



**I WILL  
GIVE  
YOU THE  
KEYS TO THE  
KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.**

MATTHEW 16:19

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OUR LADY OF LOURDES • AUGUST 21, 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**  
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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*

**AnnMarie 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,*

**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](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*

# Our Lady of Lourdes Parish



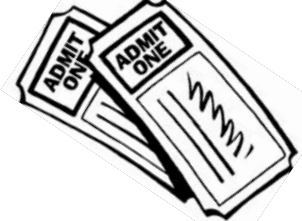
## Italian Family Feast 2011

**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. Tickets on sale after Mass beginning August 27/28. Don't wait-these tickets sell out very quickly! Super Raffle drawing will be held on Sunday, September 18 at 9 PM.**

### Advance Tickets

**Any six rides for \$15 Tickets good for any ride/any day of the Feast! Purchase "Advance Tickets", Monday-Friday at Parish Office from 9AM to 5PM. Advance ticket sales will end Monday, September 12**

### 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.**

### Volunteers Meeting

**There will be a meeting for all Feast Volunteers on Thursday, September 8 at 7 PM in Room 16. All are asked to attend.**

## 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, September 20**. 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, September 15, 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.

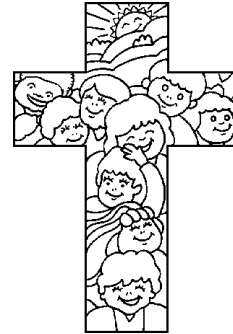
## Support Groups

**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)

## Religious Education PEP 1 Registration Dates 2011

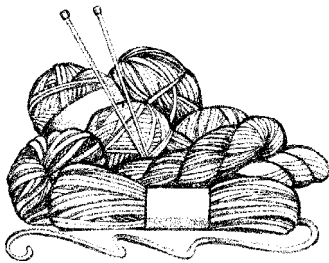
*for children entering public school, grade 1 - September 2011*  
Meetings will take place in the Parish Center. (room opposite the playground on Hunter Ave) *Please note: Baptismal Certificates required for any child being registered in PEP 1.*



<b>Monday, September 26</b>	<b>10 AM and 8 PM</b>
<b>Wednesday, September 28</b>	<b>10 AM and 8 PM</b>
<b>Tuesday, October 11</b>	<b>10 AM</b>
<b>Wednesday, October 12</b>	<b>7:30 PM</b>
<b>Wednesday, October 19</b>	<b>11 AM and 8 PM</b> <b>(late registration after Parent Meeting)</b>

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](http://ollchurch.org) and click on the Religious Ed link or go to our echalk website [ollreled.org](http://ollreled.org) and click on Religious Education Calendar, or Religious Education Programs, or Adult Faith Formation.



## Prayer Shawl Ministry

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

**Join us ...**

**Wednesday, September 14 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...

*Salvatore and Jennifer Galasso & family*

*Cesare and Gina Trapani & family*

*James and Evelyn Marron*

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

*Attention all children and teens:*



You are invited to be part of the  
**Youth Music Ministry**  
here at  
**Our Lady of Lourdes Church**

Choirs and special music will begin on  
**Sunday, September 11**  
**at the 9:30 AM Mass**

Rehearsal after Mass each week for fifteen minutes in the Parish Center

*or the*

**6 PM Mass**



Rehearsals will be weekly at 5 PM prior to the 6 PM Mass

**Ms. AnnMarie Buonaspina**  
Youth Music Ministry Director  
[youthmusic@ollchurch.org](mailto:youthmusic@ollchurch.org)



*Big events coming up:*

**OLL Back-to-School Mass**  
**Sunday, September 11, 9:30 AM Mass**



**OLL Feast Mass**  
**Saturday, September 17, 5 PM Mass**



## Donations to Outreach: August 2011

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

- Outreach received an anonymous donation as a *Thank You to Pat Heithaus and Regina Mirabella.*
- Anne Basso has made a donation to Outreach in memory of *Joseph Lehmann.*
- Mr. and Mrs. Richard Barthel made a donation to Outreach in memory of *Joseph Lehmann.*
- Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Vieni have made a donation to Outreach in memory of *Joseph Lehmann.*
- The Childrens Liturgy Committee have made a donation to Outreach in memory of *Joseph Lehmann.*
- Regina Mirabella has made a donation in loving memory of her husband, *Peter.*
- Outreach has received donations in memory of *Peter Mirabella* from: Margaret Herman & family , The Choir at OLL, Neil & Virginia Karenbaum, Dolores Jania, Timothy & Cindy Jania, Theresa Michalwicz & family, James & Theresa Suraie, Pamela Vincente.
- Pat and Carl Falco have made a donation to Outreach in memory of *Joseph Lehmann.*
- Ruth Hiller has made a donation to Outreach in memory of *Peter Mirabella.*
- Ken & Emilee Bellone have made a donation to Outreach in memory of their beloved father, *Garrett Bellone.*
- Alex & Lauren Bellone have made a donation to Outreach in loving memory of their grandfather, *Garrett Bellone.*
- Mr.& Mrs. Robert Kurse have made a donation in loving memory of *Tessie Tkachuk.*

