

to other tenants

who will give him the produce

“He will lease his vineyard



at the proper times.”

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our Lady of Lourdes • October 2, 2011



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
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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.*

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

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Deacon Tom Lucie

Deacon Jack Meehan

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Rita Spera

Religious Education Office

Lori Walsh

Parish Office



Parish Office

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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

Blood Drive

On Monday, October 17, Our Lady of Lourdes Parish will hold a **BLOOD DRIVE** from 3:30 PM to 8:30 PM. The Drive will be held in the All Purpose Room.

All eligible donors are strongly urged to give blood.

Because some of the world's finest and largest medical facilities are located in our metropolitan areas, they require extremely large quantities of blood and blood components, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Each year, the need for blood continues to grow:

....Blood donations provide life support treatment for victims of accidents, surgical patients, and those who need special blood components and derivatives during therapy for leukemia, hemophilia, cancer and other diseases.

....Accident victims often require immediate and ongoing transfusions of red blood cells and platelets.

....Cancer treatment now requires vast quantities of platelets and other blood components.

....The number of sophisticated surgery procedures like open-heart surgery and organ transplants has increased dramatically.

....An aging population will contribute to the increasing need for blood products.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

All Souls Mass of Remembrance

We Remember We Celebrate We Believe



During this past year at Our Lady of Lourdes more than 100 Funeral Masses have been celebrated for members of our parish family who have died. Their families will be invited to participate in a special **Mass of Remembrance and Communion Breakfast on Saturday, November 5 at 10:30 AM.**

If there is someone you wish to honor, whose Funeral Mass was not celebrated at Our Lady of Lourdes, please contact the Parish Office at 661.3224 no later than October 28.



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

Renewing Our Spiritual Home Projects

Let there be Light!

The Lights are here - 38 new fixtures arrive at OLL!

Our new lights have arrived! We have taken delivery of 38 new fixtures custom built for our church. Now all we need to do is to find a good time when we can have our electricians install these new fixtures. Over 300 new connections need to be made to power these new lights along with new lighting in our sanctuary and tabernacle area.



OLL maintenance workers Rich and John help unload and stack our new lighting for installation.

Is it too late to participate?

Not at all! All gifts and pledges are always welcome. Just call our Parish Office at 661.3224 or send me an email at pastor@ollchurch.org. It would be wonderful if every Our Lady of Lourdes parishioner could 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



Welcoming the
ROMAN MISSAL THIRD EDITION
Deepen. Nurture. Celebrate

Scriptural Reflections on the New Roman Missal

by Msgr. Chris Heller

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Oct 2 - Matthew 21:33-43

4. From the beginning of time, every human drama has contained people or creatures that fulfilled various roles. Even as far back as the Book of Genesis, God reigned as Creator of heaven and earth; Adam and Eve were our first parents; and the prince of darkness was the tempter who provided lies and excuses for people to live apart from the road of righteousness and love.

In today's Holy Gospel, Jesus tells a parable with high dramatic qualities, including a vineyard, which is a rich symbol of the fertility and abundance God has in store for all who are faithful to the divine invitation. Among the other roles in the parable you will hear is the role of the tenant farmers, those persons responsible for overseeing and cultivating the growth of the vineyard in the landowner's temporary absence. Such a position is one of trust and serious responsibility, and therefore is not given to people casually or carelessly. The landowner believes that the tenant farmers will be both respectful and responsible in their treatment of the landowner's representatives, but as we know from human experience, not all those entrusted with a responsibility actually fulfill their roles with maturity and responsibility. And as we recognize that Almighty God is the landowner, we reflect on God's movement in our lives, and how God creates original solutions our minds have not even yet imagined, in order to further the growth of God's divine mission of love.

At every Eucharist, we pray that our offering in God's sight may become fruitful. In less than two months, the words of the priest's invitation will change slightly, to emphasize an important truth about our respective roles at Mass. After washing his hands, the priest will invite his sisters and brothers in the assembly to participate actively with these words: "pray that **my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.**" This is a concrete way of recognizing that each of us, including the priest celebrant who presides, has been invited by God to join his and her individual and communal sacrifices with that of Christ, our High Priest, so that we might become persons who are rich in faith, hope and love. Let our love for the Eucharist continue to grow, as we grow in the image of Christ Jesus in wisdom, age and grace. Blessed be God, who gives us new life and new hope in Christ Jesus our Savior.

