

*Our Lady of Lourdes · Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time · June 20, 2010*

*"I will pour out a spirit*



*Zechariah 12:10*

*of grace and petition."*



## *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

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### *Mission Statement*

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

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### *Vision...*

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

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

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

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

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

## *Pastoral Team*

**Rev. Michael A. Vetrano**

Pastor

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**Rev. Patsy Amabile**

Associate Pastor

**Rev. Robert Scheckenback**

Associate Pastor

**Rev. Ambrose Cabildo**

In Residence

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**Deacon Tom Lucie**

**Deacon Jack Meehan**

Coordinator of Stewardship

**Deacon John Teufel**

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**Allegra D'Alo**

Youth Minister/Social Action

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(Senior Advocates for Growth  
and Enrichment)

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## **Wishing Our Best to Carol Goetz and Rex Muro**

Rex Muro and Carol Goetz have been serving our parish faithfully for many years. This Spring, both of them have decided to take advantage of a diocesan program which offered early retirement to more than 1000 diocesan employees.

Rex has been the anchor behind our keyboards for many many years. He has probably been at more Masses than anyone else in the parish. We will always remember him as a wonderfully supportive man who whether working with adult choirs or children always brought us a peaceful spiritual presence.

Carol has led our music ministry, mentored our adult choir and contemporary group, and planned beautiful music for all our celebrations. We will remember her most for the special music she wrote just for us -- especially our Jubilee Song and the music sung by our children at first communions.

*We wish both of them success in their future plans and we will be hosting a reception for them after the 11 AM Mass on June 27.*

## **Who's Who**

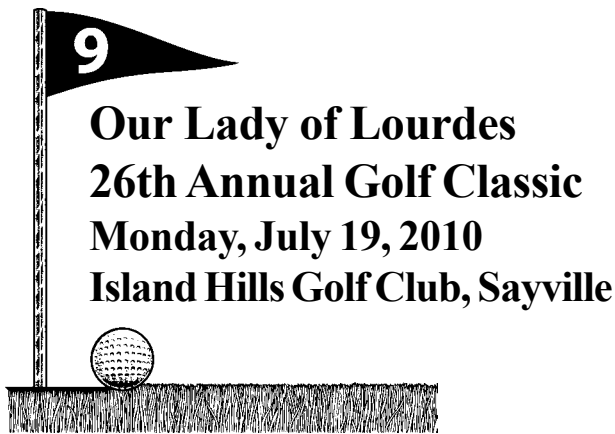
### **Our Golf Classic Honorees are...**

#### **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.

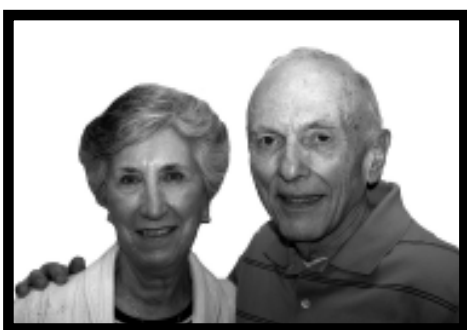
#### **Paul and Diane Munch**

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.*

## **From One Seminarian Sent Forth (John Sureau) to Another (John Ryan)....**

*As part of the Closing Luncheon, I was asked to offer a brief reflection about John Ryan (who will be ordained on June 12 and will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving at OLL on June 20 at 11 AM).*

*Here's the text of my talk:*

Many gathered here can tell colorful and lively stories of priestly “characters”. Our churches and parishes are filled with them. The stories we sometimes are even embarrassed to tell or can't get through without laughing about men called to serve God as priests. I think many today would agree that John Ryan is well on the path to becoming one of the “characters”.

It is not since I started living here this past year that I realized what a true character he is. There have been times when he has said something and I said to myself, “Did he really just say that?” . . . the various imitations and comedy bits and testimonials he's been part of (and I've only been here a year!) . . . knowing exactly what button to push (in a good way) . . . being able to reach out to many segments of our seminary community. Yet he offers me and, I think, all of us here a challenge – that we, too, might be characters.

