

"The reign of heaven is like  
a treasure buried in a field,



which  a person finds  
and sells all to buy that field."

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Our Lady of Lourdes • July 24, 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**

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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.*

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*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

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**Rev. Patsy Amabile**  
Associate Pastor

**Rev. Robert Scheckenback**  
Associate Pastor

**Rev. Ambrose Cabildo**  
In Residence

**Rev. Michael Holzmann**  
In Residence

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**Deacon John DeGuardi**

**Deacon Tom Lucie**

**Deacon Jack Meehan**

Coordinator of Stewardship

**Deacon John Teufel**

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**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

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## *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: 9AM - 5 PM

Saturday: 9 AM - 3 PM

Sunday: 9 AM - 2 PM

email: [ParishOffice@ollchurch.org](mailto:ParishOffice@ollchurch.org)

fax: 661.7143

website: [www.ollchurch.org](http://www.ollchurch.org)

### **Our Lady of Lourdes School**

587.7200 (option 2)

Monday-Friday: 9 AM - 3 PM

email: [lkrol@ollschool.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:Sage@ollchurch.org)



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

*Dear Parish Family,*

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. There are no changes to report at this time. Here is our status 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](mailto: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 25   | <b>Men's Prayer Group and Lector Ministry</b><br><i>-Jesus feeds the multitude "Hero Night"</i>  |
| August 1  | <b>Religious Education</b><br><i>-our very own Sister Nancy and Sister Diane</i><br>Religious Education invites you to <i>Summer Evening Prayer...and "Summer Fun Night"</i> . The "GREAT LAWN" becomes the "GREAT BEACH"! Something for everyone-"All Are Welcome" <b>COME FOR THE FUN - IN THE EVENING SUN</b> -hula hoops, volleyball, DJ, wiffle ball, AND MORE..... |
| August 8  | <b>Music Ministry</b><br><i>-Tales of Wonder</i>   |
| August 15 | <b>Rosary Christian Mothers and Holy Name Society</b><br><i>-Feast of the Assumption Mass</i><br>bring your own "Dessert Night"  |

24 July 2011

*Dear Parish Family:*

I promised to write to you to let me know how I am doing in Garden City!

While there is no place like home, the community here at St. Anne's is one of tremendous hospitality and outreach, particularly for those most in need in this community and in other local communities and parishes. My work here as a deacon includes serving daily and Sunday mass, preaching, participating in a variety of meetings and being available to parishioners. I began living and serving at St. Anne's in Garden City on June 22nd and, so far, it has been a tremendous experience. You can read more about St. Anne's in Garden City at [www.stannesgc.org](http://www.stannesgc.org).

The picture to the right is of me with the new pastor at St. Anne's, Msgr. Thomas Harold. Fr. Tom and I started here on the same day. He's a great man and someone I met with years ago (I think maybe even 15 years ago!) when he was the Vocation Director. When I heard I would be coming here as he starts his ministry here, I smiled. In some ways, perhaps this journey is coming "full circle".



On August 8th, I will leave St. Anne's for a 30 day Ignatian Retreat at the Jesuit Center ([www.jesuitcenter.org](http://www.jesuitcenter.org)) in Wernersville, PA. I'm looking forward to this experience. Everyone I know who has participated in this retreat returns closer to the Lord and more desirous to serve his people. I pray the same may happen for me. In September, I will return here to continue to learn from and participate in the life of the community here. There is much for me to gain from here.

As I did when I lived at St. Anne's, I will continue to update my blog ([www.johnsureau.blogspot.com](http://www.johnsureau.blogspot.com)). Many of you have been good about reminding me to update it – please keep that up. I hope, in the weeks ahead while I'm on retreat - to invite a few guest "bloggers" as well.

I will write again soon, especially when upon my return from retreat.

Thank you again for everything!

*Peace –*

John Sureau

P.S. Don't forget to save the date – Saturday, December 3rd! On this day, I hope we can gather together at St. Agnes Cathedral for Ordination to Priesthood. More to details to follow.

## 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, August 16**. 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, August 18, 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)



## **SAGE**

The SAGE Group (Senior Advocates for Growth and Enrichment) will meet on **Tuesday, July 26**, in the **Spiritual Life Center in the convent at 9 AM**.



