

Our Lady of Lourdes • Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time • October 17, 2010

*"Proclaim, convince,  
reprimand, encourage  
through all patience and  
teaching."*

*Love  
One  
mother*



2Timothy 4:2



## *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*

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Pastor

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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@ollschooll.org](mailto:lkrol@ollschooll.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

### *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!

## Youth Group Meeting Schedule

### Fall 2010

#### Middle School

October 21

November 18

December 9 and 16

#### High School

October 21

November 4

December 2 and 16

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

## 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.

*I gave my blood...  
Christ gave His.  
I gave a pint...  
He gave all.  
The needle is small and sharp...  
The nails were large and dull.  
The table soft, relaxing...  
The cross rough, painful.  
The nurses kind and gentle...  
The soldiers cruel and mean.  
The crowd applauds my sacrifice...  
"They that passed by reviled Him".  
Mine is O-Positive...  
His for positively all.  
Mine, at best will prolong life for awhile...  
His, without doubt, saved all...forever.*



## 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.

## RCIA



### **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.

### **Rosary Christian Mothers**

The Rosary Christian Mothers meet on the first Monday evening of each month. The next meeting will be **Monday, November 1**. We will begin with **Rosary at 7:45 PM in the Church** followed by **meeting at 8 PM in the Parish Center**.

## Nocturnal Adoration

Nocturnal Adoration will follow the 5 PM Mass on **Saturday, November 6**, concluding with Benediction at 9:50 PM. Please come and pray with us. All are invited and welcome! Bring a friend.



## Senior Circle

The Senior Circle meets on the last Monday of each month. The next meeting will be held on **Monday, October 25**, at **12:30 PM in the Parish Center**.

## SAGE

The SAGE Group (Senior Advocates for Growth and Enrichment) will meet on **Tuesday, October 19**, in the **Parish Center at 9 AM**.

## 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, November 18, 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.

### **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

### **Daytime Eucharistic Devotion**

The afternoon adoration for the month of July will be on **Wednesday, November 10 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, November 12 at 7:30 PM in the Church** for Eucharistic Adoration. All are invited, *especially the youth of our parish*, to come and adore our Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament.







## 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* and click on the Religious Ed link or go to our echalk website *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.

*There is a \$5 fee for each session. No fee is required for those who have paid the Religious Education Family Fee or Our Lady of Lourdes School tuition.*

*Registration is necessary and helpful. This will enable us to have enough reading material and refreshments for all those attending. To register, please call the Religious Education Office at 661.5440, option 3 or email to [religioused@ollchurch.org](mailto:religioused@ollchurch.org).*

## **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.)

## *Upcoming Marriages*

*Christine Budriss, St. Margaret, Selden and  
Stephen Guardino, OLL  
Melissa Ridulfo and  
Jeffery Sullivan, both OLL*

## *Welcome*

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

*Mr. Joseph Halonka*

*Leonard and Debra Minervini &  
family*

*Giuseppe and Tricia Stasi*

*Angel and Janelle Polanco & 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.

# Remembering...

**Monday, October 18**

*Saint Luke, evangelist*

**8:00 AM** Alfred Isola

**Tuesday, October 19**

*Saint John de Brébeuf and*

*Saint Isaac Jogues, priests and martyrs*

**8:00 AM** Thomas & Lillian Calogero

**Wednesday, October 20**

*Saint Paul of the Cross, priest*

**8:00 AM** Thomas J. Manzi

**Thursday, October 21**

**8:00 AM** Edward Cameron III

**Friday, October 22**

**8:00 AM** Andrew "Al" Velten

**Saturday, October 23**

**8:00 AM** Vincent & David McCarthy,  
Ellen DuBois, Ann M. Donlon,  
Charles Buttacovoli, Jane Burtos

**5:00 PM** Hattie Malcolm  
*Fr. Bob Scheckenback*

**Sunday, October 24**

**8:00 AM** Megan Anderson  
*Fr. Ambrose Cabildo*

**9:30 AM** George Murphy  
*Fr. Ambrose Cabildo*

**11:00 AM** Michael J. Podhany  
*Fr. Mike Vetrano*

**12:30 PM** Donald & Patrick Manning and Grandparents  
*Fr. Mike Vetrano*

**6:00 PM** People of the Parish, Gloria Petrizze, Josephine Mastrangelo,  
Gloria Palumbo, Salvatrice Palma, Rosemary Novak, Jennie Leone,  
Theresa Feliney, Joseph Badamo, Marty McMahon  
*Fr. Bob Scheckenback*



## Rest In Peace

*Vincenzina "Vivian" Savarese* died on October 2 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was October 6. We extend our prayers to her husband Thomas, children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and entire family.