Adult Faith Formation

Why Do I Have to Shake Hands in Church?

The Mass (Sacred Liturgy) as Communal Prayer



Presenter: Fr. Bob Sheckeback

Tuesday - October 4, 11, 18

7:30-9:30 PM

Parish Center

With the Liturgical reforms that came from the Second Vatican Council, our Church re-embraced an ancient and consistent element of her identity. She re-established the Mass as the corporate prayer of the community on the Sabbath.

For the greater majority of our history, Christians prayed with each other to express their faith, and to revel in the presence of Christ in their communion with each other. We invite you to a three night Adult Faith Formation course to look at the parts of the Mass, the words and gestures, the format and development; that all calls us to see our worship as relational and community minded. Using the 3rd edition (new translation) of the Roman Missal we will see how we are still being called “to that full, conscious, and active participation in liturgical celebrations which is demanded by the very nature of the liturgy...”

-Sacrosanctum Concilium 1963

There is a \$5 fee for each session. No fee is required for those who have paid the Religious Education Family Fee or Our Lady of Lourdes School tuition.

Registration is necessary and helpful. This will enable us to have enough reading material and refreshments for all those attending. To register, please call the Religious Education Office at 661.5440, option 3 or email to religioused@ollchurch.org.



Daytime Eucharistic Devotion

The afternoon adoration for the month of October will be on **Wednesday, October 5 from 1- 3 PM**. All are invited and welcome!

Holy Name Society

The Holy Name Society invites the men of our parish, young and old, to join us. We can use the wisdom of the older men and the energy and fresh ideas our younger men. The Holy Name Society meets on the second Sunday of each month. Our next meeting will be on **Sunday, October 9**. We come together to pray the **Rosary at 7:40 AM in the Church** and the **meeting will follow the 8 AM Mass at 9 AM in Room 16**. Stop by, **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

SAGE

The SAGE Group (Senior Advocates for Growth and Enrichment) will meet on **Tuesday, October 4**, in the **Parish Center at 9 AM**.

Rosary Christian Mothers

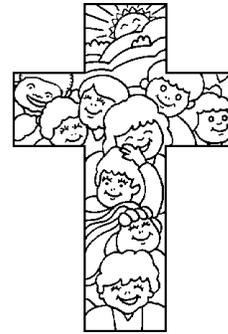
The Rosary Christian Mothers meet on the first Monday evening of each month. The next meeting will be **Monday, October 3**. We will begin with **Rosary at 7:45 PM** followed by **meeting at 8 PM in the Spiritual Life Center**. *Please note location.*

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.*



Tuesday, October 11

10 AM

Wednesday, October 12

7:30 PM

Wednesday, October 19

11 AM and 8 PM *(late registration after Parent Mtg)*

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.



Pep 4 Program

Our fourth graders began their Religious Education year with a prayer service in Church on Monday, September 19 with Father Bob presiding. The theme of this year is: **“Lord, Enlarge My Heart”**, taken from the prayer of Jabez, an Old Testament figure who asked God to watch over him, that he may never cause harm to anyone.

During this service, the children received a blessing, and, in turn, blessed their catechists and asked God’s grace for them during their time of study.

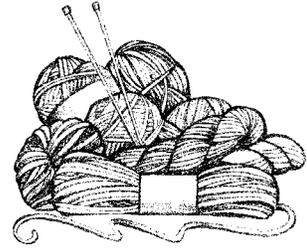
The curriculum this year includes learning about God’s Law of Love, the Ten Commandments, the Beatitudes and the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy. The students will learn how to incorporate these wonderful principles into their everyday lives.

Pep 2 Program



Our second graders began class on September 22 and received their special vine plant. As they care for this plant this year, they will reflect on the message that **“Jesus is the Vine and they are the Branches”**.

