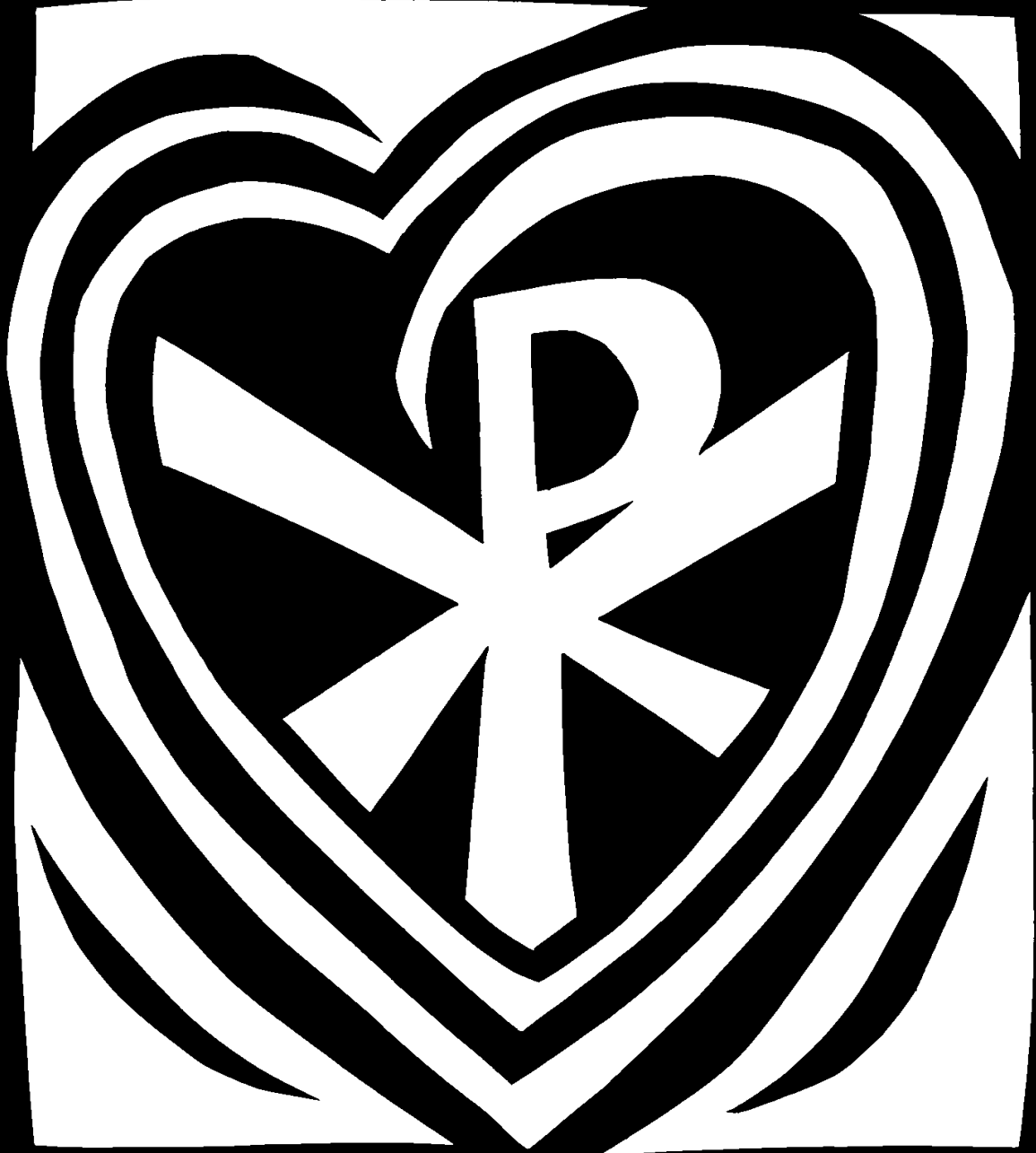


Our Lady of Lourdes • Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time • November 7, 2010

