

Our Lady of Lourdes • Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time • October 24, 2010

**"O God,
be merciful to me,
a sinner."**



Luke 18:13



Welcome to our Parish Family!

New Parishioners are cordially invited to register as members of our parish family.

Please call or visit our Parish Office.

Our Lady of Lourdes

*455 Hunter Avenue
West Islip, New York 11795*

Daily Mass
8 AM

Weekend Masses
Saturday: 5 PM
Sunday: 8 AM, 9:30 AM,
11 AM, 12:30 PM and 6 PM

Reconciliation
Saturday: 4 PM - 4:45 PM

Mission Statement

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

Vision...

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

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

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

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

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

Pastoral Team

Rev. Michael A. Vetrano
Pastor

Rev. Patsy Amabile
Associate Pastor

Rev. Robert Scheckenback
Associate Pastor

Rev. Ambrose Cabildo
In Residence

Deacon John DeGuardi

Deacon Tom Lucie

Deacon Jack Meehan

Coordinator of Stewardship

Deacon John Teufel

Sr. Margaret Bickar

Senior Ministry-SAGE

Sr. Nancy Campkin

Director of Religious Education

Allegra D'Alo

Youth Minister/Social Action

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

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

fax: 661.7143

website: www.ollchurch.org

Our Lady of Lourdes School

587.7200 (option 2)

Monday-Friday: 9 AM - 3 PM

email: 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

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

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.

Youth Group Meeting Schedule Fall 2010

Middle School
November 18
December 9 and 16

High School
November 4
December 2 and 16

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



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.

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!

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.



Daytime Eucharistic Devotion

The afternoon adoration for the month of November 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.

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 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**.

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**.

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.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

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

Join us ...

Wednesday, November 10 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, 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 **Tuesday night, November 16**. Come with your ideas.

We'll read and discuss the Liturgy for the following Sunday Mass.

For more information, call Jack Fitzgerald at 587.5548 or Tim Keegan at 926.4900.



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.

Monday, November 15, 7:30 in the Parish Center

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

All Saints Day

Monday, November 1, is All Saint's Day. This year, it is not a holy day of obligation. However, we will have our daily 8 AM Mass and a Mass at 7:30 PM.

Our Lady of Lourdes School Fundraiser

Your support is always appreciated!



Fresh Wreaths-balsam pine with beautiful evergreen accents
 "Deluxe" -decorated in burgundy/gold, red/white/silver, and Christmas plaid bows and decorations
 "Simple" -same color choices as "Deluxe", no decorations- pinecones and bow only
Poinsettias-gorgeous Christmas favorites in red or cream an three sizes to choose from
Fresh Grave Blankets & Pillows-evergreens, decorations, and red velvet bow

Order Deadline Wednesday, November 17

Family Name _____ Child name/Grade _____

Address _____ Contact number _____

(pre-order purchases apply to family mandatory account)

Item	Size	Color	Quantity	\$ / Item	Total
Grave BLANKETS	-			\$45	
Grave PILLOWS	-			\$30	
Deluxe Fresh WREATHS (w/ Decorations)	10"	Burgundy/Gold		\$25	
		Red/White/Silver		\$25	
		Christmas Plaid		\$25	
Deluxe Fresh WREATHS (w/ Decorations)	12"	Burgundy/Gold		\$30	
		Red/White/Silver		\$30	
		Christmas Plaid		\$30	
Simple Fresh WREATHS (w/ Bow & Pinecones)	10"	Burgundy/Gold		\$20	
		Red/White/Silver		\$20	
		Christmas Plaid		\$20	
Simple Fresh WREATHS (w/ Bow & Pinecones)	12"	Burgundy/Gold		\$25	
		Red/White/Silver		\$25	
		Christmas Plaid		\$25	
POINSETTIAS	4.5"	Red		\$ 6 or 3/\$15	
		Cream		\$ 6 or 3/\$15	
	6"	Red		\$10 or 3/\$28	
		Cream		\$10 or 3/\$28	
	8"	Red		\$20 or 3/\$55	
		Cream		\$20 or 3/\$55	

SUBTOTAL	
Delivery (optional)	\$10
TOTAL	

(payment due at time of order-checks payable to OLL School)

Order pick-up will be Saturday, December 4. Time:TBA If you have any questions, please contact Bronwen Sessa at bsessa@ollschool.org or call 631.806.6228.