Each class day, they reflect on that Gospel, water their plant and sing their special song. This year, as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Sacrament of the Eucharist, they will experience more deeply, God’s intimate relationship with them.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

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

Join us ...

Wednesday, October 12 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.

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)

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.



Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

What's it all about?

IF you are an adult AND

... you were never Baptized

... you were Baptized in another faith and would like to become a baptized Catholic

... you never received Holy Communion (Eucharist)

... you never received your Confirmation

IF you are an adult AND one or all of the circumstances above apply to you...

IF you feel you would like to become a baptized Catholic or become more fully initiated into your Catholic faith

Our email address is RCIA@ollchurch.org or call the Parish Office at 661.3224, option #1, and we would be happy to help you.

Men's Prayer Group-morning

An Invitation to all men from OLL and beyond...

We invite all men of the parish to meet for prayer and reflection after 8 AM Mass on **Thursday, October 20, 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.

Men's Prayer Group-evening

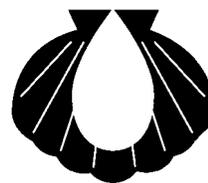
An *evening* men's prayer group! It will be held once a month, on the third Tuesday of each month from **7:30 PM until 8:30 PM in the Spiritual Life Center**. The next meeting will be **Tuesday night, October 18**. Come with your ideas. We'll read and discuss the Liturgy for the following Sunday Mass.

For more information, call Bob Natale at 893.3041, Charles Zeiss at 669.7189 or Cliff Proctor at 669.3198.



Upcoming Marriages

*Laurie Krebs, St. Jude, Shirley and
Jeffrey Van Schaick, OLL
Heather Fogarty, OLL and
Thomas Withee, III, St. Gerard, Massachusetts*



Baptism

*Casey Mikayla Rizzi
Michael and Juliann
Hailey Ann Azrikan
Ian and Michele
Blake Andrew Hogan
Michael and Kerri
Juliana Grace Kelskey
Danny and Maryann
Isaiah Anthony Sweet
Jasen and Jessica*

Rosary/Novena

Rosary:

Daily after 8 AM Mass

Miraculous Medal Novena:

Monday after 8 AM Mass

Anointing of the Sick

Throughout the liturgical year.

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Remembering...

Monday, October 3

8:00 AM Harry Gleckler

Tuesday, October 4

Saint Francis of Assisi, religious

8:00 AM Peter Reilly

Wednesday, October 5

8:00 AM Juliana Davis

Thursday, October 6

Saint Bruno, priest

8:00 AM John Lovari

Friday, October 7

Our Lady of the Rosary

8:00 AM Richard Joseph Shaddock

Saturday, October 8

8:00 AM Concetta Micali, John Dwyer, Anthony Rao,
Ruth Hiller, Elena Hawa, Julio Montanez, Marie Frey

5:00 PM Virginia & Joseph Beno

Sunday, October 9

8:00 AM John Ricciardi

9:30 AM Peter McCann, Sr.

11:00 AM Mary & Joseph Walsh

12:30 PM Dick Garcia

6:00 PM People of the Parish, Joseph Viverito, Raymond Smith,
Joseph Lehmann, Lawrence D'Esposito, Anthony Pierri,
Kathleen Kerrigan, Fred Scheckenback, Lester Vellia,
James Michael Davis, Salvatore DeMeo



Rest In Peace

Thomas Van Schaick died on September 24 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was September 27. We extend our prayers to his wife, Kathryn, children, and entire family.

Our treasure lies
in the kingdom of
God



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27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the midst of the current economic crisis, home foreclosure rates are at an all time high. While the causes are many, there are several items that economists point to in particular. The development of new financial instruments, such as mortgage-backed securities, led investment funds to seek out more and more investors with promises of huge returns. Mortgage lenders discovered a ready source of capital through these funds and went after potential home buyers whose own finances may have been shaky. And buyers, dazzled by the prospect of a new home larger than anything they may have thought possible, entered into ill-considered contracts that placed them in financial jeopardy after a few years. The construction industry added to the market woes by building large tracts of homes on speculation presuming that future sales would continue at the record pace that was already beginning to slow.

