

Our Lady of Lourdes • Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time • October 10, 2010

"The world of God  
is not chained."



2Timothy 2:9



## *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

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Director of Music and Worship

**Vita Scorgia**

Ministry Spiritual Director

**Sr. Betty Toohig**

Senior Ministry-SAGE

**Anthony Trombino**

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Jerry Esposito

Deacon Jack Meehan

John Muldoon

Bob Natale

Eileen Rega

Vita Scorgia

Mary Steck

Fr. Mike Vetrano

Christine Volk

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## *Parish Staff*

**Jennifer Gallagher**

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**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@ollschool.org](mailto:lkrol@ollschool.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)



## Youth Group

*Won't you spend an afternoon with a foster child and brighten up the day?*

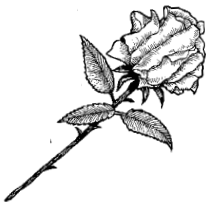
On Friday, October 15, Youth Ministry will be gathering at the Madonna Heights facility in Dix Hills to attend a carnival for foster children who are benefiting from the new "Bridges to Healthy" program. Middle school and High School students are invited to come and be face painters at the carnival for a group of foster children from 4 to 7 PM. Please contact [Allegra@ollchurch.org](mailto:Allegra@ollchurch.org) to sign up and for more information.

### *Call for St. Bernard League!*

Believe it or not the snow may only be a month or two away and we need volunteers to shovel the snow from the sidewalks and driveways of our elderly and disabled parishioners. This is a great service to many of our older OLL friends and a great way to earn service hours for school or just a nice thing to do with your family. To sign up please send a message to [Allegra@ollchurch.org](mailto:Allegra@ollchurch.org).

### *also...*

For those who are elderly or disabled, and wish to have a St. Bernard volunteer at their home please contact Allegra by email or phone at 661.3224, ext. 135. **EVEN IF YOU HAVE SIGNED UP IN THE PAST YOU MUST SIGN UP AGAIN!** Please do not assume that you have a partner!



## All Souls Mass of Remembrance

*We Remember    We Celebrate    We Believe*

During this past year at Our Lady of Lourdes more than 100 Funeral Masses have been celebrated for members of our parish family who have died. Their families will be invited to participate in a special **Mass of Remembrance and Communion Breakfast on Saturday, November 6 at 10 AM.**

If there is someone you wish to honor, whose Funeral Mass was not celebrated at Our Lady of Lourdes, please contact the Parish Office at 661.3224 no later than October 31.



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

The Family Healing Ministry invites you to step into the Land of Oz.

Dorothy, Toto, Scarecrow, Tin Man, Lion, Witches of Transformation and Celebration will share with us and move us toward wholeness and holiness.

Come on **Thursday, October 14 at 7:30 PM in the Parish Center** . 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. To donate you must be between the ages of 16 (with Parental consent) and 75 (with doctor's note) All donors must show proof of identification.

Donating blood is easy and completely safe. The donation process takes approximately an hour and includes a mini-health exam, including blood pressure, pulse, temperature and iron count.

The donation itself takes about ten minutes, plus time for refreshments.

For mor information about the drive, or to make an appointment, please call Marie at 669-5837 or just walk in the day of the Blood Drive.

**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).



## **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.

### **Jesus, King of All Nations Prayer Group**

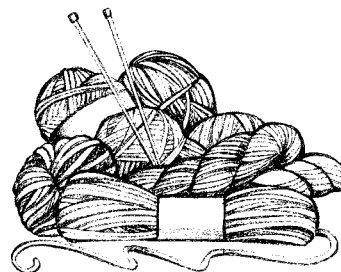
The Jesus, King of All Nations Prayer Group meets each **Thursday afternoon** in the **Church**. Please join us in praying for our nation's healing. We will pray before the Blessed Sacrament from **3 PM until 4 PM**.

### **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.

## 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.

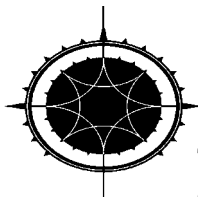
### **Host Family**

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



The Parish Office will be closed on **Monday, October 11** in observance of Columbus Day. The Parish Office will reopen on Tuesday, October 12 at 9 AM.





