

*“Now
you are
light
in
the
Lord.”*



Ephesians 5:8

Fourth Sunday of Lent
April 3, 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

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 Scorgia

Ministry Spiritual Director

Sr. Betty Toohig

Senior Ministry-SAGE

Anthony Trombino

Business Manager

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Nilo DeLeon

Jerry Esposito

Trish Frodell

Rosalie Mangels

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John Muldoon

Bob Natale

Eileen Rega

Vita Scorgia

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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



Easter Mass - Sunrise Service

A beautiful Easter tradition at OLL is our Sunrise Mass at Captree State Park. Consider making this a new part of your Easter tradition.

Are you interested?

We are looking for people to help with planning and carrying out the Liturgy. The commitment is minimal but the reward is maximum! If you're interested, or you have any questions, please contact Allegra D'Alo at Allegra@ollchurch.org or call 661.3224 extension 135 or contact Father Mike at pastor@ollchurch.org.

The Passover of the Lord-Our History

Families of the parish are invited to join in a Passover type celebration on **Tuesday, April 12 at 7 PM in the Parish Center**. A Seder is a family celebration, all members of the family are welcome. Experience a deeper understanding of the Mass and Eucharist by sharing a Seder-like celebration. For more information, call Fr. Pat at 661.3224, option 1.



Reservations are necessary and helpful. This will enable us to have enough for all those attending. Please reserve your spot by calling the Religious Education Office at 661.5440, option 3 or email to religioused@ollchurch.org. Donation is a "Free-Will Offering."

Diocesan Day of Reconciliation

Monday, April 18

3 PM until 9 PM in the Church

Churches throughout the Diocese of Rockville Centre, including Our Lady of Lourdes, will be open between the hours of 3 PM and 9 PM for individual confessions.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a powerful way for our community to celebrate and pray for God's grace and healing. We also celebrate this Sacrament every Saturday from 4 - 4:45 PM in the Church and always by appointment with a priest.

Family Liturgies during Holy Week 2011



Thursday, April 21

Children's and Family Holy Thursday Service – 4 PM - Church

Friday, April 22

Children's Good Friday Service – 12 Noon - Church

Saturday, April 23

Easter Egg Hunt – 11:30 AM – Great Lawn

We love our children and families here at OLL and want you to be a part of our parish community!

Adult Faith Formation

Monday Mornings in Lent

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, April 5 • 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!



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.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION WEEK

FAITH + FAMILY + FUN

**OLL Parish Family and the
Diocese of Rockville Centre celebrate
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION WEEK
Sunday, April 3 – Sunday, April 10, 2011**

This week, we celebrate Religious Education Week at OLL!
Visit our church website at ollreled.org. There is a lot going on! Check us out!

During the week, we will celebrate each day with prayer, classes, speakers...

- Adult Faith Formation will have Sr. Nancy with “Lent is more than just giving up Chocolate.” Please join us on **Tuesday, April 5 at 7:30 PM in the Parish Center**. Lent is about...**COME FIND OUT!**

- We appreciate our Catechists and we honor them on **Wednesday, April 6 at 7:30 PM in the Parish Center**.

And then, Sunday, April 10,

AT THE “9:30” AM Mass...

+**FAITH**+... Please join us... at the 9:30 AM Mass
Receive a special blessing for all in Religious Education

+**FAMILY**+... *we belong to our Parish Family of Our Lady of Lourdes...*
that’s Grades 1/2/3/4 and their families

+**FUN**+... After 9:30 AM Mass... in the Cafeteria... Bagel Breakfast...
See Religious Ed in action on DVD... Listen to “our student speakers”
STAY... Come, be a part of Religious Education

AND AT “THE SIX”

+**FAITH**+... Please join us... at the 6 PM Mass
Receive a special blessing for all in Religious Education

+**FAMILY**+... *we belong to our Parish Family of Our Lady of Lourdes...*
that’s Grades 5/6/7/8/High School and their families

+**FUN**+... after 6 PM Mass... hang around for... Tostitos and Salsa...
Open Gym ... Basketball, volleyball... see Religious Ed in action on DVD
STAY... Come, be a part of Religious Education

Lent at OLL School

“To those who are given much, much is expected in return.....”