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



## *Upcoming Marriages*

*Tracey O'Miller and*

*Christopher Capela, both OLL*



## *Rest In Peace*

*Joseph J. Raia* died on August 5 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was August 8. We extend our prayers to his wife, Natale, children, grandchildren, and entire family.

*Kenneth Spina* died on February 9 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was August 12. We extend our prayers to his entire family.

*Lawrence D'Esposito* died on August 7 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was August 11. We extend our prayers to her children, grandchildren, and entire family.

*Mildred Leo* died on August 8 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was August 12. We extend our prayers to her children, grandchildren, and entire family.

### **Rosary/Novena**

#### **Rosary:**

Daily after 8 AM Mass

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

Monday after 8 AM Mass

#### **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-Catholics and for Catholics who have never received formal religious education. If interested, please call the Parish Office.

## Remembering...

### Monday, August 22

*The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

8:00 AM Sr. Nina O'Brien

### Tuesday, August 23

*Saint Rose of Lima, virgin*

8:00 AM Flanagan Family

### Wednesday, August 24

*Saint Bartholomew, apostle*

8:00 AM Michael & Belina Lauro

### Thursday, August 25

*Saint Louis of France; Saint Joseph Calasanz, priest*

8:00 AM Florence Vint

### Friday, August 26

8:00 AM James & Charlotte Quinn

### Saturday, August 27

8:00 AM Carmela Nieroda, Louise & Bruce Davenport,  
Benjamin Linger, St. Jude, Thomas J. Ryan

5:00 PM Joseph Intoci

*Fr. Bob Scheckenback*

### Sunday, August 28

8:00 AM Rober P. and Robert J. Wilson

*Fr. Pat Amabile*

9:30 AM Vincent & Grace Capanzano

*Fr. Bob Scheckenback*

11:00 AM Noelle Fabbicante

*Fr. Ambrose Cabildo*

12:30 PM Vincent Barbera

*Fr. Pat Amabile*

6:00 PM People of the Parish, Peter Mirabella, Kathleen Ferrara,  
Joan Newman, Salvatore Stamatiades, John Phelps,  
Minnie Polini, Donna Andrews, Erika Hughes

*Fr. Michael Holzmann*

## Baptism



*Averi Lynn Savino*

John and Andrea

*Isabella Grace Zimmerly*

Jason and Michelle

# Community of Learners



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## 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

My friend is a Montessori teacher in a local public school. Her class includes twenty-six three-, four-, and five-year-olds who normally stay with her for the full three years as they age and develop. Montessori education encourages a process of discovery in which children in multi-age learning communities develop through the use of all five senses using activities that allow them to learn at their own pace. As a teacher, my friend is always challenging the students to try the different activities that fill her classroom. Helping children move up the levels and not remain satisfied with simple activities they find easy to accomplish is part of her work each day. Through the interaction of teacher and fellow students a child can discover even more as he or she is challenged to grow.

A bit like a Montessori classroom, Jesus and his disciples were a community of learners. He was constantly teaching them as they interacted with the world around them. Matthew doesn't hesitate in his Gospel to show the varied ways in which Jesus instructed his followers: discourse, parables, examples, and the experiences of everyday life. In today's Gospel we encounter one of the classic teaching techniques: questioning. Every teacher knows that one way to get students to think about a subject is to ask probing questions, encouraging the listener to think of responses even as the questions keep coming. Jesus did that with his disciples in today's Gospel. "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" he asks. The replies from the disciples come back, each one falling short of the mark, until Peter hits on an adequate response, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

While we don't have Jesus standing in front of us peppering us with questions, we must still come up with an answer for ourselves in our own life. Who is Jesus for us today? And what does that mean for how we live?

