

"My word shall not return to me void, but achieving the end for which I sent it."



Isaiah 55:11

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Our Lady of Lourdes • July 10, 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
Office.

**Rite of Christian Initiation of
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A process to be embraced by the
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lics and for Catholics who have
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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

Rev. Michael Holzmann

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 Scorcio

Ministry Spiritual Director

Sr. Betty Toohig

Senior Ministry-SAGE

Anthony Trombino

Business Manager

Pastoral Council

Diane Ackerly

Stacie Baltrusitis

Mary Borgs

Lisa Cantalino

Sonia DaSilva

Nilo DeLeon

Jerry Esposito

Trish Frodell

Rosalie Mangels

Maryellen McKee

Deacon Jack Meehan

John Muldoon

Bob Natale

Eileen Rega

Vita Scorcio

Fr. Mike Vetrano

Parish Staff

Jennifer Gallagher

Women's Chorale Director

Mary Anne Lettieri

Parish Office

Debbie Meyer

Bulletin Editor/Parish Office

Rosemary Multer

School Office

Rita Spera

Religious Education Office

Lori Walsh

Parish Office



Parish Office

661.3224 (*option 1*)

Monday-Friday: 9 AM - 7:30 PM

Saturday: 9 AM - 3 PM

Sunday: 9 AM - 2 PM

email: ParishOffice@ollchurch.org

fax: 661.7143

website: www.ollchurch.org

Our Lady of Lourdes School

587.7200 (*option 2*)

Monday-Friday: 9 AM - 3 PM

email: lkrol@ollschool.org

Religious Education Office

661.5440 (*option 3*)

Monday-Friday: 9 AM - Noon

1 PM - 5 PM

7 PM - 9 PM

email: ReligiousEd@ollchurch.org

Parish Outreach Office

661.9262 (*option 4*)

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday:

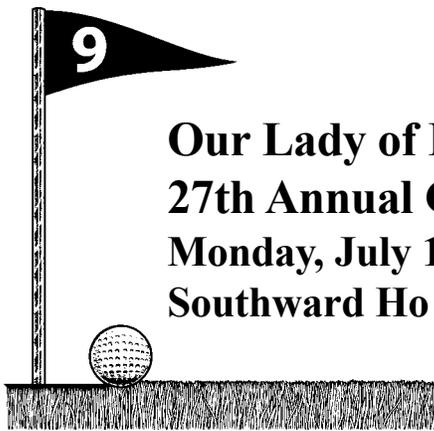
9:30 AM - 3 PM

S.A.G.E.

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**(Senior Advocates for Growth
and Enrichment)**

email: Sage@ollchurch.org



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

This year we will be honoring



Fr. Mike Vetrano, Pastor



Golfing Package = \$275
includes green fees, golf cart,
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.*

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 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 Fr. Mike. The cost will be \$25.

Fr. 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, a parish where "All are Welcome."

Please fill out the form below and include your check for \$25 made out 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 _____



Registration Form

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Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____



Parish Family of Our Lady of Lourdes
"Renewing Our Spiritual Home"

Dear Parish Family,

Each week, I will be updating this page so that you can understand how the "Renewing Our Spiritual Home" project, to which you were so generous, is moving forward. Here is our progress to date.

Completed Work:

In the week right before Easter, we were able to purchase and install two new heating / air conditioning units (HVAC) on the roof of our parish center. This will keep our main meeting room cool for the summer season of meetings.

Happy 4th and a Mission Trip:

With the holiday weekend and our mission trip to El Salvador, this will be a quiet week. But that does not mean we cannot get some things done. We are taking another step this week by investigating the solution to our infamous plumbing problem! This is not the most exciting part of our renewal but, it is a practical need that must be addressed before we can make improvement to the Parish Center. So Dom Lettieri, Tony Trombino, and our maintenance team will be taking steps to fix this issue so we can keep moving forward. (In case you forget the "plumbing problem" is that the main clean out trap for our system is right in the middle of the carpet in the Parish Center!)

Lighting:

Our order is placed for new fixtures and the plans for the controller is finished. It will take about 10 weeks for the fixtures to be custom built. When we have a date for delivery we will plan the installation of these fixtures. It may be close, but I am still hoping for September.

