

of all the seeds,



“It is the smallest

yet when full grown

it is the largest of plants.”

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Our Lady of Lourdes • July 17, 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
Adults(RCIA)**
A process to be embraced by the
Catholic Church. For non-Catho-
lics and for Catholics who have
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education. If interested, please
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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

Coordinator of Worship

OLL Choir Director

Vita Scorcia

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 Scorcia

Fr. Mike Vetrano

Parish Staff

Annemarie Buonaspina

Director of Youth Choirs

Michael Buonaspina

Parish Organist

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-Thursday: 9 AM - 7:30 PM

Friday: 9 AM - 5 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:

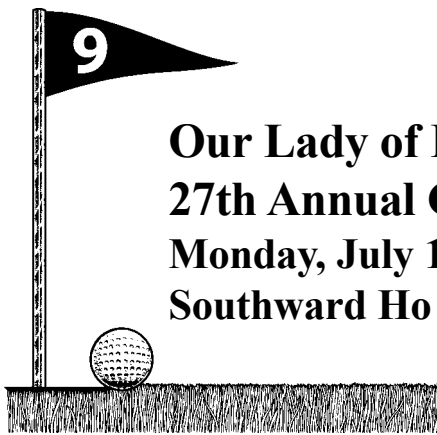
9:30 AM - 3 PM

S.A.G.E.

661.3224, ext. 122

(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

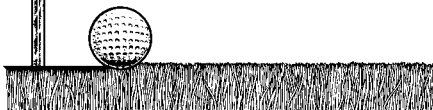
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Message _____



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.

Current Progress:

As we wait for our lighting fixtures to be completed, we are using time to plan other parts of our renewal. We believe we have found a solution to the "plumbing problem" and we hope the work can be done over the summer months. Having this problem out of the way opens the door to renew the Parish Center. So, we are also taking steps now to plan the needed improvements to this part of our project. In the PC, as we call it, we will have new seating, carpet, ceiling, and a food service area for times when we have hospitality. So this will be a planning project for the summer.

Lighting:

Our order is placed for new fixtures and the plans for the controller is finished. It will take about ten 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!

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.

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!

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.



Rest In Peace

Kathleen Kelly died on June 23 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was July 3. We extend our prayers to her aunt, Maria DiBello, and entire family.

Sam Giarrusso died on July 5 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was July 8. We extend our prayers to his children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and entire family.

Elizabeth Ann Boyle died on July 6 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was July 11. We extend our prayers to her children, grandchildren, and entire family.

Jacqueline Barrera died on July 8 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was July 12. We extend our prayers to her husband, Roy, children, grandchildren, and entire family.



Upcoming Marriages

Diana Spinello, Holy Cross, Nesconset and
Michael McInerney, OLL

Rosary/Novena

Rosary:

Daily after 8 AM Mass

Miraculous Medal Novena:

Monday after 8 AM Mass

Anointing of the Sick

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Remembering...

Monday, July 18

Saint Camillus de Lellis, priest

8:00 AM George Shaddock

Tuesday, July 19

8:00 AM Laura Abela

Wednesday, July 20

Saint Apollinaris, bishop and martyr

8:00 AM Sylvan Lodespoto

Thursday, July 21

Blessed Lawrence of Brindisi, priest and doctor of the Church

8:00 AM Patrick McCarthy

Friday, July 22

Saint Mary Magdalene

8:00 AM Clara and James Vecchia

Saturday, July 23

8:00 AM Cathy Martino, Libretti Family, Rodenburg Family,
Molly Watson, Peter Mirabella, Susan Swengros

5:00 PM Dec'd mbrs of McKeefery Family
Fr. Mike Vetrano

Sunday, July 24

8:00 AM Mary Jean Wilkinson
Fr. Michael Holzmann

9:30 AM Steven La Due
Fr. Mike Vetrano

11:00 AM Henry Riedemann
Fr. Pat Amabile

12:30 PM Raymond Winslow
Fr. Michael Holzmann

6:00 PM People of the Parish, Edward Herger, Margaret Rendisch,
Papa and Dileo Families, Mario Cuzzi, Paul A. Quinn,
Vincent McGuire, Matthew Warner, Robert J. Parisi,
Melissa Graham
Fr. Ambrose Cabildo

Welcome

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

Mark LaMonica and Jenny Patten

Mark and Nicole Kirchner & family

John and Karen Marra & family

Peter and Lisa Joseph

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



16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

One of the responsibilities defined for members of the town board in my locale is that of weed commissioner. It is his job to ensure that the local ordinances on noxious weeds are enforced. This almost always means that he has to respond to a complaint from some neighbor about another resident's unkempt property. The weed commissioner doesn't really drive around looking for weeds to be exterminated. And he can't enforce any code on his own. All he can do is encourage a property owner to cut down any weeds or risk having it done for them with the cost added to next year's property tax bill.

