

“Not by bread alone are you to live but by every utterance that comes from the mouth of God.”



First Sunday of Lent
March 13, 2011 - Our Lady of Lourdes



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

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-Catho-
lics and for Catholics who have
never received formal religious
education. If interested, please call
the Parish Office.

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.

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

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Mary McMahan

Director of Parish Social Ministry

Robin Reynolds-Brennan

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Ministry Spiritual Director

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Trish Frodell

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Women's Chorale Director

Mary Anne Lettieri

Parish Office

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Rosemary Multer

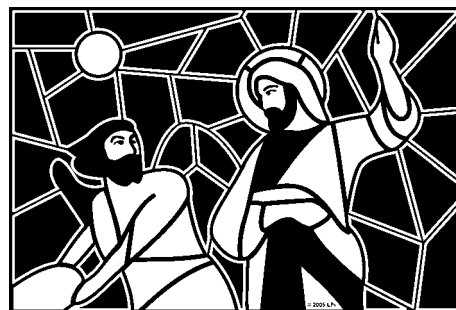
School Office

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@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



You're Invited...

Families of the parish are invited to join in a Passover type celebration on **Tuesday, April 12 at 7 PM in the Parish Center.** Experience a deeper understanding of the Mass and Eucharist by sharing a Seder-like celebration.

A Seder is a family celebration, all members of the family are welcome. For more information, call Fr. Pat at 661.3224, option 1.

Please sign up by calling the Religious Education Office at 661.5440, option 3 or email to reled@ollchurch.org. Donation is a "Free-Will Offering."

Renewal of Vows

As Sisters of St. Joseph living in the 21st Century, we believe in the power, presence and love of God working through an evolving universe and God's self-communication through Jesus Christ. As women of the Church, we recommit ourselves to Jesus' mission as we move with the Spirit to bring about God's reign and seek to promote justice, to living lives of non-violence and to respond to the needs of our time.

Direction Statement Chapter 2011

Next Saturday at the 5PM Mass, March 19, the Feast of St. Joseph *our* Sisters of St Joseph: *Sisters Nancy Campkin, Kathleen Carberry, Jane Fritz, Diane Liona, Isabelle Lonagan, Edith Maher, and Marie Ross* from *our* Our Lady of Lourdes Convent will renew their vows. Please join us.

Our Lady of Lourdes 3rd Annual St. Patrick's/St. Joseph's Day Celebration

Saturday, March 19

7:30 PM -11:30 PM

All-Purpose Room

The evening will include music, dancing, Italian and Irish buffet, beer, wine and soda - all for only \$35 per person. To reserve tickets, please call Parish Outreach at 661.9262, option 4. Space is limited, so get your tickets now!

The event is hosted by the combined efforts of Our Lady of Lourdes Holy Name Society, Rosary Christian Mothers and Parish Outreach.

Proceeds will benefit OLL Parish Outreach.



Walking with the Word

**Our parish Lenten Retreat will be given on
Monday, March 14 through Thursday, March 17
by Dominican preachers
Fr. Ron Henerey and Fr. Bob Vaughan**

The vision of this parish retreat is that of awakening faith and trust in God's prodigal care for human beings. The parish community is the place where people experience the visible signs of God's graciousness through Word and Sacrament.

Monday, March 14

8:00 AM	Morning Eucharist	How Christians See Reality
7:30 PM	Vespers Prayer Service	People of the Book: Entering into the Story

Tuesday, March 15

8:00 AM	Morning Eucharist	Encountering God in Unexpected Places: Twelve Step Spirituality
7:30 PM	Vespers Prayer Service <i>(a penance service)</i>	God's Forgiveness: Closing the Gates on the Past

Wednesday, March 16

8:00 AM	Morning Eucharist	Prayer: Being Attentive to God
7:30 PM	Evening Prayer Service	Everything Belongs: Living in the Great Compassion

Thursday, March 17

8:00 AM	Morning Eucharist	Eye-Opening Experiences
7:30 PM	Evening Prayer Service <i>(a healing service)</i>	If I Could Only Touch His Garment: God's Healing Love

The parish retreat is scripturally oriented, bringing the Word of God into perspective with people's lived experience. The preaching is practical and contemporary, with the use of poignant examples, humor and inspiration to call forth a response of faith and trust in the God who has promised to be with us always.