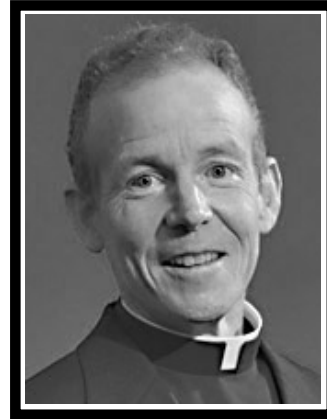
You see, people who are characters are often some of the most authentic people we will ever meet. It is not that they don't care what other people think. It is that they have come to know themselves so well they are not easily swayed or influenced by the words or ideas of another. For they have done the difficult work of self-reflection and discernment. Yes, John Ryan is surely a character, but I propose and I think you'd agree, he is a man of character. He is a man who knows who he is and who he is not. I hope this is not a formation issue, but truth be told, John Ryan is part of the reason I finally came to the Seminary.

I'll probably have to talk to Msgr. Swiader about this later. More than once, we would talk during one of his visits to Our Lady of Lourdes or even over this past summer about seminary life and priesthood. In my own anxiety and doubt, he would encourage often with a line like, “Hey, I'm making it there. If I can do it, trust me, you're going to be fine” or in the midst of the first weeks here at the Seminary, the quick check ins to make sure I was OK or the invitations to go for a walk and sort through a new and life changing experience. I don't think I would have been and know I cannot be that open and vulnerable with just anyone but I can with a person of authenticity- a character and a person of character like John Ryan.

As many of you may know, John and I have a lot in common - the beautiful red hair, the common hometown of West Islip, strong connections to the same parish. We also both have backgrounds in catering and restaurant work. John and I have often talked that some our best formational experiences, in addition to the seminary, have been our experiences in deli and restaurant work and catering. As you know, John, like most of us, left a lot to come here. He could be running a business or working in restaurant management. I'd even suggest he could be on the concert circuit singing “Bridge Over Troubled Water” with Paul Simon. But that's another talk. The idea of serving or waiting on others involves emptying, humility, discouragement, joy and frustration. It builds character and comes from people of character. It helps one to realize it is not all about them – but rather bringing something great to others. Good servants, good waiters get out of the way so people can get to the meal, so they can come to the table. Priests of good character do the same with the Meal and the Table.

John Ryan is going to be a great priest because he is man of great character. His humility, gentleness and good humor – all qualities of a good waiter – will call those he serves not to focus on him or themselves. Rather, he will get out of the way and lead them to the Table – to discover the presence of God in their own lives. That's the kind of priestly character I think we will be talking about for years and years to come when we talk about Father John Ryan.





## Call to Priesthood

On **Saturday, June 12**, Bishop Murphy ordained 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.

## 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

Our email address is [RCIA@ollchurch.org](mailto:RCIA@ollchurch.org) or call the Parish Office at 661.3224, option #1, and we would be happy to help you.



## Our Lady of Lourdes Mission Awareness Trip 2010

### Reflecting on the Gospel and Catholic Social Teaching

#### *Why do we go to El Salvador?*

The trip is very much a “retreat,” an opportunity to step back and reflect on our responsibilities and relationships with God and with our brothers and sisters. We go not just to “help,” but to grow in understanding—of another culture, of the nature of global relationships, and especially of the gospel mandate to serve the poor.

A fundamental principle of Catholic Social Teaching, the “preferential option for the poor,” means that God calls us to be advocates for the voiceless and the powerless among us and to be agents who restore right relationships. The trip offers all who participate, and most especially the young people of our parish, an opportunity to experience and reflect on the importance of faith and on our call to be responsible stewards of the many gifts we have been given. It is so much more powerful to experience this reality than to read about it or hear it.

Visit our website, [www.ollchurch.org/elsalvador](http://www.ollchurch.org/elsalvador),  
to follow the progress of our mission group.

### El Salvador Donations Needed!

It's almost here!