**MAY THE LORD RULE
YOUR HEARTS**



**IN THE LOVE OF GOD
AND THE CONSTANCY
OF CHRIST.**

2 Thessalonians 3:5



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 Scorcio

Ministry Spiritual Director

Sr. Betty Toohig

Senior Ministry-SAGE

Anthony Trombino

Business Manager

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Deacon Jack Meehan

John Muldoon

Bob Natale

Eileen Rega

Vita Scorcio

Mary Steck

Fr. Mike Vetrano

Christine Volk

Parish Staff

Jennifer Gallagher

Women's Chorale Director

Mary Anne Lettieri

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Debbie Meyer

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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@ollschoo.org

Religious Education Office

661.5440 (option 3)

Monday-Friday: 9 AM - Noon

1 PM - 5 PM

7 PM - 9 PM

email: ReligiousEd@ollchurch.org

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

Youth Group Meeting Schedule

Fall 2010

Middle School

November 18

December 9 and 16

High School

December 2 (*Lourdes Hall*) and 16

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

Hospitality Too Soup Kitchen

OLL Youth Group is making their November service trip to the Hospitality Too Soup Kitchen on November 27. St. Anne's in Brentwood hosts the soup kitchen each Saturday beginning at 8 AM. Two days after Thanksgiving there is not a more perfect time to show those who are ignored that some people DO care! Please give just one Saturday morning to those in need. E-mail Allegra@ollchurch.org to sign up or search the Facebook profile Allegra Youth-Minister.



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!

El Salvador Sister Parish Project---Project FCC 2010!

This year we are celebrating our Familias Con Corazones--"Families With Hearts"--all of the OLL families who sponsor children through CFCA. We are building a display in the narthex to celebrate all of our generous families, and the connections they have with their sponsored children. If you (or your relatives or friends) sponsor a child through CFCA, please return the form below to the rectory or to the special box in the narthex. If you can, please include a picture of your sponsored child." (Stay tuned for a special FCC presentation by our El Salvador Sister Parish team on the first weekend of Advent.)

	We sponsor a child through CFCA!
	Family/Sponsor Name: _____
	Name of Sponsored Child or Adult: _____

Renewing Our Spiritual Home

Dear Parishioners:

Each year, our parish uses the weeks at the beginning of November to celebrate parish stewardship.

Stewardship is a way of life, an attitude of generosity and faith that allows us to use our gifts of time, talent, and treasure to do the work of the gospel.

Our parish community would not exist without the generosity of our members. Please pay special attention to the message of stewardship on these upcoming weekends.



Saturday and Sunday, November 13/14
Our Parish Annual Report

Our Pastor, Father Mike Vetrano, will speak at all weekend Masses and present the Annual Report from our Finance and Stewardship Committees.

Saturday and Sunday, November 20/21
Parish Commitment Weekend

We will be invited, this Sunday, to listen and understand the importance of the stewardship of time, talent, and treasure in our lives. Parishioners will also be invited to make or renew a commitment to support Our Lady of Lourdes. The commitment cards may be put into the collection baskets at this Mass or at Mass over the next several Sundays. In addition, the commitment cards can be dropped off at or mailed to the Parish Office in the Rectory.

Saturday and Sunday, November 27/28

Commitment Weekend

Parishioners will be invited to return their commitment cards if they did not do so last weekend. In addition, we will have cards available at the entrances of the Church over the next several weeks for your use. All cards can be returned in the collection baskets at Mass or they can be dropped off at or mailed to the Parish Office in the Rectory.

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.

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.

Holy Name Society

The Holy Name Society meets on the second Sunday of each month. The next meeting will be on **Sunday, November 14.** 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.**

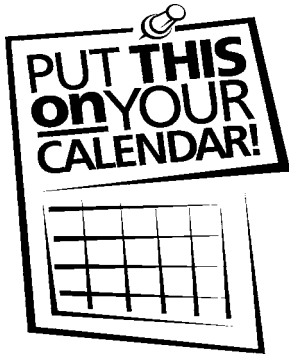
Prayer for Divine Mercy

An invitation to all men and women to be part of God's plan.

