



*“Whoever
is made
to suffer
as a
Christian
should
not be
ashamed
but
glorify
God.”*

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Our Lady of Lourdes • June 5, 2011



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.

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
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Mission Statement

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

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

Louise Jane Krol

School Principal

Sr. Diane Liona

Director of Religious Education

Mary McMahan

Director of Parish Social Ministry

Robin Reynolds-Brennan

Director of Music and Worship

Vita Scorcia

Ministry Spiritual Director

Sr. Betty Toohig

Senior Ministry-SAGE

Anthony Trombino

Business Manager

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John Muldoon

Bob Natale

Eileen Rega

Vita Scorcia

Fr. Mike Vetrano

Parish Staff

Jennifer Gallagher

Women's Chorale Director

Mary Anne Lettieri

Parish Office

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@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

Our Lady of Lourdes 27th Annual Golf Classic Golf Journal

The Our Lady of Lourdes 27th Annual Golf Classic, honoring Fr. Mike Vetrano, has many wonderful opportunities for men and women golfers. We would love to have many golfers for that day to come and join us for a day of fun, and to honor Fr. Mike for all he has done for our Parish.

This year's golf journal will have a special section added. We are offering a section where you can write a one line personal message for Father Mike. The cost will be \$25.

Father Mike has served this Parish for over eleven years; let's show him our heartfelt thanks for his dedication and commitment to our Parish. It's a small way to thank him for continuing to make Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, a parish where "All are Welcome."

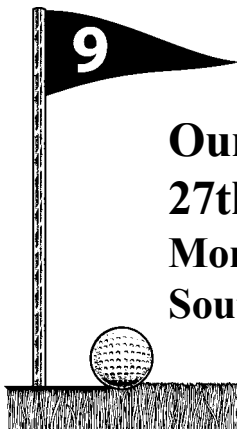
Please fill out the form below and include your check for \$25 made to Our Lady of Lourdes. The form and check can be dropped off at the Parish Office marked c/o Frank Antonawich, Journal Editor. If you prefer, you can mail it to: Our Lady of Lourdes Golf Outing, 455 Hunter Avenue, West Islip, NY 11795 Attn: Frank Antonawich.



Our Lady of Lourdes 27th Annual Golf Classic Journal – Personal Message

Name _____ Phone # _____

Message _____



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

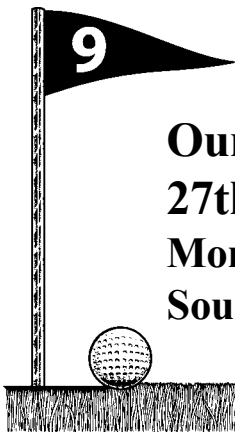
Registration Form

Golfing Package = \$275
includes green fees, golf cart,
driving range, lunch and dinner

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____



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This year we will be honoring



Fr. Mike Vetrano, Pastor



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driving range, lunch and dinner

*If you would like to
join us for dinner
only, \$95 per person.*

Outing includes raffles, auction,
contests-longest drive,
most accurate, closest to pin.

*Registration and BBQ is at
11 AM with a 12:30 PM
shot gun tee off. Cocktail
hour is 5:30 - 6:30 PM with
dinner at 6:30 PM.*

Journal Ads:

- Full page \$100
- Half page \$ 75
- Quarter page \$ 50
- Personal Message \$ 25
(one line)

Sponsorships:

- Dinner \$1,500
- Lunch \$ 750
- Driving Range \$ 500
- Individual Hole \$ 100



*For more information please contact Golf Committee member
Rich at 661.5478 or Frank at 587.7988..
All proceeds will benefit Our Lady of Lourdes.*



Mother's Day / Father's Day Mass *for parents who have lost a child*

Saturday, June 11

10:30 AM

Mother's Day and Father's Day can be difficult times for parents who have lost a child. Whether you have lost a child in childhood or adulthood, to stillbirth or miscarriage, this Mass will be celebrated to bring you God's peace and consolation.

