



"If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.



## *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 John DeGuardi**

**Deacon Tom Lucie**

**Deacon Jack Meehan**

Coordinator of Stewardship

**Deacon John Teufel**

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**Sr. Margaret Bickar**

Senior Ministry-SAGE

**Sr. Nancy Campkin**

Director of Religious Education

**Allegra D'Alo**

Youth Minister/Social Action

**Louise Jane Krol**

School Principal

**Sr. Diane Liona**

Director of Religious Education

**Mary McMahan**

Director of Parish Social Ministry

**Robin Reynolds-Brennan**

Director of Music and Worship

**Vita Scorcia**

Ministry Spiritual Director

**Sr. Betty Toohig**

Senior Ministry-SAGE

**Anthony Trombino**

Business Manager

## *Pastoral Council*

Stacie Baltrusitis

Lisa Cantalino

Sonia DaSilva

Nilo DeLeon

Jane Desthers

Jerry Esposito

Deacon Jack Meehan

John Muldoon

Bob Natale

Eileen Rega

Vita Scorcia

Mary Steck

Fr. Mike Vetrano

Christine Volk

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## *Parish Staff*

**Jennifer Gallagher**

Women's Chorale Director

**Mary Anne Lettieri**

Parish Office

**Debbie Meyer**

Bulletin Editor/Parish Office

**Rosemary Multer**

School Office

**Rita Spera**

Religious Education Office

**Lori Walsh**

Parish Office

### **Parish Office**

661.3224 (option 1)

Monday-Friday: 9 AM - 7:30 PM

Saturday: 9 AM - 3 PM

Sunday: 9 AM - 2 PM

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

fax: 661.7143

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

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

587.7200 (option 2)

Monday-Friday: 9 AM - 3 PM

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

### **Religious Education Office**

661.5440 (option 3)

Monday-Friday: 9 AM - Noon

1 PM - 5 PM

7 PM - 9 PM

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

### **Parish Outreach Office**

661.9262 (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](mailto:Sage@ollchurch.org)



## **Leaders Wanted**

### **Pastoral Council Accepting Nominees**

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Our Pastoral Council is currently accepting nominations for new members to fill several open seats. The Pastoral Council is one of the most important leadership groups in the parish. Members of the parish meet approximately every 6 weeks to advise the pastor on issues affecting the mission and ministries of the parish. The Council has also taken an active role in sponsoring programs and events that serve the parish. Most importantly, our current Council will conduct a pastoral assessment of the parish to assist our pastor and team to plan for the future of our community.

A person who wishes to serve on the Pastoral Council must be a parishioner who desires to offer their time and insight to help the pastor and pastoral team form the vision and future of the parish. Pastoral Council members must have an interest and investment in the parish. Practically, this means that a nominee for the Pastoral Council must be a person who:

- Worships weekly in the parish and takes part in the spiritual life of the community
- Offers their time and talent in service or ministry to this community
- Supports the parish financially in a manner appropriate to their means

Parishioners may nominate either themselves or another parishioner for the Council.

Eligible applicants will be asked to complete a profile.

Parishioners are appointed to the Council by the current council in consultation with the pastor. The goal of this process is to insure that the Council represents the diversity of Our Lady of Lourdes and has the gifts and interests necessary to our present goals.

To nominate oneself, or another, for membership on the Pastoral Council begin by sending a letter or email to [pastoralcouncil@ollchurch.org](mailto:pastoralcouncil@ollchurch.org) or by postal mail to Pastoral Council, c/o Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 455 Hunter Avenue, West Islip, NY 11795. All letters of nomination must be in no later than October 4, will be acknowledged and must include your name and return address.

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*Coming Soon...*

## **The Spirituality of the Wizard of Oz**

presented by the Family Healing Ministry

*Is your life sometimes like a tornado of turmoil?*

Then come on **Thursday, October 14 at 7:30 PM. The Parish Center** will be transformed in our hearts and minds, as we take a spiritual journey with the characters of The Wizard of Oz.

Please call the Rel Ed Office to register at 661.5440.