The members of Team El Salvador are just a few weeks from their journey but they hope to give more than their hearts to the people they meet. During the weekend of June 26/27, we will be collecting new and gently used shoes for children and teens as well as Spanish language books. Collections can be deposited at all entrances of the Church in the boxes labeled “El Salvador.” Please be as generous as you can and thank you for your support!

### Support Our Sister Parish Ministry

There will be a second collection this Sunday to support our sister parish ministry. Our “Team El Salvador” will be making their Mission Awareness Trip the week of July 3 - July 9.

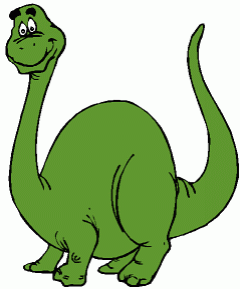
Let's show our support!

### 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!





## **“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.

## **SAGE**

The SAGE Group (Senior Advocates for Growth and Enrichment) will meet on **Tuesday, June 22**, in the **Parish Center at 9 AM**.

## **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**.

## **Senior Circle**

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

## **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.

## **Youth Group Meeting Schedule**

### **High School**

June 21

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

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

# Discovery Camp



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

Registration Now Being Accepted\*

June 28<sup>th</sup> – August 6<sup>th</sup>  
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](mailto:lkennedy@ollschool.org) 631.587.7200 ext.100

\*non-refundable/non-transferable

## Catholic School Champion

### *Nancy Kuchler*

She's the librarian at Our Lady of Lourdes School in West Islip, NY. But according to teacher Stephanie Kersting, who sent in her vote for this month's Catholic School Champion, Nancy Kuchler is much more. Somehow we always find her making copies, subbing classes, filling in for the secretary, organizing the school lunch program, finding altar servers for Masses and funerals at the church, Stephanie writes. Nancy helps run the school and we love her for it!

So what inspires this committed woman to serve her school so well? Her background, for starters. Brought up in a Catholic household and the product of Catholic education, Nancy learned the tenants and value of faith from a young age. Another inspiration is her continued belief in Catholic education, not only for its academic excellence, but also for its ability to instill respect and other character-builders in its students. Nancy has been part of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish for 34 years, and works part time at the rectory. She's also been a long-time volunteer at the school, parent of one of its students, its librarian as of the last 8 years, and, in teacher Kersting's words, "so much more!"

When asked what most motivates her, Nancy answers simply, "The children." Her aim is to treat each one as she would want her own children to be treated. As she is fond of quoting, "You've never stood so tall as when you've stooped to help a child." And so it is that this servant stands tall, reminding us this month of what it means to champion Catholic schools.

# "DINO" Camp

*Digging Into the New and Old Testaments*

**OLL Vacation Bible Camp '10**

**July 26-30**

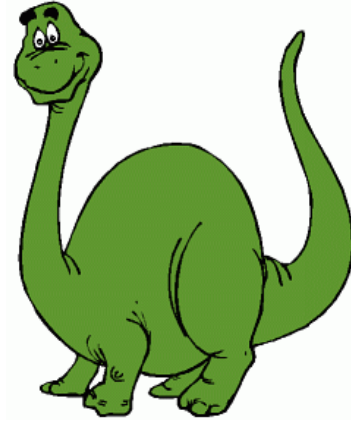
**9 AM - 12:30 PM daily**

**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**

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**Full Names of Parents/Guardians:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Family Address (Street, Town, Zip):** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cell and/or Business Phone(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Emergency Contact and Phone #:**

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*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.

## *Rest In Peace*

*Rosaria D. Muschter* died on June 1 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was June 4. We extend our prayers to her children, grandchildren, and entire family.

*Shiela Theresa Angelo* died on June 1 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was June 4. We extend our prayers to her children, grandchildren, and entire family.

*Dolores J. Nizen* died on May 30 and a prayer service was held on June 6. We extend our prayers to her husband, David, children, grandchildren, and entire family.

*Joseph Anthony Marrone, Sr.* died on June 4 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was June 7. We extend our prayers to his wife, Jo-Ann, children, grandchildren, and entire family.