A lot of the housing market process was built on hope: fund managers' hope that profits would remain high; lenders hope that buyers would keep coming forward; buyers hope that they would earn enough in the future to afford their mortgage; builders hope that someone would buy what they were putting up. Like the landowner in the parable, there was hope that everything would turn out just fine with the ever increasing ratcheting up of effort.

It didn't work out in the housing market, and it didn't work out in the parable either. The landowner's son was killed. The tenants of the vineyard will meet a wretched end, and others will get the benefit of the vineyard. The crash of the housing market might be a good cautionary tale for all of us. While we may want to build up our own little kingdom here on earth, it is really the kingdom of God in which our treasure lies. Are we making a regular investment in that kingdom, so that we will be ready for our final retirement?

2011 Liturgical Publications Inc

Readings for the Week of October 2, 2011

Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43
Monday: Jon 1:1-2:2, 11/Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10/Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11/Lk 11:1-4
Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b/Lk 11:5-13
Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Lk 11:15-26
Saturday: Jl 4:12-21/Lk 11:27-28
Next Sunday: Is 25:6-10a/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 *or* 22:1-10

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 ...

Stacy Ann, Herbert Carlson, Nicole Cerny, Eddie Cronin, Jeanne Marie DellaRagione, Frank Edwards, Baby Reagan Farrell, Jake Feldman, Marguerite Filippone, Ann Finn, Elizabeth Fredriksen, Donna Galindez, Kenneth Garretson, Kathleen Gilgan, Baby Gavin Gradiska, Joan Griffin, Winifred Hanrahan, Baby Peter Horyczun, Max Iliano, George Impellizeri, Marie Impellizeri, Peter Joseph, Robyn Kerrigan, Krista Kinney Kearney, Francis Lenahan, Anne Losee, Christopher J. Maher, Charles Mai, Marge Marotta, Tony Marotta, Rosa Mastrorocco, John McNevin, Baby Ryan Michael, Rae Morris, Evelyn Nonnon, Joanne Popper, Peter Porzio, Joe Radosti, Teresa Saraceno, Ann Marie Schiraldi, Rose Segreto, Baby Isabella Shaw, Anne Tamney, Nancy Turano, Joseph Yezek

Being Stretched by Great Writers

by Ron Rolheiser, OMI

British writer, A.S. Byatt, is perhaps the foremost novelist in the English language today. She will, no doubt, one day be awarded the Nobel Prize for literature.

Her newest novel, *The Children's Book*, like all her novels, is dense, challenging, and not easy to read. And it is a difficult read not just because it is long (over 600 pages) and generously mixes history, art, architecture, politics, economics, oppression, ideology, mythology, love, sex, abuse, and family life, but also because it unsettles a settled mind. Life, as she lays it out, doesn't move along clear, easily defined moral lines. Any easy concept of history, morality, family, or sex, will unravel as you read her. Byatt, like all great writers, unsettles and stretches the mind.

And what's to be said about this unsettling? Is it healthy? If we are Christians with clearly defined beliefs about life, morality, sexuality, and family, is it healthy to expose ourselves to this kind of unsettling? Shouldn't we be reading things that bolster our faith and morals? Why walk deliberately into an intellectual and moral lion's den?

Because, I believe, the lion's den holds a partial key to mature faith and morality.

A mature faith is a tested faith and any set of moral principles worthy of our genuflection must not shy away from life's real complexities. It is important that we be given solid roots and nurturing in the tenets of our faith and moral principles; but to come to maturity, we must also be stretched and made to walk through desert places which, especially at first, can seem chaotic, unsettling, and threatening. Paradoxically there is a nurturing in the unsettling. If our minds and hearts are open, we can find in those unsettling spaces some rich and important things that will widen and enrich us both in our humanity and in our faith and morals.