## **Blood Drive**

**On Monday, October 18, Our Lady of Lourdes Parish will hold a Blood Drive from 3:30 PM to 8:30 PM. The Drive will be held in the All Purpose Room.**

All eligible donors are strongly urged to give blood.

About 50 percent of the population can donate, yet less than 5 percent actually do. If you live to the age of 76 in the United States, there is a 95 percent chance that you will need blood. The only way there will be an adequate supply of blood is if each and every member of the community does his/her part.

Take a moment to think of the miracle you can accomplish and the many lives your one donation can affect. Your donation can help at least 3 patients.

**You can make a difference!**

## **Bereavement Ministry**

### **Bereavement Support Group**

You are invited to join our next Bereavement support group. This is a wonderful opportunity to be supported in a small discussion group with people who have also suffered a loss.

The group will meet on Wednesday for 6 weeks starting **October 13, from 7:30PM to 9:30PM in the Spiritual Life Center.**

To register and for more information, please contact Diane Ackerly at 226.9373 or email at [dkkkk710@hotmail.com](mailto:dkkkk710@hotmail.com).



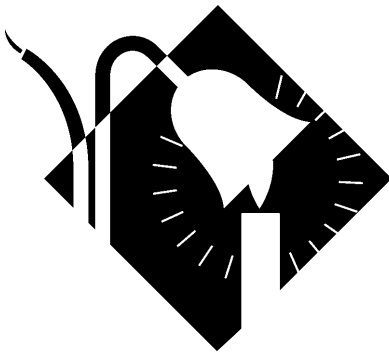
### **Coffee and Conversation Group**

This group welcomes back past members who are looking for continued support, compassion and understanding with your feeling of loss.

Our next meeting will be **October 6, at 7:30 PM in the Spiritual Life Center.**

If interested, please contact Diane Ackerly at 226.9373 or email at [dkkkk710@hotmail.com](mailto:dkkkk710@hotmail.com).

*From the Seminarian Sent Forth....*



## **Sophomore Year and the Ministry of Acolyte**

Greetings from the Seminary! I write to you today to keep you up to date about all that is happening here at the Seminary. Things are going well – and moving along. Know, for sure, that you are so a part of this journey for me.

My “sophomore year” at the Seminary began in August. This semester, I am taking seventeen credits and am enrolled in many Fourth Year Theology classes. These classes, I must admit, are overwhelming and humbling. There is a more practical element to these classes that relate more directly to living and serving as a priest. Classes like Homiletics, Priest: President of the Assembly (I might need your help with this class...see below!), Eucharist, and Celebrating Word and Sacrament in Spanish are good examples of this. While it is overwhelming and humbling, it feels so right. For me, that’s further confirmation that I’m on the right path!

Another “official” step is the institution into another ministry in the Church. Last March, you might remember, I was instituted as a lector or reader. The focus in the ministry is on the Word and how it is proclaimed and lived out. Since then, I’ve read at Masses and services here (and even a few times at OLL!). With the institution of Acolyte, the focus moves to the Table and a sense of service both within and outside of the Liturgy. Bishop Octavio Cisneros, Auxiliary Bishop of Brooklyn, came to the Seminary on Friday, and this is part of the homily he offered on Friday:

In performing your ministry bear in mind that, as you share the one bread with your brothers and sisters, so you form one body with them. Show a sincere love for Christ's Mystical Body, God's holy people, and especially for the weak and the sick. Be obedient to the commandment which the Lord gave to his apostles at the Last Supper: "Love one another as I also have loved you."

By this prayer, I am reminded (and maybe you, too) of the tremendous like between how we pray and how we live our lives each day. It’s not only about we do “in Church” but how serve “as Church” each and every day.

So the journey continues and you can always read updates at [johnsureau.blogspot.com](http://johnsureau.blogspot.com). While I have not been able to be at Our Lady of Lourdes as much I’d like, know how grateful and blessed I am for all of your prayers and support. It has made all the difference in the world here.

Peace –

John Sureau

P.S. I need your help again! On Tuesday, October 12, I have to celebrate a practice Baptism at OLL. See the the bulletin ad on page 19 for more info!

## Daytime Eucharistic Devotion

The afternoon adoration for the month of July will be on **Wednesday, October 6 from 1- 3 PM**. All are invited and welcome! We will be praying for our children, our country, our men and women in the military and our clergy.



