

**“Yet even now  
return to me with  
your whole heart.”**



Joel 2:12

**Ash Wednesday**

**Our Lady of Lourdes February 22, 2012**



## *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

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**Rev. Patsy Amabile**  
Associate Pastor  
**Rev. Robert Scheckenback**  
Associate Pastor  
**Rev. Ambrose Cabildo**  
In Residence  
**Rev. Michael Holzmann**  
In Residence

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**Deacon John DeGuardi**  
**Deacon Tom Lucie**  
**Deacon Jack Meehan**  
Coordinator of Stewardship  
**Deacon John Teufel**

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**Sr. Margaret Bickar**  
Senior Ministry-SAGE  
**Sr. Nancy Campkin**  
Director of Religious Education  
**Trish Frodell**  
Director of Parish Social Ministry  
**Louise Jane Krol**  
School Principal  
**Sr. Diane Liona**  
Director of Religious Education  
**Mary McMahan**  
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OLL Choir Director  
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Ministry Spiritual Director  
**Sr. Betty Toohig**  
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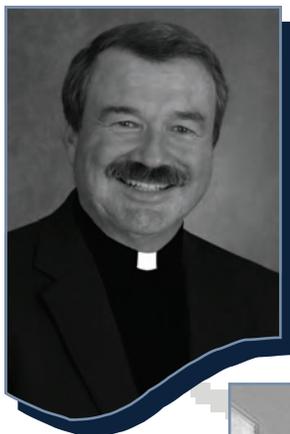
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John Muldoon  
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Vita Scorgia  
Fr. Mike Vetrano

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### *Parish Staff*

**AnnMarie Buonaspina**  
Director of Youth Choirs  
**Michael Buonaspina**  
Parish Organist  
**Jennifer Gallagher**  
Women's Chorale Director  
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Religious Education Office  
**Lori Walsh**  
Parish Office

# 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.

**Video replay Tuesday at 9 AM**



**Tuesday, February 28**

*Fr. Jim Vlaun*

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

**Video replay Wednesday at 9 AM**



**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.

**Video replay Thursday at 9 AM**

**Come join us each night,  
or any night,  
7:30 PM in the Church.  
All are Welcome!**



**Thursday, March 1**  
*Fr. Bob Scheckenback*  
**A Mass for Healing  
and Peace-  
also, at 8 AM Mass  
on Thursday**



Lent is a season of soul-searching and repentance. It is a season for reflection and taking stock. Lent originated in the very earliest days of the Church as a preparatory time for Easter, when the faithful rededicated themselves and when converts were instructed in the faith and prepared for baptism. By observing the forty days of Lent, the individual Christian imitates Jesus' withdrawal into the wilderness for forty days.

Lent is a forty-day period before Easter. It Begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on the day before Easter Day. We skip Sundays, when we count the forty days, because Sundays commemorate the Resurrection. In the Roman Catholic Church, Lent officially ends at sundown on Holy Thursday, with the beginning of the Mass of the Lord's Supper.

Fasting is a spiritual discipline that does not involve starvation or dehydration. Quite often, our bodily appetites control our actions. The purpose of fasting is to make your bodily appetites your servant rather than your master.

**LENT '12**

**Come and pray this Lent at "The Six"**

**Sunday, 6 PM Mass**

All 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th graders and their families. Please join "The Six" with your grade...

<b>3rd Sunday of Lent</b>	March 11	Grade 8	<i>"Celebrate"</i> Religious Ed Week
<b>4th Sunday of Lent</b>	March 18	Grade 7	<i>"Serve"</i> Service Project Sunday
<b>5th Sunday of Lent</b>	March 25	Grade 6	<i>"Sent"</i> to make a difference
<b>Palm Sunday</b>	April 1	Grade 5	<i>"Pray"</i> as Holy Week begins

Lent begins Ash Wednesday-February 22. Ashes will be distributed every hour on the hour. Distribution will begin at 7 AM until 9 PM.

## "Hands On" Lent

The Children's Liturgy Committee will sponsor a "Hands On" Lent Program for children and their families this Lent. The families will gather together for a short time after Mass each Sunday. There will be an activity to encourage and help the families to get their "hands on" and live out the gospel message during the upcoming week.

Please join us in the rear of the **All Purpose Room after 9:30 AM Mass** as we come together as a parish family.



## Ash Wednesday

### *Distribution of Ashes*

On Ash Wednesday, **February 22**, we celebrate **distribution of blessed ashes every hour on the hour** beginning at 7AM until 9 PM.