Redemption:

Your redemption has begun. Any parishioner who has made a pledge should have received a payment reminder by now for their first monthly installment. If you have not received a reminder as expected, please contact the rectory and we will remedy this ASAP!

Is it too late to participate?

Not at all! All gifts and pledges are always welcome. Just call our Parish Office 631-661-3224 or send me an email at pastor@ollchurch.org. It would be wonderful if every Our Lady of Lourdes parishioner can claim a share of the "Renewing Our Spiritual Home" Project.

Thanks for all you do to support the parish family of Our Lady of Lourdes!

Fr. Mike

Summer Evening Prayer



7 PM
Great Lawn
Monday evenings
July 11-August 15

Come to the Great Lawn on Monday evenings to enjoy the fruits of our Parish Ministries and Societies. Bring a chair or a blanket AND an appetite.

Each night will be presented by various groups in our Parish involving prayer, song, and hospitality (that means FOOD).

Parish Ministries and Societies including...*Religious Education, The Men's Prayer Group, Evangelization Ministry, The Rosary Christian Mothers, The Holy Name Society, our very own Music Ministry presenting "Tales of Wonder", The Good Samaritan Prayer Group, and Prayer Shawl Ministry.*

Please plan on joining us-All are Welcome!

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| July 11 | Good Samaritan Prayer Group
<i>-featuring the vocal stylings of Fr. Ed</i> |
| July 25 | Men's Prayer Group and Lector Ministry
<i>-Jesus feeds the multitude "Hero Night"</i> |
| August 1 | Religious Education
<i>-our very own Sister Nancy and Sister Diane</i> |
| August 8 | Music Ministry
<i>-Tales of Wonder</i> |
| August 15 | Rosary Christian Mothers and Holy Name Society
<i>-Feast of the Assumption Mass
bring your own "Dessert Night"</i> |
| August 22 | possible Movie Night |

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.

Men's Prayer Group-PM

An *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, July 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.

Men's Prayer Group-AM

We invite all men of the parish to meet for prayer and reflection after 8 AM Mass on **Thursday, July 21, 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.

Support Groups

Alcoholics Anonymous: Monday and Tuesday at 8 PM and Saturday at 2 PM and 7 PM in Lourdes Hall-convent lower level.

ALANON: Each Wednesday at 10 AM in Lourdes Hall-convent lower level.
(Free babysitting available)



Senior Circle

The Senior Circle meets on the last Monday of each month. However, the next meeting will be held on **Monday, July 18**, at **12:30 PM** in the **Parish Center**.

The Swinging Seniors Are At It Again!

“Branson Show Extravaganza”

7 Fabulous Branson Shows, 9 Days – 8 Nights,

October 8 – 16th, \$749.00 pp

That’s right...travel, lodging, meals, show tickets-all for \$749 per person!

How can you pass this up?

For more information-please phone the Outreach Office at 661.9262, option 4.

OLL’s Eleventh Annual Vacation Bible Camp OLL Roundup

Volunteer Meetings:All volunteers must attend just ONE of the following meetings:

- Monday - July 18, 7 PM in the cafeteria
- Tuesday - July 19, 7 PM in the cafeteria
- Wednesday - July 20, 7 PM in the cafeteria

Camp Decorating Day: Saturday, July 23, from 10 AM until noon in the cafeteria.

Camp Orientation Day: Sunday, July 24, 9:30 AM Mass, followed by a brief “Meet Your Counselor” orientation in the cafeteria.

Parish Office-Change in Hours

Beginning Friday, July 8, the Parish Office will be closing at 5 PM on Fridays.

The new office hours will be:

Monday-Thursday	9 AM to 7:30 PM
Friday	9 AM to 5 PM
Saturday	9 AM to 3 PM
Sunday	9 AM to 2 PM





Rest In Peace

Chris Bertino died on June 27 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was June 30 at St. Egbert's Church, Morehead, NC. We extend our prayers to his sister, Tina Aparo, and entire family.

Peter V. Mirabella died on June 26 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was June 29. We extend our prayers to his wife, Regina, children, grandchildren, and entire family.

Welcome

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

Christopher and Phyllis Anello & family

Vincent and Danielle Iacopelli & family

Louis and Kimberly Lopilato & family

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



Upcoming Marriages

Michelle Kleiber, OLL and

*Michael Serrago, Our Lady of Perpetual Help,
Lindenhurst*

Rosary/Novena

Rosary:

Daily after 8 AM Mass

Miraculous Medal Novena:

Monday after 8 AM Mass

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Remembering...