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, March 21, 7:30 in the Parish Center



Serving the Body of Christ-

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

What does it take to be an Extraordinary Minister?

- _ Participation in Sunday Eucharist
- _ Commitment to serve two or three times a month
- _ Attendance at a Diocesan Training and parish training
- _ Openness to bring Communion to the Sick

If you have other questions or are interested in becoming an Extraordinary Minister, please contact Mrs. Mary J. Borgs of our Parish Liturgy Committee at 665.2928 or you can email to FrPat@ollchurch.org. Please respond by March 14 to be registered in the upcoming Spring Diocesan Training Session.

R.C.I.A. – The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

The journey of our candidates and catechumens continues...

This Sunday, March 13, we will celebrate the Rite of Sending Forth at the 11AM Mass followed by *Erin Meier* participating in the Rite of Election at St. Patrick's R.C. Church, Smithtown with Bishop Murphy.

Next, Sunday, March 20, we will celebrate the Call to Continuing Conversion for our baptized candidates, *Justin Grover and Jeremy Robertson*, also at St. Patrick's R.C. Church in Smithtown.

These are important steps in the journey of the R.C.I.A. It's a clear sign to the community that they are coming closer to receiving the Sacraments of Initiation and full communion with the Church at our **Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 23**. Please continue to pray for these women and men and our RCIA team who minister with them each week.

Adult Faith Formation

Monday Mornings in Lent

March 21, 28, April 4, 11

Fr. Pat Amabile - Fr. Bob Scheckenback

Come to 8 AM Mass on Mondays in Lent. You will be able to pray the Rosary after Mass or just take some time for your own prayer. At 9 AM, we will gather in the Parish Center for coffee, rolls and a talk, with some time for discussion and reflection.

(If you can't make Mass, please join us at 9 AM.)

Divorce and Remarriage in the Catholic Church

Where do I stand with the Church?

Can I be married in the Church again?

Fr. Mike Vetrano

Tuesday April 12 • 7:30PM-9:30PM • Spiritual Life Center

Our Pastor, Fr. Mike, is also an advocate with the tribunal in our Diocese. Advocates help those seeking annulments to bring their case before the tribunal in a pastorally sensitive and compassionate manner. This evening is geared for those who want to know where they or a friend or a family member stand with the church. Fr. Mike will also explain the various options open to those who were once married in the church and now wish to seek an annulment for the good of their own conscience or to begin a new relationship with the full recognition of the church.

Lent is more than just giving up “Chocolate”

Presenter: Sister Nancy Campkin

Tuesday, March 29 • 7:30-9:30 PM • Parish Center

Lent is about... RIGHT NOW ... in your life...

It's where you're at... what you're doing... what you're saying... and what God's saying

Lent is about... COME FIND OUT!

Penance... Confession... Telling your Sins

The New Rite of Reconciliation

Presenter: Sister Diane Liona

Tuesday, April 5 • 7:30-9:30 PM • Parish Center

Whatever we call it-no one gets too excited about it...

When you're doing your spring cleaning these next few weeks, why not dust off your old ideas about this beautiful **Sacrament of Healing** and take a fresh, new look at the many ways this ritual can be a source of peace, renewal and grace!

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.

Centering Prayer Group

OLL Centering Prayer Group will be meeting in the **Spiritual Life Center** on **Thursday, March 24 at 7:30 PM**. If you have any questions, please contact Diane at 587.0966.

Men's Prayer Group-Morning

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, March 17, 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.

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.

