

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Our Lady of Lourdes • January 29, 2012

**“Jesus taught as
one having
authority.”**



Mark 1:22



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

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.

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 Jack Meehan
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Deacon John Teufel

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Director of Religious Education

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Director of Religious Education

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Lori Walsh
Parish Office



Parish Office

661.3224 (*option 1*)

Monday-Thursday

9 AM - 7:30 PM

Friday: 9 AM - 5 PM

Saturday: 9 AM - 3 PM

Sunday: 9 AM - 2 PM

email: ParishOffice@ollchurch.org

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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

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 - Friday

9:30 AM - 3:30 PM

Mission 2012:

Finding Joy, Hope, and Peace on God's Holy Mountain (of Life)!



Monday, February 27

Fr. Mike Vetrano

Joy: It's not just the summit – it's how you make the climb!
Can we really be happy on the journey of life.



Tuesday, February 28

Fr. Jim Vlaun

Hope: Being a person of Hope – the best in life
(the SUMMIT!) is yet to come!



Wednesday, February 29

Fr. John Sureau

Peace: Every Journey has its moments
(those bumpy stretches on the trail that
trip us up and make us work hard to get
through)! Finding peace and serenity on
the way.



Thursday, March 1

Fr. Bob Scheckenback:

***A Mass for Healing and
Peace***

Our Lady of Lourdes School

Our Doors are Always Open



Open House Sunday, January 29 10:30 AM - 12 noon

What Makes Us Different?

NEW Fully Stocked Science Lab & Media Center, SmartBoard, Piano/Guitar/Violin/Dance Lessons Included in Curriculum, Italian and Spanish Language, Enrichment Clubs, Student Government, Classroom Laptops, Sports Program, Student run TV Studio, Before and After Care, 8th Grade Academy of Inquiry in partnership with Stony Brook Medical School, Distance Learning with NASA, and Virtual Field Trips from Nursery through 8th Grade

Early Childhood Programs beginning at 2 years old!

2012 -2013 Rolling Registration

Stop in or call to make an appointment

Phone: 631.587.7200 ext.100

Fax: 631.587.4531

Please visit our Website: www.ollschool.org

Testimonial: *"My daughter is in the fifth grade and is in her first year at OLL. I am so very pleased with the challenges that fifth grade has given her so far. This has been such a positive change for my daughter. All her teachers have challenged her to do her very best and to not settle for less. I know she has only been here for a few months, but if this is any indication of what she is to expect in the coming years, we are in for a wonderful ride!"*

- B. Molina

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Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes

We will celebrate the **Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes with a Healing Mass on Saturday, February 11 at 10 AM.**

Join us at 10 AM to celebrate a Healing Mass, devoted to Mary and the great healing tradition at Lourdes. We invite all to come to celebrate the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick.

This sacrament may be received by anyone with a desire to receive God's healing in time of sickness, for age and infirmity, for healing of grief, anxiety, and other emotional suffering, for any healing you desire to receive from God.

Senior Circle

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

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, February 21.** 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-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, February 16, 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.

Ninth Annual El Salvador Mission Trip 2012

For Students Grade 8 through College



Consider spending a week this summer on a trip that will change your life!



“Going to El Salvador was life changing, not only because it was a heart wrenching spiritual journey, also because it was a trip in which I made lifetime friends. For me, El Salvador is so special because it is one of the clearest places to see the face of God.”

-Maggie Frodell

“The trip to El Salvador was a life changing experience. I’m sure you have heard that before. It is impossible to get away from that fact. I learned so much about the resilience of humankind. This very beautiful country has such devastating poverty. I feel humbled to be able to do my small part to help. Our three-year relationship with our sponsored child brings us much joy. You should really think about going, adults and teens alike. You’ll be so glad you did!

-Elisabeth Dolan



If you are interested in participating in this life-changing experience, come to an information meeting on Thursday, February 2, at 7 PM in the Parish Center.

Adult Faith Formation



Fit for the King
“Walking in Divine Health”
presented by Dr. Rick Hess
Tuesdays - January 31 and
February 7, 2012
7:30 PM
Parish Center

NOTE: Each class will be repeated Wednesday morning at 9 AM in the Spiritual Life Center.

A health and wellness program that asks the questions:

How can you be the best steward of the healthy body God intended for you?