Celebration of the **Mass**, with distribution of ashes, will be at **8 AM and 8 PM**.

*Tell a friend!*

## Stations of the Cross

We remember the road to Jesus' death and link his journey to our own as our parish deacons lead us through this beautiful devotion.

Come and pray with us...

**Each Friday during Lent—12 Noon and 7 PM**

*Save the date...*

## Living Stations of the Cross

**Good Friday, April 6 at 7:30 PM in the Church**

This is a wonderful opportunity for your Lenten and Holy Week journey! Our parish community comes together-led by our young people, our Music Ministries and members of our parish community-who share their own personal experiences on this most holy and solemn night. The celebration includes the Veneration of the Cross.



## Renewing Our Spiritual Home

*Dear Parish Family,*

Over the next few weeks prepare to see our Parish Center come alive thanks to your generosity in the Renewing Our Spiritual Home Campaign!

Starting just after Ash Wednesday, we will begin gutting the interior of the room to make ready for all the new improvements. Some of the new improvements will include:

*A new ceiling, Redesigned / more efficient storage, new media center for movies, video, and presentations, new cabinets and a permanent island for hospitality, new rugs / floor tiles, new window treatments, decorative wall panels, full repair of our plumbing "problems."*

Our "most loved" room will become even more welcoming and bright. Again, we could not do it without your support.

Thank you to all who have been keeping up your pledges to the campaign. Without your generous support, we would not be able to accomplish so much. And remember, it is never too late to join the effort. If you would like to make a pledge to the campaign, just contact the Parish Office at 661.3224.

*Sincerely yours in Christ,*

*Fr. Mike*

## R.C.I.A. – The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

On **Sunday, February 26**, John Amdur will participate in the **Rite of Election at St. Patrick's R.C. Church in Smithtown at 7PM** with Bishop Murphy. All are welcome!

On **Sunday, March 4**, we will celebrate the **Call to Continuing Conversion** for our baptized candidates – *Charles Frith and Tina Hennessy* – also at **St. Patrick's R.C. Church in Smithtown at 2:30PM**. All are welcome!! These are important steps in the journey of the R.C.I.A. It's a clear sign to the community that they are coming closer to receiving the Sacraments of Initiation and full communion with the Church at our Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 7.

On **Sundays, March 11, March 18 and March 25, the Third Sunday of Lent, and continuing on the Fourth and Fifth Sundays of Lent, at the 11AM Mass** we will celebrate the "**Scrutinies**" – times for the candidates and the Elect to continue to remain "united with Christ and make progress in their efforts to love God more deeply".

The Church gives us this public and life-giving process DURING LENT so that these good and holy people can be nourished and supported by our parish family. At the same time, we know that when we initiate others, we confront and renew our own identity as members of the Catholic Christian community.

*Please continue to pray for these women and men and our RCIA team .*

## Adult Faith Formation

### Book Discussion:

*Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the Second Half of Life*

by Richard Rohr

Presenter: Tom Petriano

Monday March 5, Tuesday March 13, Mondays March 19 & 26

Spiritual Life Center

7:30-9:30 PM

In *Falling Upward*, Fr. Richard Rohr seeks to help readers understand the tasks of the two halves of life. Most of us tend to think of the second half of life as largely about getting old, dealing with health issues, and letting go of life, but the whole thesis of this book is exactly the opposite. What looks like falling down can largely be experienced as "falling upward." In fact, it is not a loss but somehow actually a gain.

*The book will be available for purchase in the Religious Education Office. Cost is \$18  
It will be helpful to read Chapter 1 before first session.*

*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](mailto:religioused@ollchurch.org).*



## Directed Prayer Retreat Week

**Sunday, March 11 thru Saturday, March 17**

Looking for something to do for yourself during Lent?

*RIGHT HERE...in our own parish surroundings....*

*Vita Scorcia and her team from St Ignatius Retreat House offers the opportunity to experience a Directed Prayer Retreat to the people of Our Lady of Lourdes..*

*RIGHT NOW....as we live out our daily lives.*

### Are there any special requirements?

No, this experience is helpful for all – experienced pray-ers, beginners, and all who might be somewhere in-between.

Brochures/applications available at the RelEd/Parish Office. For more info call Vita Scorcia at the Religious Education Office at 661.5440 or [religioused@ollchurch.org](mailto:religioused@ollchurch.org).

*The number of participants is limited! Deadline to register is Monday, March 5.*

## Ninth Annual El Salvador Mission Trip 2012

As many of you know, last year, a team of OLL parishioners traveled to El Salvador to pray and work with the communities of Mogotes and Tacuba. It is in keeping with Catholic Social teaching that we help others and share our faith with Catholics everywhere.