Monday, July 11

Saint Benedict, abbot

8:00 AM Charles Homann & Joseph Netska

Tuesday, July 12

8:00 AM Vito Mastrorocco

Wednesday, July 13

Saint Henry

8:00 AM Fred Schmidt & Kathleen Stephenson

Thursday, July 14

Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, virgin

8:00 AM William Heim

Friday, July 15

Saint Bonaventure, bishop and doctor of the Church

8:00 AM Eileen Brien

Saturday, July 16

8:00 AM Phillip Puleio, Mark Petito, Ronald Koraus,
Shemshiden Ahmedi, Kenny Bauer, Marie Setteducate

5:00 PM James Celiberti

Fr. Michael Holzmann

Sunday, July 17

8:00 AM Diana Zotto

Fr. Ambrose Cabildo

9:30 AM Louis & Marghurita Fortunato

Fr. Mike Vetrano

11:00 AM Tony Squeo

Fr. Pat Amabile

12:30 PM Joseph Salamak

Fr. Mike Vetrano

6:00 PM People of the Parish, Anthony Drexler, Catherine Bonifacio,
Grace Catanzaro, John Raffloer, Mattio & Phyllis Santini,
Eileen Hernandez, Carmela LaDuca, Maggie Martinez,
Peter Mirabella, Irene Poquette

Fr. Pat Amabile



15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

It's a little late in the season in most places to be planting seeds, although in a few weeks some folks will sow spinach and lettuce seeds for a fall crop. While we usually think of spring as planting time, there are some things that can be planted later in the year. Of course, if you're in the Imperial Valley of California, the planting goes on all year long. Nearly eighty percent of the winter vegetables consumed in the United States are grown in this one section of California. It is almost as if the sower and his seed found one place in the world that would always be fertile and produce fruit a hundred and sixty and thirtyfold.

While most of the parables in Matthew are recorded without any particular interpretation, the parable of the sower and the seed is laid out with a specific explanation. The seed is planted, but it is vulnerable. Anyone who has ever planted a garden knows how true this is. The newly planted seed can be subject to all sorts of hazards as it sprouts and grows. And Jesus uses that vulnerability as an example of what happens to the word of the kingdom in people's hearts: snatched by the evil one, lost to persecution, choked off by worldly cares.

For people who have been strong in the faith for much of their lives, it can be difficult to imagine the vulnerabilities of those who struggle with belief. They may be shaken by some tragedy, harmed by some church member, unsure about their acceptance of the tenets of the faith. The little growth of faith that exists must be nurtured and cared for. Like the Imperial Valley, which sees planting all year round, there is no one time for sowing the seeds of faith. Believers are called upon to continuously spread the word and promote the kingdom of God.

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Readings for the Week of July 10, 2011

Sunday:	Is 55:10-11/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9
Monday:	Ex 1:8-14, 22/Mt 10:34---11:1
Tuesday:	Ex 2:1-15a/Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday:	Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Mt 11:25-27
Thursday:	Ex 3:13-20/Mt 11:28-30
Friday:	Ex 11:10---12:14/Mt 12:1-8
Saturday:	Ex 12:37-42/Mt 12:14-21
Next Sunday:	Wis 12:13, 16-19/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Marie Cirone*.
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 ...

*Provi Bennett, Edith Caputo, Nicole Cerny, Vera Connaughton,
Jeanne Marie DellaRagione, Edward Cronin, Frank Edwards, Baby Reagan Farrell,
Jake Feldman, Kathleen Ferrara, Marguerite Filippone, Ann Finn,
Kenneth Garretson, Baby Gavin Gradiska, Richard Haas, Winifred Hanrahan,
Peter Joseph, Kathleen Kerrigan, Marty Kerrigan, Robyn Kerrigan, Eric Lee,
Ann Losee, Christopher J. Maher, Marge Marotta, Tony Marotta, Rosa Mastrorocco,
Vincent McGuire, John McNevin, Vincent Meade, Frances Miranda, Julio Miranda,
Rae Morris, John Muldoon, Rosalia Napoli, Evelyn Nonnon, Philomena Owens,
Karen Parpounas, Joanne Popper, Joe Radosti, Patricia Sanchez, Teresa Saraceno,
Ann Marie Schiraldi, Violet Sferrazza, Baby Isabella Shaw, Derek Stahl,
Lindsay Stahl, Thomas Van Schaick, Helen White, Joseph Yezek, Philomena Zippilli*

The Sustaining Power of Ritual

by Ron Rolheiser, OMI

Never travel with anyone who expects you to be interesting all the time. On a long trip there are bound to be some boring stretches.