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### Readings for the Week of August 21, 2011

<b>Sunday:</b>	Is 22:19-23/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20
<b>Monday:</b>	1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Mt 23:13-22
<b>Tuesday:</b>	1 Thes 2:1-8/Mt 23:23-26
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Rv 21:9b-14/Jn 1:45-51
<b>Thursday:</b>	1 Thes 3:7-13/Mt 24:42-51
<b>Friday:</b>	1 Thes 4:1-8/Mt 25:1-13
<b>Saturday:</b>	1 Thes 4:9-11/Mt 25:14-30
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	Jer 20:7-9/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27

## Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Elizabeth Netska*.  
If you would like to help care for our altar needs,  
please call the Parish Office at 661.3224.

## Pastoral Care of Our Sick

Please call the Parish Office at 661.3224 to leave the  
names of parishioners who:



- are homebound and would like to receive the Eucharist.
- are in Good Samaritan Hospital and would like to be visited by a member of our Pastoral Care Ministry.
- would like to receive the Sacrament of the Sick.

## Pray for Our Sick

Please remember to keep in your thoughts and prayers ...

*Edith Caputo, Nicole Cerny, Jeanne Marie DellaRagione, Edward Cronin,  
Joseph DeCicco, Baby Reagan Farrell, Jake Feldman, Marguerite Filippone,  
Ann Finn, Diane Garretson, Kenneth Garretson, Baby Gavin Gradiska,  
Winifred Hanrahan, Baby Peter Horyczun, Peter Joseph, Marty Kerrigan,  
Robyn Kerrigan, Eric Lee, Anne Losee, Christopher J. Maher, Arlene Manti,  
Marge Marotta, Tony Marotta, Rosa Mastrorocco, John McNevin,  
Frances Miranda, Julio Miranda, Rae Morris, Evelyn Nonnon, Philomena Owens,  
Donna Papa, Joanne Popper, Peter Porzio, Joe Radosti, Anthony Rao, Patricia  
Sanchez, Teresa Saraceno, Maryann Savino, Ann Marie Schiraldi,  
Baby Isabella Shaw, Derek Stahl, Lindsay Stahl, Daniel Taranto,  
Vincent Terranova, Nancy Turano, Joseph Yezek*

## Spirituality and the Seasons of our Lives

by Ron Rolheiser, OMI

As a young man, Nikos Kazantzakis, the famous Greek writer, contemplated becoming a monk and once spent a summer touring monasteries. Years later, writing on the experience, he recounts a marvelous conversation he had with an elderly monk, Fr. Makarios.

At one point, he asked the old monk: "Do you still wrestle with the devil, Father Makarios?" The old priest sighed and replied: "Not any longer, my child. I have grown old now, and he has grown old with me. He doesn't have the strength. ... I wrestle with God." "With God!" Kazantzakis exclaimed in astonishment. "And you hope to win?" "I hope to lose, my child," the old man replied, "My bones remain with me still, and they continue to resist."

Among other things, this story highlights the fact that our spiritual struggles change as we age and go through life. The struggles of youth are not necessarily the struggles of mid-life and beyond. Maturity is developmental. Different things are asked of us as we move through life. This is also true for spirituality and discipleship.

How does our spiritual life change and demand new things from us as we grow?

Drawing upon the insights of John of the Cross, I would submit that there are three fundamental stages to our spiritual lives, three levels of discipleship:

The first level, which John of the Cross calls the dark night of the senses, might aptly be called Essential Discipleship. In essence, this is the struggle to get our lives together. This struggle begins really at birth but becomes more our own individual struggle when we reach puberty and begin to be driven by powerful inner forces to separate ourselves from our families so as to create a life and a home of our own. During this time we struggle to find ourselves, to get our lives together, to create a new home for ourselves. This can take years and might never be achieved. Indeed, for most everyone, some elements of this struggle will continue throughout their entire lifetime.

But, for most people, there comes a time when this is essentially achieved, when there is a sense of being at home again, when the major questions of life are no longer: Who am I? What will I do with my life? Who loves me? Who will marry me? Where should I live?

What should I do? At some point, most of us find a place beyond these questions: We have a home, a career, a marriage partner or some peace without one, a vocation, a meaning, a good reason to get up every morning, and a place to return to at night. We have found our way home again.

We then enter the second level of discipleship which John of the Cross calls Proficiency and which we might call Generative Discipleship. In essence, this is the struggle to give our lives away. Our main concern now is not so much about what to do with our lives but how to give them away so as to make the world a better place. These are our generative years and they are meant to stretch from the time we land in a vocation, a career, and a home, until our retirement years. And our major questions during these years need to be altruistic ones: How do I give myself over more generously and more purely? How do I remain faithful? How do I sustain myself in my commitments? How do I give my life away?