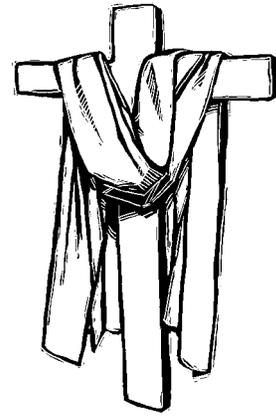
Lent is a special time when we can share the concepts of prayer and giving with our children. We take time each day to offer devotional prayers as a school community. As a school we consider how we might help others in need by giving of our time and resources and to become aware that there are others less fortunate than themselves. These are projects to encourage our students to think outside of themselves and to make a good will gesture to another person. Even our very young children understand and enjoy participating in the process.

At Our Lady of Lourdes School, our students are taught the good feelings and simplicity of ‘giving back’ on a daily basis but it is brought to the forefront during Lent. Children are naturally engaged by practical activity, and it allows them to explore the meaning of Lent for themselves. Our ideas are designed to connect our students to the subject of Lent, it’s fasting and giving of themselves, in a meaningful and symbolic way.

Each day before prayers, the Principal offers a Lenten Suggestion to the student body to follow for that day - give extra hugs today, set the dinner table without being asked, go to bed with no fuss, share a smile today, call your Nana when you get home, etc.

We explain the ritual of ‘fasting’ to our youngest as giving up something you like to tell Jesus that you like him better! To them giving up a toy may symbolize the ‘fasting’ ritual. To explain it simply to the preschoolers, we say they are doing a “Toy Time Out” each week. They pick one toy, give it to mom or dad and then at the end of the week, they get to talk about how difficult it may have been at school on Fridays.

See more happenings in next week’s bulletin...



Discovery Summer Camp

Sponsored by Our Lady of Lourdes

June 27 - August 5

9 AM - 5 PM

Monday -Friday

A full-time day camp program for students entering grades Pre-K - 7, beginning with an academic based morning and a fun-filled afternoon of sports. Choose from the four or six week program. Before/After Care and school provided lunch available for an additional fee. Registrations now being accepted. For further information, or to register, please contact Lisa Kennedy, director at 631.587.7200, extension 101 or email to lkennedy@ollschool.org.



Rosary Christian Mothers

The Rosary Christian Mothers meet on the first Monday evening of each month. The next meeting will be **Monday, April 4**. We will begin with **Rosary at 7:45 PM in the Spiritual Life Center** followed by **meeting at 8 PM, also in the Spiritual Life Center**.

Praise and Worship Adoration

Please come and join us on **Friday, April 8 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. Stations of the Cross will begin at 7 PM and Exposition begins afterwards. Volleyball, snacks and fellowship to follow Adoration.

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.

Daytime Eucharistic Devotion

The afternoon adoration for the month of April will be on **Wednesday, April 6 from 1-3 PM**. All are invited and welcome!



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, April 14, in the Parish Center**. We meet once a month to read and discuss the Scriptures for the following Sunday. Come with your ideas and suggestions. We'll gather for conversation and fellowship. Join us in this pioneering experience for men. Call Jack Fitzgerald at 587.5548 for more information.

Men's Prayer Group-Evening

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, April 19**. Come with your ideas. We'll read and discuss the Liturgy for the following Sunday Mass. For more information, call Bob Natale at 893.3041, Charles Zeiss at 669.7189 or Cliff Proctor at 669.3198.

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...

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...

Centering Prayer Group

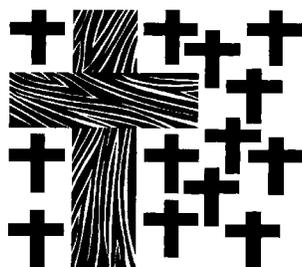
OLL Centering Prayer Group will be meeting in the **Spiritual Life Center on Thursday, April 7 at 7:30 PM**. If you have any questions, please contact Diane at 587.0966.

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...

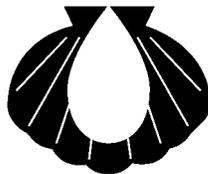
Living Stations of the Cross

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.