*John L. Huscilowitc* died on June 5 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was June 9. We extend our prayers to his wife, Joanne, children, grandson, and entire family.

*Timothy A. Schackne* died on June 2 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was June 9. We extend our prayers to his wife, Mary, son, Joseph, and entire family.

*Jack Buffa* died on June 7 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was June 10. We extend our prayers to his children, and entire family.

*Charles LaSala* died on June 9 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was June 12. We extend our prayers to his wife, Mary, and entire family.

*Theresa Buffa* died on June 9 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was June 14. We extend our prayers to her husband, Salvatore, children, grandson, and entire family.

## Remembering...

### Monday, June 21

*Saint Aloysius Gonzaga, religious*

8:00 AM Fannie Cudlipp

### Tuesday, June 22

*Saint Thomas More, martyr*

8:00 AM In Thanksgiving to God

### Wednesday, June 23

8:00 AM Robert Beck

### Thursday, June 24

*Nativity of Saint John the Baptist*

8:00 AM Joseph & Lucy Zaccaria

### Friday, June 25

8:00 AM Barbara Torsiello

### Saturday, June 26

8:00 AM Ruth & Michael Mifsud, Baby Ryan Barthel,  
Rita Lyons, Matthew Badamo, Norma Krauss,  
Kenneth Shaw, Edward McGarrity, Joseph Shields

5:00 PM William M. Heartt

*Fr. Pat Amabile*

### Sunday, June 27

8:00 AM Jacob Kopitsch

*Fr. Pat Amabile*

9:30 AM Charles Diesso

*Fr. Mike Vetrano*

11:00 AM Henry Riedemann

*Fr. Mike Vetrano*

12:30 PM Garcia Family

*Fr. Bob Scheckenback*

6:00 PM People of the Parish, Marilyn Yung, John Moore,  
Bryan Monahan, Joseph DiPalma, Jr., Barbara Leone,  
Elizabeth Moss, Nicholas Cibelli, Richard H. McLaughlin,  
Mariette Niski, Josephine Montagna

*Fr. Bob Scheckenback*

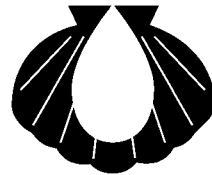
## Upcoming Marriages

*Meagan Carrick, OLL and*

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

*Ashley Buonomo and*

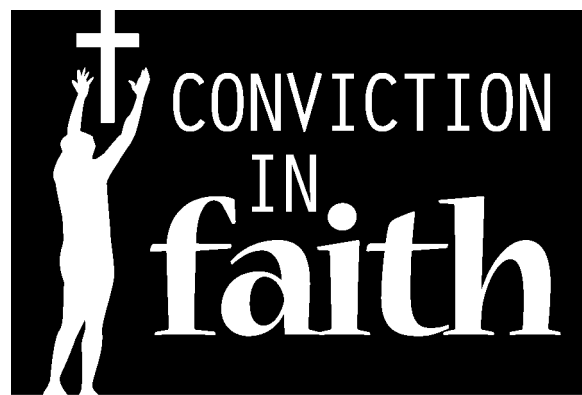
*Peter DeStefano, both OLL*



## Baptisms

*Scarlett Rose Egner*

*John and Brenda*



## 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A pendant in the shape of a cross is one of the most popular forms of jewelry. Women and men alike often wear one hanging from a gold or silver chain around their necks. Children often receive one when they make their first Communion. For some people, putting on the cross each day is an intensely religious experience. For others, the gold or silver emblem that they wear possesses nothing more than some sentimental value. For some, it serves only to make a fashion statement. Diamonds are popular, but it is probably fair to say that a cross is far more prevalent.

Writing in the second half of the first century, it is unlikely that the Gospel writers would foresee the boon that Christianity gave to modern-day goldsmiths. For Luke, taking up the cross daily did not mean fastening a piece of jewelry around his neck. He lived in a time when it was clear that being a Christian meant living a very different way of life. It meant getting up before dawn on the first day of the week to hasten to the early morning gathering for the breaking of the bread. Sunday was a day of work like any other. It meant contributing to the welfare of others instead of looking out only for oneself. And it meant being prepared to face persecution because one's faith was not consistent with the commonly held opinions of the day.