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

Melissa Ridulfo and

Jeffrey Sullivan, both OLL

Cari Woolford and

Edward Kelly IV, both OLL

Welcome

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

Robert and Dawn Wiley & family

Dawn Lutrario

Michael and Krista Kearney & 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 25

8:00 AM Elizabeth Howard

Tuesday, October 26

8:00 AM Valerie Moscarelli

Wednesday, October 27

8:00 AM Jack Timmer

Thursday, October 28

Saint Simon and Saint Jude, apostles

8:00 AM Elizabeth Homann

Friday, October 29

8:00 AM Mary & Rudolph Tammaro

Saturday, October 30

8:00 AM Robert Baxter, Gasper Godino,
Vincent & David McCarthy,
Gunther Steck, Linda Rapuano,
Jean (Johnson) Virgilio,

5:00 PM Ann Kavanaugh
Fr. Mike Vetrano

Sunday, October 31

8:00 AM William Heim
Fr. Pat Amabile

9:30 AM Mark Polito
Fr. Mike Vetrano

11:00 AM Linda Caruba
Fr. Ambrose Cabildo

12:30 PM John R. Hodgkins
Fr. Bob Scheckenback

6:00 PM People of the Parish, Joseph Zotto,
Kathryn Gregorio, Mickey Minghella
Fr. Pat Amabile



Rest In Peace

Mary "Marina" Sanchez died on September 20 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was October 16. We extend our prayers to her son, Alfred, daughter-in-law, Cecilia, children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and entire family.

Caroline E. Sullivan died on October 8 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was October 12. We extend our prayers to her husband, Richard, children, grandchildren, and entire family.

Patricia Harvey died on October 11 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was October 13. We extend our prayers to her brother, Philip, and entire family.

Anthony Colitti died on October 11 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was October 14. We extend our prayers to his children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and entire family.

Arthur L. Hintz died on October 14 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was October 18. We extend our prayers to his children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and entire family.

Bernard Guagnini died on September 30 and a memorial service was held on October 23 in Harrison, NY. We extend our prayers to his daughter, Debbie Cuniglio, to his wife, and entire family.

Celebrating Sacraments



30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Self-esteem and self-promotion are generally credited as values. Psychologists and social workers often attribute difficulties in social adjustment, problems with bullying, addiction to drugs or alcohol, increased rates of teenage pregnancy and domestic abuse to low self-esteem. In the jobless culture of these difficult economic times low self-esteem can eat away at one's psychological health. As a counteractive measure, many counselors encourage the unemployed to engage in self-promotion, advertising their desirable qualities to potential employers in the same way a product might be marketed to consumers.“

The Pharisee in this week's Gospel certainly has no problem with self-promotion. He is well-qualified for a position on Madison Avenue, though he would probably be hawking himself more than the products he would be trying to market. Some might see the self-deprecating tax collector as one of the down-and-out folks who is never going to make it, because he just doesn't have the verve and initiative to get out there and sell himself. An out-placement counselor might advise him to project his good points—dedicated worker, good with numbers, financially savvy, willing to take on a hard job, etc.“

All of those good points may indeed be a part of the tax collector's profile. But there are other aspects of his life as well that need some work, and he is ready to acknowledge that. This is what humility really is—being honest about oneself. Self-esteem and self-promotion still have their value in a humble person. Indeed, a truly humble person needs good self-esteem to be able to examine himself or herself critically to come to an honest appraisal of virtues and shortcomings. Real humility is not about making ourselves worthless, but about developing an assessment of our true worth and the improvements we still need to make with God's help.

©2010 Liturgical Publications Inc

Readings for the Week of October 24, 2010

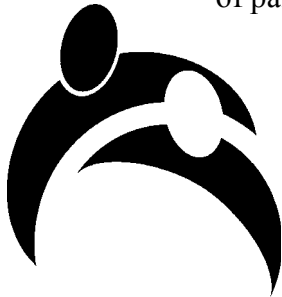
Sunday:	Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18/Lk 18:9-14
Monday:	Eph 4:32-5:8/Lk 13:10-17
Tuesday:	Eph 5:21-33 or 5:2a, 25-32/Lk 13:18-21
Wednesday:	Eph 6:1-9/Lk 13:22-30
Thursday:	Eph 2:19-22/Lk 6:12-16
Friday:	Phil 1:1-11/Lk 14:1-6
Saturday:	Phil 1:18b-26/Lk 14:1, 7-11
Next Sunday:	Wis 11:22-12:2/2 Thes 1:11-2:2/Lk 19:1-10

Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Monenna Kennedy*.
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, Viola Callanan, Josephine Carrano, James Casey, Grace Ciccarello, 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, Irv Weiss, Joe Yezek, Peggy 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 17, 2010

Weekly Collection	\$ 17,688.00
Weekly Budget	-\$ 19,000.00
+/- for the week	\$ (1,312.00)

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

detergent
kleenex
paper towels
personal feminine products
shampoo
soap
toilet tissue
toothbrush
toothpaste

Donations to Outreach-September 2010

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.