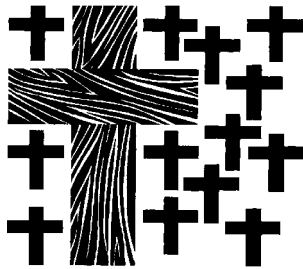
Please come with your love and hope for humanity as well as your prayer requests. We gather together every **Thursday at 1:30 PM before the Blessed Sacrament** for about one half hour. For more information, call Charles Argento at 586.8528.

Taize-Prayers for Peace Around the Cross

Take some reflective time this Lent to join us...

Wednesday, April 6 at 7:30 PM in the Church

Taize is a form of worship that provides some time in our busy lives where we can stop and focus on the love of God. Together we will share simple chants and prayers that will help guide us as we bring our concerns and hopes to the Lord. Please join us for a Taize Prayer Service. If you're interested in singing/playing with our Taize Group, please contact Robin Reynolds Brennan at Robin@ollchurch.org for further information.



Stations of the Cross

We remember the road to Jesus' death and link his journey to our own as our parish's deacons lead us through this beautiful devotion. Come and pray with us...

Each Friday during Lent – 12 Noon and 7 PM

Save the date...

Living Stations of the Cross

Good Friday, April 22 at 7:30 PM in the Church

This is a must for your Lenten and Holy Week journey! Our parish community comes together – led by our young people, our Music Ministries and members of our parish community – who share their own personal experiences on this most holy and solemn night. The celebration includes the Veneration of the Cross.

Directed Prayer Retreat Week

Sunday, March 20 thru Saturday, March 26

Looking for something to do for yourself during Lent ?

What's God like for you? What's praying like for you?

Perhaps taking a week to focus more intently on noticing God's loving presence in and around you might be just the way for you...



What's involved?

- a commitment to spend a half hour a day in prayer – at home, on the train, wherever . . .
- a commitment to meet at the parish for approximately a half hour; with a spiritual director . . . your companion on the journey - an openness to God's love. After an initial small group gathering on **Sunday, March 20**, each retreatant will meet with his/her director at the Parish for approximately a half hour each day, Monday through Friday, at a mutually convenient time.

Are there any special requirements?

- No, this experience is helpful for all – experienced pray-ers, beginners, and all who might be somewhere in-between. **However, the number of participants is limited! Deadline Tues.. Mar. 15 .** Brochures/applications available at the RelEd/Parish Office. For more info call Vita Scordia/RelEd Office at 661.5440 or religiouslyed@ollchurch.org.

Come and Pray this Lent...

All fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth Graders **and** their families are invited to come and pray this Lent at "The Six" -Sunday Mass at 6 PM. Please join "The Six" with your grade on...

March 27	3rd Sunday of Lent	Gr. 5	" <i>SENT</i> " to make a difference
April 3	4th Sunday of Lent	Gr. 6	" <i>CELEBRATE</i> " Religious Education Week
April 10	5th Sunday of Lent	Gr. 7	" <i>SERVE</i> " Service Project Sunday
April 17	Palm Sunday	Gr. 8	" <i>PRAY</i> " as Holy Week begins

Come celebrate Lent and be a lector, greeter, presentation of the gifts, and more...

Children's Liturgy of The Word

What is Lent?

What happens during this season?

Why do we give up the things we like for five weeks?

Lent is a precious time for reflection and it is a journey back to our Lord. For our young people, ages 4-9, it is a new experience and Children's Liturgy of the Word is here to teach them the beauty of the season! For families, the 9:30 Mass on Sundays will be the place to bring their little ones during Lent. This year, we are discussing the road to Easter and each week the children will learn a new stop on the road. It is the perfect way to Easter Sunday!

Sponsors!

If you were kind enough to bring the photo of your CFCA Sponsor Child to us for the Families With Heart Project then you can pick up that photo in the Narthex. They will be waiting in the labeled box!

Altar Bread and Wine

In Memory of Frank F. Vassallo



Rest In Peace

Conchita Fornoles died on February 10 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was March 5. We extend our prayers to her son Ralph, and entire family.

Catherine A. Russo died on March 4 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was March 8. We extend our prayers to her children, grandchildren, and entire family.