## **Daytime Eucharistic Devotion**

The afternoon adoration for the month of July will be on **Wednesday, August 10 from 1- 3 PM**. All are invited and welcome!

## **Nocturnal Adoration**

Nocturnal Adoration will follow the 5 PM Mass on **Saturday, August 6**, concluding with Benediction at 9:50 PM. Please come and pray with us. All are invited and welcome! Bring a friend.





## The Swinging Seniors Are At It Again!

### “Branson Show Extravaganza”

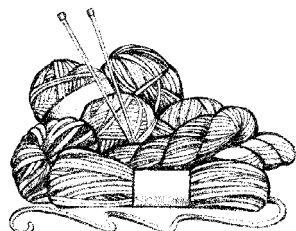
7 Fabulous Branson Shows, 9 Days – 8 Nights,

**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.



### Prayer Shawl Ministry

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

**Join us ...Wednesday, August 3 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.

## *Welcome*

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

*Michael and Jennifer Sofia & family*

*David and Lauralee & family*

*Venticinque/Rice Family*

*Gary and Felicia Hunter & family*

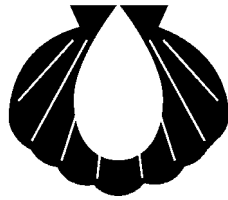
...we are truly blessed by your presence among us!

## *Upcoming Marriages*

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

*Alyssa Burrow, Resurrection, Farmingville and  
John Brady, OLL*

*Camille Idone, St. Benedict's, Bronx and  
Michael Perone, OLL*



## *Baptism*

*Emerson Leigh Barry*

Stephen and Jessica

*Zoey Raine Garcia*

Steven and Carolynn

*Gavin James Keiser*

Christopher and Jaime

*Sofia Rose Lopes*

Antonio and Tonia

*Brian Alan Russell*

Brian and Shanna

*Victoria Brooke Hamilton*

Jeffrey and Carolyn

*Avalina Rose Lattuga*

Gary and Erica

*Michael Joseph Salatti III*

Michael and Lauren

*Brody Michael Finn*

Liam and Tiffany

*Connor John Matthews*

John and Karen

*Joseph Michael Spinella*

Joseph and Olga

### **Rosary/Novena**

#### **Rosary:**

Daily after 8 AM Mass

#### **Miraculous Medal Novena:**

Monday after 8 AM Mass

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## Remembering...

**Monday, July 25**

*Saint James, apostle*

**8:00 AM** Edna Levey

**Tuesday, July 26**

*Saint Joachim and Saint Anne,  
parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

**8:00 AM** Rose Giacalone

**Wednesday, July 27**

**8:00 AM** Michael Glander

**Thursday, July 28**

**8:00 AM** Lawrence Ashley

**Friday, July 29**

*Saint Martha*

**8:00 AM** Gunther Steck

**Saturday, July 30**

**8:00 AM** Jacqueline Barrera, Josephine Augello, Janet Schreiber,  
Paul Henry Bourke, Maria Vaccaro, Joseph & Ida Argento,  
Rose Lucio, Wayne & Roland Van Acker

**5:00 PM** Charlotte Sweeney

*Fr. Michael Holzmann*

**Sunday, July 31**

**8:00 AM** Lillian LaRocca

*Fr. Pat Amabile*

**9:30 AM** Carmela Maggi

*Fr. Ambrose Cabildo*

**11:00 AM** John Tedaldi

*Fr. Pat Amabile*

**12:30 PM** Gunther Steck

*Fr. Ambrose Cabildo*

**6:00 PM** People of the Parish, Rose & Tony Anitra, Frank Carbone, Sr.,  
Frank Carbone, Jr., Mary Carbone, Danielle Lentini,  
Angie Cinquemani, Liz Boyle, Generosa Castro

*Fr. Michael Holzmann*



## Rest In Peace

*Kathleen Ferrara* died on July 10 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was July 13. We extend our prayers to her husband, Thomas, children, grandchildren, and entire family.