Topics to include: *Walking in Divine Health, Foods that Empower, Foods that Devour, Great Health is about Great Healing, Cancer-proof Your Life, Ruling and Reigning Over Stress.*

There will be no fee for this course. There will be a free-will offering taken and donated to OLL Parish Outreach.

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.

SAGE

The SAGE Group (Senior Advocates for Growth and Enrichment) will meet on **Tuesday, January 31, in the Parish Center at 9 AM.**

Family Liturgy and Children’s Liturgy of the Word

We need your help -

At the 9:30 AM Family Liturgy each Sunday, we invite all of the children in attendance to be dismissed for their own Liturgy of the Word. There is a committee of parishioners that take responsibility for the planning, and for the Scriptural presentation itself.

Of course, everyone is invited to be on the committee or to be a Scripture leader, but what we really need is: People to help escort the children to the Parish Center and to stay in the Parish Center while the Scripture Leaders offer the presentation. You would only be scheduled about once a month, maybe every six weeks. You would escort and help with the children. Please consider this an easy way to contribute to our Family Liturgy; the entire committee would be extremely grateful! If you are interested or you have any questions, please contact Cathy Danowski at danowhouse@aol.com or call the Parish Office at 661.3224.

Bereavement Ministry

Bereavement Support Group

You are invited to join our next Bereavement Support Group. This is a wonderful opportunity to be supported in a small discussion group with people who have also suffered a loss.

The group will meet on **Wednesday for 8 weeks starting February 1 from 7:30 PM to 9:30PM in the Spiritual Life Center**, in the convent. To register and for more information please contact Diane Ackerly at 631.226.9373 or e-mail at dkkkk710@hotmail.com.

Nocturnal Adoration

Nocturnal Adoration will follow the 5 PM Mass on **Saturday, February 4**, concluding with Benediction at 9:50 PM. Please come and pray with us. All are invited and welcome! Bring a friend.

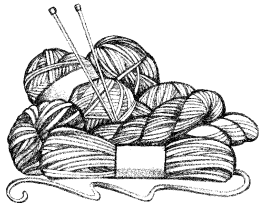


Prayer Shawl Ministry

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

Join us ...

Wednesday, February 8 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.



Pep 1 Program

Our Pep 1 classes are a beehive of activity! This group of students wins the prize for being great friends of Jesus! They are so bright that I thought the 4th graders came in their place! Watch for upcoming news of the great things they will be doing in the coming weeks!



Pep 2 Program

Our Pep 2 students received the Sacrament of Reconciliation this fall, and will begin their Eucharist preparation after the Christmas vacation. They have been very earnest about their participation in class, at home and at weekly worship. They are really great at singing their “Vine and Branch” song, too!

Pep 3 Program

After our “fishing trip” with Father Bob in the fall (did you know that the qualities of a good fisherman are the same ones needed for a good disciple?), we’re looking forward to the beginning of the classroom part of the program, which begins in January, with a great bagel breakfast!

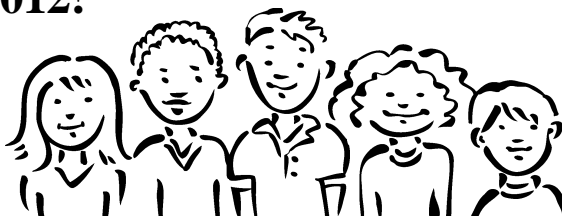


Pep 4 Program

Our fourth graders are halfway through the classroom part of their program. We’re preparing a special family celebration in January – and we’re planning to have the children speak about their experience as pilgrims vs. nomads and how that impacts their spiritual growth. We also collected about 400 children’s books which have gone to the Learning Connection in Brentwood — an educational venue for women learning English as a second language. Many of them never had a book of their own, and they want to be able to read to their children. Our wonderful youngsters not only brought in their favorite books, but wrote letters to the children who would receive them. Who knows – a pen-pal exchange might begin! I’m very proud of them!

Are You Ready...Get set... in 2012!

Look at those 7th Graders... these kids are THE BEST



The 7th Graders in our parish family know how to love and serve...
and feel that sense of belonging.

As part of their Service Projects they help and learn more about our Ministries at OLL...

