

**Jesus came to Galilee
proclaiming the gospel:**



“The reign of God is at hand!”

First Sunday of Lent

Our Lady of Lourdes February 26, 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.

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 ad-
vance, please call the Parish Office.

**Rite of Christian Initiation of
Adults(RCIA)** A process to be em-
braced by the Catholic Church. For
non-Catholics and for Catholics who
have never received formal religious
education. If interested, please call

Mission Statement

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

Vision...

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

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

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

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

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



Pastoral Team

Rev. Michael A. Vetrano
Pastor

Rev. Patsy Amabile
Associate Pastor

Rev. Robert Scheckenback
Associate Pastor

Rev. Ambrose Cabildo
In Residence

Rev. Michael Holzmann
In Residence

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Deacon Tom Lucie

Deacon Jack Meehan
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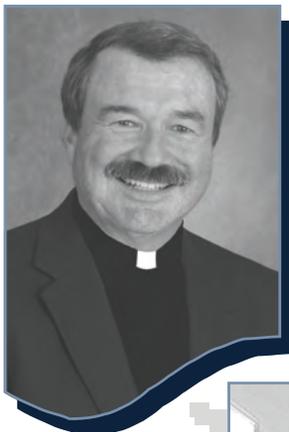
Parish Office
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Mission 2012: Finding Joy, Hope, and Peace on God's Holy Mountain (of Life)!

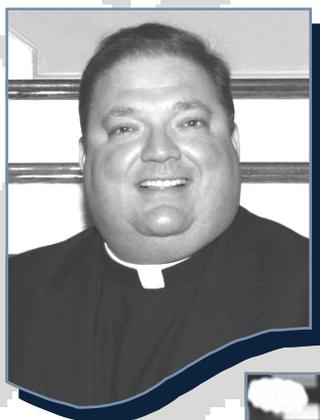


Monday, February 27

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

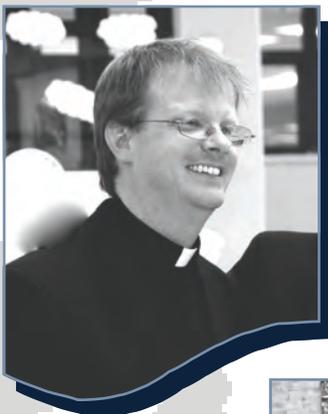


Tuesday, February 28

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



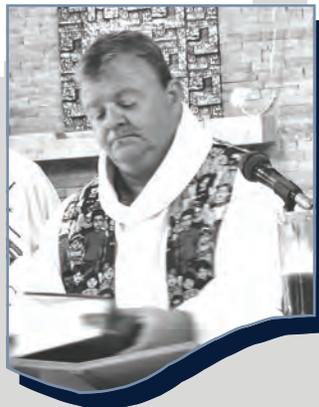
Wednesday, February 29

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

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**



"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.



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...

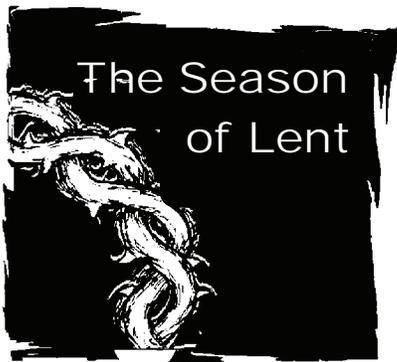
Each Friday during Lent—12 Noon and 7 PM

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.



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...

3rd Sunday of Lent	March 11	Grade 8	"Celebrate" Religious Ed Week
4th Sunday of Lent	March 18	Grade 7	"Serve" Service Project Sunday
5th Sunday of Lent	March 25	Grade 6	"Sent" to make a difference
Palm Sunday	April 1	Grade 5	"Pray" 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.

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.

*What's God like for you? What's praying like for you?
Perhaps taking a week to focus more intently on noticing
God's loving presence in and around you might be just
the way for you...*

What's involved?

- a commitment to spend a half hour a day in prayer – at home, on the train, wherever...
- a commitment to meet at the parish for approximately a half hour; with a spiritual director... your companion on the journey - an openness to God's love. After an initial small group gathering on **Sunday, March 11**, each retreatant will meet with his/her director at the Parish for approximately a half hour each day, Monday through Friday, at a mutually convenient time.

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 and applications available at the Religious Education Office and Parish Office. For more info call Vita Scorcia/ RelEd Office at 661.5440 or religioused@ollchurch.org.

The number of participants is limited!

