



Malachi 2:8

**“You have
turned aside
from the way
and have**

**caused many
to falter by
your
instruction.”**

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our Lady of Lourdes • October 30, 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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to schedule an appointment.

Marriage

Arranged at least six months in
advance, please call the Parish
Office.

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Mission Statement

As stewards of all that God has given us, the Parish Family of Our Lady of Lourdes serves and ministers to all who come to this place. Regardless of a person's history, ethnicity, gender, orientation, age or race, we commit ourselves to open wide the doors of our Parish to provide a place of welcome and hospitality.

Vision...

so that all may know that they are a vital part of the Body of Christ, we further recommit and challenge ourselves to...

***Live** out our Baptismal call passionately by caring for all of God's people with justice.*

***Grow** in an understanding of God's role in each of our lives.*

***Respond** to the Gospel in a radical way, inviting and inspiring all to form the Kingdom of God in every moment of life.*

***Acknowledge** we are not complete without the willingness to grow, discern and discover the Spirit who moves and guides us.*

Pastoral Team

Rev. Michael A. Vetrano
Pastor

Rev. Patsy Amabile
Associate Pastor

Rev. Robert Scheckenback
Associate Pastor

Rev. Ambrose Cabildo
In Residence

Rev. Michael Holzmann
In Residence

Deacon John DeGuardi

Deacon Tom Lucie

Deacon Jack Meehan

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Deacon John Teufel

Sr. Margaret Bickar

Senior Ministry-SAGE

Sr. Nancy Campkin

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Vita Scorcia

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John Muldoon

Bob Natale

Eileen Rega

Vita Scorcia

Fr. Mike Vetrano

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Director of Youth Choirs

Michael Buonaspina

Parish Organist

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Women's Chorale Director

Mary Anne Lettieri

Parish Office

Debbie Meyer

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Rosemary Multer

School Office

Rita Spera

Religious Education Office

Lori Walsh

Parish Office



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Saturday: 9 AM - 3 PM

Sunday: 9 AM - 2 PM

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Our Lady of Lourdes School

587.7200 (option 2)

Monday-Friday: 9 AM - 3 PM

email: lkrol@ollschool.org

Religious Education Office

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Monday-Friday: 9 AM - Noon

1 PM - 5 PM

7 PM - 9 PM

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Parish Outreach Office

661.9262 (option 4)

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9:30 AM - 3 PM

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661.3224, ext. 122

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**“There are different kinds of gifts,
but the same spirit...”**

Corinthians 12:4-13

Confirmation

On **Thursday, November 10**, *Bishop Emil Wcela* will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to our candidates at 1:30 PM and 4:30 PM. They look to their Parish Family with an even greater awareness of what the words of St. Paul to the Corinthians means to them.

Many of those who will receive Confirmation are already actively involved in many ministries including our Religious Education program, Gr. 6/7/8 Hang Out Nights, Music Ministry, Altar Servers, Lectors, Ushers, Parish Outreach and Art & Environment. Please continue to pray for our candidates, sponsors, and parents as they prepare for this special day!

Ministry of Consolation

Our Lady of Lourdes Ministry of Consolation offers a personal and caring presence to our families at the time of the death of a loved one. The men and women in this Ministry are called “companions” as they accompany the family in special ways at this difficult time.

There are many opportunities for you to become involved in this very special Ministry:

Day Companions – meet with family members and assist with the planning of the Mass of Christian Burial, help select the Scripture Readings and music that will be used at the Funeral Mass, offer places during the Mass where the family can participate and are present at the Mass to support and represent our Parish Family.

Computer Literate Companions – are needed to prepare a booklet that will be used during the funeral liturgy.

Some aspects of the Ministry may be more comfortable for you and fit your schedule better. If your heart is moved to be available to help families during a difficult time, please call the Parish Office at 661.3224.



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

Renewing Our Spiritual Home Projects

If you can read this thank our new lights.

The moment we have promised is finally here! We are now using the 38 new light fixtures in our church. In the next week you will see new lights for our sanctuary and tabernacle area. You are also seeing the lights now at full brightness. This will be used for our largest celebrations. The lighting controller which will be programmed in the coming week or two will allow us to customize the amount of light for different occasions from daily Mass, prayer services, concerts, etc.