We would like to invite any parent who has lost a child to a special Mass on **Saturday, June 11 at 10:30 AM.**

Mass will be followed by hospitality in our Parish Center. Please feel free to invite family or friends with you. For more information, or to let us know you will be able to attend, please call the Parish Office at 661.3224, option 1.



Fr. Mike and Bishop Murphy with John on ordination day.

Looking Forward to Priesthood ***Save the Date!***

On May 21, 2011, John Sureau was ordained to the diaconate - an important step on the journey to priesthood.

John will be ordained a priest on December 3, 2011. So save that date! We will all be there.

He will be here with us serving at weekend masses until the end of June when his deacon assignment at St. Anne's in Garden City begins.

Please continue to pray for John on his journey and also for the other men on the journey to priesthood and diaconate, especially David Atanasio, who is in his second year at Immaculate Conception Seminary.

OLL Roundup!

OLL Vacation Bible Camp '11

July 25-29

9 AM - 12:30 PM daily

Camp Registration Form

*Return to OLL Parish Office or school-
along with fees (\$75 per child) before July 1.*

Please make checks payable to Our Lady of Lourdes Church.



We'll journey on an exciting journey of faith and fun as we learn about God, hear stories from the Bible, share cool science activities, and make crafts. And of course, we'll end our camp each day with our famous OLL camp sing-along!

Please list below the names and present grade levels of the children in your family who will attend camp. Camp is for Nursery (age 4) through Grade 5. *Students entering grade 6 and up are volunteer counselors and assistants. There will be a \$10 fee for counselors to cover the cost of a t-shirt and snacks.*

Child's First & Last Name

Grade Level in Sept. '11

Full Names of Parents/Guardians: _____

Family Address (Street, Town, Zip): _____

Email: _____

Phone #: _____

Cell and/or Business Phone(s): _____

Name of Emergency Contact and Phone #:

Please indicate any health problems, food allergies, or special situations that it might be helpful for the camp staff to know about your child.

You will receive a letter with your child's group name and all important information around July 15th. We need adult and teen volunteers! If anyone in your family (teens and/or adults) would be willing to help out at the camp, please list their names and ages on the back of this sheet. We will hold meetings for all volunteers in mid-July.

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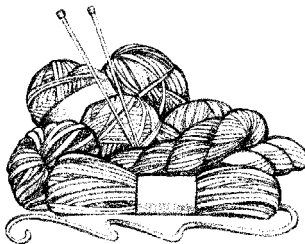


Daytime Eucharistic Devotion

The afternoon adoration for the month of July will be on **Wednesday, June 8 from 1- 3 PM.**
All are invited and welcome!

Holy Name Society

The Holy Name Society meets on the second Sunday of each month. The next meeting will be on **Sunday, June 12.** 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, June 8 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.

Centering Prayer Group

OLL Centering Prayer Group will be meeting in the **Spiritual Life Center** on **Thursday, June 16 at 7:30 PM.** If you have any questions, please contact Diane at 587.0966.



Religious Retirement Fund

This weekend, **June 4/5**, we will have our special annual collection for the **Sisters and Brothers of the Religious Communities** who serve us throughout the **Dioceses of Rockville Centre and Brooklyn**. Many of us have had our lives touched by caring Religious. They have taught us in schools and given quality health care to many of us in hospitals and nursing homes.

Religious Sisters and Brothers who have been involved in education, health care and social ministry in the Diocese of Rockville Centre need our help. The stipends being earned by young members of Religious Communities are no longer enough to support the needs of the elderly members of their Communities. The number of elderly Religious in assisted living or nursing facilities continues to rise and health care costs are rising too.

For this reason, the Diocese of Rockville Centre, for the past twenty-four years has committed to return to our Religious Communities a portion of our gifts of treasure, in appreciation for the many years of service to the people of our Diocese of these dedicated servants of Our Lord.

Please come prepared to assist the elderly Religious with a once-a-year gift, as generous as your means will allow. These gifts will be distributed among the twenty-nine communities who serve our Diocese. Your gift may be placed in the mail or dropped in the collection basket on the weekend of June 4/5. On behalf of the Religious who serve in our parishes and hospitals, thank you for your generosity.