Deadline to register is Monday, March 5 .

Sometimes it's nice to be able to "get away" and focus on God. Sometimes it's not possible to get away, but it is still very possible to focus on God, for God is with us everywhere, all the time. A directed prayer retreat week can help us to notice God's presence right in the midst of our everyday lives and noticing leads to response. Prepare! Our God is a God of faithfulness and of surprise!

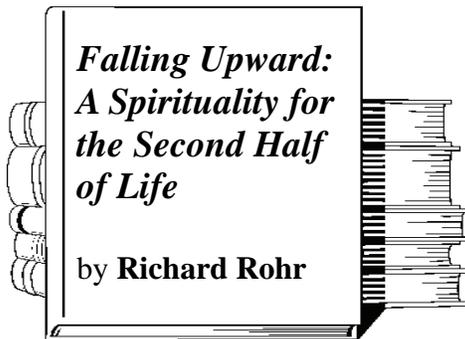
Mass Book of Intentions

The 2013 Mass Book of Intentions will be opening on **Tuesday, February 28 at 9 AM in the Parish Office.**

As always, we will do our best to accommodate your Mass Intention requests.

Adult Faith Formation

Book Discussion:



Presenter: Tom Petriano
Monday-March 5, Tuesday-March 13,
Mondays-March 19 & 26
Spiritual Life Center
7:30-9:30 PM

*(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.)*

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.

Explains why the second half of life can and should be full of spiritual richness
Offers a new view of how spiritual growth happens? loss is gain

Come join us and be a part of lively discussions and interesting presentations.
Don't miss it!

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.

Nocturnal Adoration

Nocturnal Adoration will follow the 5 PM Mass on **Saturday, March 3**, concluding with Benediction at 9:50 PM.

Please come and pray with us.

All are invited and welcome! Bring a friend.



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 Shawl Ministry

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

Join us...

Wednesday, March 14 at 9:30 AM in the Parish Center. All you need to bring is scrap yarn, knitting needles or crochet hooks (patterns and instructions will be given to you) and your gifts of love and prayer.

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.

“SPECIAL K”

New Kindergarten Program!

Our first session, which was held on January 28 was wonderful! We had twelve families come to the Church, where we had a gathering session with a story from the Bible. Jesus tells us that he stands at the door and knocks....and we have to let Jesus in.

Since we need keys to unlock doors, the children received the first of a whole set of keys.. The first key is PRAYER. When we pray, we open our hearts to Jesus.

It's not too late to join us ~~ the dates are Fridays, March 16, April 16 and May 18 at 4:30 PM in Church. E mail to register at sdiane@ollchurch.org

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

Last Sunday, **February 19 at our 11AM Mass**, our Catechumen *John Amdur* who will be fully initiated into the Church at the Easter Vigil and our Candidates *Charles Frith* and *Tina Hennessey* were dismissed with the **“Rite of Sending Forth”**. Please continue to pray for them as their journey continues.

This **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 Hennessey* – 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 8.

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 .



Weather Report

This month, Mrs. Joanne Krammer's fifth grade class at Our Lady of Lourdes School, learned about the weather in different Spanish countries.

They became weather reporters for a day and created beautiful projects to display for the whole school to enjoy!

SAGE

Please note location

The SAGE Group (*Senior Advocates for Growth and Enrichment*) will meet on **Tuesday, January 28 in the Spiritual Life Center at 9 AM.**

Senior Circle

The Senior Circle meets on the last Monday of each month. The next meeting will be held on **Monday, February 27 at 12:30 PM in the Spiritual Life Center.**

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, March 15, in the Parish Center.**

We meet once a month to read and discuss the Scriptures for the following Sunday.

Come with your ideas and suggestions. We'll gather for conversation and fellowship. Join us in this pioneering experience for men. Call Jack Fitzgerald at 587.5548 for more information.



In Memoriam

Pearl Amabile

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Pearl Amabile, mother of Fr. Patsy Amabile and John Amabile.

Funeral services, according to her Jewish faith, were held on Thursday at Star of David in Pinelawn. As many of you know, Pearl was a frequent visitor to OLL and was a member of our Prayer Shawl Ministry.

Fr. Pat and John are asking, that in lieu of flowers, donations be made in her memory to either Our Lady of Lourdes Outreach, to a Children's Sweater fund that Fr. Pat is establishing, or to any charitable organization of your choosing.