## 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.

## Adult Faith Formation

### The Psalms: Companions for Everyday

**Presenter: Sr. Diane Liona**

**Tuesdays-October 26 and November 2**

**Parish Center**

**7:30 PM - 9:30 PM**

The 150 Psalms in the Bible are a precious legacy we Catholics have inherited from our spiritual ancestors. The Psalms were the daily prayer of Jesus himself, so praying them is praying the very words the Son of God used to commune with his Father. For many, the Psalms remain an unopened gift, an undiscovered treasure. During the two evenings, we will

- become aware of how perfectly the psalms resonate with the deep feelings of all human beings
- unlock the secrets of the poetry of the psalms
- explore the mood of various psalms: thanksgiving, lament, praise, petition and dissonance.

We will conclude each evening with Compline, the Night Prayer of the Church.

## 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...

*Dr. Christine Criscione*

*Raymond and Jaine Gogarty & family*

*Michael Elco, Megan Murray & family*

*Jeffrey and Michelle Luft & 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**

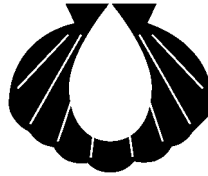
Please contact the Parish Office to schedule an appointment.

### **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.



## *Baptisms*

*Leah Madison Tussie*

Anthony and Jaclyn

*Juliana Marie Tussie*

Anthony and Jaclyn

*Benjamin Robert Baione*

Robert and Kelly

*Anthony Lawrence Costa*

Anthony and Jennifer

*Macy Mirasol Vera*

Rodney and Laura

## *Upcoming Marriages*

*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*

*Melissa Ridulfo and*

*Jeffery Sullivan, both OLL*

# Remembering...



## Rest In Peace

*Georgia Cortes* died on September 23 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was September 29. We extend our prayers to her children, grandchildren, and entire family.

*Caroline E. James* died on September 26 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was September 29. We extend our prayers to her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and entire family.

*Patricia Beyerbach* died on September 25 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was October 2. We extend our prayers to her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and entire family.

# Celebrating Sacraments

### Monday, October 11

8:00 AM Frank Monroe (*birthday*)

### Tuesday, October 12

8:00 AM Carmella Parasole

### Wednesday, October 13

8:00 AM Dick Garcia

### Thursday, October 14

*Saint Callistus I, pope and martyr*

8:00 AM Erna Schmid

### Friday, October 15

*Saint Teresa of Jesus, virgin*

8:00 AM Robert Baxter

### Saturday, October 16

8:00 AM Virginia Samu, Gunther Steck,  
Valentino Vulaj, Willard Darrell,  
Peter J. O'Rourke, Richard Whiting

5:00 PM Peter Gross

*Fr. Bob Scheckenback*

### Sunday, October 17

8:00 AM Thomas Gaffney

*Fr. Ambrose Cabildo*

9:30 AM Lorraine Winberry

*Fr. Pat Amabile*

11:00 AM Annette Trezza

*Fr. Bob Scheckenback*

12:30 PM Charles Homann

*Fr. Ambrose Cabildo*

6:00 PM People of the Parish, James Little, Peter Olenick,  
Francis Mischler, Kathleen Walsh Williams, Carmella Giannak,  
Dominick Molfetto, Frank Novak, Frank & Marge Riggio

*Fr. Pat Amabile*



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## 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Some of the earliest lessons we teach our children are about sharing, being polite, and being grateful. It is common to hear parents ask a young child after they have been given something, "Now what do you say?" in an effort to get the child to learn to say, "Thank you." Expressing gratitude for gifts from others is what we are taught to do. A long delay in sending out thank you notes will surely lead to criticism of a newly married couple. The expectation of such acknowledgements have led card companies to even prepare thank you notes for various occasions such as graduation, first Communion, weddings, and more.