Welcome

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all newly registered members of our parish family...
Andrew Alvarex and Kathleen Loehler & family
Troy and Camille Newsom & family
Daniel and Lisa Rendina-O'Neill & family
...we are truly blessed by your presence among us!



Baptisms

Anderson Russell Brown
David and Deborah
Thomas Charles Campbell, Jr.
Thomas and Jennifer
Daniel Anthony Newsom
Troy and Camille
Emma Lorraine Trotta
John and Tara
Molly Virginia Trotta
John and Tara
Tanner Posanti
John and Gina
Angelina Marie Shirley Inez Goehringer
Gary and Felicia
Jackson Gerard Maqueda
Frank and Michele

Youth Ministry Retreat Here at OLL!

Open to all parishioners ages 13-18.

OLL Youth Ministry will be holding its first **Youth Ministry Retreat from April 8 - 9 here at OLL**. The overnight retreat will include spiritual exercises and group building activities for all of the students involved. Activities will begin at 7 PM on Friday night and will conclude on Saturday, April 9 at 2 PM. There is a \$10 registration fee for food. For more information message Allegra@ollchurch.org or call 661.3224 extension 135. Please register no later than April 7.

Name: _____

Emergency Contact: _____

Contact Number: _____

Remembering...

Monday, April 4

Saint Isidore, bishop and doctor of the Church

8:00 AM LaRocca & Sweeney Family

Tuesday, April 5

Saint Vincent Ferrer, priest

8:00 AM John Lovari

Wednesday, April 6

8:00 AM Marietta Greco

Thursday, April 7

Saint John Baptist de la Salle, priest

8:00 AM Anthony LaRocca

Friday, April 8

8:00 AM Valerie Moscarelli

Saturday, April 9

8:00 AM Paul Trupia, Robert Ruffino, Annie Warren,
Salvatore LoVerde, Gertrude Parine, June Hansen,
Frances & Peter Murray (*living*)

5:00 PM Anthony Cannizzaro

Sunday, April 10

8:00 AM John Tedaldi

9:30 AM Loreto & Ben Fantauzzi

11:00 AM Dec'd mbrs of Lynch Family

12:30 PM James Olsen

6:00 PM People of the Parish, Joseph & Frances Cannizzaro,
Lucille Johnson, Connie Giordani, Matthew Bucaro,
Eileen Gurecki, Mille McCarthy, William Beecham,
Mary Fleischer, Elizabeth Sullivan, Gaspare Licata



Rest In Peace

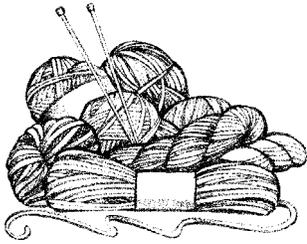
Judith A. Coyne died on March 20 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was March 23. We extend our prayers to her husband, Kevin, children, and entire family.

James Baney died on March 17 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was March 21 at St. Gerard Majella, Port Jefferson Station. We extend our prayers to his daughter, Kathleen Natale, children, grandchildren and entire family.

Celebrating Sacraments

Holy Name Society

The Holy Name Society meets on the second Sunday of each month. The next meeting will be on **Sunday, April 10**. We will begin with the **Rosary at 7:40 AM in the Church** and the **meeting will follow the 8 AM Mass at 9 AM in Room 16**.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

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

Join us ...

Wednesday, April 13 at 9:30 AM in the Parish Center.

All you need to bring is scrap yarn, knitting needles or crochet hooks (patterns and instructions will be given to you) and your gifts of love and prayer.

Our Lady of Lourdes 27th Annual Golf Classic Monday, July 18, 2011 Southward Ho Country Club Bay Shore

By now, you've probably all figured out, from our previous hints, our Honoree for this year's Golf Classic is none other than our own Father Mike Vetrano! For more information, please contact Golf Committee member Rich Maher at 661.5478 or Frank Antonawich at 587.7988.



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.