A weed commissioner probably wouldn't have been much help to the landowner in today's parable. After all, the weeds were growing among the wheat, and tearing out the weeds would have risked uprooting the crops. The consequences at that moment would have been too catastrophic to imagine for the farmer. Instead, he was willing to wait until harvest time when he would harvest the grain and burn the weeds. His patience would be rewarded with a decent crop, and he would not risk losing it all.

God is infinitely patient. Like the landowner, God is willing to wait things out, letting a person's life take its course. The consequences come at the end. Like the property owner who discovers that his tax bill at the end of the year now contains an assessment for weed removal, so too do those who spend their lives living like weeds. In the end, the bill will come due. But one important message of the parable is that God is willing to give a person time. Good and bad grow together. And God gives the sinner an opportunity to change, to seek conversion. Not everyone chooses that path. But the promise of salvation is held out for all. And thank God for that!

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Readings for the Week of July 17, 2011

Sunday:	Wis 12:13, 16-19/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30
Monday:	Ex 14:5-18/Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday:	Ex 14:21---15:1/Mt 12:46-50
Wednesday:	Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Mt 13:1-9
Thursday:	Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b/Mt 13:10-17
Friday:	Ex 20:1-17/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Saturday:	Ex 24:3-8/Mt 13:24-30
Next Sunday:	1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Angela MacDermott*.
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 ...

*Edith Caputo, Nicole Cerny, Vera Connaughton, Jeanne Marie DellaRagione,
Edward Cronin, Baby Reagan Farrell, Marguerite Filippone, Ann Finn,
Kenneth Garretson, Baby Gavin Gradiska, Richard Haas, Winifred Hanrahan,
Baby Peter Horyczun, Peter Joseph, Kathleen Kerrigan, Marty Kerrigan,
Robyn Kerrigan, Eric Lee, Christopher J. Maher, Marge Marotta, Tony Marotta,
Rosa Mastrorocco, Vincent McGuire, Frances Miranda, Julio Miranda, Rae Morris,
John Muldoon, Rosalia Napoli, Evelyn Nonnon, Philomena Owens, 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 Triumph of Appearance

by Ron Rolheiser, OMI

Focus on your image, because image is everything! Those words or at least words to that effect, were the caption of a famous ad several years ago. I remember being taken aback by its crass and shallow message, but not many people reacted, perhaps because the caption is so true to our time.

We are a people obsessed with appearance, with image, with looking good, with being good-looking. For us today, by and large, it is more important to look good than to be good, to look healthy than to be healthy, to say the right things than to do the right things, to be connected to the right persons than to be the right persons, and to be perceived as having character than to actually have character.

This is evident in our obsession with physical appearance, in the hagiography we accord to our celebrities, in the importance we give to style and fashion, and in our efforts to be perceived as connected to the right things. Image really is everything!

We see this, for example, in politics: In public life today image trumps substance. Invariably we care less about someone's policies than about his or her appearance and we elect people to public offices more on the basis of persona than on intellect and character. In politics today it is more important to have the right image, to be able to surround yourself with the right energy, than it is to have substance and character.

The academic world follows suit: For example, more and more of our universities are giving honorary degrees to celebrities and justice advocates. There's nothing wrong with that, especially in recognizing and honoring men and women who have given their lives for justice, except that I doubt that the universities handing out those degrees actually care much about the poor or that they intellectually endorse what the entertainment and sports industries (who produce most of these celebrities) are doing. But the face of a celebrity, a Nelson Mandela, an Angelina Jolie, a Meryl Streep, a Michael Jordan, or a Derek Jeter looks really good on the public face of the university giving that degree: Just look at how caring, energetic, and beautiful we are!

Unfortunately many of those same universities are not exactly models of care and justice when dealing with their own students and employees, but they are very caring in how they are perceived from the outside.

Giving a doctorate to someone who has given his or her life in the struggle for justice doesn't in fact do much for the poor, but it does do something for the institution that is honoring him or her.

But before we judge this too harshly, we should admit that what is happening in the public sphere is also happening in our private lives. More and more, in our lives, appearance is what we are most concerned about. For many of us, how we look is the first thing, the whole thing, and the only thing. It's not so important that we be good, only that we look good. It is no small irony that we are so outraged and indignant about how much money our governments spend on their defense budgets, even as we live in a certain blissful ignorance of what each of us, personally, spend on our personal defense budgets, cosmetics and fashion.

Sadly we are paying a high price for this. Our concern to look good is crucifying us. We are growing ever more dissatisfied with our own bodies, even when they are healthy and serving us well. A healthy self-image today is more contingent upon looking good than on actually being healthy. The prevalence of anorexia, among other things, is a symptom of this and, too often, our dieting and exercise have less to do with health than with appearance.

Granted, not all of this is bad. To be concerned about physical appearance is healthy, as are (most times at least) dieting and exercise. We are meant to look good and, in fact, we feel better about ourselves when we do look good. It is a healthy thing to feel good about your body and your health. A healthy concern about how we look should never be denigrated in the name of depth or sanctity. Indeed one of the first signs of clinical depression is lack of concern about appearance.