We invite you to meet in prayer for the world and our nation to put their trust in God. Our hope is that the nations will have a new spirit of morality. Please come with your love and hope for humanity as well as your prayer requests. We gather together every **Thursday at 1:30 PM before the Blessed Sacrament** for about one half hour. For more information, please call Charles Argento at 586.8528.

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.



Martha and Mary

Action and Contemplation...

Doing and Being

Presenters : Fr. Bob and Vita Scorgia

Tuesdays-November 16 and November 23

Parish Center

7:30 PM - 9:30 PM

There are many different ways of praying. Prayer not only has to fit our lifestyle, but our personality as well. Can you take two nights to look at Martha and Mary to reflect on your own spirituality and prayer life ?.

- *How can we pray in the midst of such busyness?*
- *Is "sitting at the feet of Jesus" the only way?*

Please join us...All Are Welcome

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.



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 Tuesday 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. *For more information, our next meeting will be on*

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

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

Children's Liturgy

Are you a teacher? A catechist? Do you like kids or volunteering for your church?

Come and join our wonderful team for Children's Liturgy of the Word at our 9:30 AM Sunday Mass.

We need adults who are passionate about teaching children what it means to be a Christian.

Contact Allegra@ollchurch.org with any questions or to sign up.

Blood Drive Thank You

We are grateful for all who helped produce such a successful Blood Drive. The event collected 53 lifesaving units of blood, which have been separated into their components and distributed to patients in hospitals throughout the area. Your efforts are greatly appreciated and provided a rewarding donation experience. God bless each and everyone who gave up time from their busy schedules to save lives. Thank you very much!



The Parish Office will be **closed on Thursday, November 11** in observance of Veteran's Day. The Parish Office will reopen on Friday at 9 AM.

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 _____

Address _____ Contact number _____

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.

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...

Grzegorz and Magdalena Rogowski

Krista Dolce

Elise Giacola

Rosary/Novena

Rosary:

Daily after 8 AM Mass

Miraculous Medal Novena:

Monday after 8 AM Mass

Anointing of the Sick

Throughout the liturgical year.

If needed sooner, please call the Parish Office.

Baptism

Please contact the Parish Office to schedule an appointment.

Marriage

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

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults(RCIA):

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



Rest In Peace

Richard J. Fitzgerald died on October 24
and celebration of the Mass of Christian
Burial was October 27. We extend our
prayers to his mother, Ruth, and entire family.

Joan Ann Udris died on October 25 and
celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial
was October 29. We extend our prayers to
her husband, Raymond, her children, grand-
children, and entire family.

Dorothy A. Monteleone died on October 25
and celebration of the Mass of Christian
Burial was October 29. We extend our
prayers to her children, grandchildren, and
entire family.

Vincent Sullivan died on October 26 and
celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial
was October 30. We extend our prayers to
his wife, Marguerite, children, grandchildren,
and entire family.

Bernard Van Rossem died on October 28
and celebration of the Mass of Christian
Burial was November 1. We extend our
prayers to his children, grandchildren, and
entire family.

Remembering...