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, June 16, 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-PM

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, June 21**. 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.

Rosary Christian Mothers

The Rosary Christian Mothers meet on the first Monday evening of each month.

The next meeting will be **Monday, June 6**. We will begin with **Mass and Reception of New Members at 7 PM in the Church** followed by **covered dish reception at 8 PM in the Parish Center**.

Please remember to bring a recipe card for us to share.



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.

Registration now being accepted. For further information, or to register, please contact Lisa Kennedy, director at 631.587.7200, extension 101 or email to lkennedy@ollschoo.org.

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.

OLL Week-at-a-Glance

	Church/APR	Parish Center/Rm 16	Spiritual Life Center/LH
Monday June 6	8 AM Mass after 8 AM Mass Miraculous Medal Novena 7 PM RCM Installation	8 PM RCM Reception	8PM Alcoholics Anonymous LH
Tuesday June 7	8 AM Mass 7:30 PM Cantor Rehearsal		8PM Alcoholics Anonymous LH
Wednesday June 8	8 AM Mass 1 PM Daytime Eucharistic Devotion 7 PM PEP 1 Closing Celebration	9:30 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry PC	10 AM AIAnon LH 7:30 PM Coffee & Conversaton SLC
Thursday June 9	8 AM Mass 1:30 PM Prayer for Divine Mercy 5 PM Youth Choir 7 PM Combined Choir	7 PM Youth Group Rm. 16	6 PM RCIA SLC 7:30 PM Evangelization mtg. SLC
Friday June 10	8 AM Mass 7:30 PM Hang Out Nite-Gr. 6/7/8 APR	7:30 PM Hang Out Nite-Gr. 6/7/8 PC	
Saturday June 11	8 AM Mass 10:30 AM Mother/Father Mass 4-4:45 PM Confessions 5 PM Mass		2 PM Alcoholics Anonymous LH 7 PM Alcoholics Anonymous LH
Sunday June 12	8 AM Mass 9:30 AM Mass- CLTW 11 AM Mass, 12:30 PM Mass 6 PM Mass	6:45 PM Pre-Cana Closing	

Upcoming Marriages

Erin McEnroe, Cathedral of St. Peter & Paul,

Philadelphia, PA and

Bryan Cole, OLL

Samantha Mulholland, OLL and

Matthew Barnes, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Lindenhurst



Rest In Peace

Dominick Chironno died on May 22 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was May 26. We extend our prayers to his brother, John, niece Liz Gorasi, and entire family.

Patricia M. Volk died on May 22 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was May 27. We extend our prayers to her husband, Donald, children, grandchildren, and entire family.

Welcome

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

Dennis and Helen Palmer & family

William and Eileen Clifford & family

Lev Beylin

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

Rosary/Novena

Rosary:

Daily after 8 AM Mass

Miraculous Medal Novena:

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Remembering...

Monday, June 6

Saint Norbert, bishop

8:00 AM LaRocca & Sweeney Family

Tuesday, June 7

8:00 AM Catherine M. Peterson

Wednesday, June 8

8:00 AM John Lovari

Thursday, June 9

Saint Ephrem, deacon and doctor of the Church

8:00 AM Camela & Fortunato Prudente

Friday, June 10

8:00 AM Joseph & Lucy Zaccaria

Saturday, June 11

8:00 AM Brigitte Ketelsen-Ryan, Nancy Maher,
Frank Isola, Ramy Jacilolo,
Gregory Corwin, Kevin Connelly

5:00 PM Henry Gau

Sunday, June 12

8:00 AM Mariano & Rosa Bencivinni

9:30 AM Consuelo Ball

11:00 AM Burns Family

12:30 PM Carmella Parasole

6:00 PM People of the Parish, Dorothy Simmons, Salvatore Fiore,
Fred Muller, Brigitte Ketelsen-Ryan, Georgianna Kearns,
Carol Cardoza, Marie Attisani, Salvatore Graziano



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7th Sunday of Easter

There are people in this world who do some serious waiting. I'm not talking about the time some of us spend in a doctor's office or the checkout line. Those are brief moments. And even those who line up for several nights to buy opening game tickets or concert tickets can't count their camping out in front of the box office as serious waiting. The people who do serious waiting are those like the spouses of soldiers who have been deployed overseas who spend their days wondering if their loved one will come home. It is the parents who are watching an illness slowly debilitate their child, even as they wait in hope for some possible cure. It is the woman who is pregnant, anxiously waiting nine months while her child grows within her.