The same holds true for how we are perceived from the outside. A good reputation is thing to be guarded and defended. It is important to look good.

But appearance and reputation should never replace character, depth, and integrity, just as the claim of substance and character is never an excuse for a shoddy and sloppy appearance. Today, however, I suggest that we have lost the proper balance and stand in a certain peril. Of what?

When image is everything, gradually, without us noticing, appearance begins to look like character, celebrity begins to look like nobility of soul, and looking good becomes more important than being good.

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.

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 Cochran-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.

Financial Summary

July 10, 2011

Weekly Collection	\$ 17,372.00
Weekly Budget	-\$ 19,000.00
+/- for the week	\$ (1,628.00)

The estimated weekly collection needed to maintain and operate our parish buildings, ministries, programs and salaries is \$19,000.

Outreach: June/July Donations

- Outreach has received a donation from Mr. and Mrs. B. Franzone in memory of *Big Jim Davis*.
- Margaret and Ed Valenti have made a donation to Outreach in memory of *Joseph Fenlon*.
- Sue Castonguay has made a donation to Outreach in loving memory of her husband, *Jerry*.
- Maria Lucie's class has made a donation to Outreach in *gratitude for Maria's guidance and teaching* during the 2010/11 school year.
- Gary and Eileen Giordano, Prime Care Medical Supplies, Helen and Bob Meyer, all have made a donation to Outreach in memory of *Louise Malcuit*.
- Mary and Jack Hulse, Anne Basso, Adele and Bob O'Shea, Doris and Doug Cameron, Marie Ricigliano, Gerry and Richard Ricciotti, the SAGE Group, Pat Heithaus, Marilyn and Richard Barthel, all have made a donation to Outreach in memory of *Peter Mirabella*.
- Ann and Bill Frazer have made a donation to Outreach on the occasion of the *Wedding of Dona Calia and Rusty McKenna*.
- Larry and Nancy Donohue have made a donation to Outreach in memory of *Pat Wallace*.
- Barbara and Joe Catusoco have made a donation to Outreach in memory of *Peter Mirabella and Joseph Fenlon*.
- Marcine and Keith Humphrey have made a donation to Outreach in memory of their beloved aunt, *Louise Rose Malcuit*.

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, an outdoor rummage sale, will be held 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

Seussical the Musical

St. Kilian Players presents *Seussical the Musical*, July 30, 31, August 5, 6, 7 in the St. Kilian School air-conditioned auditorium, Farmingdale. Tickets are \$12 each. For information please call 516.249.0127 or 516.249.3276.

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.

Dominican Village

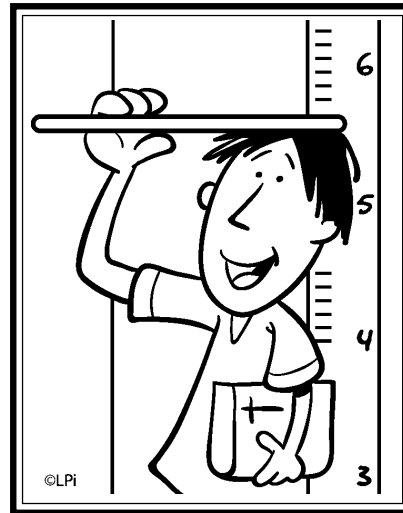
Please join us for an Open House on Saturday, July 23, from 1 PM until 3 PM. Dominican Village is an independent retirement community that offers assisted living and respite care, outstanding programs, all-inclusive services and bountiful amenities. For more information, or to schedule a tour at your convenience, call 631.842.6091.

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 "**Having a Positive Attitude.**" 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

As God's child, you are the wheat in God's field. As you love and trust God more, your faith will grow. You will see others around you who love God, too. God will be happy to see you growing up in God's love. As you grow taller and stronger, you will also notice others around you who ignore or hate God. God will get rid of those weeds. Then he will bring you into heaven.



Mission for the Week

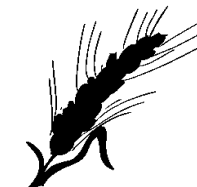
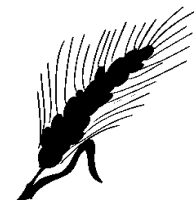
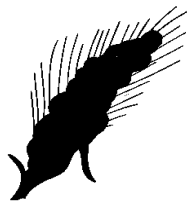
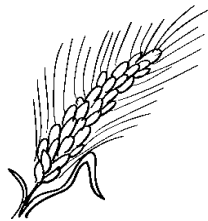


Help your parents in the garden. Watch how carefully weeds need to be pulled, so you don't pull up the good plants, too.



Puzzle

Find the matching shadow!



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Prayer



God,
help my love and
faith to grow strong.

Something to Draw



Draw a picture of
wheat and weeds.