Monday, November 8

8:00 AM Carmela & Vincent Stumpo

Tuesday, November 9

*Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
in Rome*

8:00 AM LaRocca & Sweeney Families

Wednesday, November 10

*Saint Leo the Great, pope and
doctor of the Church*

8:00 AM Salvatore Albano

Thursday, November 11

Saint Martin of Tours, bishop

8:00 AM Kristina Gagliano

Friday, November 12

Saint Josaphat, bishop

8:00 AM Connie Celiberti

Saturday, November 13

8:00 AM John Freijomil, Willard Darrell,
Vincent & David McCarthy,
Kerry LaRosa, Ryan Pezzollo,
Tom & Mary Kennedy, Peppino Leoni

5:00 PM Salvatore Carrano

Fr. Mike Vetrano

Sunday, November 14

8:00 AM Dec'd mbrs of Holy Name Society
Fr. Bob Scheckenback

9:30 AM Lorraine Mariarossi & Audrey Zydowski
Fr. Mike Vetrano

11:00 AM Donald & Patrick Manning and Dorothy & Joseph Boening
Fr. Bob Scheckenback

12:30 PM Steph Garcia
Fr. Pat Amabile

6:00 PM People of the Parish, Richard Kenny, Helen & Bob Tryon, Patricia Beyerbach,
Olympia D'Ambrosio, James Anderson, Frank Raimo, David O'Connor, Joan Udris
Fr. Pat Amabile

Upcoming Marriages

Cari Woolford and

Edward Kelly IV, both OLL



32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

This past week we celebrated both the feast of All Saints and the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed. These two celebrations together remind us of our own destiny, the promise of eternity, and the hope of enjoying the blessed vision of God's presence forever in heaven. During November, as the earth itself seems to be dying all around us, we take time to remember those who have gone before us "marked with the sign of faith." Many parishes have a Book of Remembrance that is displayed during this month and in which the faithful can inscribe the names of loved one who have departed in the past year. Special Masses or prayers are also offered in these days for the faithful departed, and some families have the custom of erecting small memorial shrines in their homes this time of year.

All of these devotions and customs point to our belief in the Resurrection. Our faith proclaims that death is not the final end for us. We live, even if we die, because we have eternal life in Christ. In the Gospel the resurrection-denying Sadducees tried to trip up Jesus with a question about a tenet of the faith that they did not even adhere to. Jesus would not fall into their trap, proclaiming instead that the life of resurrection is different from existence as we know it on this earth. It is similar enough that we can describe it as "life." But what its exact form and nature is, lies beyond our knowledge at this point in our existence.

In these November days we may occasionally find our own practice of prayers for the dead challenged or called into question. We believe in a communion that goes beyond the limits of our earthly existence, which we acknowledge every time we profess our belief in the communion of saints. In that communion we are united with our loved ones and with all who believe in Christ.

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Readings for the Week of November 7, 2010

Sunday:	2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14/2 Thes 2:16-3:5/Lk 20:27-38 <i>or</i> 20:27, 34-38
Monday:	Ti 1:1-9/Lk 17:1-6
Tuesday:	Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22
Wednesday:	Ti 3:1-7/Lk 17:11-19
Thursday:	Phlm 7-20/Lk 17:20-25
Friday:	2 Jn 4-9/Lk 17:26-37
Saturday:	3 Jn 5-8/Lk 18:1-8
Next Sunday:	Mal 3:19-20a/2 Thes 3:7-12/Lk 21:5-19

Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Rose Grant*.
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, James (Jay) Bowers, Viola Callanan, Josephine Carrano, James Casey, Grace Ciccarello, Beverly DeCanio, Mike DeJong, Jeanne DellaRagione, Tony Drexler, Debbie Eichen, Kathleen Kerrigan, Robyn Kerrigan, Ann Losee, Charlie Macchio, Louise Malcuit, John McNevin, 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, Nancy Turano, 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 31, 2010

Weekly Collection	\$ 19,979.00
Weekly Budget	-\$ 19,000.00
+/- for the week	\$ 979.00