This Sunday is one of waiting. The risen Lord has ascended to heaven and the disciples are on their own. They are huddled in the upper room wondering what will happen. The Gospel that the church gives us in these days between Ascension and Pentecost is the prayer of Jesus at the Last Supper as found in the Gospel of John. In this prayer Jesus acknowledges that he has entrusted the message of eternal life to his followers. And he prays for all those who have accepted his word.

Liturgically, we wait for the celebration of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. But in reality, the Spirit is already given to each of us who have been baptized and who believe in the name of Jesus. Even though this Sunday is like a pause between two great feasts, the wait is already over for us. The Holy Spirit dwells in our hearts. We can't wait huddled in some upper room. We who are in the world are called to take the word of Christ into the world today.

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Readings for the Week of June 5, 2011

Sunday:	Acts 1:1-11/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20
Monday:	Acts 19:1-8/Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday:	Acts 20:17-27/Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday:	Acts 20:28-38/Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday:	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Jn 17:20-26
Friday:	Acts 25:13b-21/Jn 21:15-19
Saturday:	<i>Morning:</i> Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3/Jn 21:20-25
Next Sunday:	<i>Vigil:</i> Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b <i>or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39</i> <i>Day:</i> Acts 2:1-11/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23

Pantry Needs

The Pantry is empty!

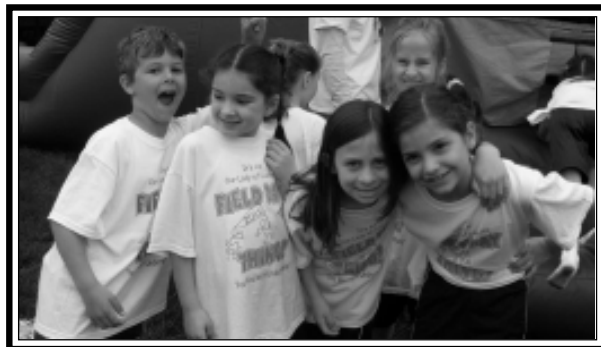
We are in desperate need of food! It would be greatly appreciated if you could pick up any item(s) listed, while you are doing your regular shopping, to help restock the shelves of our pantry.

cereal
instant potatoes
instant rice
juice boxes
paper towels
personal soap
toilet paper

Donations to Outreach-May 2011

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

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



Field Day Fun

On Monday, May 23rd, the students, staff, and parent volunteers at Our Lady of Lourdes School celebrated its annual Field Day with lots of good sportsmanship, fun, games and DJ dance music!

Students gave their individual best in each competition, but also banded together in their efforts against the opposing team. Everyone enjoyed the day of fanfare and all the students were WINNERS!

Financial Summary

May 29, 2011

Weekly Collection	\$ 16,055.00
Weekly Budget	-\$ 19,000.00
+/- for the week	\$ (2,945.00)

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.

Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Elizabeth Netska*.
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 ...