This week's Gospel of the healing of the ten lepers is often cited as a story about being thankful. It is even one of the texts recommended for use on Thanksgiving Day. Only one of the healed lepers returns to give thanks. What is often lost in the hearing is that the one who returns is a Samaritan, a foreigner. This leper is not one of God's chosen people, a point not lost on Luke's community. Many of his audience were Jewish Christians who felt some entitlement to a place in the kingdom of God. Luke often highlights the fact that God's kingdom is comprised of whomever God wants, including the blind, the lame, the poor, the outcast, and the foreigner.

It is often said that immigrants have a greater appreciation of the opportunities of American culture and so become greater patriots. The same correlation is made about converts who are often the most devoted to their faith. Before we judge those who are not like us, it may be well to recall that they may have a greater appreciation for what they have-whether it be their place in society or their faith-because they had to reach for it like the Samaritan leper. We can all be grateful.

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### Readings for the Week of October 10, 2010

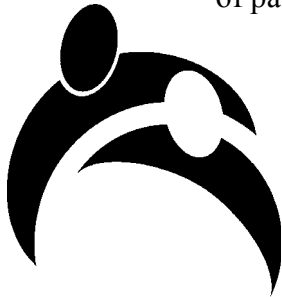
<b>Sunday:</b>	2 Kgs 5:14-17/2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19
<b>Monday:</b>	Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1/Lk 11:29-32
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Gal 5:1-6/Lk 11:37-41
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Gal 5:18-25/Lk 11:42-46
<b>Thursday:</b>	Eph 1:1-10/Lk 11:47-54
<b>Friday:</b>	Eph 1:11-14/Lk 12:1-7
<b>Saturday:</b>	Eph 1:15-23/Lk 12:8-12
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	Ex 17:8-13/2 Tm 3:14-4:2/Lk 18:1-8

## Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Pat Wissing*.  
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, 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, Karen Parpounas, 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

### October 3, 2010

Weekly Collection	\$ 21,133.00
Weekly Budget	-\$ 19,000.00
+/- for the week	\$ 2,133.00

**Respect Life** \$ 3,682.00

*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 McMahon, 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.

## The Perils of Safety

by Ron Rolheiser, OMI

I was raised to be cautious, physically and morally: "Be careful! Don't make a mistake! Be safe! Don't do anything for which you'll be sorry!" I inhaled those words, literally, through my years of childhood, my years of seminary training, and through most of my years in the priesthood.

In fact they were the last words that my father, one of the truly moral men I have known, spoke to me. He was dying of cancer in a hospital and as my brother and I left for the night, not knowing that he would die before morning, he cautioned us: "Be careful!" He was referring to our driving on icy winter roads. But this caution marked his character, his moral sensitivity, and his healthy solicitude for us, his children, and it was meant morally: "Be careful! Be safe!" This was his habitual warning.

Those words are now part of my genetic make-up. You inherit more than simple biology from your father, especially if you are lucky enough to have one who was uncompromisingly moral. And that caution has served me well. I'm grateful for it. I've made it through more than half a century essentially intact, physically and morally. No small gift.

But that caution sometimes brings with it other things for which I am less grateful. One can be intact, but so cautious and timid that fear rather than love becomes the compass for one's life. The occupational hazard in always being scrupulously safe is that one can easily end up like the older brother of the prodigal son, that is, rigidly faithful in all things, but judgmental, jealous, and bitter of heart, dogmatically and morally uncompromising, while envying the amoral and being too paralyzed internally to truly dance. Sometimes a long, practiced caution in our actions makes for a heart that is more cautious than generous, more envious than affirming, and more judgmental than forgiving. Sometimes too it makes for a heart that understands love and forgiveness as things that must be merited rather than freely given and received. Too often too it results in a heart that is secretly gleeful when things go wrong for those who aren't living as we are. That isn't always the case, but it can easily be, and, speaking frankly and humbly, it has sometimes been the case in my own life.

The German poet, Goethe, once wrote: The dangers of life are many, and safety is one of those

dangers. For some people perhaps the reverse warning might be more appropriate. But for those of us who were raised to be good and religious persons there is a disturbing truth in Goethe's words.