With the help of the parishioners here at home, the El Salvador Team has been raising money through our CASA project to build homes for those belonging to our sister parishes. Through the support of Our Lady of Lourdes, our young people have been able to experience another culture and help people in need. Thank you OLL!

This year, our Ninth Annual El Salvador Mission Trip will be held **the week of June 30 - July 6, 2012**. We ask for your prayers and continued support, as parishioners of OLL prepare for this life changing and spiritual trip.

### Altar Servers

*ATTENTION any young people, boys and girls 4<sup>th</sup> grade and up...*

Do you want to be an Altar Server? What a great way to get more involved when we're praying together. It's also a service to the Parish that we really need you for. If you have not thought about it already, please give it some thought now.

If you would like to sign up for the training sessions, contact the Parish Office at 661.3224 and leave a message for Mrs. Nancy Kuchler or contact her at [nkuchler@ollschool.org](mailto:nkuchler@ollschool.org). The training will be in the spring, and the dates for the training will be in the bulletin, we will contact you as well.

Hope you say YES to this call.

### O.L.L Marriage Preparation and Wedding Ministry

*"Married Christians, in virtue of the sacrament of marriage, signify and share in the mystery of that unity and fruitful love which exists between Christ and his Church."* (Rite of Marriage #1)

The Wedding Ministry assists the Groom, Bride, their families and guests at the wedding rehearsal and at the Marriage Liturgy itself, so that they can pray well together and experience the hallmark warmth of our Parish. The Ministry consists of volunteer Parishioners; men, women and couples, who give their time to be present at the rehearsal and Liturgy.

"FOCCUS" and "Pre-Cana" are used as our preparation program for the Sacrament of Marriage. They are also facilitated by volunteer Parishioners; married couples who have been trained by the Diocese, so they can share the nature of Marriage as they have lived it out in their lives and in their faith.

Perhaps you have benefited from these ministries, and we hope that you would consider sharing your gifts by being a part of them yourself. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office at 661.3224.

# Ash Wednesday Liturgy

*We gather this day for prayer as we seek God's healing and support.  
Masses will be celebrated at 8 AM and 8 PM.*

*Prayer services will be led on every hour from 7 AM with the last service beginning at 9PM.*

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## Call to Worship

**Entrance Hymn**                      **Hold Us In Your Mercy...Daigle/Cooney**

**Cantor:** Hold us in your mercy.                      **All:** *Hold us in your mercy.*

**Cantor:** Hold us in your mercy.                      **All:** *Hold us in your mercy.*

**Cantor:** Invocation    **All:** *Hold us in your mercy.*

## Liturgy of the Word

**Reading I**                                      A reading from the book of the prophet Joel

*Turn your hearts...*

**Responsorial Psalm**                      **I Have Loved You**

**Refrain**

*I have loved you with an everlasting love.*

*I have called you and you are mine.*

*I have loved you with an everlasting love.*

*I have called you and you are mine.*



**Reading II**                                      A reading from the first letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians.

*We are ambassadors for Christ...*

**Gospel**    A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

*Be authentic...*

**Homily**

**Prayer of the Faithful**

**Response**

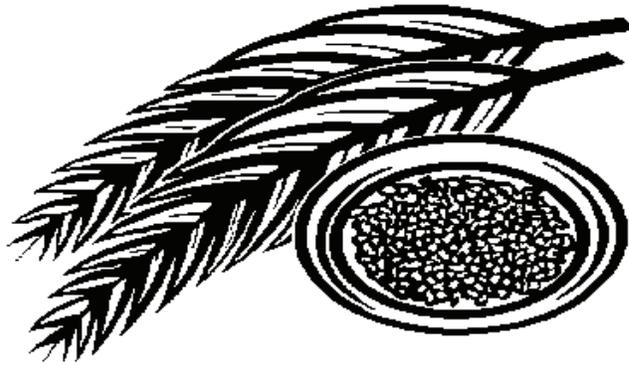
*God of mercy, hear our prayer.*

## Imposition of Ashes

During this time, all are invited forward for the Imposition of Ashes.

During the Prayer Services, all are invited to return to their seats for a time of quiet prayer, after which you may leave the Church reverently.

During the 8 AM and 8 PM Masses all are asked to return to their seats.