The Christian values of Sunday prayer, charity toward others, and a strong faith in God have not changed. They are still things that the followers of Jesus cling to as important aspects of the faith. As any disciple would admit, taking up the cross is not about wearing a piece of metal dangling from a chain. Amulets like that can be a reminder of the interior life one hopes to espouse, but they do not guarantee salvation. Only losing our life in Christ will lead to that.

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### Readings for the Week of June 20, 2010

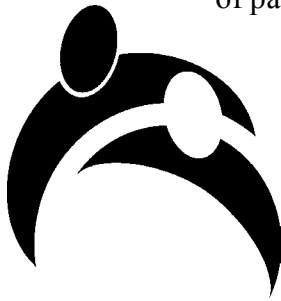
<b>Sunday:</b>	Zec 12:10-11; 13:1/Gal 3:26-29/Lk 9:18-24
<b>Monday:</b>	2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18/Mt 7:1-5
<b>Tuesday:</b>	2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36/Mt 7:6, 12-14
<b>Wednesday:</b>	2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3/Mt 7:15-20
<b>Thursday:</b>	<i>Vigil:</i> Jer 1:4-10/1 Pt 1:8-12/Lk 1:5-17 <i>Day:</i> Is 49:1-6/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80
<b>Friday:</b>	2 Kgs 25:1-12/Mt 8:1-4
<b>Saturday:</b>	Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19/Mt 8:5-17
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21/Gal 5:1, 13-18/Lk 9:51-62

## Altar Society

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

## Pastoral Care of Our Sick

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



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

## Pray for Our Sick

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

*Carol Alfieri, Roy Anderson, Susan Aviza, Deacon Dick Barry, Ben Bellotti, Antoinette Bongiorno, Nicholas Buscemi, Jr., Keith Canaby, Jerry Castonguay, John Cilluff, Michael Ciotkosz, Donald L. Coffey, Regina Cranor, Jeanne DellaRagione, Jean Dies, Ann Donlon, Tony Drexler, Debbie Eichen, Mike Gaffney, Edward Herger, Brian Hinkelman, Lili Hinkelman, Max Illiano, Diana Kaehne, Mary Kaval, Kathleen Kerrigan, Josephine Kosiczky, Ella Lanzieri, Joseph Lehmann, Kara Lobasso, Charlie Maccio, John Maestri, 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, 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

Weekly Collection	\$ 19,747.00
Weekly Budget	-\$ 19,000.00
+/- for the week	\$ 747.00

### June 13, 2010

Weekly Collection	\$ 17,160.00
Weekly Budget	-\$ 19,000.00
+/- for the week	\$ (1,840.00)

*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

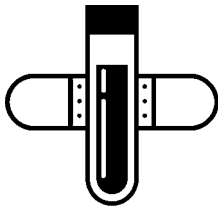
...and remember those of our parish family that are in the armed services, listed in our Parish Book of Intentions.



## Pantry Needs



detergent  
jelly (*desperate need*)  
kleenex  
paper towels  
personal feminine products  
shampoo  
soap  
toilet tissue  
toothbrush  
toothpaste



## OLL Blood Drive

**Help save a life—Give Blood!**

**Monday, June 21**

**All Purpose Room**

**3:30 PM to 8:45 PM**

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

**On Monday, June 21, Our Lady of Lourdes Parish will hold a BLOOD DRIVE from 3:30 PM to 8:45 PM. The Drive will be held in the All Purpose Room.**

All eligible donors are strongly urged to give blood.

## 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 McMahon, Director of Parish Social Ministry at 661.3224, option 4.*

# Our One Great Fidelity

by Ron Rolheiser, OMI

In one of his sermons on the Eucharist, Ronald Knox, made this observation: Throughout two thousand years of history, Christians, both whole churches and individual believers, have consistently been able to ignore many of Jesus' key commandments and invitations. We have either been too weak to follow his counsels or we have rationalized them away in some way.