Are we living too safely? Do we have the courage to look at our inhibitions, jealousies, and religiously-sanctioned angers with real honesty? Are our lives driven more by fear than by love? Can we enter the dance without judgment and bitterness? Do others perceive us as rigid? When is the last time we could truly forgive someone who hurt us? Are our lives really about love and generosity rather than fear and self-protection?

The danger in living too safely is that sometimes when we think we are defending life we are really defending the poverty of our own lives, sometimes when we think we are defending virtue we are really defending our inhibitions and fears, and sometimes when we think we are speaking for God's healthy concern for the world we are, like the older brother of the prodigal son, really speaking of our own hidden jealousy.

The hero of the movie, *Chariots of Fire*, Eric Liddell, a wonderfully moral young man, was an Olympic runner who because of religious sensibilities refused to run an Olympic race on Sunday, even though he was heavily favored to win the gold medal. It would be easy to judge his action as stemming from moral and religious rigidity. In somebody else's case that might be true. It wasn't for Eric Liddell. Why? Because he wasn't driven by fear or rigidity. He was driven by love. "When I run," he famously said, "I feel God's pleasure."

Sometimes I ask myself that same question in relation to my religious and moral inhibitions: Does God take pleasure in my caution? Does God take pleasure in my sacrifices? Does God take pleasure in my anxieties about the world's moral failings? Or is the Father standing with me, outside the celebration, pleading with me, as he once pleaded with the older brother of the prodigal son, to let up a little and come inside and join the dance?

I am grateful for my upbringing, despite the congenital reticence with which it has left me. It's good to be careful. It's a responsible and loving way to live. But I am growing more honest about its dangers. I am pretty intact much of the time, but sometimes I'm more fearful than generous, more self-protective than loving, more jealous than healthily solicitous. Sometimes caution doesn't leave me with a big heart. Safety too has its dangers.

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## 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.

## Bury Me With Soldiers

*Rev. Charles R. Fink*

I've played a lot of roles in life;  
I've met a lot of men.  
I've done some things I'd like to think  
I wouldn't do again  
And though I'm young, I'm old enough  
To know someday I'll die.  
And think about what lies beyond, And  
Besides whom I would lie.

Perhaps it doesn't matter much;  
Still if I had my choice,  
I'd want a grave amongst soldiers when  
At last death quells my voice  
I'm sick of the hypocrisy  
Of lectures by the wise  
I'll take the man with all his flaws  
Who goes, though scared, and dies.

The troops I know were commonplace;  
They didn't want the war  
They fought because their fathers and  
Their father's fathers had before.  
They cursed and killed and wept –  
God knows they're easy to deride –  
But bury me with men like these;  
They faced the guns and died.

It's funny when you think of it,  
The way we got along.  
We'd come from different worlds  
To live in one, where no one belongs  
I didn't even like them all and,  
I'm sure they'd all agree.  
Yet, I would give my life for them;  
I hope some would for me.

So bury me with soldiers, please  
Though much maligned they be  
Yes, bury me with soldiers, for  
I miss their company.  
We will not soon see their like again  
We've had our fill of war.  
But, bury me with men like them  
Till someone else does more!



Father Charles R. Fink, a Roman Catholic Priest of St. Philip Neri's Church in Northport, served in Vietnam from March 1969 to March 1970 as a Sergeant in the 199th Light Infantry Brigade. Father Fink was the winning designer of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Suffolk County, NY.

## **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.

## **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.

## **Your opinion is valuable to Catholic Charities!**

Catholic Charities is conducting a brief but important opinion survey among Catholics on Long Island. The questionnaire takes just minutes to complete and your responses are completely confidential.

In appreciation for your input, an anonymous donor has agreed to contribute \$10 to Meals on Wheels for Long Island Senior Citizens for each of the first 100 survey responses. By simply providing your opinion, you can make a big difference!