Parish Center

Our next project will be the Parish Center. New rugs, seating, ceiling, lights, kitchenette, and storage will all be renewed in the early months of 2012.

We are working now with an architect to design the new layout of our room with new storage spaces for our ministries.

Happy New Year for our Parish Center!

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*

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time **Oct 30 - Matthew 22:1-12**

8. With every opportunity provided by our loving God, Jesus proclaimed and taught his listeners to treasure the truth. In the eighth chapter of the Gospel of John, Jesus tells us that when we are open to God's wisdom and revelation, we will know the truth, and the truth will set us free.

What kind of freedom does Jesus mean? On one level, it's the freedom from sin and evil, and from the enslavement of our minds, bodies and emotions. At the same time, this true freedom strengthens us to live as a holy people who are chosen and beloved children of God, and who seek and promote the good of others. But Jesus is also very clear about the challenge to all of us to **live** the truth in our daily lives. Jesus calls our attention to the fact that sometimes people say one thing and do another, or they say something but they mean something altogether different. Such inconsistencies violate the truth, just as it would be untrue to suggest that any of us creatures is God, the Creator of heaven and earth. Humility, the virtue that helps us to honestly assess our human condition, is in fact a blessing, because it helps us to live in God's truth.

In just four weeks, we will welcome the new translation of the Mass in English. As the priest calls the assembly to come to the altar for communion, God's People will respond to this invitation with humble words: "Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed." The first part of this response brings to mind the Scripture passage in which Jesus expresses his intention to cure the seriously-ill servant of a Roman military leader. This soldier recognizes the power of Jesus to restore health and bring healing, even at a distance, without Jesus even entering his house. The second half of this prayer expresses our desire to be completely healed and reconciled to God by receiving the Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation. By using the word "soul," our humble plea to God is for our total restoration, inside and out: we ask for the healing of our deepest selves at the core of our being, as well as in our everyday interactions with one another. Blessed be God, who gives us new life and new hope in Christ Jesus our Savior.

Adult Faith Formation



St. Paul: A person of faith...

A searcher with steadfast conviction in the power of Jesus...

just like us!

Presenter: Msgr. Jim McNamara

Tuesday - October 25, November 1, 8, and 15

7:30-9 PM

Parish Center

Come join us as we explore St. Paul's personal journey, spirituality, and life of faith by tracing his experience of conversion, commitment, grace and community.

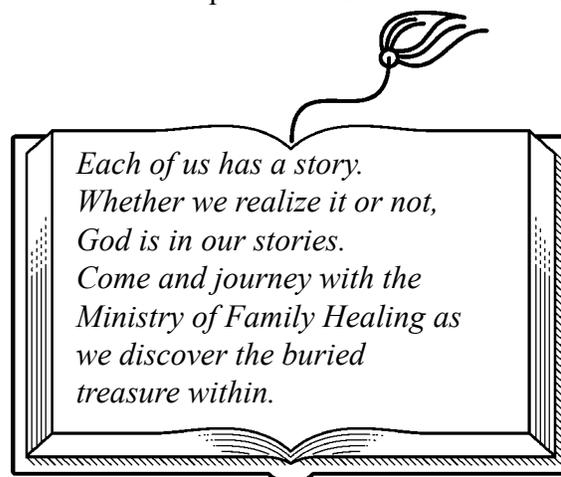
There is a \$5 fee for each session. No fee is required for those who have paid the Religious Education Family Fee or Our Lady of Lourdes School tuition.

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.

Ministry of Family Healing

Where is God in your Story?

Jesus told stories all the time in the Gospels. Some about the most common things in the world - a lost sheep, a woman who sweeps her house in search of a coin, a man whose son runs away from home.



Join us on Thursday, November 3 at 7:30 PM in the Parish Center. *We welcome special guest Jackie. She will share with us Integrative Relaxation (Reflections Of Peace.)*

Please call the Religious Education Office at 661.5440, option #3, to register.