Here is how Byatt herself describes this in *The Children's Book*: Philip Warren, one of her characters, an aspiring young artist, has lived a very sheltered life and lacks even a basic education. Taken to Paris by some rich patrons, he finds himself, a raw uneducated youth, inside the Rodin Pavilion, staring at the works of this great master. What he sees blows apart his world, but he senses something else too:

Vast forms of sculpted flesh and muscles loomed. Delicate frozen female faces emerged from rough stone,

or retrieved into it. Everywhere was appalling energy - writhing, striving, pursuing, fleeing, claspings, howling, staring. Philip's first instinct was to turn and run. This was too much. It was so strong that it would destroy him - how could he make little trellis-men and modest jars, in the face of this skilled whirlwind of making? And yet the contrary impulse was there, too. This was so good, the only response to it was to make something. He thought with his fingers and eyes together. He needed desperately to run his hands over haunches and lips, toes and strands of carved hair, so as to feel out how they had been done.

There is a lesson here, I believe: We must be careful of what we let into our lives. Sometimes energy can be so powerful that it destroys us, or eats away at our faith and morals. A healthy soul keeps us glued together and too much exposure to the wild can cause it to unravel. But the reverse is just as true: We cannot safeguard our faith and morals by shutting ourselves off safely in a room that cuts us off from thought and art, a room within which great artists and secular writers are seen as threats.

Studying philosophy as a seminarian, I had two kinds of professors: One kind told me that, as seminarians, we were to read great minds like Kant, Hegel, Feuerbach, Durkheim, and Marx only so that we could disprove them. The second kind gave a different advice: "Take for granted that because these are great minds they have something to teach you, something that will much help you, even inside your faith. Be careful, but be open!"

Caution, but openness, is indeed the key: All kingdoms need to be protected. To believe otherwise is to be naïve. There are dangers in simply opening ourselves naively and indiscriminately to everything and anything that is colorful, full of energy, or bursting with life. Sometimes its sheer power can overwhelm us. In Western society today it is not for lack of exposure to energy that we have a problem. To the contrary, too often today people lack for something they can hang on to morally and religiously.

But sometimes in our church circles, the opposite is true. We are too fearful of energy, especially as it finds expression in art and literature. Goethe once wrote: The dangers of life are many, and safety is one of those dangers. It can be unsettling to read books like A.S. Byatt's, *The Children's Book*, but perhaps, long range in our lives, it will be more unsettling if we do not.

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Financial Summary

September 25, 2011

Weekly Collection	\$ 16,342.00
Weekly Budget	-\$ 19,000.00
+/- for the week	\$ (2,658.00)

St. Pius X Enriched Living Facility

Collected amount \$ 3,645.00

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

St. Pius X Enriched Living Facility

“Caring for those who cared for us”

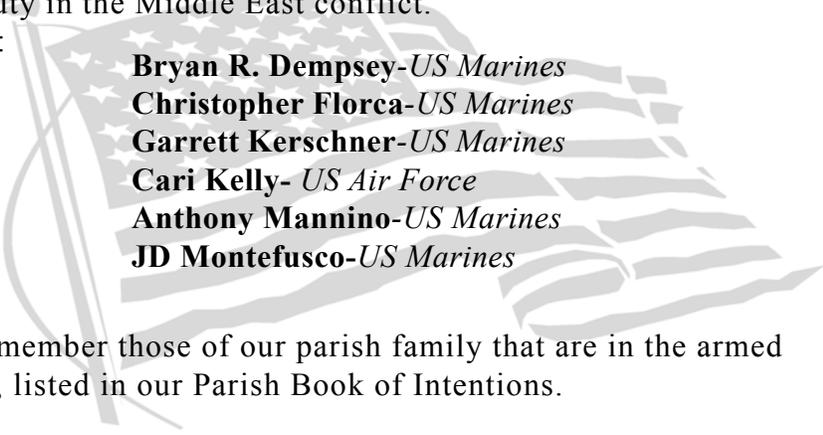
The response to last week’s special collection for St. Pius X Enriched Living Facility at our parish was outstanding.

On behalf of all of the retired priests in our Church community, **thank you** for all of your support and for helping to care for those who have cared for us.

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.