But those are not yet the ultimate questions: At some point, if we are blessed with health and life beyond retirement, a still deeper question begins to arise in us, one which invites us to a third stage of discipleship. As Henri Nouwen puts it: At a certain point in our lives the question is no longer: "What can I still do so that my life makes a contribution?" But: "How can I now live so that when I die my death will be an optimal blessing to my family, the church, and the world?"

John of the Cross calls this stage the dark night of the spirit. We might call it, Radical Discipleship because at this stage we are not so much struggling with how to give our lives away but with how to give our deaths away. Our question now becomes: How do live the last years of my life so that when I die my death will bless my loved ones just as my life once did? How do I live out my remaining years so that when I die "blood and water" will, metaphorically, flow from my dead body as they once flowed from Jesus' dead body?

Too little within our spiritualities challenges us to look at this last stage of life: How do we die for others? However, as Goethe puts it in his poem, *The Holy Longing*, life itself will eventually force us to contemplate whether or not we want to become "insane for the light".

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## Financial Summary

### August 14, 2011

Weekly Collection	\$ 16,509.00
Weekly Budget	-\$ 19,000.00
+/- for the week	\$ (2,491.00)

*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:



**Bryan R. Dempsey**-US Marines  
**Christopher Florca**-US Marines  
**Garrett Kerschner**-US Marines  
**Cari Kelly**- US Air Force  
**Anthony Mannino**-US Marines  
**JD Montefusco**-US Marines

...and remember those of our parish family that are in the armed services, listed in our Parish Book of Intentions.

## Safely Home

Our whole parish family rejoices with the Cochrane Family in gratitude for the safe return of Stephen from active duty.

**Stephen Cochrane**-US Marines, has returned to the United States safe and sound from his tour of duty in Iraq. Thank you, *Stephen*, for your most generous service to our country!

The Cochrane Family would like to thank Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Family for all of their prayers.

Our whole parish family rejoices with the Tyrrell Family in gratitude for the safe return of Joshua from active duty.

**Joshua Tyrrell**-US Army, has returned to the United States safe and sound from his tour of duty in Iraq. Thank you, *Joshua*, for your most generous service to our country!

The Tyrrell Family would like to thank Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Family for all of their prayers.

## **Gennesaret Retreat** *for those facing serious illness*

A retreat especially designed for persons who live with a serious illness is planned **September 23-25, 2011 at Montfort Spirituality Center in Bay Shore**. This retreat offers a respite, a quiet time, an oasis, to enable one to continue the journey. The retreat focuses on God's love, His forgiveness, and His faithfulness. To register or receive more information about this weekend, please call Colette at 631.665.7052.

## **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.

## **Retrouvaille**

**You Can Help Heal Your Marriage Now!** *Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue or have you just stopped talking to each other?* Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. For confidential information about the Retrouvaille program, or to register for the upcoming weekend that begins on **Friday, September 9, at the Montfort Retreat House in Bay Shore**. Please call 1.800.470.2230 and you will be connected directly and confidentially to a couple from Long Island/Metro Retrouvaille who can help.

## **Dominican Village**

**Please join us for an Open House on Thursday, August 25, 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.

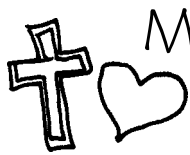
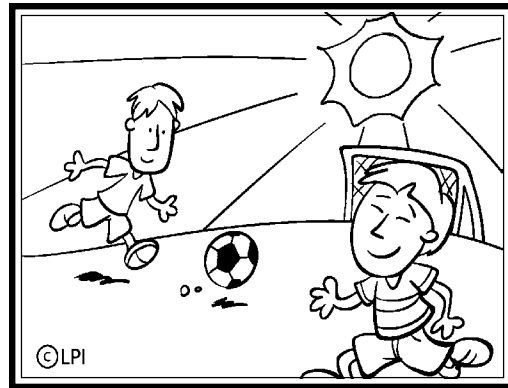
## **Religion & Rock**

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# Sharing the Gospel

God had sent great prophets to his people. Jeremiah, Elijah, and John the Baptist were faithful to God. They told God's people to love each other. But God's people would not listen. That is why God sent his Son Jesus to be your Savior. With Jesus' help, you can turn back to God. Because of Jesus, you can love others. Because of Jesus, you can look forward to heaven.



## Mission for the Week

Tell God you are sorry for your sins. Ask God to "help you follow Jesus' example."



### Puzzle

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

John  
prophets  
Peter

Father  
blessed  
Elijah

Christ  
revealed  
Jeremiah

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### Prayer



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sending your Son,  
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### Something to Draw



Draw a picture of  
Jesus in heaven,  
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