Please bring a friend, and as always food and fellowship to follow.

Our Lady of Lourdes School Fundraiser

Your support is always appreciated!



Fresh Wreaths-balsam pine with beautiful evergreen accents
 “Deluxe” - bows and decorations in burgundy/gold, red/white, and Christmas plaid

“Simple” -same color choices as “Deluxe”, no decorations- pinecones and bow only

Poinsettias-gorgeous Christmas favorites in red or cream - three sizes to choose from

Fresh Cemetery Blankets & Pillows-evergreens, decorations, and red velvet bow

Order Deadline Wednesday, November 16

Family Name _____ Child name/Grade _____

Address _____ Contact number _____

(pre-order purchases apply to family mandatory account)

Item	Size	Color	Quantity	\$ / Item	Total
Cemetery BLANKETS	-	-		\$55	
Cemetery PILLOWS	-	-		\$40	
Deluxe Fresh WREATHS (w/ Bow &Decorations)	18"	Burgundy/Gold		\$28	
		Red/White		\$28	
		Christmas Plaid		\$28	
Deluxe Fresh WREATHS (w/ Bow & Decorations)	22"	Burgundy/Gold		\$32	
		Red/White		\$32	
		Christmas Plaid		\$32	
Simple Fresh WREATHS (w/ Bow & Pinecones)	18"	Burgundy/Gold		\$22	
		Red/White		\$22	
		Christmas Plaid		\$22	
Simple Fresh WREATHS (w/ Bow & Pinecones)	22"	Burgundy/Gold		\$26	
		Red/White		\$26	
		Christmas Plaid		\$26	
POINSETTIAS	4.5"	Red		\$ 6 or 3/\$15	
		Cream		\$ 6 or 3/\$15	
	6"	Red		\$10 or 3/\$28	
		Cream		\$10 or 3/\$28	
	8"	Red		\$20 or 3/\$55	
		Cream		\$20 or 3/\$55	

**Order pick-up will be Saturday,
 December 3 12 noon- 3 PM**

SUBTOTAL	
Delivery (optional)	\$10
TOTAL	

(payment due at time of order-checks payable to OLL School)

If you have any questions, please contact Bronwen Sessa at bsessa@ollschool.org
 or call 631.806.6228.

Religious Education



Pep 4 Program

Our fourth graders are into the swing of things...even though they have lots of holidays since their class day is Monday! They are learning ways to recognize God's Kingdom in their everyday experience.

This past Monday, they learned about the virtues of faith, hope and love. In their prayer ritual, they received a rock and reflected on the ways God was with them in the "rough" times and the "smooth" times. They pray with this rock each night as they experience God's activity in the their lives.

Pep 2 Program



Our Pep 2 students are doing very well as they prepare to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation in a month or so. We're still watering those plants and watching them grow! They love their "Vine and Branch" song!

To help them understand the importance of connection with Jesus – as their theme suggests, we had a little contest to see which class could think of the best ways to imagine how close to Jesus we can be. They came up with wonderful answers; some of them are:

We need to be as close to Jesus *as the leaf is on the vine*....

...as the hair on our head

...as the teeth in our mouth

Altar Servers

For all Altar Servers already serving and for anyone interested in being a server (4th grade and up)-

There will be a series of training sessions on "how to serve the altar", including Sunday Liturgies, Weddings, and Funerals. They are:

Saturday, November 5 at 3 PM

Sunday, November 6 at 4 PM

Saturday, November 12 at 3 PM

Sunday, November 13 at 4 PM

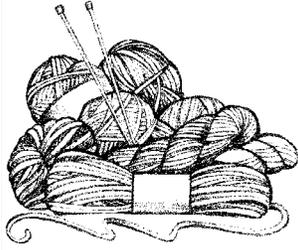
Friday, November 18 at 4 PM

Saturday, November 19 at 3 PM

All sessions will be held in the Church.

Please make every effort to attend as many of these as possible!

For any information, please contact Mrs. Kuchler at nkuchler@ollschoool.org



Prayer Shawl Ministry

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

Join us ...

Wednesday, November 9 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.