Patricia C. Zimmer died on March 5 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was March 8. We extend our prayers to her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and entire family.

Welcome

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

Dottie Tantillo

Lillian Fusco

William Holland

Lorraine Sagliacca

...we are truly blessed by your presence among us!

Remembering...

Monday, March 14

8:00 AM Joseph C. Walsh

Tuesday, March 15

8:00 AM Matthew Badamo

Wednesday, March 16

8:00 AM Jean DeFeo

Thursday, March 17

Saint Patrick, bishop

8:00 AM The Wissing Family

Friday, March 18

*Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, bishop and
doctor of the Church*

8:00 AM Lucille Harsch

Saturday, March 19

8:00 AM Josephine Sabella, Shaun Tolan, Joseph Damiano,
Rosemarie DiGangi, Gerturde Parine, Joseph Bott,
Peter Esposito

5:00 PM Angelone Family

Fr. Mike Vetrano

Sunday, March 20

8:00 AM Patricia Heartt

Fr. Pat Amabile

9:30 AM Kenny/Davidson Family

Fr. Bob Scheckenback

11:00 AM Thomas C. Dowling

Fr. Pat Amabile

12:30 PM Rita Lyons

Fr. Ambrose Cabildo

6:00 PM People of the Parish, Rosario Scro, Veronica Calder,
Eva DeFranco, Carol Ferrigno, Audur S. Otto,
Celso Rossi, Lucina Guintu

Fr. Bob Scheckenback

Baptisms

Braden Tyler DiBenedetto

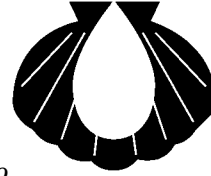
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Matthew and Sherry

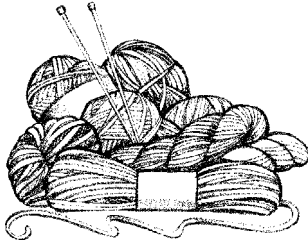
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Daniel and Lisa



SAGE

The SAGE Group (Senior Advocates for Growth and Enrichment) will meet on **Tuesday, March 15**, in the **Parish Center at 9 AM**.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

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

Join us ...

Wednesday, March 16 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.

Bereavement Ministry

Bereavement Support Group

You are invited to join our next Bereavement support group. This is a wonderful opportunity to be supported in a small discussion group with people who have also suffered a loss. We are a general group for all losses. The group will meet on Wednesday for 6 weeks starting **March 23, from 7:30 PM to 9:30 PM in the Spiritual Life Center**. To register and for more information please contact Diane Ackerly at 631.226.9373 or email dkkkk710@hotmail.com.

Special Thank You

The Bereavement Ministry would like to thank *Dustin Dente* for all the “behind the scenes” work he does. Dustin takes care of all our computer work and mailings. Thank you Dustin for all you do!

Oll 27th Annual Golf Classic

There's a slight hint of spring in the air, which means our golf outing will be here before you know it. Make sure to save the date, July 18. The outing will be held at the Southward Ho Country Club in Bay Shore. In last week's bulletin, hints were given as to who our honoree for this year's outing was...some, believe it or not, are still stumped, so I'll give you another clue. This gentleman has a mustache, and some say he resembles Burt Reynolds, Tom Selleck, Jerry Colonna, and Papa Hemingway.

Look for the answer in next week's bulletin.

Are You Ready for winter to end?

How about a “Spring Break” for adults?

Saturday, April 2

6:30 PM - 9:30 PM

Lily Flanagan's in Babylon

Grab someone special and a bunch of friends and come on out for a night of fun!

ALL adults are invited. \$45 per person includes full bar and hot food buffet. Great baskets and raffles - Grand prize raffle is a 2 Night Stay at the famous Carlyle Hotel in NYC! For tickets and more information, please call the school at 587.7200, option 2.