*Eileen M. Normile* died on October 3 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was October 6. We extend our prayers to her husband, Robert, children, grandchildren, and entire family.

*Thea Lipp* died on October 3 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was October 7. We extend our prayers to her children, grandchildren, great-grandchild, and entire family.

*Patricia Carro* died on September 20 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was October 9. We extend our prayers to her children, grandchildren, and entire family.



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## 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In his later life my father was a great pray-er. Though his eyesight was poor from macular degeneration he used a variety of prayer cards and little prayer booklets on a regular basis. He found comfort in those simple expressions of faith, and he didn't hesitate to tell people he was praying for this or that or for them. (I know that he prayed that he would win the lottery, but since he couldn't go out and buy a ticket, that wasn't a frequent prayer of his.) Most of dad's prayers were for health or for the well-being of family members. And while he didn't pray unceasingly-in Wisconsin, Packers games take precedence over almost everything-he did pray often.

The Gospel talks about praying always "without becoming weary." Jesus goes on to use the example of a woman who is seeking justice from a judge who "neither feared God nor respected any human being." This dishonest judge gives in because of the woman's persistence. (I always thought it was a bit odd in a parable about prayer to place God in the position of a dishonest judge, but that's the story Jesus told!)

In our age, we like quick fulfillment. Credit helps us buy things right away. Overnight shipping ensures we get it the next day. Instant messaging keeps us in touch at the moment. And Twitter lets us know what's happening even on the go. All of this spontaneity can spill over into our spiritual lives, where we suddenly expect an instantaneous answer to our prayers. It is as though if the prayer isn't answered tomorrow, then there is no use in bothering with it. Relationships don't really work that way. Since prayer is more about our relationship with God than about ordering from some heavenly Amazon.com, our prayer will need time to mature and grow. We keep praying without becoming weary to deepen our union with God.

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### Readings for the Week of October 17, 2010

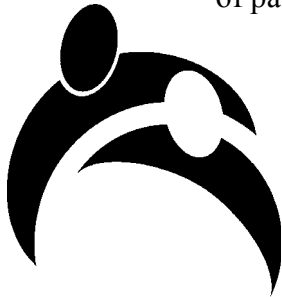
<b>Sunday:</b>	Ex 17:8-13/2 Tm 3:14-4:2/Lk 18:1-8
<b>Monday:</b>	2 Tm 4:10-17b/Lk 10:1-9
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Eph 2:12-22/Lk 12:35-38
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Eph 3:2-12/Lk 12:39-48
<b>Thursday:</b>	Eph 3:14-21/Lk 12:49-53
<b>Friday:</b>	Eph 4:1-6/Lk 12:54-59
<b>Saturday:</b>	Eph 4:7-16/Lk 13:1-9
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18/Lk 18:9-14

## Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Nancy Trujillo*.  
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, Bob Becker, Ben Bellotti, Viola Callanan, Josephine Carrano,  
James Casey, Grace Ciccarello, Michael Ciotkosz, Beverly DeCanio, Mike DeJong,  
Jeanne DellaRagione, Tony Drexler, Vilma Diaztoral, Debbie Eichen, Mike Gaffney,  
Kathleen Kerrigan, Robyn Kerrigan, Charlie Macchio, Elizabeth Minicozzi,  
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 10, 2010

Weekly Collection	\$ 20,354.00
Weekly Budget	-\$ 19,000.00
+/- for the week	\$ 1,354.00

*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.

## Pantry Needs

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peanut butter  
jelly  
canned pork and beans  
spaghetti sauce  
hand soap  
hot cocoa  
cookies  
crackers

## Donations to Outreach-September 2010

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

- Doug and Doris Cameron have made a donation to Outreach in memory of Alice Maxwell Conway.
- Paula and Frank Edwards have made a donation to Outreach in memory of Felix Rivera.
- Susan Castonguay has made a donation to Outreach in memory of Debra Wilcox.
- Mr. and Mrs. Bob Petito have made a donation to Outreach in memory of William Darrell.
- Mary Clancy has made a donation to Outreach in memory of Peter McCann.
- Marvin Sandler has made a donation to Outreach in memory of Peter McCann.
- Mary and Gary Estelle have made a donation to Outreach on the birthday anniversary of William Kuhlwilm.
- Helen Bukowski has made a donation to Outreach in memory of Edna Levey.
- Diane Garretson has made donations to Outreach in gratitude to Dave Brethel and in memory of Rose Fabozzi.
- Mr. and Mrs. Robert Burns have made a donation to Outreach in memory of Pete McCann.