## Praise and Worship Adoration

Please come and join us on **Friday, October 8 at 8 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.

## Holy Name Society

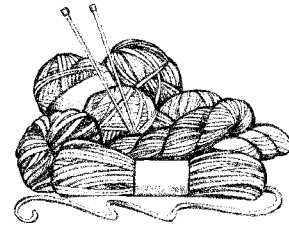
The Holy Name Society meets on the second Sunday of each month. The next meeting will be on **Sunday, October 10**. We will begin with the **Rosary at 7:40 AM in the Church** and the meeting will follow the **8 AM Mass at 9 AM in Room 16**.

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

*Bring your prayer and creativity together in a gift of love.*

**Join us ...**

**Wednesday, October 13 at 9:30 AM in the Parish Center**. All you need to bring is scrap yarn, knitting needles or crochet hooks (patterns and instructions will be given to you) and your gifts of love and prayer.



## Men's Prayer Group

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

We invite all men of the parish to meet for prayer and reflection after 8 AM Mass on **Thursday, October 14, 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.

## There's a new...Men's Group

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

The next meeting will be **Wednesday night, October 19**. 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.



## **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, our next meeting will be on*

**Wednesday, October 13 at 7:30 PM in the Parish Center**

Please note: Deposits are due and will be taken at this time if you have not done so already.

## **Rosary Christian Mothers**

The Rosary Christian Mothers meet on the first Monday evening of each month. The next meeting will be **Monday, October 4**. We will begin with **Rosary at 7:45 PM in the Spiritual Life Center** followed by **meeting at 8 PM in the Spiritual Life Center**.

## **SAGE**

The SAGE Group (Senior Advocates for Growth and Enrichment) will meet on **Tuesday, October 5**, 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**.

## **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.



## Religious Education

We will no longer mail our activities calendar.



All Religious Education information may be obtained by going to our OLL website [ollchurch.org](http://ollchurch.org) and click on the Religious Ed link or go to our echalk website [ollreled.org](http://ollreled.org) and click on Religious Education Calendar, or Religious Education Programs, or Adult Faith Formation.

### PEP 1 Registration Dates 2010

*for children entering public school, grade 1 - September 2010*

Meetings will take place in the Parish Center. (room opposite the playground on Hunter Ave)

*Please note: Baptismal Certificates required for any child being registered in PEP 1.*

**Wednesday, October 20      10 AM and 7:30 PM**

If this is your ***first child in our program***, the registration fee (Family Fee) is \$170 and textbooks are \$20 (if needed.) Details will be provided at the meeting.



## Confirmation

On Thursday, November 4, Bishop John Dunne, will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to the candidates of our parish. These young women and men are the chosen members of this community who have studied, served and prepared for this Sacrament.

During the next few weeks, they will continue their journey towards Confirmation and even greater involvement in the life of our Church. The Confirmation Candidates of our parish will participate in "Spirit Nights" with their parents and sponsors. These times together will be an opportunity for them to experience how important it is to be active faith-filled members of the church community. Each evening will include celebrating mass with our parish family at "THE SIX".

Please pray for our Confirmation Candidates as they embrace this very important commitment in their faith journey and that they will continue to be strengthened, loved and supported by YOU... their parish family.

## 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.)

## Welcome

We would like to extend a warm welcome  
to all newly registered members of our  
parish family...

*Mark and Lori Cava & family*

*Joel Alabre, Marilyn Rivera & family*

*Daniel Masciana, Karina Zapata &  
family*

*Denise Nieroda & family*

## Rosary/Novena

### **Rosary:**

Daily after 8 AM Mass

### **Miraculous Medal Novena:**

Monday after 8 AM Mass

### **Anointing of the Sick**

Throughout the liturgical year.

If needed sooner, please call the Parish Office.

### **Baptism**

Please contact the Parish Office to schedule an appointment.

### **Marriage**

Arranged at least six months in advance, please call the Parish Office.

### **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults(RCIA):**

A process to be embraced by the Catholic Church. For non-Catholics and for Catholics who  
have never received formal religious education. If interested, please call the Parish Office.