OLL Week-at-a-Glance

Week of	Church	Parish Center	Spiritual Life Center
Monday March 14	8 AM Mass after 8 AM Mass Miraculous Medal Novena 4 PM PEP 3 Class 7:30 PM Lenten Mission		8 PM Alcoholics Anonymous LH
Tuesday March 15	8 AM Mass 7:30 PM Lenten Mission		8 PM Alcoholics Anonymous LH 10 AM AIAnon LH
Wednesday March 16	8 AM Mass 7:30 PM Lenten Mission	9:30 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry	
Thursday March 17	8 AM Mass 1:30 PM Prayer for Divine Mercy 5 PM Youth Choir 7:30 PM Lenten Mission	8:30 AM Men's Prayer Group	6 PM RCIA
Friday March 18	8 AM Mass Noon Stations of the Cross 7 PM Stations of the Cross		
Saturday March 19	8 AM Mass 4-4:45 PM Confessions 5 PM Mass	7:30 PM St. Patrick/St. Joseph Dance	2 PM Alcoholics Anonymous LH 7 PM Alcoholics Anonymous LH
Sunday March 20	8 AM Mass 9:30 AM Mass-CLTW 11 AM Mass, 12:30 PM Mass 6 PM Mass Contemporary		11 AM RCIA 12:30 PM Parish Retreat

THE temptations OF JESUS

1st Sunday of Lent

Clerow Wilson, Jr. is a Golden Globe and two-time Emmy Award winning actor. He is also unknown to most Americans by that given name. As a comedian he was known as "Flip" Wilson. He was the first African-American to host his own weekly variety show on television and was considered by Time magazine to be television's first black superstar. When Wilson would perform as Geraldine Jones in one of his stage personas, audience members could bet that a final excuse-making phrase would be, "The devil made me do it!" In the character of Geraldine, Flip Wilson played off of the human predilection to give in to temptation.

With a history of over two thousand years of Christianity, the followers of Jesus today don't have many stumbling blocks to believing in him as God. Most Christians simply grow up with that understanding. It becomes a part of our common view of who Jesus is. In our day, it may be more difficult to thoroughly comprehend the other aspect of Jesus' nature: that he was fully and completely human, or as Eucharistic Prayer 4 states it, "he shared our human nature in all things but sin." If that is truly the case (and as Catholics, we believe that it is), then Jesus was subject to all of the temptations and opportunities for sin that we ourselves experience.

Sunday's Gospel about the temptations of Jesus often gets analyzed through an approach that looks for symbolic meaning in the three encounters between Jesus and the devil. That can be one way of examining at the story. But as we begin Lent, it might be good to take a more general view that simply presents Jesus as a man struggling against temptation. That is what we do each and every day. In that, he was just like us. He overcame temptation by understanding God's will for him. That sounds like a pretty good plan for our Lent as well.

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Readings for the Week of March 13, 2011

Sunday:	Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Rom 5:12-19 <i>or</i> 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11
Monday:	Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday:	Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday:	Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32
Thursday:	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7:7-12
Friday:	Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26
Saturday:	2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a <i>or</i> Lk 2:41-51a
Next Sunday:	Gn 12:1-4a/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

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 ...

Giovanni Andriola, Susan Aviza, Antoinette Baier, Viola Callanan, Edith Caputo, Nicole Cerny, Grace Ciccarello, Edward Cronin, Beverly DeCanio, Antonio DeLeon, Jeanne DellaRagione, Tony Drexler, Debbie Eichen, Jerry Fabozzi, Jake Feldman, Patricia Ferrara, Mike Gaffney, Winifred Hanrahan, Kathleen Kerrigan, Marty Kerrigan, Robyn Kerrigan, Baby Kiara Larson, Eric Lee, Ann Losee, Christopher J. Maher, Louise Malcuit, John McNevin, Vincent Meade, Jerry Mirabella, Frances Miranda, Julio Miranda, John Mordente, Rae Morris, Ruth Murray, Evelyn Nonnon, Philomena Owens, Karen Parpounas, Dorothy Proctor, Joe Radosti, Mary Rizzo, Patricia Sanchez, Dorothy Schiavone, AnnMarie Schiraldi, Baby Isabella Shaw, Derek Stahl, Lindsay Stahl, Patrick Tardo, Paul Trupia, Nancy Turano, Joe Yezek