*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.*

## In Pursuit of Innocence

by Ron Rolheiser, OMI

Annie Dillard once wrote this about innocence: Innocence is not the prerogative of infants and puppies, and far less of mountains and fixed stars, which have no prerogatives at all. It is not lost to us; the world is a better place than that. Like any other of the spirit's good gifts, it is there if you want it, free for the asking, as has been stressed by stronger words than mine. It is possible to pursue innocence as hounds pursue hares: single-mindedly, driven by a kind of love, crashing over creeks, keening and lost in fields and forests, circling, vaulting over hedges and hills, wide-eyed, giving loud tongue all unawares to the deepest, most incomprehensible longing, a root-flame in the heart, and that warbling chorus resounding back from the mountains.

One of the deepest underpinnings for morality and spirituality is innocence, if not its achievement certainly its desire. Just as a healthy child longs for the experience of an adult, a healthy adult longs for the heart of a child. To lose the desire for innocence is to lose touch with one's soul. In fact, to lose one's innocence is to lose one's soul. To lose entirely the desire for innocence is one of the qualities of being in hell.

What is innocence?

Dillard describes it as the soul's unself-conscious state at any moment of pure devotion to any object. For her, innocence is the gaze of admiration, love stripped of all lust, something akin to what James Joyce describes in *A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man* when his hero, young Steven, sees a half-dressed girl on a beach and instead of being moved by sexual desire is moved only by an overwhelming wonder and admiration.

The late Allan Bloom, *The Closing of the American Mind*, suggests that, in the end, innocence is chastity and chastity is more than merely a sexual concept. For Bloom, there needs to be a certain kind of chastity in all of our experiencing, that is, we need to experience things only if and when we can experience them in such a way that we remain integrated. Simply put, we lose our innocence when we experience something in a way that "unglues" us, that breaks down our wholeness in some way. And we can become unglued in many ways - moral, psychological, emotional, spiritual, or erotic.

Bloom suggests that today most of us lack

chastity and have already become somewhat unglued. This, he suggests, manifests itself not just in spiraling rates for suicide, emotional breakdown, and drug and alcohol abuse, but, and more commonly, in a certain deadness that leaves us "erotically lame", without fire in our eyes, and without much in the way of the sublime in our hearts and in our dreams.

But adult innocence isn't exactly the natural innocence of a child. For an adult, innocence can no longer be naiveté but needs rather to be something that might better be called second naiveté. It is post-critical. We must distinguish between childishness, the spontaneous innocence of a child which has its roots in lack of experience and naiveté, and childlikeness, the post-critical posture of an informed, experienced adult who again has taken on the wonder of a child.

How did Jesus define innocence? He identified innocence with two things: having the heart of a child and having the heart of a virgin: Unless you have the heart of a child you will not enter the kingdom of Heaven. The Kingdom of heaven can be compared to 10 virgins waiting for their bridegroom.

For Jesus, the heart of a child is one that is fresh, receptive, full of wonder, full of respect, and which does not yet contain the hardness and cynicism that calcify inside us because of wound or sin. For him, the heart of a virgin is one that can live in patience in the face of inconsummation without demanding the finished symphony. It is innocent because it can live without breaking healthy taboos, knowing that, as a child, many of the things that it deeply desires cannot be had just yet. The child's heart is one that still trusts in goodness and the virgin's heart does not test its God.

In her novel, *The Stone Angel*, Margaret Laurence describes a woman, Hagar Shipley, who, one day, after overhearing a child call her an old hag, examines herself in a mirror and is horrified by what she sees. She scarcely recognizes her own face and what she sees frightens her. How can one, imperceptible to one's own self, change and become so different, so cold, so lifeless, and so devoid of freshness and innocence? It can happen to all of us and it does happen to many of us.

If we have ceased being the type of person with which the child within us can make easy friends, then perhaps it is time to pursue innocence as hounds pursue hares, single-mindedly, crashing over creeks, keening in lost fields, driven by a kind of love.

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

**Thursday, November 11**

**6 PM**

**Church**



OK – we celebrated the Sacrament of Baptism, now, we’re getting married!

As part of my fourth year Theology classes at the Seminary, I now need to celebrate a “mock” Wedding and video it as part of my classes here at the Seminary!

Once again...

**I NEED YOUR HELP!**

On Thursday, November 11, we will celebrate this “mock” Wedding at 6 PM in the Church.