OLL Week-at-a-Glance

Week of	Church/APR	Parish Center/Rm 16	Spiritual Life Center/LH
Monday April 4	8 AM Mass after 8 AM Mass Miraculous Medal Novena	8 AM Mornings in Lent PC	8 PM Alcoholics Anonymous LH 8 PM Rosary Christian Mothers SLC
Tuesday April 5	8 AM Mass 7:30 PM Cantor Rehearsal	7:30 PM AFF-Lent is more... PC	6:30 PM Sr. Joy, OP-Sprittaul Dir. SLC 8 PM Alcoholics Anonymous LH
Wednesday April 6	8 AM Mass 1 PM Daytime Eucharistic Devotion 7:30 PM Tiaze Prayer Service		10 AM AIAnon LH 7:30 PM Bereavement Support Group SLC
Thursday April 7	8 AM Mass 1:30 PM Prayer for Divine Mercy 5 PM Youth Choir 7 PM Adult Choir	7 PM Youth Group Rm. 16 7:30 PM Fr. 7 Parent meeting PC	6 PM RCIA SLC 7:30 PM Centering Prayer SLC
Friday April 8	8 AM Mass Noon Stations of the Cross 7 PM Stations of the Cross 8 PM Praise & Worship Adoration	5:30 PM Babysitting Night PC 7 PM Youth Retreat 8 PM Good Samaritan Prayer Group	
Saturday April 9	8 AM Mass 4-4:45 PM Confessions 5 PM Mass		2 PM Alcoholics Anonymous LH 7 PM Alcoholics Anonymous LH
Sunday April 10	8 AM Mass 9:30 AM Mass- CLTW 11 AM Mass, 12:30 PM Mass 6 PM Mass Contemporary		11 AM RCIA SLC

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AND
spiritual
SIGHT**



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4th Sunday of Lent

The waiting area of any hospital emergency room is likely to be filled with people in need of moderate care. It is the most critical who are swept into cubicles and trauma rooms upon their arrival. Heavy bleeders as well as heart attack and stroke victims are seen right away. But those with less dramatic injuries or people presenting with seemingly more minor symptoms often end up waiting for the medical care they seek. Corralled in a waiting area and watching the ever-on wall-mounted television, many of the sick simply suffer and endure until their names are called and they are ushered in to be seen by the emergency room staff. For those who wait, there is no quick end to suffering, no "Go wash in the Pool of Siloam" and be made whole again. All they can do is wait, and beg for healing in the crowded emergency room.

The man who was blind from birth didn't expect to be healed. He was a beggar in the Temple and had probably resigned himself to that lot in life. After all, he was blind from birth. There wasn't any real prospect for a cure. But Jesus comes along and opens his eyes. Jesus doesn't just cure the man's blindness. Jesus gives sight to the man in the physical world, but also in the spiritual world. The man confesses Jesus as Lord while some of the Pharisees reject who Jesus is and so are portrayed as blind to the reality of his divinity.

Like the sick in the emergency room, we can wait for a long time before we come to the realization of who Jesus is in our own lives. Some people find him early in life, others only after a long wait. Those who will be baptized at Easter are seeking enlightenment by Christ, and the rest of us who are going through Lent are looking to cast darkness aside. Christ is here to heal us all.

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Readings for the Week of April 3, 2011

Sunday:	1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 <i>or</i> 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38
Monday:	Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday:	Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday:	Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30
Thursday:	Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47
Friday:	Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday:	Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53
Next Sunday:	Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 <i>or</i> 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Janet Loehr*.
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, Frank Artese, Susan Aviza, Viola Callanan, Edith Caputo, Nicole Cerny, Grace Ciccarello, Edward Cronin, Beverly DeCanio, Antonio DeLeon, Jeanne DellaRagione, Tony Drexler, Debbie Eichen, Jerry Fabozzi, Baby Reagan Farrell, Jake Feldman, Patricia Ferrara, Mike Gaffney, Kenneth Garretson, Baby Gavin Gradiska, Peter Joseph, Sr., Kathleen Kerrigan, Marty Kerrigan, Robyn Kerrigan, Baby Kiara Larson, Eric Lee, Ann Losee, Christopher J. Maher, Louise Malcuit, Vincenza Massaro, John McNevin, Vincent Meade, Frances Miranda, Julio Miranda, John Mordente, Rae Morris, Ruth Murray, Evelyn Nonnon, Philomena Owens, Karen Parpounas, Joe Radosti, Patricia Sanchez, Dorothy Schiavone, AnnMarie Schiraldi, Baby Isabella Shaw, Derek Stahl, Lindsay Stahl, Patrick Tardo, Nancy Turano, Patricia Wilkinson, Pat Wallace, Joe Yezek