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



canned fruit
canned vegetables
jelly
peanut butter
pudding/jello
soup

Donations to Outreach-October 2010

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

- John Moscarelli has made a donation to Outreach in memory of his wife, *Valerie*.
- Regina and Peter Mirabella have made a donation to Outreach in fond memory of *Anthony Collitti and Caroline Sullivan*.
- The Paprocky Family has made a donation to Outreach in memory of Helen Enolo.
- Suzanne and John Dapkins have made a donation to Outreach in memory of *Theresa F. Feliney*.
- Outreach has received a donation in memory of *James Flynn and John Huscilowitc* from Mr. and Mrs. Edward Giuffre.
- Rudy Ferro has made a donation to Outreach in memory of *Maureen Ferro*.
- Mr. and Mrs. Doug Cameron have made a donation to Outreach in memory of *Bernard VanRossem*.
- Grace O'Connor has made a donation to Outreach in memory of *Mrs. Joan Udris*.
- Mr. and Mrs. Robert O'Shea have made a donation to Outreach in memory of *Bernard VanRossem*.
- Marge Cassiano has made a donation to Outreach in memory of *Frank Raia and Dorothy Monteleone*.

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.

A Mystical Image for Service

by Ron Rolheiser, OMI

When the young French mystic, Therese of Lisieux, was trying to explain her vocation, she referred to a soul-searing insight that was once given her:

One Sunday, looking at a picture of Our Lord on the Cross, I was struck by the blood flowing from one of his divine hands. I felt a pang of great sorrow when thinking this blood was falling on the ground without anyone's hastening to gather it up. I was resolved to remain in spirit at the foot of the Cross and to receive its dew. ... I don't want this precious blood to be lost. I shall spend my life gathering it up for the good of souls. ... To live from love is to dry Your Face.

At one level, this can be seen as an image of simple excess piety, an over-pious young nun sitting in a chapel, admiring a crucifix and getting emotionally overwrought in an imaginative scene of Jesus being abused and crucified. But this is a metaphor, a mystical image, and a very challenging one.

When Therese of Lisieux speaks of Christ here she is referring not just, nor even primarily, to the body of the historical Jesus, but to the body of Christ in this world. Christ is still suffering and blood is still flowing from his face and his hands in many parts of our world. One of our tasks as Christians, and simply as human beings, is to, metaphorically, notice that blood, gather it up, and properly honour it. The Christian task, always, is to stand at the foot of the cross and gather up its dew so that this preciousness is not lost.

How do we do that?

- When Amnesty International, or any group or individual dedicated to justice, goes to war-torn and violent parts of our world, documents the violence there, and lists publicly the names of all those who have been made to disappear, they are standing at the foot of the cross, receiving its dew, and hastening to gather it up.

- When a nun leaves the safety and security of her own country and community and travels to Sudan to be with women who are being raped and documents their stories, she is standing at the foot of the cross, receiving its dew, and hastening to gather it up.

- When a friend on a playground rushes in after an incident to console the vulnerable young person who has just been humiliated by the school bully, she is standing at the foot

of the cross, receiving its dew, and hastening to gather it up.

- When a man, like Greg Mortenson, steps out of a life of privilege and comfort to risk everything, including life itself, to build schools in the most rural parts of Pakistan so that young Muslims, especially young Muslim women, can receive an education, he is standing at the foot of the cross, receiving its dew, and hastening to gather it up.

- When men and women dedicate their lives to working with the mentally disabled so as to help enable the lives and dignity of those whose talents are different, they are standing at the foot of the cross, receiving its dew, and hastening to gather it up.

- When an idealistic young person joins the peace-corps, or becomes a missionary, in the sincere desire to help someone who is less privileged, he or she is standing at the foot of the cross, receiving its dew, and hastening to gather it up.

And ...

- Whenever any of us takes time at our place of work or in our home to listen to that wounded soul who has worn out everyone's patience with complaints and whining reminiscences, we are standing at the foot of the cross, receiving its dew, and hastening to gather it up.

- Whenever any of us makes the effort to listen with empathy to that frustrated friend, colleague, or sibling, who is wrapped-up in jealous frustration because his or her life has not turned out as he or she had dreamed, we are standing at the foot of the cross, receiving its dew, and hastening to gather it up.