Pantry Needs

canned chili
canned fruit
canned vegetables
pork & beans
soups
tuna

Outreach Donations September, 2011

- Bob and Joyce Petersen have made a donation to Outreach in memory of *Fred Scheckenback*.
- Diane Mischke has made a donation to Outreach in memory of *James Davis*.
- Mary DeVivo has made a donation to Outreach in memory of: *Josephine DeMeo, Peter Mirabella, Silas Ronald Strauss, Joseph Lehmann*.
- Jerry Esposito has made a donation to Outreach in loving memory of his cousin, *Lorraine Mollo; Russell DeCeck, Marcy Gau, and Justina Faustino*.
- Friends of the Gardens at Sagtikos has made a donation to Outreach in memory of *Jack Stehling*.
- Mary and Gary Estelle have made a donation to Outreach in loving memory of *William Kuhlwilm*.
- Outreach has received an anonymous donation in *tribute to all who died on 9/11*.
- Outreach has received a donation in memory of *Fred Scheckenback* from the Kuchler Family, the Sessa Family and the Altar Servers.
- Paul and Diane Munch have made a donation to Outreach in memory of *Jack Stehling*.
- Outreach has received a donation from Dom and Mary Anne Lettieri in honor of *Mike and Eleanor Carrano, recipients of the 2011 St. Agnes Medal*.
- Forerunner Telecom has made a donation to Outreach in memory of *John and Pat Wallace*.
- Evelyn and Ralph Kaestner have made a donation to Outreach in memory of *Jack Stehling*.
- Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Werner have made a donation to Outreach in memory of *Joseph Lehmann*.
- Robert and Helen Meyer have made a donation to Outreach in memory of *Jack Stehling*.

The Men's Forum

at Saints Philip and James Church

1 Carow Place

St. James, NY 11780

In affiliation with the Office of New Evangelization of the Diocese of Rockville Centre, please join us on Monday, October 3 at 7:30 PM in the Chapel (old church) for **Men, Medicine and Mission**. A special evening with Dr. Glenn Skow, Family Residency Program at Stony Brook University Medical Center. Call 631.584.5454 to register or visit us at mesnforum@sspj.org.

Education of a Lifetime

A Catholic High School education offers young people a challenging, value-centered liberal arts education. It also affords each student an opportunity to test abilities, add skills, build confidence and develop an understanding of faith, while preparing for college and for life.

Open Houses present students and parents with a special opportunity to gain information about the programs, faculty, and facilities of the Catholic High Schools on Long Island. Administrators, faculty members, staff, and students are available to describe school programs and to answer questions at the Open House events. For additional information on particular schools, plan to attend one or more of the Open Houses.

Open House Schedule

Saturday, September 17	11 AM - 1:30 PM	Our Lady of Mercy Academy
Sunday, September 18	10 AM - 1 PM	St. Anthony's High School
Saturday, September 24	9 AM - 12 PM	McGann-Mercy DHS
Sunday, September 25	12 PM - 2:30 PM	Holy Trinity DHS
	2 PM - 4:30 PM	St. Mary's College Prep. HS
Saturday, October 1	9 AM - 1 PM	Sacred Heart Academy
	10 AM - 1 PM	Kellenberg Memorial HS
	2 PM - 4 PM	Chaminade HS
Sunday, October 2	2 PM - 4:30 PM	St. Dominic High School
Sunday, October 16	10:30 AM - 2 PM	St. John the Baptist DHS

The Catholic High School Entrance Exam is scheduled for Saturday, October 29. You must register by October 5. Applications for the Catholic High School entrance exam are available at the OLL School Office and Religious Education Office. If you have any questions, please call the OLL School Office at 661.7200, option #2 or Religious Education Office at 661.5440, option #3.

Help Feed the Hungry

The Mercy INN Soup Kitchen in Wyandanch is in need of volunteers to pick up food in Plainview at mid-morning, on Monday, once a month. If you can help, please call Kathy at 631.422.1420.

Pipe and Drum

Saffron United has been one of the premier pipe bands in the NY area for almost 50 years. Located in Babylon, the band is offering classes in piping and drumming on Thursday evenings at 7 PM. If interested, please contact Pipe Major Eric Stein for more information at 631.241.5757 or erics@mozy.com.

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.