Financial Summary

March 6, 2011

Weekly Collection	\$ 22,553.00
Weekly Budget	-\$ 19,000.00
+/- for the week	\$ 3,553.00

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:



Stephen Cochrane-*US Marines*
Bryan R. Dempsey-*US Marines*
Christopher Florca-*US Marines*
Cari Kelly- *US Air Force*
Anthony Mannino-*US Marines*
JD Montefusco-*US Marines*
Joshua Tyrrell-*US Army*

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

Outreach Donations

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.

Never too early to prepare for Spring!

Victorian Tea

Sunday, May 22

“The English Parlour Room”

Do polish your silver and air your linens. There will be no excuse deemed acceptable for those attending in less than their finest of Victorian fashion and lace. (Advance tickets are not yet on sale-but do mark your calendars as we have no tolerance for weeping if your request for tickets is denied!)



Parents Night Out!

A night out without the kids! What a great way to start your weekend!
OLL Senior/Cadette Girl Scout Troop 1082 is offering a night of babysitting!

Date: Friday, April 8th
Time: 6:00 – 9:30 pm
Place: OLL Parish Center
Cost: Free Will Offering
Who: 3 – 10 yr. olds (3-4 yr. olds must be pottytrained)

Proceeds from Parents Night Out will support Outreach~

Snacks will be provided by the Girl Scouts. All girls have been trained by North Shore LIJ Kidwatcher. There will be adult supervision. Space is limited-Please call Susan Hahn at 66.0736 to reserve a space.

The Imperative for Ecumenism

by Ron Rolheiser, OMI

Home is where we start from. T.S. Eliot wrote those words and they are true for all of us in terms of religion and our understanding of the particular denomination within which we were raised.

I was born and raised a Roman Catholic with deep roots. My parents had a strong faith and they made sure that faith and religious practice were central to every aspect of our lives. We went to mass whenever we could, daily when it was available, went to confession at least every two weeks, prayed the rosary daily in our home, recited the Angelus together at least twice a day, learned a good number of prayers, memorized the Catholic catechism, had a picture of the pope hanging in our house, and believed that Roman Catholicism, among all religions and Christian denominations was the sole true faith, the only fully valid religion. We didn't believe that others, Protestants and peoples of other religions, would not go to heaven, but we were not exactly sure how this would happen, given that we believed that they were not of the true faith. Because of this, we lived in a certain suspicion of other denominations and religions, secure in our own truth, but cautious always about intermingling religiously with others, fearing that somehow what we believed might be watered-down or contaminated by religious contact with non-Roman Catholics.

And that was, and is, a good place to start from. I am deeply grateful for having such strong, conservative, religious roots. But a lot of things have changed for me since I was a young, idealistic, Roman Catholic boy growing up in an immigrant community on the Canadian prairies. Early on in my seminary years, my professors, honest scholars (and mostly Roman Catholic priests), exposed me to some wonderful Anglican and Protestant biblical scholars and theologians whose insights and commitment deepened my understanding of Jesus and helped rivet me more firmly in my own religious life.

Later on in my seminary years, I was joined in the classroom by men and women from various Christian denominations, all of whom were studying for ministry and all of whom had a deep commitment to Christ. Friendship with them and respect for their faith did not lead me to leave Roman Catholicism and join another denomination, but it did begin to reshape my thinking about what constitutes true faith and true religion. It helped me, too, to realize that our commonality as Christians largely dwarfs our differences.