Financial Summary

March 27, 2011

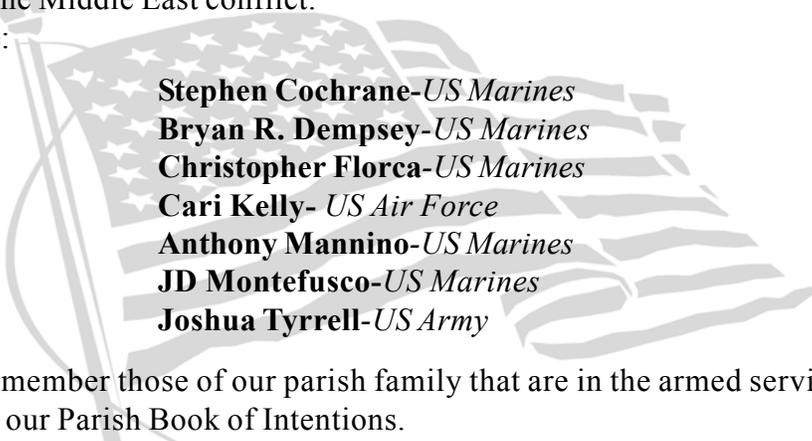
Weekly Collection	\$ 17,968.00
Weekly Budget	-\$ 19,000.00
+/- for the week	\$ (1,032.00)

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.

Easter Flower Offering

As the Easter season approaches, we invite you to join in our Easter Flower Offerings- you can have your loved one remembered and the name of your loved one will be listed in our Easter Sunday bulletin.

Please PRINT the name of your loved one to be remembered on the Easter Flower Offering envelope and enclose it with your donation. Envelopes can be returned to the Parish Office or they may be returned in the collection basket.

The deadline for Easter Flower Offerings, so that they appear in the Easter bulletin, is April 10. Flower offerings received after this date will appear in a subsequent bulletin.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

“Renewing Our Spiritual Home”

WE WORK AS THE HANDS OF JESUS CHRIST

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\$377,245 and Heading Toward Halfway!

Thank you to the following parishioners who have made their pledge of sacrifice to our Capital Campaign. Our campaign is off to a great start; however we can only meet our goal through the participation of the entire parish.

Over the course of the next few months you will be hearing more about our capital campaign. **This listing is updated as of Monday, March 28 in the morning.** Should there be any discrepancies or questions about this listing please contact the campaign office at 661-3224.

<i>Anonymous</i>	<i>John and Elisabeth Dolan</i>	<i>Deacon Jack and Celeste Meehan</i>
<i>Anonymous</i>	<i>John and Carol Fitzgerald</i>	<i>Robert Meditz</i>
<i>Philip and Concetta Ambrosino</i>	<i>Vincent and Patricia Fiust</i>	<i>Pascal and Carmela Messina</i>
<i>Francis and Lynn Marie Antonawich</i>	<i>Richard and Margaret Flynn</i>	<i>Paul and Diane Munch</i>
<i>Frank and Olympia Aparo</i>	<i>Aloisia Foote</i>	<i>John and Maria Ninivaggi</i>
<i>Charles Argento</i>	<i>John Gilmartin</i>	<i>Deborah and Edward Nikl</i>
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The Resurrection of Jesus and Physical Creation *by Ron Rolheiser, OMI*

Pierre Teilhard de Chardin was once asked by a critic why he so often mentioned atoms and molecules when he talked about Jesus. His answer: I am trying to formulate a Christology that is large enough to incorporate the full Christ because Christ is not just an anthropological event but a cosmic phenomenon as well.

What does he mean by this? Essentially that Christ came into the world not just to save human beings and reshape human history, but to save and reshape the earth as well.