Operation Gratitude

Attention all knitters and crocheters!

The Prayer Shawl Ministry of OLL has been busy making 'Scarves for Our Troops'. We will be sending them to Operation Gratitude in early December. All of these handmade items are created with love, and prayers are said over them for the safety and well-being of all who will wear them.

If you would like to add to our collection, please make these scarves *according to instructions only from Operation Gratitude*. You may use your own patterns and yarn, but only certain sizes and colors are permitted. For exact instructions visit:

www.operationgratitude.com/2010/08/05/scarf-hat-cool-tie-project-details-materials-size-patterns/ Please call Vita Scorgia at 669.4717 for more information.

There will be a collection box in the Narthex for the scarves. Also, if you would like to donate a dollar or two for shipping costs, please leave it at the Parish Office, c/o Vita Scorgia. Any amount donated over what is needed to ship the scarves will be donated to Operation Gratitude for their own shipping costs. Thank you!

Senior Circle

The Senior Circle meets on the last Monday of each month. The next meeting will be held on **Monday, October 31, at 12:30 PM in the Spiritual Life Center.**

NOTE: new location

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, November 17, 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.

Nocturnal Adoration

Nocturnal Adoration will follow the 5 PM Mass on **Saturday, November 5**, concluding with Benediction at 9:50 PM.

Please come and pray with us.

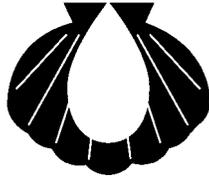
All are invited and welcome! Bring a friend.



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, November 15**. 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.



Baptism

Robert Thomas Ferrandina

Thomas and Laura

Emma Grace Filiato

Christopher and Lauren

Christian Anthony Galeno

Joseph and Donna

Andrew James Gerry

James and Teresa



Rest In Peace

Edith Caputo died on October 16 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was October 21. We extend our prayers to her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and entire family.

Baby Scarlett Josephine and *Baby Eleanor Rose Castelli* died on October 14 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was October 20. We extend our prayers to parents, Vincent and Therese, and entire family.

Henry P. Graf died on October 21 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial will take place in Tarpon Springs, Florida. We extend our prayers to his daughter, Karen DiOrio, 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, October 31

8:00 AM John R. Hodgkins
 5:00 PM William Heim
 (vigil)

Tuesday, November 1

All Saints Day

8:00 AM La Rocca & Sweeney Family
 7:30 PM Linda Francavilla

Wednesday, November 2

The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed

8:00 AM All Souls (no private intentions)

Thursday, November 3

Saint Martin de Porres, religious

8:00 AM John Lovari

Friday, November 4

Saint Charles Borromeo, bishop

8:00 AM John Lodespoto

Saturday, November 5

8:00 AM John T. O'Brien, Paul Gery, Carmine Maiocco, Ninfa Caleca,
 Frank Benemio, Frieda Ohlmann, Mary Brush, Mary Macaluso

5:00 PM Jim Clark

Sunday, November 6

8:00 AM Cornelius J. Peterson

9:30 AM Frank Cafaro

11:00 AM Frank Monroe

12:30 PM Nora Dowd & children

6:00 PM People of the Parish, Thomas Rush, Antonino Giammona,
 Colleen McNamara, Joseph Ulla, Joseph Rigby, Ed O. Sally,
 Jerry Borchick, Carol Haimowitz, Frances Caccavo,
 Christopher Wilson(living)

All Saints Day

Tuesday, November 1, is All Saint's Day—a holy day of obligation. We will celebrate Mass on Monday, October 31 at 5 PM and Tuesday, November 1 at 8 AM and 7:30 PM.

All Souls Day

Wednesday, November 2, is All Souls Day. We will celebrate our daily 8 AM Mass to commemorate the souls of all the faithful departed.



31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

The King James Bible is four hundred years old this year. While it is not an authorized translation for Catholics, it has had a profound impact on the English language. Phrases such as, "A house divided against itself cannot stand" (Mt 12:25); "An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth" (Mt 5:38); and "Pearls before swine" (Mt 7:6), all entered common parlance in English after the King James translation was made available. While many of the phrases were used in earlier English translations, it was the King James Version that actually popularized many of these sayings. As people became more familiar with the text, words employed in the translation began to appear more frequently as well.