The Joy of the Groove

by Ron Rolheiser, OMI

In a marvelous book, *The Force of Character*, James Hillman shares this story: As a young man, sitting around one afternoon and listening to an old uncle telling stories, he got irritated when his uncle began telling a story that he had told many times before: "You've already told that story," Hillman complained. "I like telling it!" his uncle shot back, and then muttered under his breath, "and what on earth is wrong with telling it again!"

At the time, his uncle's retort served only to further irritate Hillman. Only later, when his understanding of life and character deepened, did Hillman appreciate why his uncle had a need to tell and retell the same story: "He knew the joy of the groove!" And what a joy, what a gift, is the groove!

We don't just nurture others and ourselves with freshness and novelty. These are perennially in short supply and generally not accessible. If we only talked with each other when we had something new or interesting to share there would be mostly silence around our tables. There would also be a lot less irony, humour, and wit in our conversations. We don't just nurture each other through novelty and by being interesting, we also, and importantly, nurture family life, our friendship circles, and our workplaces by working and reworking to death old stories, old jokes, and old anecdotes, until that repetition becomes its own story, its own humour, and its own anecdote. Hillman names this brilliantly: He calls it the joy of the groove.

Hillman goes on to offer a rather serious philosophical reflection on this, one which sheds light on the value of ritual repetition. He quotes Gilles Deleuze, a French philosopher, who once pointed out that repetition can be a way of celebrating something by highlighting its character: By carrying the first time to the nth power, repetition artfully glorifies. Repetition magnifies an event by commemorating its originality; this repetition differs from reproduction, which succeeds only in making each repetition a weaker echo, a paler print, with less and less power of the original.

To this, Hillman adds a little doxology in praise of repetition: Nothing is more tedious than practicing your scales or mumbling your beads. Yet the accomplishments of art, the efficacy of prayer, the beauty of ritual, and the force of character depend on petty repetitions any

instant of which, taken for itself alone, is utterly useless.

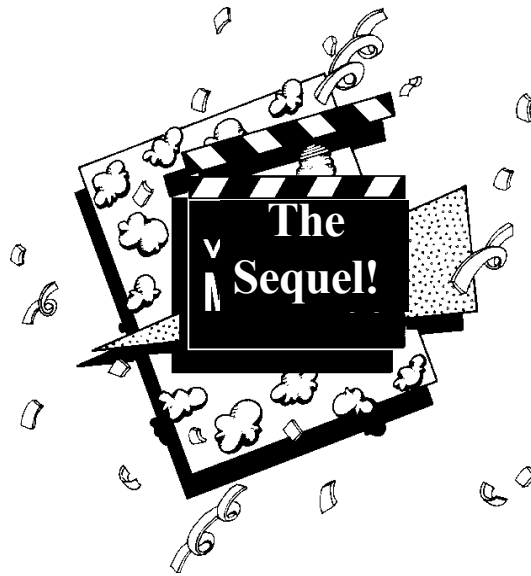
Many of us know exactly what this means. We have siblings, friends, and acquaintances that entertain and irritate us by mercilessly repeating old stories, old jokes, and old anecdotes over and over until this very repetition becomes its own story and takes on its own character. They work the groove. Sometimes this irritates us and we want to protest, but, as was the case with Hillman, eventually we come to appreciate what that brings into the circle of family life, friendship, and community, namely, a needed sustenance, a color, a wit, a character, and a peculiar idiosyncrasy that becomes a story onto itself. We don't live on novelty alone, but on every retold story that highlights the irony and color within our daily lives.

My own family has been irritatingly famous for this, a quality that I am not always proud of but which generally I appreciate. We are a family that loves the joy of the groove. At our family gatherings and dinner tables, year after year, many of the same stories and jokes get told over and over again. And they aren't always received with appreciation. Not infrequently there is a raised eyebrow ("My God, he's not going to tell that one again!") or, like the young Hillman, a raised complaint ("You've told that story before!") But, overall, there is the enjoyment of the groove, of old irony, old wit, of an old insight being enjoyed again, in a fresh new way, both by the one retelling it and by those listening. At our table, what's old and tedious nurtures and carries family life as much what's new and interesting, sometimes more so because the retelling of old anecdotes and stories helps highlight our own particular history and character.