- Hosted refreshments for the Mass of Remembrance with Ministry of Consolation
- Packaged and gave Bread out on Thanksgiving Day with our Liturgy Committee
- Organized our missalettes/Music Issues for our Parish Family
- Helped put Advent Tags on our Parish Giving Tree and helped organize the presents for Parish Outreach
- Hosted refreshments for our St. Nicholas Night and Christmas Pageant
- Helped Art and Environment Ministry decorate our Church, All-Purpose Room and cafeteria



Grade 8... they're great

All Grade 8 Confirmation Candidates will meet with their Sponsors... for... **RESCUE...** *“Religious Education Sponsor Candidate United Effort”*... with a kick-off some Sunday afternoons in January .

This night of prayer and reflection will provide them with an opportunity to learn about their new roles as sponsors and candidates, hear personal reflections about what it means to be a sponsor and commit to take a more active role in this process. Each evening will conclude with Sunday's 6 PM Mass. Sponsors and candidates plan to meet together three times on their own... including doing some service together. Sponsors and candidates work together at a soup kitchen or cook a meal for a soup kitchen, help an elder adult, help with Parish Outreach, etc., etc. Let's continue to pray for our parish's Confirmation Candidates.

GRADES 6/7/8... Hang Out Nites

Don't miss it...

Fridays...February 17, May 18, June 8

- We have KINECT !
- Basketball
- Volleyball
- And more

PLUS PRIZES and RAFFLES

They continue to serve those in need... they care...every month Grade 6/7/8 bring food/paper goods/ and or \$1.00 for our Parish Food Pantry... wreaths decorated by our Hang Out Kids were given to our families who received “Giving Tree Gifts”... They're GREAT, too!!



Rest In Peace

Anne Farrell died on January 16 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was January 19. We extend our prayers to her husband, Tom, children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and entire family.

John Stoss died on January 16 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was January 20. We extend our prayers to his wife, Nora, children, grandchildren, and entire family.

Dennis P. Ryan died on January 18 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was January 21. We extend our prayers to his wife, June, children, grandchildren, and entire family.

Nancy Sibilla died on January 18 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was January 23. We extend our prayers to her sister, Phyllis, and entire family.

James Michael Clark died on January 18 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was January 23. We extend our prayers to his mother, Annette, and entire family.



Upcoming Marriages

Madison Mitola, St. Cyril and Methodius, and

Thomas Eser, OLL

Wendy Mao, and

Christopher Stalter, both OLL

Welcome

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

David and Angela Ross & family

Leonard and Maureen Ruisi & family

José and Donna Saenz de Viteri & family

Nicholas and Kristen Cuba & family

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

Remembering...

Monday, January 30

8:00 AM Paul Kirdahy

Tuesday, January 31

Saint John Bosco, priest

8:00 AM Eugene P. Olsen

Wednesday, February 1

8:00 AM Mark Polito

Thursday, February 2

The Presentation of the Lord

8:00 AM John & Elizabeth Meditz

Friday, February 3

Saint Blaise, bishop and martyr

Saint Ansgar, bishop

8:00 AM Thomas J. McCauley, Jr.

Saturday, February 4

8:00 AM Patricia A. Bodolato, Arturo & Irma Gonzalez (*living*),
Beatrice Coull (*living*), Charles Coull, Paul Lent,
Salvatore DeMeo

5:00 PM Emma Cameron

Sunday, February 5

8:00 AM John Lovari

9:30 AM Matthew O'Kane

11:00 AM Elinor Shaddock

12:30 PM Dec'd mbrs of the Zucco Family

6:00 PM People of the Parish, Carlos Delfin, Charlie Tibbetts,
Lorraine Mariarossi, Frank Capparelli, Audrey Zydowski,
Carmela Capparelli, Courtney O'Bryan, June Gutekunst,
Anne Farrell



confident
in **faith**

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4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Athletes put hours into practice. It is not enough just to play the game. In practice a person learns the moves, discovers how muscles respond, trains all aspects of his or her body, and over time becomes so proficient at the selected sport that she or he can intuitively react during play. Practice in sports helps the athlete develop self-confidence. The same holds true for the musician, the salesperson, the new teacher. When an individual takes up something new he or she may initially be a bit shaky at it. Over time, we develop the skills so that something becomes second nature. A confident team takes to the field or the court with the belief that they will win.

In today's Gospel, Jesus is the confident, self-assured teacher. Yes, he works a miracle. But before we get caught up in that, we should look at how Mark portrays him. Right at the beginning of the Gospel, Jesus enters the synagogue in Capernaum and starts to teach. Unlike the scribes who would appeal to the words of Jewish teachers to support their teaching, Jesus comes across as confident in his own authority. He has no need to reference what others have handed on. Instead, his teaching commands respect because he shows its truth through his deeds.