## Upcoming Marriages

*MaryAnn Rosselli, OLL and*

*Danny Kelskey, Ss. Cyril & Methodius, Deer Park*

*Donna O'Neill, OLL and*

*Ryan Koenig, St. Mary's, East Islip*

*Lauren Mills, OLL and*

*Anthony Fazio, Our Lady of Perpetual Help*

*Adriana Perez and*

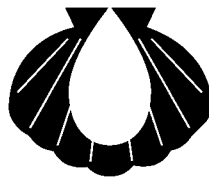
*Michael Milbauer, both OLL*

*Joan DeLeon, OLL and*

*Kevin Mitchell, St. Frances de Chantal, Wantagh*

*Christine Budriss, St. Margaret, Selden and*

*Stephen Guardino, OLL*



## Baptisms

*Sarah Rose DiMaggio*

Matthew and Donna

*Jude Kristian Horvath*

Ryan and Jessica

*Alaina Faith Randazzo*

Agostino and Jessica

*Francis Joseph Randazzo*

Frank and Doreen

*Keira Lynn Ruane*

James and Alyson

*Anthony Joseph Gentile*

Mathew and Kimberly

*Samantha Paige Kropf*

James and Lisa

# Remembering...

## Monday, October 4

*Saint Francis of Assisi*

8:00 AM Carmela & Vincent Stumpo

## Tuesday, October 5

8:00 AM Juliana Davis

## Wednesday, October 6

*Saint Bruno, priest*

*Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher, virgin*

8:00 AM John Lovari

## Thursday, October 7

*Our Lady of the Rosary*

8:00 AM Richard Joseph Shaddock  
(anniversary)

## Friday, October 8

8:00 AM Virginia & Joseph Beno

## Saturday, October 9

8:00 AM Vincent & David McCarthy, Valentino Vulaj,  
Ted English, Daniel Klinghoffer, Rosemaria Russo,  
Theresa Ann Durso, Victor M. Morales, Gilda Palladino

5:00 PM Peter Gross

## Sunday, October 10

8:00 AM Phillip Charron

9:30 AM Audrey Zydowski

11:00 AM Rose & Frank Petrone

12:30 PM Dick Garcia

6:00 PM People of the Parish, Rose J. Giacalone, Jay Santopetro,  
Willard Darrell, James Addeo, Sr., Salvatore DeMeo,  
Peter Olenick, Teresa Skopek, Wayne & Roland Van Acker

# Rest In Peace

*Joseph Lewis Reale* died on September 18 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was September 22. We extend our prayers to his wife, Joyce, children, grandchildren, and entire family.

*Thomas P. Dempsey* died on September 18 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was September 22. We extend our prayers to his wife, Marilyn, son Michael, granddaughter, and entire family.

*Phyllis B. Cacciatore* died on September 19 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was September 23. We extend our prayers to her son, Joseph, daughter-in-law, Grace, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and entire family.



Celebrating Sacraments



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## 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

We just celebrated the feast of the Guardian Angels on Saturday. I suspect most of us didn't even avert to it, since we were busy about other things. Saturday is often the day for yard work, children's sports, household projects, shopping, or other things that we don't have time for during the week. Thinking about guardian angels was likely not one of the top priorities on our agenda. Yet the feast comes and goes each year on October 2 in honor of those spiritual beings who watch over and protect in realms beyond our physical apprehension. Angels worship and serve God, and we have almost no awareness in our daily lives of their presence.

The reality of angelic presence is not what is so often portrayed in cartoons as little beings sitting on one's shoulder. Rather, it is the deep understanding of the abiding presence of God: that God cares for each one of us individually and that God's providence protects us. Like the servants in today's Gospel, that go about their business day by day, so do the angels who serve at God's throne. Unknown and unheralded, they do the bidding of the Almighty.

In the business world, an angel investor is one who provides the capital for a start-up, giving seed money to get an idea up and running in the real world. There is risk in that, and not every investment realizes a profit. As servants of God on this earth, we are often asked to be angel investors as well, not by turning over money to some entrepreneur in hopes of gaining a profit, but through reaching out to those in need and helping them with our talent and treasure. Much like guardian angels, our good and helpful actions toward others—our care and protection of the least ones—is truly service offered to God. And like the angels, we do it quietly, not seeking recognition, but being faithful servants.

