

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Our Lady of Lourdes • August 7, 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.

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Mission Statement

As stewards of all that God has given us, the Parish Tamily 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 Jeam

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

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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

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



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

Dear Parish Family,

August Update:

With so many people on vacation, August will be a slow month for projects. So I will not have an update for you until the beginning of September. But our "Renewing Our Spiritual Home" project, to which you were so generous, is moving forward.

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.

Parish Center:

We are working on the solution to our plumbing problem. This has turned out to be a little more complicated than we hoped, since the actual plumbing lines are not exactly in the place the original plans show them when the center was constructed. This is still a fixable problem but we will need more investigation before this is done.

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. We have also upgraded the thermostats in the church and PC for better control and efficiency.

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



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!

August 8 Music Ministry
-Tales of Wonder

August 15 Rosary Christian Mothers and Holy Name Society

-Feast of the Assumption Mass
bring your own "Dessert 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, 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)



Daytime Eucharistic Devotion

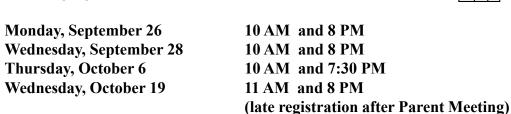
The afternoon adoration for the month of August will be on **Wednesday**, **August 10 from 1-3 PM**. All are invited and welcome!

SAGE

The SAGE Group (Senior Advocates for Growth and Enrichment) will meet on Tuesday, August 16, in the Parish Center at 9 AM.

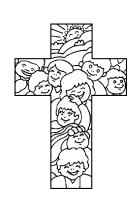
Religious Education PEP 1 Registration Dates 2011

for children entering public school, grade 1 - September 2011 Meetings will take place in the Parish Center. (room opposite the playground on Hunter Ave) *Please note: Baptismal Certificates required for any child being registered in PEP 1.*



If this is your *first child in our program*, the registration fee (Family Fee) is \$175 and textbooks are \$25 (if needed.) Details will be provided at the meeting.

All Religious Education information may be obtained by going to our OLL website *ollchurch.org* and click on the Religious Ed link or go to our echalk website *ollreled.org* and click on Religious Education Calendar, or Religious Education Programs, or Adult Faith Formation.



Our Lady of Lourdes Parish



Italian Family Feast 2011

September 14 - 18, 2011

Opens Wednesday thru Friday at 7 PM
Opens Saturday at 6 PM
Opens Sunday at 2 PM

Super Raffle

\$10,000 in prizes. Only 200 tickets to be sold. Each ticket \$100. Don't wait-these tickets sell out very quickly! Super Raffle drawing will be held on Sunday, September 18 at 9 PM.



Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are always needed and welcomed to support our annual Italian Family Feast. We have our faithful volunteers that come and help year after year-and to them we are very grateful. We need to attract new volunteers to keep our feast the wonderful annual family event that it is!

Can you help?

If you're interested or have any questions, please call the Parish Office at 661.3224.

The Swinging Seniors Are At It Again!

"Branson Show Extravaganza"

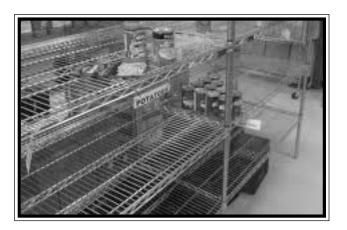
7 Fabulous Branson Shows, 9 Days – 8 Nights,

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.



Parish Outreach

Please help if you can....

Our pantry is empty.

We are not able to provide food for our customers. We know the economy is in the pits.... gas prices are off the roof again...there is no end in sight.

How can you stop the doomsday spiral?

A can of food donated to Outreach would be a big help! You can drop off your donations to the Parish Outreach office or to the baskets in the Narthex of the Chruch. Thank you for your continued support!