Like the athlete who is confident in his game, we can become confident in our faith by practicing it. As we see in the Gospel from the very first chapter of Mark, Jesus was confident in both word and deed. We can do the same. By reading the Scriptures regularly we become attuned to Christ's teaching. We absorb the knowledge, just as any good athlete memorizes all the plays. And by acting on Christ's teaching through our worship of God and love of neighbor we are performing the deeds of faith. The skills become second nature as we put into practice what we have been taught by Christ.

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Readings for the Week of January 29, 2012

Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28
Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30--19:3/Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Mk 6:1-6
Thursday: Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
Friday: Sir 47:2-11/Mk 6:14-29
Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Mk 6:30-34
Next Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Janet Loehr*.
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 ...

*Eric Becker, Frank Castellano, Nicole Cerny, Phyllis Clyde, Eddie Cronin,
Frank Edwards, Helen Esposito, William Farley, Jake Feldman, Thomas Fico,
Elizabeth Fredriksen, Kenneth Garretson, Russell Gebhardt, Susan Gebhardt,
James Grillo, Sr., Marie Impellizeri, Mary Kalian, Ellen Kane, Robyn Kerrigan,
Baby Jonathan J. Lavin, Anne Losee, Christopher J. Maher, James Martin,
Vicky Massaro, Margaret Meringolo, Denise Michelback, Arlene Monte, Rae Morris,
Patricia Muller, Andy Nolfo, Frances Parine, Bob Petitio, Helen Phillips,
Roger Phillips, Peter Porzio, Richard Riedemann, Marina Rios, Teresa Saraceno,
Joseph Schiavoni, Ann Marie Schiraldi, Baby Isabella Shaw, Angelo Tedesco,
Nancy Turano, Jack Welch, Glen Zachary, Louie Zaino*

Some Hymns for Justice

by Ron Rolheiser, OMI

The great Jewish prophets, the forerunners of Jesus, coined a mantra which ran something like this: The quality of your faith will be judged by the quality of justice in the land and the quality of justice in the land will be judged by how “widows, orphans, and strangers” (biblical code for the three most vulnerable groups in society) fared while you were alive.

Jesus wouldn't disagree. When he describes the last judgment at the end of Matthew's Gospel, he tells us that this judgment will not be, first of all, about right doctrine, good theology, church attendance, or even personal piety and sexual morality, but about how we treated the poor. Nobody gets to heaven without a letter of reference from the poor. Jesus and the great biblical prophets make that clear.

This has also been made clear in the social encyclicals of the Roman Catholic church during the past 150 years, most recently in the social encyclicals of John Paul II. We see this, as well, in the prophetic traditions within all the Christian churches and in some of the great individual Christians who have touched our lives during this past century: Mother Theresa, Dorothy Day, Oscar Romero, Thomas Merton, Martin Luther King, William Stringfellow, and Catherine Doherty, among others. We also see this challenge in our own generation in the work and writings of persons such as Bishop Tutu, Nelson Mandela, Jean Vanier, Henri Nouwen, Daniel Berrigan, Bryan Hehir, and Jim Wallis. Granted, this challenge to justice doesn't negate other religious and moral obligations, but it does remain always as a fundamental, non-negotiable, principle: We are going to be judged by how the most vulnerable groups (“widows, orphans, and strangers”) fared while we were alive and practicing our faith. The challenge is a strong one.

Sometimes it's helpful to sing our truths, both so that rhyme and rhythm can etch the words more indelibly into our consciousness and that the chant itself can help increase our courage and resolve. Here are some justice hymns:

- We need to be on fire again because our hope is no longer an easy one.

We live in a culture of despair where Pentecost can no longer be taken for granted.

We must refuse to make the Holy Spirit a piece of private property, but a spirit that matters. (*Mary Jo Leddy*)

- Looking at a picture of our Lord on the Cross, I was struck by the blood flowing from one of his divine hands. I felt a pang of great sorrow when thinking this blood is falling on the ground without anyone's hastening to gather it up. I was resolved to

remain in spirit at the foot of the Cross and to receive its dew. I shall spend my life gathering it up. (*Therese of Lisieux*)

- The wages of work is cash. The wages of cash is want of more cash.. The wages of want more cash is vicious competition.. The wages of vicious competition is - the world we live in.