Since my ordination I have taught and ministered in

various countries and in various universities and seminaries. I have prayed with, shared faith with, lectured to, and become deep friends with men and women of every kind of denominational and religious persuasion: Anglicans, Episcopalians, Protestants, Evangelicals, Buddhists, Muslims, Hindus, and sincere humanistic searchers. I have been nurtured deeply in both my faith and my spirituality by Anglican and Protestant thinkers such as C.S. Lewis, Paul Tillich, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Jim Wallis, Jurgen Moltmann, and Alan Jones, among others. Today, alongside my Roman Catholic community, among those who help anchor my religious commitment, soul mates in the faith, there are a good number of Anglicans, Episcopalians, Protestants, Evangelicals, and persons from various other religions. Their faith and friendship has helped me internalize something that Virginia Woolf once said: Why are we so hard on each other, she asked, when life is so difficult for all of us and when, in the end, we value the same things? She was speaking about the lack of empathy between the sexes, but she could just as easily have been speaking about the lack of empathy between different denominations and different religions.

This is not to suggest that all religions are equal or that all denominations within Christianity are equal paths to God. There is nothing parochial or narrow in believing that one's own church is the right one or in believing that belonging to a certain church is more than a matter of historical accident or simple ecclesial taste. Deep loyalty to the truth as one perceives it is one mark of a genuine faith.

But this does suggest that we must be open to a new empathy towards those whose church is different than ours and to a wider understanding of what it means to belong to a particular denomination or religion. Sometimes we must repent too of our denominationalism.

Perhaps what this suggests most of all is that we must be open to a deeper understanding of the ineffability of God and the humility that asks of us. I'm still a committed Roman Catholic, but, like the Evangelist, John, I know now that Jesus has other sheep that are not of this fold. I'm glad for that, glad too for the words of the 14th century Persian poet, Hafiz:

Would you think it odd if Hafiz said, I am in love with every church, and mosque, and temple, and any kind of shrine because I know it is there that people say the different names of the one God?

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Good Samaritan Hospital Needs You!

Good Samaritan invites Eucharistic Ministers to bring Communion to patients in our hospital. The days of greatest need are Wednesdays and Sundays. The gift of your presence once a week or once a month would mean a great deal to our Catholic patients. If interested, please call 631.376.4103.

Since You Went Away

“A Gentle Touch for a Soldier’s Mom”

Anthony Kearns will sing for the newly formed benevolent organization-Since You Went Away” begun by eight young ladies whose goal is to reach out to the mothers of our troops. Make your plans to join a world famous Irish Tenor to celebrate St. Patrick’s Day weekend, and celebrate the mothers of our troops. Friday, March 18 at 7 PM, St. Joseph’s College, Patchogue. Ticket prices are \$30 - \$40. Please visit www.sinceyouwentaway.org to reserve your tickets or call 800.595.4TIX.

New Translation

A new translation of the prayers we use at Mass will begin on the First Sunday of Advent 2011. This new translation is for English speaking countries and you can preview the new prayers by visiting the website of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

www.usccb.org/romanmissal

You will be receiving more information about this in The Long Island Catholic, our diocesan website, and on our parish website. Stay tuned.

Volunteers needed for Annual HEC #27 Weekend

Handicapped Encounter Christ (HEC) is in need of volunteers for its annual retreat which will be held **Thursday, April 28 through Sunday, May 1 at Camp Alvernia in Centerport, NY.** HEC is a retreat weekend for persons 18 years and older with special needs. Each candidate has a team member with them throughout the weekend. It is a prayerful experience of song, talks, sharing, Eucharist and many other joyful moments.

There are many roles to be filled. We are in need of team members, kitchen help, setting up and taking down the camp, as well as drivers or our candidates.

If interested, or you have any questions, please call Deacon Frank & Michele Barone at 516.420.1207 or email at Mrbarone@verizon.net.

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.

Golden Wedding Anniversary

On Sunday, April 3, 2011, couples married 50 years or more are invited to a special Mass to be celebrated by Bishop William Murphy at **St. Lawrence the Martyr in Sayville at 2:30 PM.** Please pick up your registration card at the Parish Office, fill it out and return it to the Parish Office *no later than March 17.* Approximately one week before the ceremony, information regarding the day will be mailed to you. If you have any questions, you may call 516.678.5800, extension 583.