Golden Wedding Jubilee

This fall, couples that have been married fifty years or more will be honored at liturgies on **Sunday, October 16, at the Church of Saint Rose of Lima in Massapequa and on Sunday, November 6 at the Church of Christ the King Church in Commack. Both liturgies begin at 2:30 PM.** *Couples may register for ONE liturgy.* Registration forms and complete instructions can be obtained at the OLL Parish Office. Registration must be received by the Office of Worship *by September 29 for the October liturgy and by October 20 for the November liturgy.* If you have any questions, please call 516.678.5800, extension 207.

Dominican Village

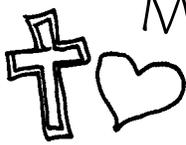
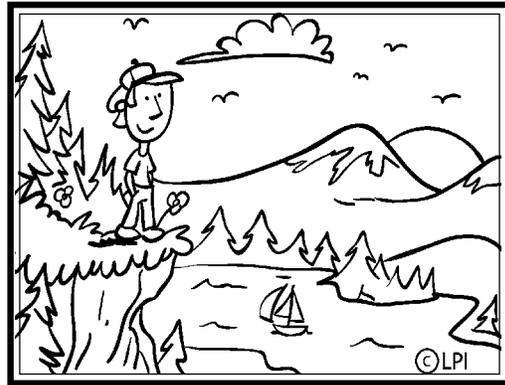
Please join us for an Open House on Thursday, October 6, from 1 PM until 3 PM. Dominican Village is an independent retirement community that offers assisted living and respite care, outstanding programs, all-inclusive services and bountiful amenities. For more information, or to schedule a tour at your 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 "**Autumn changes.**" 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

You are God's child. He made you and he loves you. Make sure you act like God's child. He created a beautiful world for you to live in. God expects you to take care of it. God also created people to live around you. Love them. Then you will make God happy.



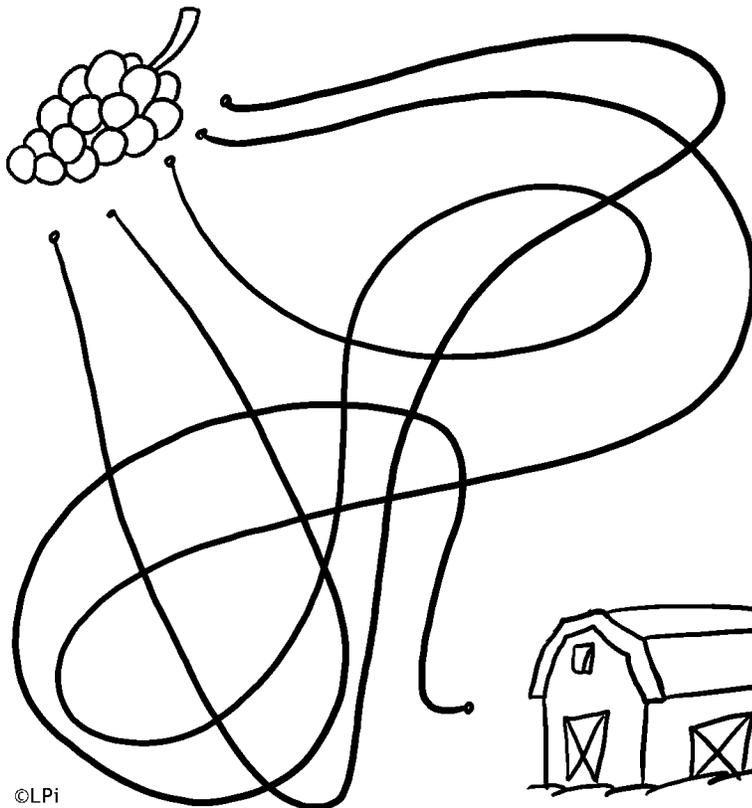
Mission for the Week

Recycle paper, plastic and glass at home, instead of throwing it away. Recycling is a great way to take care of God's world.



Puzzle

Help the grapes find their way home.



Prayer



Dear God,
Help me to take
care of your world
and love the people
around me.

Something to Draw



Draw a picture of
yourself picking up
your room.