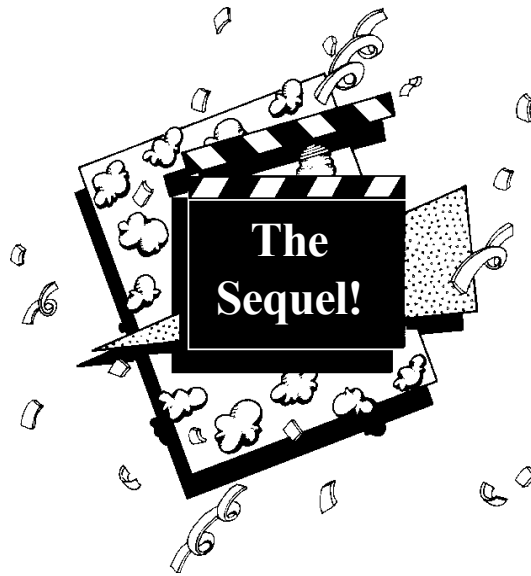
- Whenever any of us notices another's achievement and sincerely congratulates and blesses him or her on that success, we are standing at the foot of the cross, receiving its dew, and hastening to gather it up.

- Whenever any of us, empathically, pray for all those people in this world whose dreams are being crushed and who are suffering the martyrdom of obscurity and anonymity, we are standing at the foot of the cross, receiving its dew, and hastening to gather it up.

Blood still flows from both the hands and the face of the one being crucified. Mostly it goes unnoticed, with no one hastening to gather it up.

Our task, like that of Therese of Lisieux, is to notice, and the make sure that this preciousness does not go unnoticed, unmarked, without its proper honour.

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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!

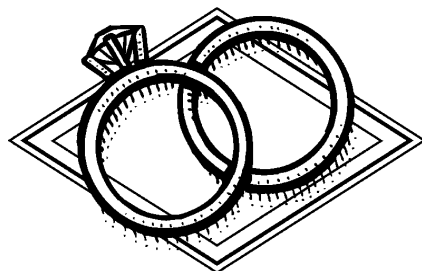
As part of my fourth year Theology classes at the Seminary, I now need to celebrate a “mock” Wedding and video it as part of my classes here at the Seminary!

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 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!



Merry Christmas New York

Father Charles and Laurie Mangano, along with the Love Movement Choir from Trinidad and Tobago present a Christmas Concert, "Merry Christmas New York" on Saturday, December 11 at 2 PM at Alice Tully Hall Starr Theater at Lincoln Center. Tickets are \$50 and \$75 per person, with group rates available. For ticket information, email to www.lincolncenter.org.

International Christmas

Saturday, December 11 and

Sunday, December 12

11 AM - 3:30 PM

Sagtikos Manor

Celebrate an International Christmas at the Sagtikos Manor. Join us for a guided tour, where each decorated room interprets the traditions and customs of different countries. Afterwards stop by our holiday themed gift shop and greenery table (hand-made wreaths, etc.) and enjoy some holiday refreshments. Tours leave on the quarter hour. Reservations are highly recommended. For more information call: 631.661.5169 or 631.249.8023 for reservations or download a reservation form from their website www.sagtikosmanor.com. Ticket prices are \$5 for children ages 5 - 12, \$15 for adults, \$10 for seniors over 60 and students if tickets are purchased before December 4. Tickets are \$20 at the door.

Andy Cooney's "Classic Irish Christmas Show"

On Sunday, December 5 at 2 PM Andy Cooney's "Classic Irish Christmas Show" to benefit Hope House Ministries will be held at St. Joseph's College, Patchogue. Andy and his band will be joined by "Ireland's New King of Blarney," George Casey and others. Reserved seat admission tickets are \$30 per person, and may be purchased by calling 631.928.2377, extension 22.

Holiday Craft Fair

St. Matthew Rosary Society, Dix Hills is gearing up for their Annual Holiday Craft Fair on **Sunday, November 14 from 9 AM until 4 PM.**

For more information, call Louise at 631.586.4515.