And so, to a large extent, we have exempted ourselves from the demand to love our enemies, to turn the other cheek when attacked, to forgive 70 times 7, to leave our gift at the altar and first go and seek reconciliation with our brother before we worship, to place justice on the same level as worship, to see mercy as more important than dogma, to not commit adultery, to not steal, to not call someone a fool, to not tell lies, to not give in to jealousy. We have, in virtually every one of these areas, individually and collectively, a history of infidelity and rationalization.

But we have, for the most part, been faithful and consistent throughout all the years to one of Jesus' commands, to celebrate the Eucharist, to meet together in every circumstance and share his word and break bread and drink wine in his memory.

The older I get, the more this bald fact becomes more meaningful to me, both as it pertains to the church and as it pertains to me personally.

Whenever possible, I try to celebrate Eucharist every day, for many reasons. The Eucharist contains and carries many deep realities: It helps continue the incarnation of God in history, it is God's physical embrace, it is an intensification of our community together as Christians, it is the new manna which God gives to nurture his people, it is our family meal together as believers, it is Christ's sacrifice which we commemorate ritually, it is God's gift of reconciliation and forgiveness, it is an invitation to a deeper discipleship, it is a banquet table opened up for the poor, it is a vigil service within which we wait for Christ to return, and it is Christ's priestly prayer for the world.

But I go to Eucharist daily too for another reason, a more personal one: This is the one place where I can be faithful, where I can essentially measure up. I can't always control how I feel or how I

think and I can't always measure up morally and spiritually, but, inside of my perpetual inadequacy and occasional doubt and confusion, I can be faithful in this one deep way. I can go to the Eucharist regularly.

The older I get, the more meaningful this becomes. With age, I am growing less confident or sure about my knowledge of God, religion, and life. As knowledge deepens, it also widens and begins to take on softer edges. Unlike the more-confident years of my youth, I now live with the sense that my understanding of God's ways are a long ways from being adequate, let alone normative. The mystery we live in is huge and the more we grasp the magnitude of the cosmic and spiritual world, the more we grasp too how ineffable is God. God truly is beyond us, beyond language, beyond imagination, and even beyond feeling. We can know God, but can never understand God. And so we must be more humble, both in our theology and in our ecclesiology. Mostly we don't know what we are doing. The Eucharist, since it is the one ritual given us by Jesus himself, is one of our places of confidence.

Moreover, the older I get, the more I see too how blind I am to my own hypocrisies and how weak and rationalizing is my human nature. I don't always know when I'm rationalizing, or biased, or following Christ properly. And, even when I do, I don't always have the strength or will to do what I know is right. And so I lean heavily on the invitation that Jesus left us on the night before he died, to break bread and drink wine in his memory and to trust that this, if all else is uncertain, is what I should be doing while I wait for him to return.

Sometimes when he was instructing a couple for marriage, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, the great Lutheran priest and martyr, would caution them with words to this effect: Right now, you are in love and you believe that your love can sustain your marriage. It can't. But your marriage can sustain your love!

The Eucharist is such a ritual-container for Christians. We can't sustain our faith, charity, forgiveness, and hope on the basis of feeling or thought, but we can sustain them through the Eucharist. We can't always be clear-headed or warm-hearted; we can't always be sure that we know the exact path of God; and we won't always measure up morally and humanly to what faith asks of us. But we can be faithful in this one, deep way: We can go to the Eucharist regularly.

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# 2010 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

CMA 2010

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<b>Parish Goal</b>	\$101,839
<b>Amount Pledged</b>	\$ 82,667
<b># of Donors</b>	376
<b>Average Pledge</b>	\$ 220
<i>as of May 31, 2010</i>	



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Signature of Donor \_\_\_\_\_

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City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**A Guide To Giving**

Pledge	8 Payments
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<input type="checkbox"/> 500	62.50
<input type="checkbox"/> 250	31.25
<input type="checkbox"/> 150	18.75

**Every Gift Counts!**

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

For gifts of securities, please call the Appeal Office for instructions. (516) 379-5210, Ext. 2  
**Matching gifts:** if you qualify for a matching gift from your employer, please forward to the cma office.