Christ came to save the world, not just the people living in it. We see the deep proof of this in the resurrection. Jesus was raised from death to life. A dead body was resurrected and that, clearly, has a dimension that goes beyond the mere psychological and spiritual. There is something radically physical in the resurrection. Simply put, when a dead body is raised to new life the physical structure of the universe is being altered, atoms and molecules are being rearranged. Thus, Jesus' resurrection is about more than simply new hope being born inside of human consciousness. It is also about a change in our planet.

Granted, the resurrection is about human hope. Without belief in the resurrection there is no horizon and no promise beyond the asphyxiating confines of this life. The resurrection opens us to possibilities beyond this life. It gives us a meta-future. But it gives a meta-future to the world, our planet, as well. Christ came to save the earth, not just those of us who live on it, and his resurrection is also about the future of this planet.

The earth too needs saving. How? From what? For what?

If we take scripture seriously, we see that the earth is not just a stage upon which human beings get to work and play, something that has value only in relationship to us. Like humanity, it too is God's work of art, God's child. Indeed it is the matrix, the mother, the womb, from which we all spring. Ultimately we, human persons, are only that part of God's creation that has become self-conscious and we do not stand apart from the earth and it does not exist simply for our benefit, like a stage for the actor, to be abandoned once the play is over. Physical creation has value in itself, independent of us.

Scripture challenges us to recognize this, and not

just so that we can insure ourselves a continued supply of air, water, and food by better save-guarding the integrity of creation. Scripture asks us to recognize the intrinsic value of the earth itself. It has value in itself, apart from us, and it is destined to share eternity with us. It too will go to heaven.

Moreover, like us, it is also time-bound, mortal, subject to decay, dying. Outside of an intervention from the outside it has no future. Science clearly teaches this. The laws of entropy tell us that universe is running down, the sun is burning out, all energy is finite. The earth's days are numbered, counted. It will take millions of years, but finitude is finitude. There will be an end to the earth as we know it. Like us, it too will die. Outside of something being offered to it from the outside, it has no ultimate future.

This is what St. Paul refers in the Epistle to the Romans when he tells us that creation, the physical cosmos, is subject to futility and, like humanity itself, is groaning and longing to be set free from its bondage to decay so as to enjoy the glorious liberty of the children of God. The Epistle to the Romans assures us that earth, our planet, will enjoy the same future as we will. In the resurrection it too is given a new possibility, transformation and an eternal future.

But what will this look like? How will the earth be redeemed? It will be redeemed in just the same way that we are, through the resurrection of Jesus. The resurrection brought into our world a new power, a new arrangement of things, a new hope, and something so radically novel that it can only be compared to what happened at the initial creation when our universe first started. At the dawn of creation the atoms and molecules of this universe were made out of nothing, *ex nihilo*, nature took shape, and its reality and physical laws held sway from then on - until the resurrection of Jesus. Something new happened then, radically new, and that event (which in its core contained a radically physical component) touched every aspect of the universe, from the soul and psyche inside of every man and woman to the inner make-up inside of every atom and molecule.

In the resurrection of Jesus the very atoms of the universe were rearranged. The laws of physics were somehow stunningly altered and because of that our planet now too has the possibility of eternal life.

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Outreach Donations

If you would like to make a donation to Parish Outreach in memory of a loved one, please call Mary McMahan, Director of Parish Social Ministry at 661.3224, option 4.

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 8
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 631.667.0736 to reserve a space.

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.

The Beatitudes and Nonviolence

Father John Dear, S.J., internationally known author, speaker and Nobel Peace Prize nominee, will give a talk about **“The Beatitudes and Nonviolence”** on **Thursday, April 7 at 7:30 PM in the McGann Conference Room of St. Joseph’s College, Patchogue.** Free and open to the public, no response required. For further information, please call Professor Paul Finnetty at 631.687.2681.

Sisterhood of the Traveling Hope

Come to our Spring event with Sister Pat Duffy, OP on **Sunday, April 10 at The Inn at East Wind, Wading River at 1 PM.** Join us to celebrate the *“Sisterhood of the Traveling Hope.”* This special gathering is for all women to refresh and renew their souls after this harsh winter. For cost and further information, please call Sr. Pat at 631.395.1271.