## 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

When my father died, he left a garage full of stuff. Over several years my brother and I made several attempts at cleaning out the garage. While Dad was alive he resisted any efforts that we made at trying to eliminate some of the clutter. He was always fearful that we would throw out some treasure that he had managed to squirrel away in the cavernous three-car garage. After his death we set about the task of eliminating the stacked up boxes, salvaged metal, broken implements, and general junk. There was very little that was valuable and an awful lot that was worthless. The dragnet of my dad's retirement rummaging pulled in a lot that was thrown away.

The parable of the dragnet in today's Gospel can seem a bit heartless. The angels at the end of time act like those who sit on the seashore with their dragnets, separating the good from the bad. The wicked end up in the fiery furnace. While it's clear that the dragnet will be sorted out, good from bad, it's not so clear in the earlier parables who is who. Just who is that merchant searching for fine pearls? Is it the disciple, who seeks the kingdom of heaven and when he finds it he holds on to it with all his heart? Or is God the merchant, searching for those who have lived in accord with the dictates of the law? And when God finds them does he ransom them with the blood of his Son, giving all he has to secure their participation in the kingdom?

True parables are slippery things. They are not always singular in their meaning. The layers of interpretation can be multiple, which is part of the richness of their truth. For my dad, much of what was in the garage was treasure, while for his sons a lot of it was to be thrown out. It's probably good that God doesn't clean out his garage too often.

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### Readings for the Week of July 24, 2011

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|---------------------|---|
| <b>Sunday:</b>      | 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52<br><i>or</i> 13:44-46         |
| <b>Monday:</b>      | 2 Cor 4:7-15/Mt 20:20-28  |
| <b>Tuesday:</b>     | Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Mt 13:36-43                                   |
| <b>Wednesday:</b>   | Ex 34:29-35/Mt 13:44-46   |
| <b>Thursday:</b>    | Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Mt 13:47-53  |
| <b>Friday:</b>      | Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Jn 11:19-27<br><i>or</i> Lk 10:38-42 |
| <b>Saturday:</b>    | Lv 25:1, 8-17/Mt 14:1-12  |
| <b>Next Sunday:</b> | Is 55:1-3/Rom 8:35, 37-39/Mt 14:13-21                                 |

## Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Pat Wissing*. 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*

## Love in a Time of Opposition

by Ron Rolheiser, OMI

How do you stay positive, preach hope, and remain loving and big-hearted in the face of opposition, misunderstanding, hostility, and hatred?

This is what Jesus did and that particular quality of his life and teaching constitutes perhaps the greatest personal and moral challenge to all of us who try to follow him. How do you remain loving in the face of hatred? How do you remain empathic in the face of misunderstanding? How do you continue to be warm and gracious in the face of hostility? How do you love your enemies when they want to kill you?

Virtually every instinct inside us works against us here. Our natural instincts are mostly self-protective, paranoid even, antithetical to self-abnegation and forgiveness. Our innate sense of justice demands an eye for an eye, a giving back in kind, hatred for hatred, distrust for distrust, murder for murder. And this isn't just true for the big things, our struggle to remain loving in the face of death threats. We struggle to remain loving even in the face of irritation.

How do we handle opposition, misunderstanding, hostility, and hatred?

Sometimes our response is paralysis. We get so intimidated by opposition, misunderstanding, and hatred that we retreat and go underground. We retain our ideals but no longer practice them in the presence of those who oppose us. We continue to speak love and understanding, but not to our enemies (whom we don't exactly hate, but whom we now stay away from).

Sometimes our response is the exact opposite, namely, in the face of opposition we develop a skin that's so thick that we don't need to care about what others think of us: Let them think whatever they want! They can like it or lump it! The problem with a thick skin is that our capacity to go on saying the right words and doing the right actions is partially based upon a certain blindness and insensitivity. In our mind, we don't have a problem. Others do.

This insensitivity sometimes takes a more subtle form, condescension. This happens when we believe that we are big-hearted enough to love those who oppose and hate us, even as our empathy and love are predicated on a certain elitism, namely, on the feeling that we are so morally and religiously superior to those who hate us that we can love them in their ignorance: Poor, ignorant people! If only they knew better! This is not love but a superiority-complex masquerading as empathy and concern.

That's not how Jesus treated those who hated him.