That's an axiom offered by Daniel Berrigan in his *Commandments for the Long Haul* and it contains a wisdom that is often absent today in our marriages, our family lives, our friendships, our churches, and our spiritual lives.

Today we often crucify others and ourselves with the impossible notion that inside of our relationships, our families, our churches, and prayer lives we are meant to be alert, attentive, enthusiastic, and emotionally present all the time. We are never given permission to be distracted, bored, and anxious to move on to something else because we are weighed down with the pressures and tiredness of our own lives. We lay guilt on each other and on ourselves with these kinds of judgments: Sometimes you're too distracted and tired to really hear me! You're not really present to this meal! You're bored at church! You're anxious to get this over with! You don't love me like you did at first! You're heart isn't in this as it used to be!

While there is a healthy challenge in these judgments, they also betray a naiveté and lack of understanding of what actually sustains us in our daily lives. We've gone ritually tone-deaf.

What do I mean by that? Here's an example:

A recent study on marriage points out that couples who make it a habit to give each other a ritual embrace or kiss before leaving the house in the morning and another ritual embrace or kiss before retiring at night fare better than those who let this gesture be determined by simple spontaneity or mood. The study makes the point that even if the ritual kiss is done in a distracted, hurried, perfunctory, or duty-bound way it still serves a very important function, namely, it speaks of fidelity and commitment beyond the ups and downs of our emotions, distractions, and tiredness on a given day. It is a ritual, an act that is done regularly to precisely say what our hearts and heads cannot always say, namely, that the deepest part of us remains committed even during those times when we are too tired, too distracted, too angry, too bored, too anxious, too self-preoccupied, or too emotionally or intellectually unfaithful to be as attentive and present as we should be. It says that we still love the other and remain committed despite the inevitable changes and pressures that the seasons bring.

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This is often not understood today. An over-idealization of love, family, church, and prayer often crucifies the reality. Popular culture would have us believe that love should be romantic, exciting, and interesting all the time, and that lack of felt emotion is a signal that something is wrong. Liturgists and prayer leaders would have us believe that every church service needs to be full of enthusiasm and emotion and that there is something wrong with us when we find ourselves flat, bored, looking at our wristwatches, and resisting emotional engagement during church or prayer. Everywhere we are warned about the dangers of doing something simply because it is duty, that there is something wrong when the movements of love, prayer, or service become routine. Why do something if your heart isn't in it?

Again, there is something legitimate in these warnings: Duty and commitment without heart will not ultimately sustain themselves. However, with that being admitted, it is important to recognize and name the fact that any relationship in love, family, church, or prayer can only sustain itself over a long period through ritual and routine. Ritual sustains the heart, not vice versa.

It's fidelity to the routine of everyday life, not a honeymoon, that ultimately sustains a marriage. It's fidelity to simply being at the weekday meal, simple fare eaten quickly and distractedly, not the huge celebration or banquet, that sustains family life. A family that demands that every meal together be an event where everyone affectively engages and insists that the pressures of time and personal agenda should be of no concern soon enough notices that more and more family members are finding excuses not to be there. And for good reason: Nobody has energy for a banquet every day. Indeed, nobody, except God, is immune to the simple tiredness, distraction, affective promiscuity, and self-preoccupation that can make it difficult for the heart to be alert, attentive, and emotionally present at any given time. Love, as the language of Marriage Encounter puts it, is shown in decision.

The same holds true for prayer. Anyone who prays only when she can affectively bring along her heart and soul will not sustain prayer for long. But the habit of prayer, the ritual, simple fidelity to the act, showing up to do it irrespective of feelings and mood, can sustain prayer for a lifetime and reign in the roaming of the head and heart.

Repetition, says Soren Kierkegaard, is our daily bread.