Pasta Night/Concert

Our Lady of Grace Columbiettes are sponsoring a **Pasta Night/Concert on Friday, April 8 from 6:30 until 8 PM in the Father Shanahan Hall, Our Lady of Grace, West Babylon.** \$12 includes pasta dinner, wine, soda, dessert, coffee and cake. Concert to follow at 8 PM under the direction of Choir Director, Terrence Purcell. For further information or ticket information, please call Jerry at 631.669.8322 or Gloria at 631.226.6321.

The Bishop McDonnell High School Reunion

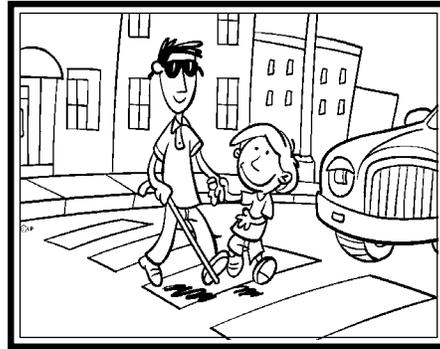
The Bishop McDonnell High School Reunion will be held on **Saturday, April 16, from noon to 6PM at the former Bishop McDonnell bldg, 260 Eastern Parkway in Bklyn.** Classes ending in 1 and 6 will be honored. Grads from the 30s and 40s classes always welcome. For specific info. please contact Rita Monaghan-Maloney’59 at 718-857-2700 ext 2253 or rmaloney@blmhs.org

Religion & Rock

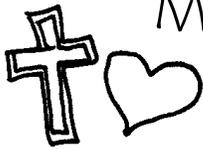
Tune into “Religion & Rock” with Msgr. Jim Vlaun on Sunday from 7 AM to 8 AM on WBAB 102.3 FM or 95.3 on the East End of Long Island. Listen on Saturdays at 11 PM on Sirius Radio, Channel 159, the Catholic Channel and at 11 PM on XM Satellite, Channel 117. Next Sunday’s theme is **“New Life.”** Don’t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

Sharing the Gospel

When Jesus saw the blind man, he did not just walk by. Jesus stopped. He knew he could help the man, and honor God at the same time. Showing all of God's love and power, Jesus healed the blind man's eyes. For the first time in his life, the man could see Jesus and believe in him.



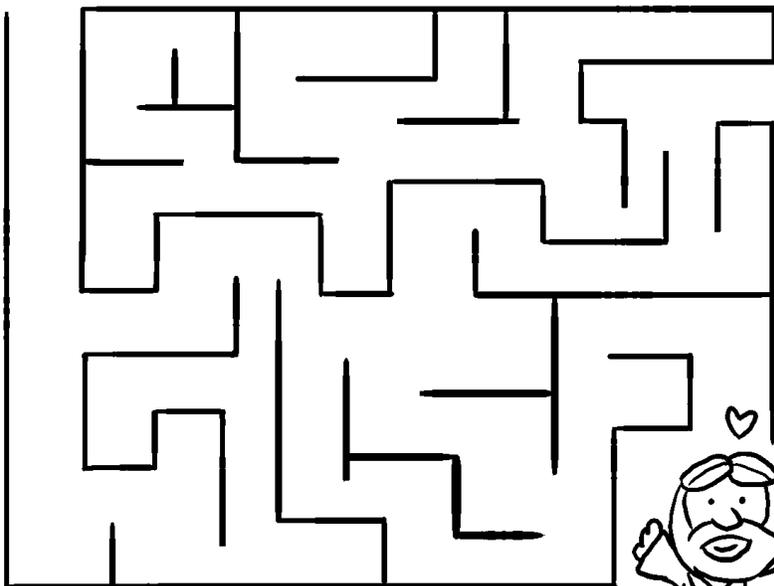
Mission for the Week



Draw a cross and put it in a place where you can see it and think of Jesus every day.

Puzzle

Help me to find God!



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Prayer



Jesus,
thank you for
helping the blind
man believe in you.

Something to Draw



With your eyes
closed, try to draw
a picture of Jesus.