Today's Gospel passage is the one that gives rise to the word "pharisaical." Matthew, who portrays Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount as the new lawgiver who enlarges the law of Moses given at Sinai, takes on the scribes and the Pharisees. As Jesus indicates, they sit in the seat of Moses, but their example is hardly in line with him. They tie up heavy burdens for people. They are self-righteous. They make their importance felt. They practice strict observance in externals without concern for the inner spirit of the law. They are, in the words of the English translation, "pharisaical."

Jesus expects his followers to act in a different way. As we learned last week, the law demands love of God and love of neighbor. And while external religious acts can indicate an enduring love of God, no one can judge the hearts of others in reference to their prayers. Only God knows an individual's love of him. But the ways that one loves a neighbor can be clearly seen, by one's actions of charity in caring for the poor, aiding the sick, and helping the oppressed. It is clear from the Gospel today that Jesus expects his followers to be servants of all.

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Readings for the Week of October 30, 2011

Sunday: Mal 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10/1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13/Mt 23:1-12
Monday: Rom 11:29-36/Lk 14:12-14
Tuesday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a
Wednesday: Wis 3:1-9/Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40
Thursday: Rom 14:7-12/Lk 15:1-10
Friday: Rom 15:14-21/Lk 16:1-8
Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Lk 16:9-15
Next Sunday: Wis 6:12-16/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13

Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Monenna Kennedy*.
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 ...

*James Bianco, Herbert Carlson, Nicole Cerny, Maria Chiarello, Eddie Cronin,
Jeanne Marie DellaRagione, Frank Edwards, Baby Reagan Farrell, Jake Feldman,
Marguerite Filippone, Ann Finn, Elizabeth Fredriksen, Kenneth Garretson,
Baby Gavin Gradiska, Winifred Hanrahan, Baby Peter Horyczun, Max Iliano,
George Impellizeri, Marie Impellizeri, Peter Joseph, Robyn Kerrigan,
Richard LaFountaine, Francis Lenahan, Anne Losee, Christopher J. Maher,
Marge Marotta, Tony Marotta, Rosa Mastrorocco, John McNevin, Arlene Monte,
Rae Morris, Patricia Muller, Evelyn Nonnon, Joanne Popper, Peter Porzio,
Louise Posanti, Joe Radosti, Teresa Saraceno, Ann Marie Schiraldi,
Baby Isabella Shaw, Angelo Tedesco, Nancy Turano, Joseph Yezek*

Subtle Forms of Idolatry

by Ron Rolheiser, OMI

In my more reflective moments, I am sometimes forced to ask myself: Am I really interested in God or am I only interested in things about God? Am I more interested in teaching, speaking, and writing about God than I am in actually meeting God, one to one, in prayer and silence? Am I more interested in dealing with things about God and religion than I am in being hidden and silent in God's presence?

The answers to those questions should be easier and more obvious than they are. On the surface, clearly, it would seem that I am interested in God: I try to pray regularly. I'm a priest who celebrates the Eucharist daily. I'm a theologian and writer who speaks and writes about God all the time. My entire life is spent dealing with the things of God; but, all of that notwithstanding, God isn't necessarily the actual focus of these activities. The focus can easily be elsewhere.

We might all ask ourselves this question: In our explicit religious activities are we really interested in having a relationship with God and with Jesus, or, if we are honest, are we more interested in good liturgy, good theology, good spirituality, good religious experience, good prayer-quests, good pastoral practices, successful church programs, important moral causes, vital justice issues, and in helping to facilitate religious practice? It's not that these things aren't good, they are, but paradoxically they can be the very means by which we avoid having to face the deeper call for an intimate personal relationship with God.

C.S. Lewis is fond of describing our struggle here and he names it for what it often is: idolatry, a giving of ourselves over to something that is merely godly as opposed to a giving of ourselves over to God himself. Here's how he describes this:

In his book, *The Great Divorce*, Lewis imagines ten scenes within which someone who has died is met on the other side by an "angel" who tries to coax the newly deceased person to let himself or herself be taken by the hand and led into heaven. The condition for entry into heaven in every instance is singular and simple: You simply have to trust the angel and let yourself be led!