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### Readings for the Week of October 3, 2010

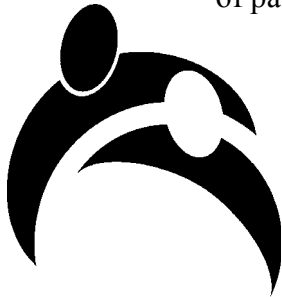
<b>Sunday:</b>	Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10
<b>Monday:</b>	Gal 1:6-12/Lk 10:25-37
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Gal 1:13-24/Lk 10:38-42
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Lk 11:1-4
<b>Thursday:</b>	Gal 3:1-5/Lk 11:5-13
<b>Friday:</b>	Gal 3:7-14/Lk 11:15-26
<b>Saturday:</b>	Gal 3:22-29/Lk 11:27-28
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	2 Kgs 5:14-17/2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19

## Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Angela MacDermott*.  
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 ...

*Susan Aviza, Ben Bellotti, Viola Callanan, Josephine Carrano, Grace Ciccarello, Michael Ciotkosz, Bernadette Cogswell, Beverly DeCanio, Mike DeJong, Jeanne DellaRagione, Tony Drexler, Vilma Diaztoral, Debbie Eichen, Mike Gaffney, Salvatore Greco, Ruth Hiller, Kathleen Kerrigan, Robyn Kerrigan, Charlie Macchio, Michael Montesanto, John Mordente, Ruth Murray, Evelyn Nonnon, Joe Radosti, Dorothy Schiavone, AnnMarie Schiraldi, Baby Isabella Shaw, Roy Sorrese, Lindsay Stahl, Linda Starr, Stephen Straub, Sr., Patrick Tardo, Sheila Timmer, Nancy Turano, Joan Udris, Al Van Pelt, Bunny Vilim, Joe Yezek*

**Please note:** Any name that has been added to the "Pray for Our Sick" list prior to March 2010 has been removed. However, if the person continues to need our prayers, please call the Parish Office to have the name included. All names shall remain on the list for a "short term" of five weeks or "long term" for five months.

## Financial Summary

### September 26, 2010

Weekly Collection	\$ 18,342.00
Weekly Budget	-\$ 19,000.00
+/- for the week	\$ (658.00)

*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

**Joshua Tyrrell**-US Army

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

## Donations to Outreach

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

*If you would like to make a donation to Parish Outreach in memory of a loved one, please call Mary McMahan, Director of Parish Social Ministry at 661.3224, option 4.*

# Outreach Oktoberfest

honoring

Outreach Volunteer of the Year

## Marie Ricigliano

**Saturday, October 16**

**OLL All-Purpose Room**

**7:30PM – Midnight**

**\$30 per person**

**includes German buffet**

**unlimited beer/wine/soda**

### **O O M P A H**

### **F U N !**

Music, singing,  
dancing, toasting,  
food & drink

Proceeds to benefit Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Outreach.

Tickets now on sale in the Outreach Office.

## Private Integrity

by Ron Rolheiser, OMI

In the movie, *City Slickers*, there's a scene that sheds light on the importance of private integrity: Three men, New Yorkers, close friends, have gone off together for a summer to help on a cattle drive in the hope that this experience will help them sort through their respective mid-life issues.

At one point, riding along on the trail, they are discussing the morality of sexual affairs and the dangers inherent in them. Initially their conversation focuses mostly on the fear of getting caught and two of them agree that an affair isn't worth the risk. You are too likely to get caught. But their friend poses the question again, this time asking them if they would have an affair if there was the absolute assurance that they wouldn't be caught:

"Imagine," he says, "that a space ship touches down. A beautiful woman emerges from the space ship. You make love and she returns to Mars. There are no consequences. Nobody can possibly know. Would you do it?"

Billy Crystal, who plays the lead role, answers that he doubts that this is ever possible. "You always get caught," he submits, "people smell dishonesty on you." "But," his friend protests, "what if it was really possible to have an affair and not get caught. Would you do it? What if nobody would ever know?" Billy Crystal's answer: "But I'd know, and I'd hate myself for it!"