Welcome

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

Keith and Kelly Heyman & family Catherine Boody Thomas and Jennifer Campbell & family Richard and Donna Iracane & family

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

Upcoming Marriages



Alyssa Burrow, Resurrection, Farmingville and John Brady, OLL
Camille Idone, St. Benedict's, Bronx and
Michael Perone, OLL
Tracey O'Miller and
Christopher Capela, both OLL



Rest In Peace

John Gagliardo died on July 24 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was July 27. We extend our prayers to his children, grandchildren, and entire family.

Giacomina Gentile died on July 27 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was July 29. We extend our prayers to her children, grandchildren, and entire family.

Joseph A. Macaluso died on July 27 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was July 30. We extend our prayers to his wife, Anita, children, grandchildren, and entire family.

Vera Connaughton died on July 26 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was July 30. We extend our prayers to her children, grandchildren, and entire family.

Rosalie Andino died on July 28 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was August 1. We extend our prayers to her husband, Michael, children, grandchildren, and entire family.

Joseph Lehmann died on July 28 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was August 1. We extend our prayers to his wife, Helen, children, grandchildren, and entire family.

Rosary/Novena

Rosary:

Daily after 8 AM Mass

Miraculous Medal Novena:

Monday after 8 AM Mass

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Remembering...

Monday, August 8

Saint Dominic, priest

8:00 AM Basilio and Melchora Aquino

Tuesday, August 9

Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, virgin and martyr

8:00 AM LaRocca & Sweeney Family

Wednesday, August 10

Saint Lawrence, deacon and martyr

8:00 AM Florence Vint

Thursday, August 11

Saint Clare, virgin

8:00 AM James Etri and Susan Etri Baptism

Miles Joseph Mentus David and Jodianne

Altar Bread and Wine

In Lovng Memory of *John E. Monte, Jr.*

Friday, August 12

Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, religious

8:00 AM Michael Reilly

Saturday, August 13

8:00 AM Anthony Julius LoFaso, Sam Giarrusso,

Michael Garguilo, Brian Pupke, Michael Van Sumeren

5:00 PM Danny Salegna

Fr. Pat Amabile

Sunday, August 14

8:00 AM Nicholas and Teresa Ambrosino

Fr. Pat Amabile

9:30 AM William Martino

Fr. Ambrose Cabildo

11:00 AM Robert Beck

Fr. Michael Holzmann

12:30 PM Ernest Mammano, Jr.

Fr. Bob Scheckenback

6:00 PM People of the Parish, Matthew Dowd, Joseph Fenlon,

Peter Mirabella, Catherine Ingana, Steve Ende, Rose Bono,

Phyllis & Matteo Santini, Maureen Ermish

Fr. Bob Scheckenback



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19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Anyone who has ever lived in the central part of the country knows how huge thunderstorms can blow up in the summer. The heat and humidity give rise to massive storm clouds as the barometer sinks into a low pressure zone that signifies the developing storms. The most violent of these can include intense lightning, destructive hail, flooding rains, and deadly tornadoes. Last October's record low pressure over the continental United States-28.21 inches of mercury over Minnesota-produced storms that meteorologists described as a "land hurricane." But as typically happens after summer thunderstorms, once the rains pass through, the sun comes out and shines warmly in a cloudless sky.

Jesus' disciples must have felt intense fear on the lake as their boat was tossed around in the dark. Thick clouds would have covered any moon and no lights from the shore would have been visible since tiny oil lamps would not penetrate the darkness that far out. We know the fear a tornado can cause for those in a secure home as they rush to the basement to seek shelter. Imagine being on a lake in a small boat tossed about by the waves. Even skilled fishermen like Peter and Andrew and James and John would have been afraid.

In that storm, Jesus comes to calm the waves and give hope to his disciples. He is also the One who comes to us in the great storms of our own lives. When we are tossed about by the problems, fears, difficulties, and tragedies of life, Jesus is there to give us hope. Like the passing thunderstorm, we still have to deal with the effects of life's problems. They don't magically go away. But Christ is there to see us through, even as we recover from whatever storm battered our life. His words to us are the same as those addressed to the disciples: "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid."