*Cameo Borruso, Edith Caputo, Linda Carney, Nicole Cerny, Edward Cronin,
Baby Reagan Farrell, Jake Feldman, Kathleen Ferrara, Patricia Ferrara,
Marguerite Filippone, Ann Finn, Elizabeth Fredriksen, Kenneth Garretson,
Baby Gavin Gradiska, Winifred Hanrahan, Peter Joseph, Kathleen Kerrigan,
Marty Kerrigan, Robyn Kerrigan, Eric Lee, Ann Losee, Christopher J. Maher,
Louise Malcuit, Marge Marotta, Tony Marotta, Rosa Mastrorocco, Peter McCarthy,
Vincent McGuire, John McNevin, Vincent Meade, Peter Mirabella, Frances Miranda,
Julio Miranda, Rae Morris, Philomena Owens, Karen Parpounas, Joanne Popper,
Joe Radosti, Charles Rainone, Patricia Sanchez, Teresa Saraceno,
Ann Marie Schiraldi, Baby Isabella Shaw, Derek Stahl, Lindsay Stahl,
Daniel Taranto, Patricia Wilkinson, Joseph Yezek*

Touching our Loved Ones inside the Body of Christ *by Ron Rolheiser, OMI*

Twenty-eight years ago, when I first began writing this column, I wrote a piece that I entitled *Binding and Loosing inside the Body of Christ*. Among all the things I've ever written, I have probably received the most feedback on this.

What is the concept? How can we bind and loose each other inside the Body of Christ? Here are the essential lines:

Imagine you are a parent who has a child who no longer goes to church, no longer prays, no longer observes the church's moral commandments, no longer respects your faith, and is perhaps even openly agnostic or atheistic. What can you do?

You can continue to pray for them and you can live out your own faith convictions, hoping that the example of your life will have power where your words are ineffectual. You can do that, but you can do more:

You can continue to love and forgive them and insofar as they receive that love and forgiveness they are receiving love and forgiveness from God. Your touch is God's touch. Since you are part of the Body of Christ, when you touch them Christ is touching them. When you love them Christ is loving them. When you forgive them Christ is forgiving them because your touch is the church's touch.

Part of the wonder of the incarnation is the astonishing fact that we can do for each other what Jesus did for us. Jesus gives us that power: Whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ... Whose sins you forgive they are forgiven.

If you are part of the Body of Christ, when you forgive someone, he or she is forgiven. If you love someone, he or she is being loved by Christ because the Body of Christ is not just the body of Jesus but is also the body of believers. To be touched, loved, and forgiven by a member of the body of believers is to be touched, loved, and forgiven by Christ. Hell is possible only when someone has put himself completely out of the range of love and forgiveness so as to render himself incapable of being loved and forgiven. And this is not so much a question of rejecting explicit religious or moral teaching as it is of rejecting love as it is offered among the community of the sincere. Put more simply:

If someone whom you love strays from the church in terms of faith practice and morality, as long as you continue to love that person and hold him or her in love and forgiveness, he or she is touching the "hem of Christ's garment", is being held to the Body of Christ, and is being forgiven by God, irrespective of his or her official external relationship to the church. How?

They are touching the Body of Christ because your touch is Christ's touch. When you touch someone, unless that person actively rejects your love and forgiveness, he or she is relating to the Body of Christ. And this is true even beyond death: If someone close to you dies in a state which, externally at least, has him or her at odds with the visible church, your love and forgiveness will continue to bind that person to the Body of Christ and will continue to offer forgiveness to that individual, even after death.

G.K. Chesterton once expressed this in a parable: "A man who was entirely careless of spiritual affairs died and went to hell. And he was much missed on earth by his old friends. His business agent went down to the gates of hell to see if there was any chance of bringing him back. But though he pleaded for the gates to be opened, the iron bars never yielded. His priest also went and argued: 'He was not really a bad fellow; given time he would have matured. Let him out, please!' The gate remained stubbornly shut against all their voices. Finally his mother came; she did not beg for his release. Quietly, and with a strange catch in her voice, she said to Satan: 'Let me in.' Immediately the great doors swung open upon their hinges. For love goes down through the gates of hell and there redeems the dead."

In the incarnation, God takes on human flesh: in Jesus, in the Eucharist, and in all who are sincere in faith. The incredible power and mercy that came into our world in Jesus is still with us, at least if we choose to activate it. We are the Body of Christ. What Jesus did for us, we can do for each other. Our love and forgiveness are the cords that connect our loved ones to God, to salvation, and to the community of saints, even when they are no longer walking the path of explicit faith.