How did he treat them? In the face of hatred and being put to death by his enemies, Jesus wasn't intimidated, nor did he become thick-skinned or condescending. What did he do? He rooted himself more deeply in his own deepest identity and, inside of that, found the power to continue to be warmed-hearted, loving, and forgiving in the face of hatred and murder. How so?

As Jesus was being executed he prayed: "Forgive them, they don't know what they are doing." Karl Rahner, commenting on this, astutely points out that, in fact, his executioners did know what they were doing! They knew they were crucifying an innocent man. So why does Jesus say they were acting in ignorance?

Their ignorance, as Karl Rahner points out, lay at a deeper level: They were ignorant of how much they were loved, whereas Jesus was not. When the Gospels describe Jesus' inner state at the Last Supper, they say: "Jesus, knowing that he had come from God and that he was going back to God and that therefore all things were possible for him, got up from the table and took off his outer robe ..."

Jesus was capable of continuing to love and forgive in the face of hatred and murder because, at the very heart of his self-awareness, lay an awareness of who he was, God's son, and how much he was loved. He wasn't thick-skinned or elitist, just in touch with who he was and how much he was loved. From that source he drew his energy and his power to forgive.

We too have access to that same powerful spring of energy. Like Jesus, we too are God's children and are loved that deeply. Like Jesus, we too can be that forgiving.

Very few things, I believe, are more needed today, in both society and the church, than this capacity for understanding and forgiveness. To continue to offer others genuine love and understanding in the face of opposition and hatred constitutes the ultimate social, political, ecclesial, moral, religious, and human challenge. Sometimes church people try to single out one particular moral issue as the litmus test as to whether or not someone is a true follower of Jesus. If there is to be litmus test, let it be this one:

Can you continue to love those who misunderstand you, who oppose you, who are hostile to you, who hate you, and who threaten you - without being paralyzed, calloused, or condescending?

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## Financial Summary

### July 17, 2011

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|-------------------|---------------|
| Weekly Collection | \$ 16,296.00  |
| Weekly Budget     | -\$ 19,000.00 |
| +/- for the week  | \$ (2,704.00) |

*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*, 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](mailto: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 Thursday, July 28, 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

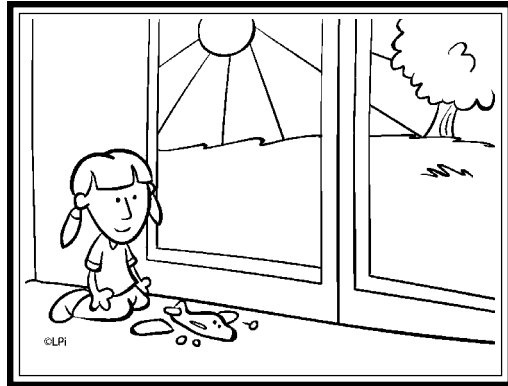
Tune into "Religion & Rock" with Msgr. Jim Vlaun on Sunday from 7 AM to 8 AM on WBAB 102.3 FM or 95.3 on the East End of Long Island. Listen on Saturdays at 11 PM on Sirius Radio, Channel 159, the Catholic Channel and at 11 PM on XM Satellite, Channel 117. Next Sunday's theme is "Volunteering/Giving." Don't miss it!

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# Sharing the Gospel

Your toys can break. Your books can tear. Your clothes can shrink and stain. Things don't last forever. The Kingdom of heaven does last forever. It is like a treasure. Heaven is worth more than anything you own. In both stories, the person who found the treasure sold everything else just to be a part of "God's Kingdom."



## Mission for the Week

Put God's Kingdom first. Read a Bible story every morning.

### Puzzle

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

|          |        |        |
|----------|--------|--------|
| KINGDOM  | HIDDEN | PEARLS |
| HEAVEN   | FIELD  | SOLD   |
| TREASURE | FOUND  | BOUGHT |

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|----------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| T        | N | F | H | D | E | O | K | M | I | O |
| H        | B | O | U | G | H | T | E | F | A | V |
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| A        | H | L | H | E | A | V | E | N | T | A |

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### Prayer



God,  
help me to  
love your Kingdom  
more than the  
"things I have."

### Something to Draw



Draw a picture of  
yourself finding a  
buried treasure.