(*D.H. Lawrence*)

- There are Seven Social Sins: Politics without principle; Wealth without work; Commerce without morality; Pleasure without conscience; Education without character; Science without humanity; Worship without sacrifice. (*Mohandas Gandhi*)

- Strength without compassion is violence. Compassion without justice is sentiment. Justice without love is Marxism. And ... love without justice is baloney! (*Cardinal Sin*)

- We are not, but could be.

We don't speak languages, but dialects.

We don't have religions, but superstitions.

We don't create art, but handicrafts.

We don't have a culture, but folklore.

We are not human beings, but human resources.

We do not have face, but arms.

We do not have names, but numbers.

We do not appear in the history of the world, but in the police blotter of the local paper.

The nobodies, who are not worth the bullets that kill them.

(*Edward Galeano, The Nobodies*)

- In the world's schema of things, survival of the fittest is the rule.

In God's schema, survival of the weakest is the rule.

(*Alphonse Keuter*)

- It is not possible to create a world in which no innocent people suffer, but it is possible to create a world in which fewer innocent people suffer. (*Bryan Hehir*)

- We don't want your money; we can steal that from you when we need it. We need you to lead us back to God, and to give us jobs.

(*A Gang leader to a group of church and business leader*)

- Lost is a place, too. (*Christina Crawford*)

- You could say that, if you are walking down the roads of life these days, and looking for a piece of God or for some spirit by which to guide your life, you should be looking down. For is God is going to be found these days, it's going to be small things. It's going to be close to the ground. It may even be below the ground. Looking for God, these days requires the willingness to investigate the small, to descend. To look down. To look down. To look down.

(*Aztec poem*)

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Financial Summary

January 22, 2012

Weekly Collection	\$ 13,164.00
Weekly Budget	-\$ 19,000.00
+/- for the week	\$ (5,836.00)

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:



Kimberly Braun - *US Army*
Bryan R. Dempsey - *US Marines*
Christopher Florca - *US Marines*
Mark Harvey - *US Coast Guard*
Anthony Mannino - *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 Kelly Family, in gratitude for the safe return of Cari from active duty.

Cari Kelly - *US Air Force*, has returned to the United States safe and sound from her tour of duty in Iraq. Thank you, *Cari*, for your most generous service to our country! In addition, the Kelly Family would like to thank Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Family for all of their prayers.

2012 Catholic Ministries Appeal

One Faith. One Hope. Many Gifts

A Letter from Bishop Murphy

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we launch the 2012 Catholic Ministries Appeal, Fr. Mike Vetrano and I extend our deepest thanks for your prayers and previous financial support. Together we share in the mission of Jesus as we work to build God's Kingdom here on Long Island. Last year more than 600,000 people were touched your generosity and the generosity of your fellow parishioners.

Whether it is the needy being assisted through Catholic Charities, our children being formed in their faith through religious education programs, a young man or woman discerning a religious vocation or parishioners deepening their faith through ongoing formation and sacramental participation, so many Long Islanders depend on the Church and the support provided by the Catholic Ministries Appeal.

Through this Appeal, we are supporting the mission of our Church. Our sacrifices are transformed into signs of God's love and hope through ministries that give us the opportunity to live and share our faith, to care for God's people and to help build the Kingdom of God, bringing us together to *Belong More Deeply* to the Lord, the Church and to one another.

We are so grateful for your last gift to the Catholic Ministries Appeal. Please reflect upon your blessings and, if possible, consider increasing your support. Thank you for all you have done, and all you will do to be a sign of God's love to others.

With my gratitude and prayers, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ *William Murphy*

Bishop of Rockville Centre

For more information about the Catholic Ministries Appeal, to view the video, or to donate, please visit www.CatholicMinistriesAppeal.org or call 516.379.5210, ext. 229.

Parish Outreach

Office telephone:

661-9262, option 4

Office hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday:
9:30 AM - 3 PM

Pantry Needs

canned pasta
mac and cheese
pasta/sauce
rice
instant potatoes

Donations to Outreach

Parish Outreach has received many donations.

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.



F.I.S.H. (Friends in Service Helping)

F.I.S.H. (Friends in Service Helping) is in great need of volunteers . Volunteers help in driving people to appointments and in providing help over the phone.

Volunteers can help out for as little as one day a month.