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Financial Summary

July 3, 2011

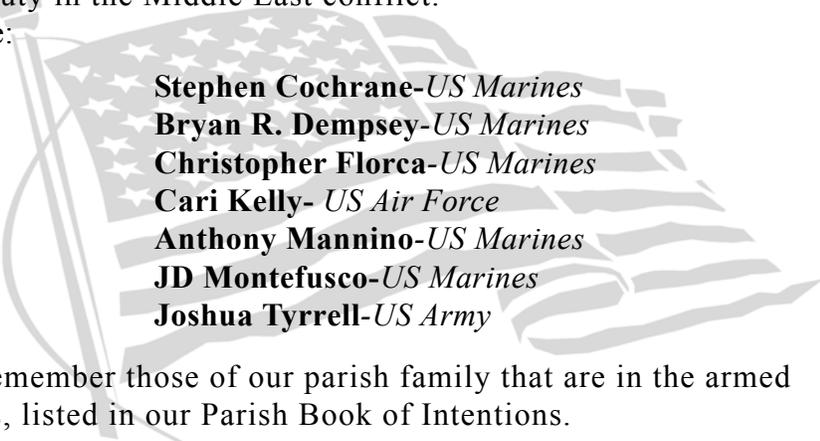
Weekly Collection	\$ 18,741.00
Weekly Budget	-\$ 19,000.00
+/- for the week	\$ (259.00)

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.

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.

Outdoor Rummage Sale

Grandma's Attic at Westminster United Presbyterian Church, Udall Road, West Islip. On Saturday, August 13, rain date: August 20, from 10 AM – 4 PM. Spaces are available for the donation fee of \$30. Call 631.661.6740 for information or email: wupc@optonline.net

Dominican Village

Please join us for an Open House on Thursday, July 14, from 1 PM until 3 PM. Dominican Village is an independent retirement community that offers assisted living and respite care, outstanding programs, all-inclusive services and bountiful amenities. For more information, or to schedule a tour at your convenience, call 631.842.6091.

The Beginning Experience

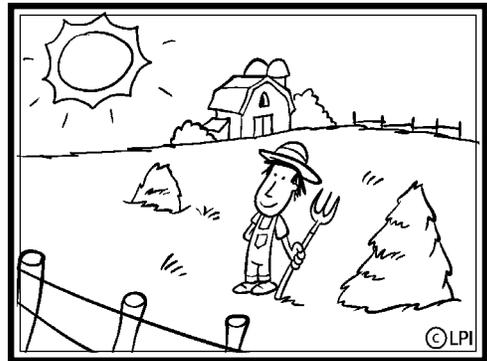
Help for the heartache of divorce, separation, and widowhood, A weekend away for a lifetime of change. The next weekend is August 19-21 at the Montfort Spiritual Center, Bay Shore. The program helps grieving single-again persons emerge from the darkness of grief into the light of a new beginning, and move into the future with renewed hope. Turn the pain of loss into an experience of positive growth. For information and reservations, call John at 516.822.0635, Karen at 201.736.8200, or Jim at 718.474.3779.

Religion & Rock

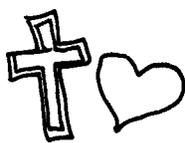
Tune into "Religion & Rock" with Msgr. Jim Vlaun on Sunday from 7 AM to 8 AM on WBAB 102.3 FM or 95.3 on the East End of Long Island. Listen on Saturdays at 11 PM on Sirius Radio, Channel 159, the Catholic Channel and at 11 PM on XM Satellite, Channel 117. Next Sunday's theme is "Vacation & Relaxation." 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

The farmer is God. The seed is God's Word. That makes the soil your heart. If your heart is angry or stubborn, God's Word can't sink in. If your heart is shallow, God's Word can't take root. Instead, you will worry about getting power or riches. If your heart is discouraged by people who hate God, your faith will choke. If your heart is soft, God's Word will change your life, and it will show.



Mission for the Week



Visit a garden center. Learn why plants need "good soil" to grow.



Puzzle

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

farmer
soil
root

rocky
thorns
path

birds
choked
seed

frarme f a r m e r
sede _____
ptah _____
brisd _____
rkyoc _____
tohrsn _____
rtoo _____
cohekd _____
silo _____

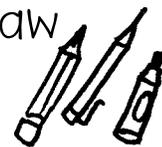
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Prayer



God,
help my heart to be soft. Help your Word to "change my life."

Something to Draw



Draw a picture of a seed growing in good soil.