happening: "Forgive them; they know not what they do!"

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bishopreilly1970reunion.com or email Steve DiTomaso at

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St. John the Baptist Class of 1970-40 Year Reunion at Captain Bill's, Bay Shore, on Saturday, July 17 from 8 PM until 12 AM. For more information, please call the Alumni Office at 587.8000, extension 125 or email to *alumni@sjbdhs.org*.

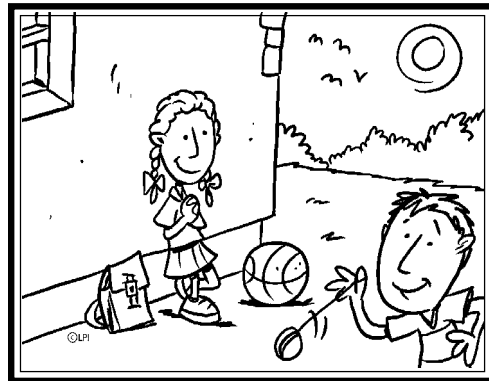
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Sharing the Gospel

The woman in today's Gospel was not well-liked in her town. She had made some pretty bad choices, and everybody knew it. In her heart she knew she had really messed up, and she was truly sorry. With a broken heart, she found Jesus. When Jesus saw the faith in her heart, he forgave her. He gave her the freedom to live a better life.



Mission for the Week



If there is someone in your class who is not well-liked, show God's love by being kind.

Puzzle

Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:

Because of your faith, you are now saved.

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Prayer



Dear God,
help me to be truly
sorry for my sins.

Something to Draw



Draw a picture of
yourself crying
because you made a
bad choice.