In one of these scenes, Lewis pictures a conversation between one of these angels and a famous artist who has just died. The angel tries to convince the artist to come to heaven, describing to him the stunning beauty of heaven.

Initially the artist is excited and eager, contemplating the great paintings he will be able to make, but he grows resistance and angry when he learns that there will be no need for him to paint this beauty once he is in heaven. Instead he will be meant simply to be inside of it and enjoy it. So he refuses to go to heaven, opting instead to remain where he can paint heaven rather than be inside it. He objects to the angel, protesting that, as an artist, art itself is an end, "paint for its own sake." The angel replies: Ink and catgut and paint were necessary down there [during your earthly life], but they are also dangerous stimulants. Every poet and musician and artist, but for the grace of God, is drawn away from love of the thing he tells, to love of telling till, down in Deep Hell, they cannot be interested in God at all but only in what they say about Him. And ... it doesn't stop at being interested in paint, you know. They sink lower-become interested in their own personalities and then nothing but their own reputations.

What this angel says about poets and musicians and artists needs also to be said about theologians, spiritual writers, priests, bishops, ministers, deacons, liturgists, pastoral workers, social justice advocates, moral protesters of all kinds, retreat directors, spiritual directors, prayer group leaders, and even about those who are actively and eagerly seeking depth of experience in prayer. The danger is always that, like the artist who prefers and needs to paint beauty rather than simply become one with it, we too will make the religious activity we are doing an end in itself rather than keeping our real interest and focus on God.

And the irony is that religious activity, like art, can constitute one of the greater dangers for this kind of idolatry. It's the gifted preacher, the great theologian, the brilliant liturgist, the hugely popular minister, and the marvelously skilled bishop or administrator who will have the biggest struggle. As Lewis puts it: It's not out of bad mice or bad fleas you make demons, but out of bad archangels. The false religion of lust is baser than the false religion of mother-love or patriotism or art; but lust is less likely to be made into religion.

Every time we go to pray, go to minister, or go do to anything religious, it's good to ask ourselves: Who and what, really, is this about?

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Financial Summary

October 23, 2011

Weekly Collection	\$ 15,520.00
Weekly Budget	-\$ 19,000.00
+/- for the week	\$ (3,480.00)

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*

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 Kerschner Family in gratitude for the safe return of Garrett from active duty.

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

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

Pantry Needs

canned chili
canned fruit
canned vegetables
pork & beans
soups
tuna

Donations to Outreach October Donations 2011

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

Marge Cassiano has made a donation to Outreach in memory of *Fred Scheckenbeck, Kathleen Kerrigan and Louise Milano.*

Outreach has received an anonymous donation in memory of *Marcy Reynolds Gau.*

Diane Garretson has made a donation of food to Outreach in memory of her parents, *Gerry and Rose Fabozzi.*

Lorraine Morrissey has made a donation to Outreach in loving memory of her mother, *Lillian Michalski.*

Robert and Helen Meyer have made a donation to Outreach in memory of *Jack Stehling.*

Robert Desalvo has made a donation to Outreach in memory of *Jack Stehling.*

Suzanne Fasano has made a donation to Outreach *in thanksgiving for prayers answered.*

The Cosentino Family has made a donation to Outreach in memory of *Ruth Hiller.*

Donna and James Morrisroe have made a donation to Outreach in memory of *Joseph Lehmann.*

JoAnn and Ed Giuffré have made a donation to Outreach in memory of *James Flynn and William Heim.*

Outreach has received a donation in loving memory of a loving husband and father, *James McGrade* from his children Michael, Maryanne, Kelly and his six grandchildren.