We lost a loved brother this summer and, at his vigil, his three children, now grown adults, offered a moving tribute. Among other things, they highlighted his solicitude for them as a father, his commitment to his church, his strong commitment to justice issues (ecology, native rights, women's rights), and his sense of humor, particularly his need to repeat a punch-line over and over again, as if it somehow wasn't heard the first time: "You couldn't escape!", they pointed out, "he repeated it over and over again until he was sure you got it!"

But that isn't the real reason we repeat a punch-line. We repeat a punch-line for the same reason that Hillman's uncle was driven to retell that same story: We like saying it! We like the feel of the groove. Moreover, eventually, beyond their initial irritation, so others do too.

Used with permission of the author, Oblate Father Ron Rolheiser. Father Rolheiser is a theologian, teacher, and award-winning author and is currently the President of the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio, TX. He can be contacted through his website www.ronrolheiser.com.



***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!

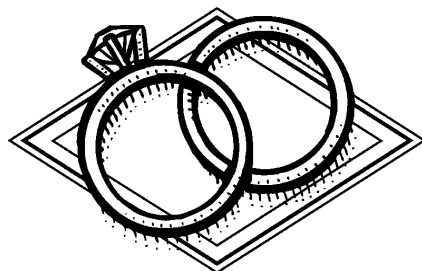
As part of my fourth year Theology classes at the Seminary, I now need to celebrate a “mock” Wedding and video it as part of my classes here at the Seminary!

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 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!



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.

Visio and Audio Divina:

Methods of Praying with Scripture

Saturday, October 30 from 10 AM until 3 PM.

Presenter Barbara Regan, rc

Cenacle, Ronkonkoma, NY

Based on Lectio Divina, a traditional form of praying. these two methods use art and music to pray with Scripture, and draw upon the right hemisphere of the brain, the site of intuition, spontaneity, and perception of the whole. Donation is \$50 for the day includes a light lunch. 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.

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.



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.

An Evening of Jewish/Christina Dialogue

In Remembrance of Kristallnacht

Tuesday, November 9 at 6 PM, McGann Conference Center, O'Connor Hall at St. Joseph's College, Patchogue. Registration fee, including dinner, \$10. *The Teller in the Tale: A Half-Jewish Child in Nazi Germany* by Elizabeth Heyn is the story of a half-Jewish child growing up in Nazi Germany. The story traces its way through her miraculous, narrow escape in 1941, just three weeks before German borders closed. For additional information, or if you have any questions, please call 631.687.5100.

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.

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".

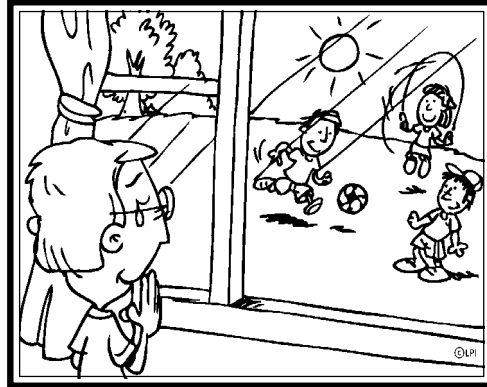
For any further information, please call Diane at 587.0966.

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 "**Living with Possessions.**" Don't miss it! To listen online or receive more information regarding "Religion & Rock" go to 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

If you have ever thought that you were better than somebody else, you are not alone. Even grown-ups think that way sometimes. The truth is, you really are not better than anyone else. You sin. You make mistakes, just like other people do. No matter how big or how small you think your mistakes are, they still make God angry. Instead of looking down on other people, remember your own mistakes. Ask God to forgive you.



Mission for the Week



Ask everyone in your class to make cards for people in prison. Jesus knows when people are truly sorry for what they have done wrong. Jesus wants to forgive prisoners, just like he wants to forgive you."

Puzzle

Find 8 differences between the two pictures.



©LPI



Prayer



Dear God,
I am so sorry I ever thought I was better than anybody else.
Please forgive me.

Something to Draw



Draw a picture of something you did wrong. Then draw a picture of yourself asking God to forgive you.