To participate in this confidential survey, please visit the web address below by October 15. Thank you! <http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/WEB22B9NXJ9D2D>

## **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.

## Chinese Auction

The annual R.C. Church of the Resurrection Chinese Auction will be held on Saturday evening, October 23 at the Church, 50 Granny Rd., Farmingville. Admission price of \$10 includes 100 tickets and coffee and cake. Food, beverages, and ice cream are available for purchase. Doors open at 6 PM. For more information, please call Rosemarie at 631.696.0270, ext. 25

## Military Bridge

Our Lady of Grace Columbiettes presents Military Bridge on Friday, October 15 at 7 PM, Father Shanahan Hall, West Babylon. Admission is \$8 per person and includes hot dog, soda and chips. There will be 50/50, raffles, prizes, and more! For tickets, please call Lorraine at 884.4219.

## Dominican Village

**Please join us for an Open House on Thursday, October 14 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).

## “A Time Set Aside for You!”

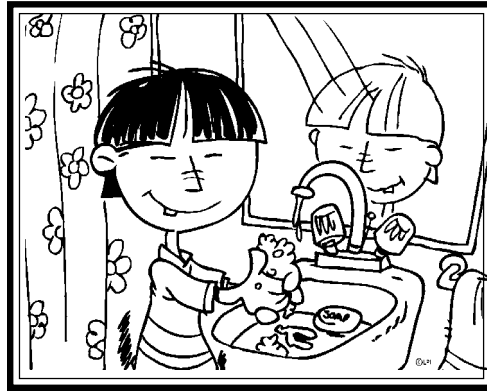
A women’s gathering presented by Tina Cafaro and Joan Vessio on Tuesday, October 12 from 10 AM until 12 noon at the St. Joseph Renewal Center, 1725 Brentwood Road, Brentwood. The offering is \$15. For information and/or reservations, please call 631.273.1187, extension 23.

## 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 **“Discovery (Columbus Day).”** 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

Jesus healed 10 very sick men, but only one remembered to thank God. God heals your body every day, too. You may not even notice how God keeps you healthy. All around you, germs live on door knobs, shopping carts, and toys. When you catch the flu or a cold, God heals you. He keeps on healing you until he's ready to take you home to heaven. Thank God for keeping you healthy and for healing you, too.



## Mission for the Week

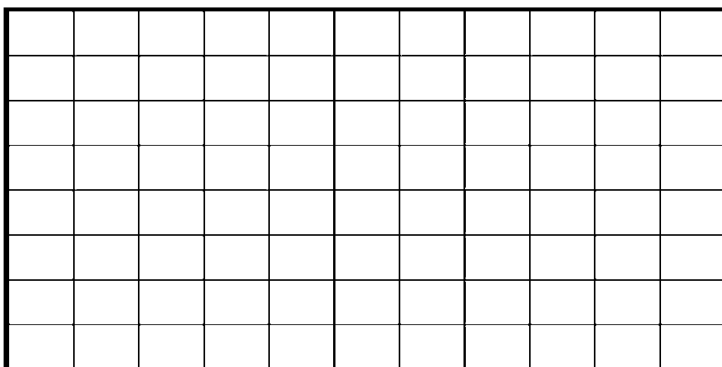
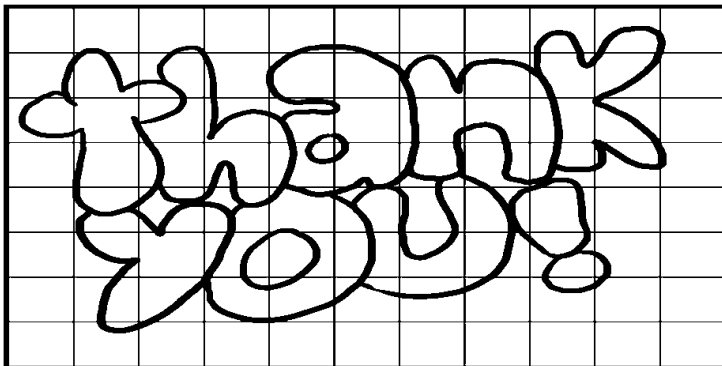


One way to stay healthy is to wash your hands, especially before you eat. Remember to thank God for the soap and the clean water with which you wash.



### Puzzle

Copy the picture square by square.



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### Prayer



Dear God, thank you for all the ways you heal my body.

### Something to Draw



Draw a picture of tiny germ bugs on a door knob.