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Readings for the Week of August 7, 2011

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33

Monday: Dt 10:12-22/Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday: Dt 31:1-8/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Jn 12:24-26

Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Mt 18:21---19:1

Friday: Jos 24:1-13/Mt 19:3-12 Saturday: Jos 24:14-29/Mt 19:13-15

Next Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28

Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Carol Grillo*. 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, Jeanne Marie DellaRagione, Edward Cronin,
Joseph DeCicco, Baby Reagan Farrell, Jake Feldman, Marguerite Filippone,
Ann Finn, Kenneth Garretson, Baby Gavin Gradiska, Winifred Hanrahan,
Baby Peter Horyczun, Peter Joseph, Kathleen Kerrigan, Marty Kerrigan,
Robyn Kerrigan, Eric Lee, Anne Losee, Christopher J. Maher, Marge Marotta,
Tony Marotta, Rosa Mastrorocco, John McNevin, Frances Miranda, Julio Miranda,
Rae Morris, John Muldoon, Evelyn Nonnon, Philomena Owens, Joanne Popper,
Peter Porzio, Joe Radosti, Patricia Sanchez, Teresa Saraceno, Maryann Savino,
Ann Marie Schiraldi, Baby Isabella Shaw, Derek Stahl, Lindsay Stahl,
Vincent Terranova, Thomas Van Schaick, Joseph Yezek, Philomena Zippilli

The Richness of the Mystery of God

by Ron Rolheiser, OMI

GK. Chesterton once said that one of the reasons he believed in Christianity was because of its belief in the trinity. If Christianity had been made up by human person, it would not have at its very center a concept that is impossible to grasp or explain: the idea that God exists as one but within in three persons.

How do we understand the trinity? We don't! God, by definition, is ineffable, beyond conceptualization, beyond imagination, beyond language. The Christian belief that God is a trinity helps underscore how rich the mystery of God is and how our experience of God is always richer than our concepts and language about God.

This is already evident in the history of religion. From the very beginning, humans have always had an experience of God and have worshipped God. However, from the very beginning too, humans have also had the sense that God is too rich and too-beyond any one set of categories to be captured in any human conception. Hence most ancient peoples were polytheistic. They believed in many gods and goddess. They experienced divine energy and the need to celebrate divine energy in many different areas of their lives and had gods and goddesses to accommodate that. Thus they had gods and goddesses for every longing and every circumstance, from war, through growing crops, through sex, through understanding why your father wouldn't bless you, there was a god or goddess to whom you could turn.

Sometimes they believed in one supreme god who ultimately ruled over lesser gods and goddesses, but they sensed that divine energy was too rich a reality to be contained in a single being. They believed too that sometimes the gods were at war with each other. As well, their gods and goddesses often times messed around within human lives, making special deals with humans, having affairs with them, and sometimes even having children with them.

Many of the most powerful myths ever told arose out of the experience of God's overwhelming richness and the ancient peoples' incapacity to conceptualize God and God's activity in any singular way. Whatever else might be said about polytheism and ancient myths about the gods and goddesses, ancient religious practices and the incredible canon of mythology that these produced speak of how rich, untamed, and beyond simplistic imagination and language is the human experience of God. The ancients believed that their experience pointed to the existence of many deities.

And then a massive shift took place: Judaism, soon followed by Christianity and Islam, introduced the strong, clear, doctrinaire idea that there is only one God. Now all divine power and energy was seen as coming from a single source, monotheism, YHWH, the Father of Jesus, Allah. There were no other gods or goddesses.

But from the time of Jesus' resurrection onwards, Christians began to struggle with simple monotheism. They believed that there is still only one God, but their experience of God demanded that they believe that this God was somehow "three". Stated simply, when Jesus rose from the dead Christians immediately began to attribute divinity to him, yet without identifying him as God the Father. Jesus was understood to be God, but somehow different from God the Father. Moreover, inside of their experience, they sensed still a third divine energy which they couldn't fully identify with either Jesus or God the Father, the Holy Spirit.