Indoor Christmas Craft Fair

Westminster United Presbyterian Church

Udall Road, West Islip

Saturday, December 4

9 AM - 4 PM

Come One – Come All! Offering free gift-wrapping while supplies last! Vendors are wanted. Donation fee: \$40 Please call as soon as possible to secure your table. Call the church office for more information: Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday from 9:30 AM - 1:30 PM at 631.661.6740

Standing at the Foot of Another Person's Cross

Saturday, November 20

10 AM - 3 PM

When someone we care about is suffering or grieving, we can feel helpless and at a loss as to what to say or do. Come and learn some practical guidelines for being with someone who is suffering. Donation is \$50 for the day and includes a light lunch. A non-refundable deposit of \$15 is required to hold your reservation. For more information, please call us at 631.588.8366.

Military Bridge

All are welcome to join us for Military Bridge on Thursday, November 18 in the O'Connell Room, Church of St. Joseph, Babylon. Sponsored by Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Bishop McDonnell #1403. Doors open at 6 PM, games begin promptly at 7 PM. Tickets are \$6 and include coffee, tea, and dessert.

Chinese Auction

Sponsored by Our Lady of Grace Columbiettes

Saturday, November 13

12 PM - 4 PM

Father Shanahan Hall

Our Lady of Grace, West Babylon

\$5 per person includes 25 free tickets. There will be raffles, refreshments, door prizes, 50/50. For ticket information, call Pat at 631.888.7938 or Lorraine at 631.884.4219.

Retrouvaille

Do you feel alone? Are You frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue or have you just stopped talking to each other?

Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. For confidential information about the Retrouvaille program, or to register for the upcoming weekend that begins Friday, December 3 at the Monfort Retreat House in Bay Shore, please call 1.800.470.2230 and you will be connected directly and confidentially to a couple from Long Island/Metro Retrouvaille who can help.

An Evening of Jewish/Christian 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.

A Day of Remembering for 12 Step Persons

Saturday, November 13

10 AM - 4:30 PM

Presenter: Bonnie Kelley, CSJ

The day will include input, quiet time for reflection and sharing. Donation is \$50 for the day and includes light lunch. A deposit of \$15 non-refundable deposit is required. For more information, please call 631.588.8366.

Dominican Village

Please join us for an Open House on Saturday, November 20 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

Friday, November 12, and 19

in the OLL "Spiritual Life Center."

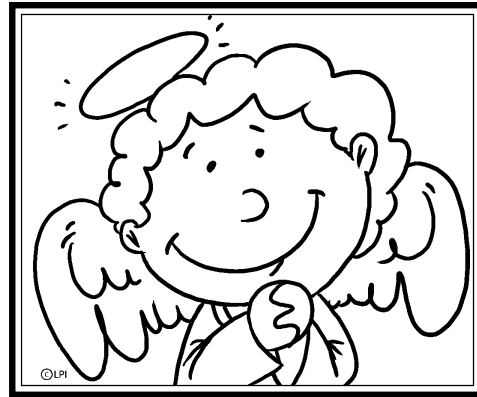
All are welcome to experience this prayer practice of "silence". For any further information, please call Diane at 587.0966.

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 "**Family Life.**" 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

In today's Gospel Jesus talked about what you will be like one day in heaven. God made you to be his special child. There is no one else like you. If you truly love God with all of your heart, you will never be apart from him. Even when your body dies, you will still be alive with God. In heaven, God will give you a new body, like an angel. You will live forever. Even in your new body, you will still be God's own special child.



Mission for the Week



Write on a piece of colored paper, "One day I will be like an angel in heaven." Decorate "your picture with angels, and hang it up in your room.



Puzzle

Find 7 differences between the pictures.



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Prayer



Dear God,
 thank you for
 promising that I can
 live with you forever.

Something to Draw



Draw a picture of
 yourself like an angel
 in heaven."