The Mission of F.I.S.H. is to provide food, clothing, shelter, and medical aid to the homeless and hungry within our community, with the objective to provide programs and referrals to families and individuals so they may become self sufficient.If you can help, please call Sue Barry at 422 3011. Thank you for your generosity in considering giving some of your time to others who need it.

Spiritual Care Companions Needed

Catholic Health Services of Long Island will hold a training program for volunteers interested in becoming Spiritual Care Companions. Some of our parishioners have taken the program and found it helpful in their ministry as well as in their own personal lives. The free program will offer individuals the skills necessary for caring and listening to people who are sick or elderly.

Those interested may attend an information session on Tuesday, February 7 from 9:30 – 11:30am at Our Lady of Consolation, West Islip. There will be six training sessions which will run from February 28 – April 3. Spanish–speaking volunteers are particularly needed. For further information, call Carol Cella at 465-6307 or Trish Luvin at 465-6306

Women of Hope

You are Invited to Attend our Champagne Luncheon

St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School will be celebrating the Sixth Annual Women of Hope Champagne Luncheon on **Sunday, February 5, 2012 at 11 AM** at the Timber Point Country Club in Great River. Tickets are \$75 per person and there are journal opportunities as well.

Please contact the Development Office at 587.8000 x 177 to receive a formal invitation. RSVP by February 1 as seating is limited and by reservation only.

Congratulations to the 2012 Women of Hope Honorees

Lisa Dicarlo Yancigay '81, Alumna and Parent, Kathy Lehmann Holland, Alumna and Parent, Loyda Goodbody, World Language Faculty Member, and Ann Munkwitz, Parent.

American Sign Languages Classes

Clery School for the Deaf is offering evening Adult Education classes in American Sign Language. **The Spring session will be from February 1 through May 2.** Call Carolyn Kelly at 631.588.0530 or email Clery ASL@hotmail.com for more information.

Divorce and Beyond

Separated and Divorce Support Group-A ten week program for those separated or going through the process of divorce. The group meets **every Friday beginning February 3 at 7:30 PM at St. William the Abbot Church, Seaford.** Cost for the ten week program is \$20. For further information and registration, please contact Angie at 516.868.2503 or Carol at 516.423.2241 or email BeginningToday@gmail.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.

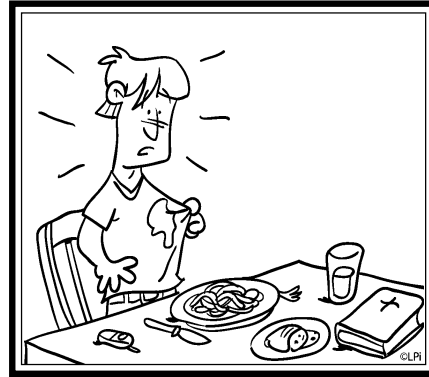
Religion & Rock

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 **"Remaining Excited."** Don't miss it!

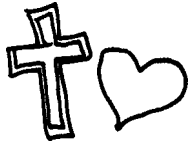
To listen online or receive more information regarding "Religion & Rock" go to www.religionandrock.com or at "Religion & Rock" on ITUNES. Don't forget to tune into TELECARE, Cablevision Channel 29/137 or Verizon FIOS 296 for the Best in Catholic Television!

Sharing the Gospel

Grass stains. Tomato sauce. Brightly colored fruit drinks. When these nasty stains stick to your clothes, it is tough to get them out. Regular soap won't work. You need something stronger. Jesus is really strong, too. In today's Gospel, a nasty evil spirit screamed when it saw Jesus. Jesus was so powerful, he cleaned that evil spirit right out.



Mission for the Week



Make a new label for your family's stain pre-treatment bottle. Trace around the bottle, write Mark 1:21-28 in big letters, and decorate your label with a picture of Jesus. Tape your new label to the bottle so you and your parents remember how strong Jesus is.

Puzzle

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

quiet	spirit	shook
teaching	Jesus	shout
amazed	Holy One	obey

quiet	<u>q</u> <u>u</u> <u>i</u> <u>e</u> <u>t</u>
Jsuse	_____
amzeda	_____
oybe	_____
Hylo nOe	_____
shuto	_____
sipirt	_____
soohk	_____
tachenig	_____

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Prayer



God,
you are much
stronger than evil.
Nothing is too hard
for you to clean.

Something to Draw



Draw a picture of
Jesus on a super-
powerful stain-
fighting laundry
soap.