This experience left them in a curious and sometimes perplexed state: They were monotheists, God alone was God. Yet, Jesus too was God, as was the Holy Spirit. Their experience of grace and God's action in the world was at odds with their simplistic conception of monotheism.

God was one and yet God was somehow three. How to fit this together? It took Christianity three hundred years to finally arrive at a formula that somehow honored the richness of the Christian experience of God. The Council of Nicea in 325 gave us the creedal formula we profess today: There is one God in three persons; except they wrote that formula in Greek and the words there state literally that God is one substance in three subsistent relations.

That formula isn't meant to give us perfect clarity. No formula can ever capture the reality of God because God is too rich to ever be captured, even half adequately, in imagination, thought, and word. The God that atheism rejects is precisely a conceptualized God, a God captured in a picture. In the end, atheism is less faithful to human experience than was polytheism which more rightly sensed deity, gods and goddesses, hidden under every rock.

To what does this call us?

To humility. All of us, believers and atheists, need to be more humble in our language about God. The idea of God needs to stretch, not shrink, the human imagination. Our actual experience of God, just as for ancient polytheism, is forever eating away at all simplistic conceptions of God. Thank God, for the complexity of the doctrine of the Trinity!

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.

Financial Summary

July 31, 2011

Weekly Collection \$ 15,746.00 Weekly Budget -\$ 19,000.00 +/- for the week \$ (3,254.00)

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.

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

Good Samaritan Prayer Group of L.I.

The Good Samaritan Prayer Group of Long Island holds their meetings every Friday (except the first Friday of the month) at OLL School in Room 16 from 8 PM until 10 PM. All are welcome to experience singing, praying and fellowship each evening.

The 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

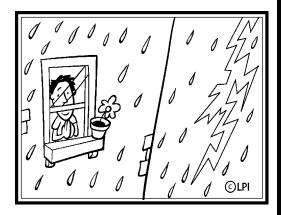
Please join us for an Open House on Thursday, August 11, from 1 PM until 3 PM. Dominican Village is an independent retirement community that offers assisted living and respite care, outstanding programs, all-inclusive services and bountiful amenities. For more information, or to schedule a tour at your 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 "Adjusting in Life." Don't miss it! To listen online or receive more information regarding "Religion & Rock" go to www.religionandrock.com or at "Religion & Rock" on ITUNES. Don't forget to tune into TELECARE, Cablevision Channel 29/137 or Verizon FIOS 296 for the Best in Catholic Television!

Sharing the Gospel

One night the disciples were caught in a storm, out in the middle of a lake. The winds were strong. The waves crashed against their boat. But Jesus was so powerful, he walked on that stormy lake. Then he completely stopped the storm. No problem you have is ever too big for Jesus. He can do anything. Put all your trust in him.

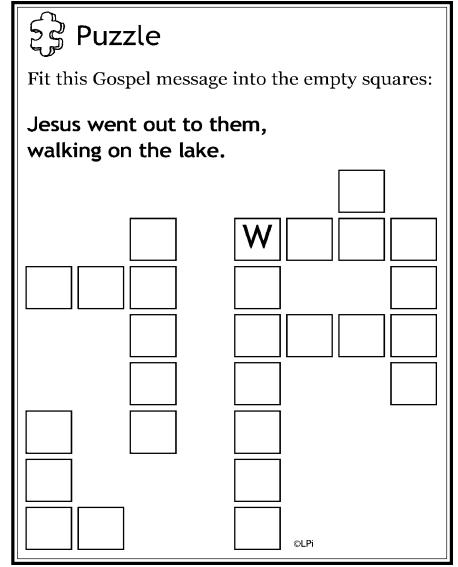




Mission for the Week

When you are afraid, ask Jesus for help.

Remember how powerful he is.



Prayer



Jesus.

I thank you for showing me how powerful you are.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of Jesus walking on water.