For this we need as many people as possible to “play a role” – we need a bride, groom, best man, maid of honor, ushers, wedding ministers, altar servers and again, most importantly, an active and lively assembly!

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 small wedding reception afterwards!

## **Celebrate the Seminary's 80th Anniversary**

### **Honor Our Seminarians**

with Most Rev. William Murphy, Bishop of the Diocese of Rockville Centre and

Most Rev. Nicholas DiMarzio, Bishop of the Diocese of Brooklyn

Sunday, October 24, 2010

Vespers and Benediction at 4 PM in the Seminary Chapel

Dinner Reception and Entertainment to follow in the Refectory

Entertainment provided by our many gifted and talented Seminarians

Raffles, Live & Silent Auction

Please support our Journal!

**ALL SEATS RESERVED**

For Reservations & Journal Information:

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## 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.

## Healing Life's Losses

A support group for those living with loss.

Presented by Mary Ann Dejewski, LCSW on Thursday, October 28 from 10 AM until 11:30 AM 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.

## Compassion: The Womb of God

**Saturday, November 6 and Sunday, November 7**

**Saturday: 10 AM until 4 PM (registration begins at 9:30 AM)**

**Sunday: 1 PM until 5 PM**

**Presenters: Judy Osterburg, r.c. and Pat O'Connor, Cenacle Staff**

Through prayer services, presentations and time for reflection and sharing, we will focus on: The compassion of God in the Hebrew Scriptures, Jesus, the Compassion of God, and Living out the Compassion of God in our lives. Donation of \$75 for both days.

## 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).





## **Am I Just Another Grain of Sand on the Seashore?**

**Saturday, October 23 from 10 AM until 3:30 PM.**

**Presenters at Madeline Birmingham, r.c. and Arleen Dietzel  
Cenacle, Ronkonkoma, NY**

When I reflect on my life, do I see it as ordinary, dull, even boring? Or do I sometimes catch a glimmer that I am part of an experience that is mine and God's alone? On this day, we will reflect, pray and talk together about how God sees and pursues each person in our vast universe as worthy of God's individual attention-and how this includes me. For more information and reservations, please call The Cenacle at 631.588.8366.

## **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

## Introduction to Centering Prayer

The follow-up session will be three weeks (instead of the normal six weeks) on October 15, 22 and 29. For more information, please call Diane at 631.587.0966.

## Dominican Village

**Please join us for an Open House on Saturday, October 30 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).

## Centering Prayer Meeting

**Fridays, November 5, 12, and 19  
in the OLL "Spiritual Life Center."**

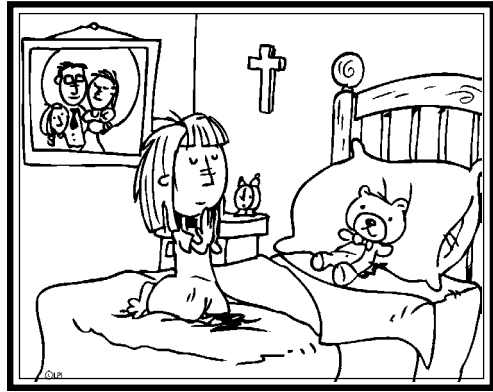
All are welcome to experience this prayer practice of "silence".  
For any further information, please call Diane at 587.0966.

## 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 "**Prayer.**" 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

The widow in Jesus' story never gave up. She needed help. She kept asking for help "over and over until the judge gave her what she needed. God is so much more loving than the judge in Jesus' story. If you need help, you can ask God over and over. Don't give up. Tell God when you are hurt. Tell God when you need help. He listens carefully to you, and he enjoys helping children who love him.



## Mission for the Week

Many children do not have homes or shoes or beds.  
Ask God to show you how to "help them."



### Puzzle

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

STORY	WIDOW	CONCERNED
PRAYING	FAIR	HURRY
JUDGE	PROTECT	HELP

M	A	K	S	E	W	U	R	H	T
H	P	R	A	Y	I	N	G	E	A
T	R	I	G	T	D	E	F	L	I
E	O	A	S	T	O	R	Y	P	T
M	T	N	I	C	W	H	O	U	J
R	E	F	R	A	I	U	L	T	U
H	C	O	N	C	E	R	N	E	D
E	T	J	U	D	G	R	F	U	G
F	A	I	R	S	E	Y	D	T	E
O	D	N	Y	T	H	I	F	N	A

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## Prayer



Dear God, thank you for caring about me and listening to my prayers.

## Something to Draw



Draw a picture of the woman who kept asking the judge for help.