His answer highlights an important truth. What we do in private, in secret, has consequences that are not dependent upon whether or not our secret leaks out. The damage is the same. What we do in secret helps mold our persons and influences how we relate to others in much deeper ways than we suspect. There is no such a thing as a secret act. The most critical person of all always knows. We know. And we hate ourselves for it, hate ourselves for having to lie, and this colors how we relate in general.

What we do in secret ultimately shapes the person whom we present in public. Dishonesty changes the very way we look because it changes who we are. That's the reason why so often those around us will intuit the truth about us, smell the lie, even when they don't have any hard evidence on which to suspect us.

Doing something in secret that we can't admit in public is the very definition of hypocrisy and hypocrisy forces

us to lie. And lying, among all sins, is perhaps the most dangerous. Why? Because we hate ourselves for it and we stop respecting ourselves. When we stop respecting ourselves we will, all too soon, notice that other people stop respecting us too. That's the intuitive place where we "smell" each others' lies.

Moreover, lying forces us to harden ourselves so that we can live with our lie. Sin doesn't always make us humble and repentant. We have the all-too-easy, popular image of the honest sinner, someone like the repentant woman who anoints Jesus' feet. That is sometimes the case and is the case for certain sinners who accept Christ more easily than do many moral, church-goers.

But it doesn't always work that way. The biblical image of the honest sinner humbly turning towards God is predicated precisely on honesty, on the sinner not hiding or lying about his or her sin. When we don't honestly admit our sin we move in the opposite direction, namely, towards rationalization, hardness of attitude, and cynicism. Moreover, it's the lying, not the original weakness, that then becomes the real canker and constitutes the greater danger. When we hide a sin, we are forced to lie, and with that lie we immediately begin to harden and reshape our souls. You can do anything, as long as you don't have to lie about it. That's very different than saying that you can do anything as long as nobody finds out about it.

The quality of our persons depends upon the quality of our private integrity. We are as sick as our sickest secret and we are as healthy as our most private virtue. We cannot be doing one thing in private and radiating and professing something else in public. It doesn't matter whether others know our secrets or not. We know and, when those secrets are unhealthy, we hate ourselves for them and our hearts harden as we live with our lie.

We should never delude ourselves into thinking that the things we do in private, including very small actions of infidelity, of self-indulgence, of bigotry, of jealousy, or of slander, are of no consequence since no one knows about them. Inside the mystery of our interconnectedness as a human family and as a family of faith and trust, even our most private actions, good or bad, like invisible bacteria inside the blood stream, affect the whole. Everything is known, felt, in one way or another.

Others know us, even when they don't exactly know everything about us. They smell our vices just as they smell our virtues.

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# 2010 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

<b>Parish Goal</b>	\$101,839
<b>Amount Pledged</b>	\$ 87,659
<b># of Donors</b>	418
<b>Average Pledge</b>	\$ 210
<i>as of September 14, 2010</i>	

**CMA 2010**

**One Faith, One Hope,  
Many Gifts.**

***You can make a difference!***

While all of us have reason to be proud of the help that is being provided through the Catholic Ministries Appeal and our Parish, we also know that more and more people are seeking assistance from us. To meet the ever growing needs of our community, we all need to prayerfully consider how we can help.

Your support to the Appeal will help us to serve or deliver more than 500,000 meals to the disadvantaged this year, provide affordable safe housing to the most vulnerable senior citizens in our community, educate our young people in our faith, help others to follow the call to serve in the priesthood and support the needs of our very own parish.

The Appeal truly supports our parish and the entire Church of Long Island. As your Pastor, I ask that you prayerfully consider making a gift to help those in need. It is with these needs in mind that I am asking you to consider supporting the 2010 Catholic Ministries Appeal.

You can make a difference in our parish and in the lives of those around us by making a gift to this year's appeal. Only you can decide what that gift will be.