Too good to be true? Yes, surely. But how else to describe the mystery of the incarnation!

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

The British Invasion

The Babylon Chorale presents “**The British Invasion**” on **Saturday, June 11 at 8 PM at Our Lady of Grace Church, West Babylon**. Come and enjoy a medley of Beatle songs, along with tunes from Camelot, Oliver, Phantom of the Opera and more. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$17 for Seniors and students. For more information, please call 516.799.4974 or 631.650.7413.

Thrift Shop Tag Sale

St. Joseph Parish, Babylon is having its first annual **Thrift Shop Tag Sale on Saturday, June 11 from 9 AM until 3 PM in the Gym (39 N. Carll Avenue, Babylon)** Look for great bargains on jeans, giftware, dishware, holiday items, children’s clothing and more! For more information or to volunteer your time to make the sale a success, please call Kathy at 631.669.4544. All sales benefit St. Joseph’s Parish Outreach.

Ignatian Volunteers

Your Most Important Work May Begin After You Retire with Ignatian Volunteers

Please join us to learn more about volunteer service in the Jesuit tradition on Long Island with local nonprofits that serve the economically poor and marginalized. We invite applications for the Fall 2011 and Winter 2012. Upcoming information sessions on **Wednesday, June 8 from 11 AM-11:45 AM at St. Ignatius Retreat House, 251 Searingtown Rd, Manhasset**. Please RSVP or call for more information: Liz McMahon at 201.618.6924 or emcmahon@ivcusa.org and check out our program at www.ivcusa.org.

Healing Weekend Retreat

Do you know someone who is hurting from an abortion, or are you? The Life Center of Long Island invites you to attend a **Healing Weekend Retreat** on Friday evening until Sunday afternoon. There will be several dates offered in 2011. **Our English Healing Retreat will be on June 17-19**. For more information contact Deacon Frank Gariboldi at 516.523.0586 or email fgariboldi@optonline.net. All communication is strictly confidential.

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.

2nd Annual 4k run and 2k walk/fun run

Please join Sts. Philip and James Parish as we observe the 10th Anniversary of 9/11/01. Our **2nd Annual 4k run and 2k walk/fun run will be held on June 11, 2011, at Flowerfield Fairgrounds in St. James.** Half of the proceeds raised at this event will benefit the **9-1-1 Veterans** organization.

Please visit our website www.sspj4k.com for a registration and sponsor form. Also, visit www.9-1-1veterans.com for information about their organization. Any questions please e-mail, info@sspj4k.com.

Centering Prayer Retreat Weekend

June 17 - June 19, 2011

St. Ignatius Retreat House, Manhasset, NY

For further information, please call Diane Garretson at 587.0966.

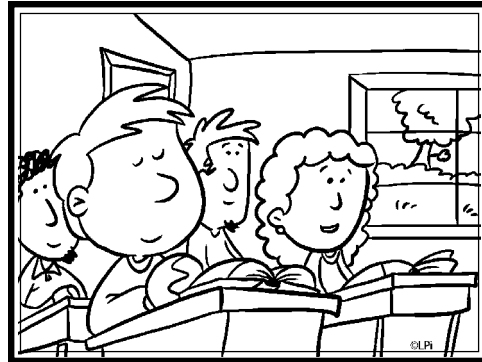
Religion & Rock

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 "**Graduation.**" Don't miss it!

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Sharing the Gospel

Jesus prayed for his friends. He knew they were a special gift from God. Jesus was patient with them. He taught them about God. He cared about his friends and forgave them from his heart. Everything that Jesus did showed what God was like. Be a friend like Jesus. Care for your friends like God does.



Mission for the Week



The next time you talk to God, pray for each of your friends. Ask your friends to pray for you, too.

Puzzle

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

ETERNAL
CHRIST
FATHER

GLORY
GIVEN
FOLLOWERS

WORLD
SHOWN
PRAYING

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



God,
thank you
for my friends.
Help me to treat
them like you
would.

Something to Draw



Draw a picture of
you with your
friends.