Una McGrade has made a donation to Outreach in loving memory of her husband, *James.*

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

Twelfth Annual Elizabeth Ann Seton Award Luncheon



Please join the Sisters of Charity-Halifax for the **12th Annual Elizabeth Ann Seton Award Luncheon** to be held at the **Milleridge Inn on Sunday, November 13, from 1 PM until 4 PM.**

Please join us in honoring this year's award recipients: *Kathleen Moloughney* (Co-Director, Sisters of Charity-Halifax Associate Program, Our Sisters who Minister & Volunteer at St. John's Bread & Life (*Sisters Virginia Blend, Barbara Buxton, Josephine D'Agostino, Fran Fahey, Margaret Mary Fitzpatrick, Frances Gritte, and Judy Park*) and *Peter Siuzdak* (Youth Award Recipient).

Our SAGE Sisters - *Sister Betty and Sister Margaret*, as well as *Sister Barbara*, our Sunday receptionist at the Parish Office, are all Sisters of Charity. Sponsorship and advertising opportunities are available. For further information or to make reservations, please contact Lauren Manning: 718.424.1813 or lmanning@schalifax.ca.

Annual Harvest Ball

Woman of the Year Maureen McKean will be honored at the St Patrick Division 2 of the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians (LAOH) **Annual Harvest Ball, Saturday, November 5, from 7:30 PM to 12:30 PM.** \$40 tickets include dinner, dancing to the Ed Ryan Band and open bar. Four fabulous prizes to be raffled. 27 Locust Ave, Babylon Village. For reservations please call Adele O'Shea 587.9782 or Sheila McCann 487.8677

Phantom of the Opera

Did you miss the "Phantom of the Opera" on Broadway?

...You are sooo lucky. You can catch it at the **Creative Ministries Theater in Oakdale on Sunday, November 13 at 2PM.** The cost is only \$18. Don't miss the chance to see this beautiful musical. Call Wilma at 669.4728.

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, November 7 at 7:30 PM in the Chapel** (old church) for **Divine Mercy-Heart of the Gospel.** A special evening with Fr. Chris Alar, MIC (Marians of the Immaculate Conception, Stockbridge, MA. Call 631.584.5454 to register or visit us at mesforum@sspj.org.

Introduction to Centering Prayer

Presented by: Sr. Kathy Madden & Sr. Mary Spratt
Saturday, November 12 at the Cenacle ,
310 Cenacle Road, Ronkonkoma, NY 11779-0430
For further information, please call 631.588.8366

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.

Good Shepherd Hospice: Volunteers Needed

*Have you always wanted to make a difference in someone else's life?
Are you that special person who is willing to walk along with our patients and families during their final journey?*

FIND OUT!

Please call the Volunteer Department at Good Shepherd Hospice at 631.465.6355 to learn more about our volunteer opportunities. Training and education are provided.

Dominican Village

Please join us for an Open House on Thursday, November 10, 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.

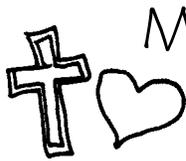
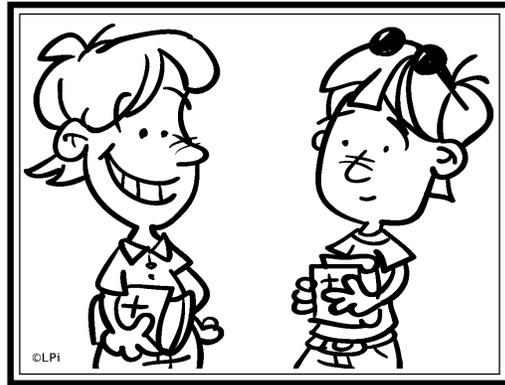
Religion & Rock

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 "**Tradition.**" 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

Some people think that they know everything that there is to be known about God. They think they are better and smarter than other people, too. Watch out if you think you are acting that way! Tell God you're sorry. Ask God to help you change your attitude, and serve others."



Mission for the Week

Look up the words "humble" and "proud" in the dictionary.

When you remember that everything you have is a gift from God, it is easier to be humble.

Puzzle

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

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| teachers | honor | Father |
| law | important | greatest |
| obey | brothers | servant |

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Prayer



God,
help me to follow you with a humble heart.

Something to Draw



Draw a picture of yourself showing off. Draw another picture of yourself helping a friend. Circle the picture that makes God happy.