A Wee Bit O'Ireland

West Islip Symphony Orchestra presents "A Wee Bit o' Ireland" with conductor, Murray Kahn and on trombone, Darriel Flam at the **Beach Street Middle School, Sunday March 13 at 3PM.** Adults: \$10, Seniors: \$8: Students: Free.
661.8348 for more details.

Writings of St. Paul

This four week course develops four themes Fr. James McNamara identified while on sabbatical, studying the writings of St. Paul. -Paul's Personal Journey - Justification through Faith -Eschatology (The end times and eternal Life) -Church. Each evening will consist of a presentation followed by a question and answer segment. The course will be held, **Tuesdays, March 29, April 5, 12 and 19 at St. Joseph's Church, Babylon from 8 PM until 9:30 PM.** The course is offered free of charge, but you must RSVP to reserve your seat. Please contact Jane at 669.0068, extension 159 or email stewardship@stjosephsbabylon.org.

Religion & Rock

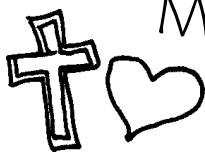
Tune into "Religion & Rock" with Msgr. Jim Vlaun on Sunday from 7 AM to 8 AM on WBAB 102.3 FM or 95.3 on the East End of Long Island. Listen on Saturdays at 11 PM on Sirius Radio, Channel 159, the Catholic Channel and at 11 PM on XM Satellite, Channel 117. Next Sunday's theme is "**Commitment.**" Don't 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 Channel 29/137 or Verizon FIOS 296 for the Best in Catholic Television!

Sharing the Gospel

After Jesus' baptism, Jesus went 40 days without eating. Imagine how weak, hungry, tired and cranky you could be if you went that long without eating. That was the moment the devil chose to try to trick Jesus into using God's power selfishly. But Jesus was still strong. Jesus had been praying those 40 days, getting ready to save you and the whole world from the devil's tricks. Jesus would never give in to his enemy.



Mission for the Week

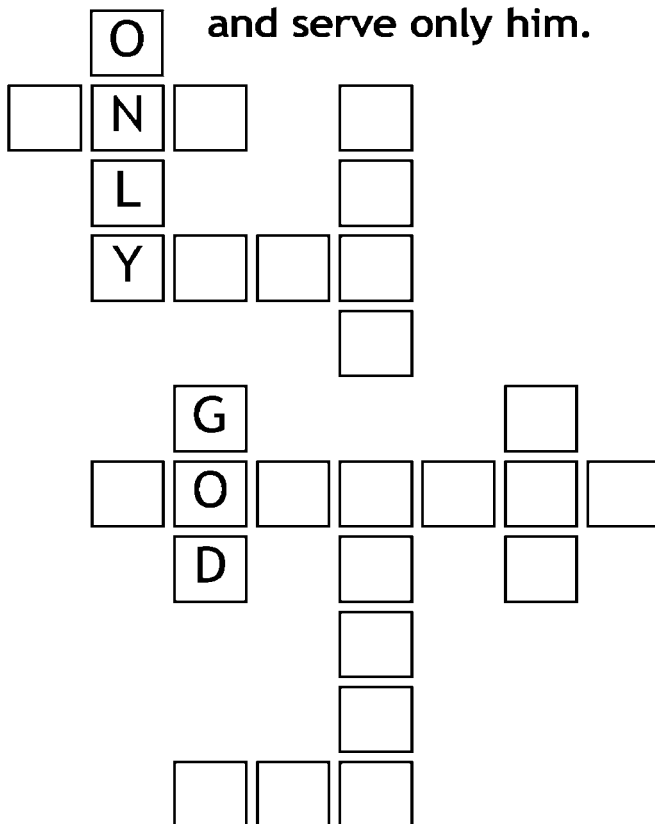


One really good way to fight the devil's tricks is to pray often. Pray in the morning, "at noon, and at night."

Puzzle

Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:

**Worship the Lord your God
and serve only him.**



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Prayer



Dear God,
thank you for
sending Jesus to
save me from the
devil's tricks.

Something to Draw



Draw a picture of
Jesus praying to
God