***Thank you for all that you do in our parish.***

*Please consider what you can do to make this campaign successful.*

## 2010 Catholic Ministries Appeal

Please make your check payable to:  
***Catholic Ministries Appeal***

Pledge: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Down Payment: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Balance: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Parish: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  Monthly  Quarterly

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  Annually  Other

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Donor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Acct# \_\_\_\_\_

## **Fatima Day**

Join us on Wednesday, October 13 at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Island, Manorville. We will begin with Stations of the Cross at 10 AM and ending with Benediction at 3 PM. The day will include, rosary, Mass and guest speaker, Janice T. Connell, best-selling author.

## **Centering Prayer Meeting**

**Tuesday, September 28 from 7:30 - 9:30 PM  
in the OLL "Spiritual Life Center."**

All are welcome to experience this prayer practice of "silence".  
For any further information, please call Diane at 587.0966.

## **Host Family**

OLL School will be welcoming back visiting students from Korea. If you are interested in being a host family for a student for 4-12 weeks please contact Ms. Kennedy at 587.7200, extension 101. Share in the joy and adventure of exposing a child to our country, culture, and religion!

4 Week Program: January 4 - January 30

8 Week Program: January 5 - February 27

12 Week Program: December 7 - February 27

## **Take and Eat**

Please join us at Joseph T. Reilly/Faith Matters, 184 Rockaway Ave, Valley Stream on Saturday, October 23 from 12 noon until 2 PM for a book signing by Msgr. Joe DeGrocco featuring his new book, "*Take and Eat*". For more information visit the website at [faithmattersinc.com](http://faithmattersinc.com) or call 516.872.0805.

## **Eleventh Annual Elizabeth Ann Seton Award Luncheon**

Please join the Sisters of Charity-Halifax for the 11th Annual Elizabeth Ann Seton Award Luncheon to be held at the Milleridge Inn on Sunday, November 7, from 1 Pm until 4 PM. Please join us in honoring this year's award recipients: Sister Catherine Donelan, SC, Msgr. Vincent Fullam, Rosanne Holtzman, and Eileen Oliver.

Our SAGE Sisters - Sister Betty and Sister Margaret, as well as Sister Barbara, our Sunday receptionist at the Parish Office, are all Sisters of Charity.

For tickets at \$65, contact Lauren Manning: 718.424.1813 or [lmanning@schalifax.ca](mailto:lmanning@schalifax.ca).

## A Star is Born!

*Help John Sureau become a priest and be a movie star.*

As part of my fourth year Theology classes at the Seminary, I need to celebrate a “mock” Baptism and video it as part of a class I am taking called “Priest: President of the Assembly.” And . . .

I need your help!

On Tuesday, October 12, we’re going to have this practice at 6 PM in the Church. For this we need as many people as possible to “play a role” – we need parents, godparents, a baby, Baptism ministers, altar servers, music ministers, and most important, an assembly to help with singing and joining in the celebration! (If you’re great with a video camera, and have one, that’d be great too!)

How great it would be if you can come and bring friends. E-mail me to [jsureau@optonline.net](mailto:jsureau@optonline.net) or call at 631.423.0483, x. 528. It’s a help to know if you’re coming because there might be a snack or two afterwards ?!

## Education of a Lifetime

A Catholic High School education offers young people a challenging, value-centered liberal arts education. It also affords each student an opportunity to test abilities, add skills, build confidence and develop an understanding of faith, while preparing for college and for life.

Open Houses present students and parents with a special opportunity to gain information about the programs, faculty, and facilities of the Catholic High Schools on Long Island. Administrators, faculty members, staff, and students are available to describe school programs and to answer questions at the Open House events. For additional information on particular schools, plan to attend one or more of the Open Houses.

### Open House Schedule

#### September 2010

Saturday, September 18	11 AM - 1:30 PM	Our Lady of Mercy Academy
Sunday, September 19	10 AM - 1 PM	St. Anthony’s High School
	1 PM - 4 PM	St. Dominic High School
Saturday, September 25	9 AM - 12 PM	McGann-Mercy D.H. S.
Sunday, September 26	12 PM - 2:30 PM	Holy Trinity D.H.S.
	2 PM - 4:30 PM	St. Mary’s College Prep. High School

#### October 2010

Saturday, October 2	9 AM - 12 PM	Sacred Heart Academy
	10 AM - 1 PM	Kellenberg Memorial H. S.
	2 PM - 4 PM	Chaminade H. S.
Sunday, October 17	10:30 AM - 2 PM	St. John the Baptist D.H.S.