Welcome

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

Victor and Ingrid Velez & family

Correa-Carbone Family

Christopher and Jennifer Boccio & family

Michael and Maria Cucciniello & family

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

Rest In Peace

Margaret Corker died on February 7 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was February 11. We extend our prayers to her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and entire family.

Mary J. Carrick died on February 10 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was February 15. We extend our prayers to her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and entire family.

Salvatore Tavella died on February 14 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was February 17. We extend our prayers to his children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and entire family.

Remembering...

Monday, February 27

8:00 AM Jerry Malone

Tuesday, February 28

8:00 AM Edward Cameron III

Wednesday, February 29

8:00 AM James Bonanno

Thursday, March 1

8:00 AM Thomas E Dowling, Patrick McCarthy and John Kelly

Friday, March 2

8:00 AM Carole Dowd

Saturday, March 3

8:00 AM John & Mamie Carbone, Barbara Sabo,
Mary Ann Vargin, Norma Olenick,
John McHugh, Hazel Eybs

5:00 PM Cornelius J. Guider

Fr. Ambrose Cabildo

Sunday, March 4

8:00 AM Josephine Sabella

Fr. Pat Amabile

9:30 AM John Lovari

Fr. Michael Holzmann

11:00 AM Charlotte Sweeney

Fr. Mike Vetrano

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

Fr. Ambrose Cabildo

6:00 PM People of the Parish, Florencia Delfin,
Carmen Sanchez Lukonki, Ross Goldin,
Thomasina Cavanaugh, Angela DiSomma,
Pamela Tomasiello-Sigismondi, Andrew J. Carollo

Fr. Bob Scheckenback

Baptism

Jordan Nicholas Friedlander

Herman and Dawn

Ava Grace Cetero

Frank and Carmen

Ellie Grace Connors

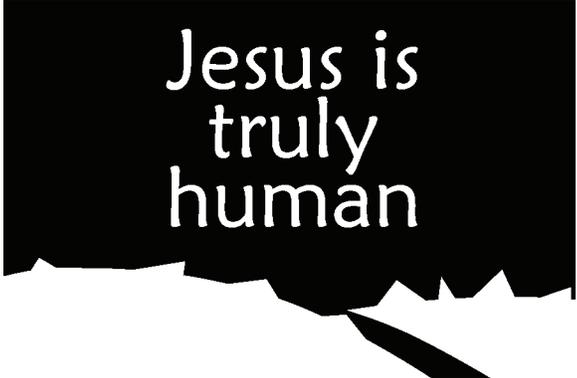
Brain and Kerrin

Ryleigh Angelina DellaRocca

John and Kimberly

Samantha Joy Miale

Matthew and Susan



Jesus is
truly
human

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1st Sunday of Lent

It was just two months ago that we celebrated Christmas. Remember back to that holiday season? Festive lights, glorious decorations, glittering trees, colorful poinsettias, family meals, joyous celebrations, Christmas gifts. Somewhere in all of that mix, it was likely that there was also a Christmas Nativity scene. Maybe it was a family heirloom carefully set up in a corner so that it wouldn't be disturbed. Or possibly your family Nativity scene last Christmas was hand-drawn artwork by one of your school children that was proudly displayed on the refrigerator. (Maybe it's even still there!)

Wait a minute! Isn't this the First Sunday of Lent? Why all the talk about Christmas? Because like Christmas itself, the First Sunday of Lent always has a Gospel that reminds us that Jesus is truly human! With all the stories of the past few weeks (healings of Peter's mother-in-law, a leper, a paralytic, and the casting out of a demon) we could begin to think of Jesus only as some kind of miracle-worker. To do that would remove him from a clear and concrete association with us. For centuries, the church has clearly taught that Jesus is completely and thoroughly human just as he is completely and thoroughly divine.

Today's Gospel reminds us that Jesus was tempted, just like we are tempted. He had the opportunity to accede to the wiles of Satan. Instead, he emerged from the desert to proclaim a Gospel of repentance. We hear this story of Jesus' humanity as we begin Lent to give us encouragement for the next forty days. We often begin Lent with a lot of enthusiasm. We are ready to change our lives. But changing how we live is difficult, and temptations are rampant. The Gospel tells us that angels came and ministered to Jesus while he was being tempted. Start Lent by asking a friend or a family member to be an angel for you in the next forty days, to ask you occasionally how your Lent is going.

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Readings for the Week of February 26, 2012

Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48

Next Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Pat Wissing*.
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 ...