## Volunteers Needed

St. Cyril's Thrift Shop, Deer Park, has expanded their hours! In order to meet the growing demand, volunteers are needed. If you can help, please call Jane at 242.6718 for more information.

## Become a "Special Foster Parent"

### TURNABOUT Program of North Shore Child & Family Guidance Center

The TURNABOUT Family-Based Treatment Program Offers: -Full and Part-Time Parenting Opportunities, -Extensive and Excellent Training, - On-Going Professional Staff Support and Guidance (24 hours per day – 7 days per week), - Generous Monthly Reimbursement.

You Can Help Make a Difference in a Child's Life! For more information, call 516.997.2926, extension 247 and ask for the TURNABOUT Family Recruiter .

## Centering Prayer Retreat Weekend

St. Ignatius Retreat House, Manhasset

Friday, June 25 - Sunday, June 27

For further information, please call Diane at 631.587.0966.

## 40th Reunion

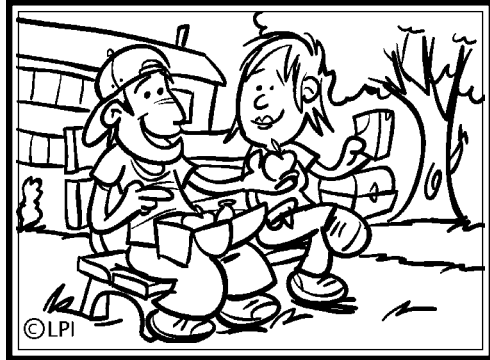
**St. John the Baptist Class of 1970-40 Year Reunion** at Captain Bill's, Bay Shore, on Saturday, July 17 from 8 PM until 12 AM. For more information, please call the Alumni Office at 587.8000, extension 125 or email to [alumni@sjbdhs.org](mailto:alumni@sjbdhs.org).

## Religion & Rock

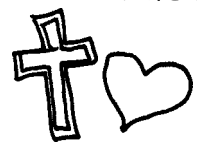
Tune into "Religion & Rock" with Msgr. Jim Vlaun on Sunday from 7 AM to 8 AM on WBAB 102.3 FM or 95.3 on the East End of Long Island. Listen on Saturdays at 11 PM on Sirius Radio, Channel 159, the Catholic Channel and at 11 PM on XM Satellite, channel 117. Next Sunday's theme is "**Education.**" Don't miss it! To listen online or receive more information regarding "Religion & Rock" go to [www.religionandrock.com](http://www.religionandrock.com) or at "Religion & Rock" on ITUNES. Don't forget to tune into TELECARE, Cablevision 29 or Verizon FIOS 296 for the Best in Catholic Television!

# Sharing the Gospel

"Would you like to trade with me?" You might hear that a lot in the school cafeteria or at snack time. Kids may want to exchange one kind of food for one they like better. In today's Gospel, Jesus asks the same question. "Would you like to trade with me?" Give Jesus the toys and activities that take your mind off God. Those things don't last. Jesus will trade you for something better. He will give you lasting life and happiness with God.



## Mission for the Week



Be very honest with yourself. Are any of your toys or activities more important to you "than Jesus? If they are, ask God to change your heart, so you can love him the most.

### Puzzle

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

John	Elijah	cross
save	follow	Messiah
rise	prophet	kill

Jonh	<u>J</u> <u>o</u> <u>h</u> <u>n</u>
Eljiha	_____
prehpot	_____
Mseshia	_____
klil	_____
resi	_____
crsos	_____
folwol	_____
seva	_____

### Prayer



Jesus,  
 help me to love  
 you more than any-  
 thing else.

### Something to Draw



Draw a picture of a cross. At the bottom of the cross, draw your favorite toys and activities.