### ASHES

Tom Conry



1. We rise a-gain from ash-es, from the good we've failed to
2. We of-fer you our fail-ures, we \_\_\_ of-fer you at-
3. Then rise a-gain from ash-es, let \_\_\_ heal-ing come to
4. † Thanks be to the Fa-ther, who \_\_\_ made us like him-



1. do. We rise a - gain from ash-es, to cre-ate our-selves a-
2. tempts, the gifts not ful - ly giv-en, the \_\_\_ dreams not ful - ly
3. pain, though spring has turned to win-ter, and \_\_\_ sun - shine turned to
4. self. † Thanks be to his Son, \_\_\_ who \_ saved us by his



1. new. If \_\_\_ all our world is ash-es, then \_\_\_ must our lives be
2. dreamt. Give our stum - bl - ings di - rec - tion, give our vi - sions wid - er
3. rain. The \_\_\_ rain we'll use for grow-ing, and cre - ate the world a -
4. death. † Thanks be to the Spir - it who cre - ates the world a -



1. true, an \_\_\_ of - fer-ing of ash-es, an of - fer-ing to you.
2. view, an \_\_\_ of - fer-ing of ash-es, an of - fer-ing to you.
3. new from an of - fer-ing of ash-es, an of - fer-ing to you.
4. new from an of - fer-ing of ash-es, an of - fer-ing to you.

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# Liturgy of the Eucharist

Presentation Hymn     *You Alone...Hart/Liles*

## Communion Hymn

### REMEMBER YOUR LOVE

Robert Kreutz

Refrain

Re - mem - ber your love and your faith - ful - ness, O Lord.

Verses

1. Have mercy on me, O God,  
in your goodness;  
In the greatness of your compassion  
wipe out my offense.  
Thoroughly wash me from my guilt,  
and of my sin cleanse me.
2. For I acknowledge my offense,  
and my sin is before me always:  
"Against you only have I sinned,  
and done what is evil in your sight."
3. A clean heart create for me, O God,  
and a steadfast spirit renew within me.  
Cast me not out from your presence,  
and your holy spirit take not from me.
4. Give me back the joy of your salvation,  
and a willing spirit sustain in me.  
O LORD, open my lips,  
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.



## Closing Hymn

### CHANGE OUR HEARTS

Rory Cooney

Refrain

Change our hearts this time, your word says it can be. Change our  
minds this time, your life could make us free. We are the peo-  
- ple your call set a-part, Lord, this time change our  
1-3 to Verses  
hearts.



## Fasting

### February 22: Lent begins

Throughout both the Old and New Testament, it was understood that a form of personal sacrifice could be offered as a prayer or a sign of repentance (*Ps 35:13; 1 Kgs 21:27-29; Ezr 8:21*).

A common form of sacrifice became known as fasting, the voluntary giving up of food for a period of time. Historically, fasting for Christians has often meant the limiting of types of food during Lent.

As Christ fasted forty days before beginning his public ministry, so we are asked to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday in ways that will not put our health at risk. When done for love of Christ, such a sacrifice will lead to a purer soul and a renewed closeness to God (*Mt 6:16-21*).

*The following are some diocesan guidelines for the observances of Lent by Catholics:*

- All Catholics who have reached their 14th year are bound to abstain entirely from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent.
- All Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 inclusive, are also bound to observe the law of fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday—to limit themselves to one full meal and two smaller meals (which do not together equal a full meal) on each of those days. Water may be taken at any time.
- The obligation to do penance and to observe the penitential seasons is a serious one. Those whose health or work would be impaired are excused from fast and abstinence, and individuals' consciences should guide them in this matter. However, no one should hold himself lightly excused, and another penitential practice should be substituted by those who cannot fast or abstain. A more serious reason is considered necessary to opt out of the observances on Good Friday and Ash Wednesday than for the other Fridays of Lent.
- All of the faithful who have received First Holy Communion are obliged to receive the Eucharist at least once a year, normally during the Easter Season—a period which in the United States extends from the first Sunday of Lent to Trinity Sunday.

### 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

fax: 661.7143

website: [www.ollchurch.org](http://www.ollchurch.org)

### Our Lady of Lourdes School

587.7200 (option 2)

Monday-Friday

9 AM - 3 PM

email: [lkrol@ollschool.org](mailto:lkrol@ollschool.org)

### Religious Education Office

661.5440 (option 3)

Monday-Friday

9 AM - Noon

1 PM - 5 PM

7 PM - 9 PM

email: [ReligiousEd@ollchurch.org](mailto:ReligiousEd@ollchurch.org)

### Parish Outreach Office

661.9262 (option 4)

Monday- Friday

9:30 AM - 3:30 PM