The Catholic High School Entrance Exam is scheduled for Saturday, October 30. Applications for the Catholic High School entrance exam are available at the Religious Education Office and the OLL School Office.

If you have any questions, please call the Religious Education Office at 661.5440, option #3 or the OLL School Office at 661.7200, option #2.

## A Time to Remember, to Reflect, to Heal

The Dignity Memorial Vietnam Wall is coming to Long Island! The Dignity Memorial Vietnam Wall is a traveling, three-quarter-scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. Show your support for America's fallen heroes by visiting the Dignity Memorial Vietnam Wall. "The Wall" honors all U.S. Veterans and dedicated to Vietnam veterans, the faux-granite replica is 240 feet long, eight feet high and contains the names of more than 58,000 Americans who died or are missing in Vietnam. "The Wall" will be on display at the West Islip Public Library on October 8, 9, and 10. For additional information, please call 669.3800.

## Introduction to Centering Prayer

Saturday, October 9 from 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Center. Registration Fee: \$15. To register, please call Diane at 587.0966.

Coffee/tea will be available. Please bring a bag lunch.

This program offers six weeks follow-up sessions which offers the opportunity of group support & education in the contemplative dimension of the spiritual journey on Friday evenings October 15, 22, 29, November 5, 12, 19. It will be held in OLL Spiritual Life Center.

## Dominican Village

**Please join us for an Open House on Saturday, October 9**

**from 1 PM until 3 PM.** Dominican Village is an independent retirement community that offers assisted living and respite care, outstanding programs, all-inclusive services and bountiful amenities. For more information, or to schedule a tour at your convenience, call 631.842.6091 or [info@dominicanvillage.org](mailto:info@dominicanvillage.org).

## Deepening your Spiritual Practice

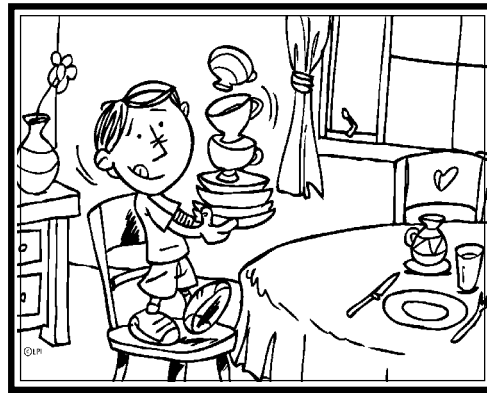
through the use of Focusing. Presented by Kathy Porter on Wednesday, October 6 from 7:30 PM until 9:30 PM at the St. Joseph Renewal Center, 1725 Brentwood Road, Brentwood. The offering is \$15. For information and/or reservations, please call 631.273.1187, extension 23.

## 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 "**Autumn Changes.**" Don't miss it! To listen online or receive more information regarding "Religion & Rock" go to [www.religionandrock.com](http://www.religionandrock.com) or at "Religion & Rock" on ITUNES. Don't forget to tune into TELE CARE, Cablevision 29 or Verizon FIOS 296 for the Best in Catholic Television!

# Sharing the Gospel

Being part of a family means that everybody works together. Your parents work to give you a good place to live, food to eat, and clothes to wear. You probably help with jobs around the house, too, like picking up your toys, taking the garbage out, or setting the table. Each person in the family has work to do. The same is true in God's family. God has special work for us to do, especially to help others. Find happiness in your work.



## Mission for the Week



If you know of people in your church who are very old or sick, talk to your family about ways to help them. You could rake leaves for them, help them clean their house, or bring them groceries. Help with a smile.



### Puzzle

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

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| faith   | ocean    | deserve  |
| mustard | thanks   | supposed |
| tree    | servants | duty     |

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| spuoesd  | _____  |
| oacen    | _____  |
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### Prayer



Dear God, help me enjoy helping my family and others.

### Something to Draw



Draw a picture of yourself setting the table for dinner.