*Lucas Anderson, Eric Becker, Anne Bolin, Frank Castellano, Nicole Cerny,
Eddie Cronin, Beverly DeCanio, Frank Edwards, Helen Esposito, William Farley,
Jake Feldman, Thomas Fico, Elizabeth Fredriksen, Kenneth Garretson,
Susan Gebhardt, Vincent Giannico, James Grillo, Sr., Marie Impellizeri, Ellen Kane,
Robyn Kerrigan, Anne Losee, Christopher J. Maher, James Martin, Vicky Massaro,
Vinny Meade, Margaret Meringolo, Denise Michelback, Ralph Molaro,
Arlene Monte, Patricia Muller, Andy Nolfo, Frances Parine, Vito Passanante,
Helen Phillips, Roger Phillips, Hilda Poulos, Joe Radosti, Richard Riedemann,
Patricia Sanchez, Teresa Saraceno, Joseph Schiavoni, Marie Schiraldi,
Baby Isabella Shaw, Derek Stahl, Lyndsey Stahl, John Stamer, Angelo Tedesco,
Nancy Turano, Glen Zachary, Louie Zaino*

Following Jesus-According to the Letter or the Spirit?

I work and move within church circles and find that most of the people I meet there are honest, committed, and for the most part radiate their faith positively. Most church-goers aren't hypocrites. What I do find disturbing within church circles though is that too many of us can be bitter, angry, mean-spirited, and judgmental, especially in terms of the very values that we hold most dear.

It was Henri Nouwen who first highlighted this, commenting with sadness that many of the really angry, bitter, and ideologically-driven people he knew he had met inside of church circles and places of ministry. Within church circles, it sometimes seems, everyone is angry about something. Moreover, within church circles, it is all too easy to rationalize our anger in the name of prophecy, as a healthy passion for truth and morals.

The logic works this way: Because I am sincerely concerned about an important moral, ecclesial, or justice issue, I can excuse a certain amount of neurosis, anger, elitism, and negative judgment, because I can rationalize that my cause, dogmatic or moral, is so important that it justifies my mean spirit: I need to be this angry and harsh because this is such an important truth!

And so we justify our anger by giving it a prophetic cloak, believing that we are warriors for God, truth, and morals when, in fact, we are mostly just struggling with our own wounds, insecurities, and fears. Hence we often look at others, even whole churches made up of sincere persons trying to live the gospel, and instead of seeing brothers and sisters struggling, like us, to follow Jesus, we see "people in error", "dangerous relativists", "new age pagans", "religious flakes", and in our more generous moments, "poor misguided souls". But never do we look at what this kind of judgment is saying about us, about our own health of soul and our own following of Jesus.

Don't get me wrong: Truth is not relative, moral issues are important, and right truth and proper morals, like kingdoms under perpetual siege, need to be defended. Not all moral judgments are created equal, neither are all churches.

But the truth of that doesn't trump everything else or give us an excuse to rationalize our anger. We must defend truth, defend those who cannot defend themselves, and be solid in the traditions of our own

churches. But right truth and right morals don't necessarily make us disciples of Jesus. What does?

What makes us genuine disciples of Jesus is living inside his Spirit, the Holy Spirit, and this is not something abstract and vague. If one were searching for a single formula to determine who is Christian and who isn't, one might look at the Epistle to the Galatians, Chapter 5. In it, St. Paul tells us that we can live according to either the spirit of the flesh or the Holy Spirit.

We live according to the spirit of the flesh when we live in anger, bitterness, judgment of our neighbor, factionalism, and non-forgiveness. When these things characterize our lives we shouldn't delude ourselves and think that we are living inside of the Holy Spirit.

Conversely, we live inside of the Holy Spirit when our lives are characterized by charity, joy, peace, patience, goodness, longsuffering, constancy, faith, gentleness, and chastity. If these do not characterize our lives, we should not nurse the illusion that we are inside of God's Spirit, irrespective of our passion for truth, dogma, or justice.

This may be a cruel thing to say, and perhaps more cruel not to say, but I sometimes see more charity, joy, peace, patience, goodness, and gentleness among persons who are Unitarian, New Age, or Baha'i (and are often judged by other churches as being wishy-washy and as not standing for anything) than I see among those of us who do stand up so strongly for certain ecclesial and moral issues but are often mean-spirited and bitter inside of our convictions. Given the choice of whom I'd like as a neighbor or, more deeply, the choice of whom I want to spend eternity with, I am sometimes pretty conflicted about the choice: Who is my real faith companion? The angry zealot at war for Jesus or cause? Or the more gentle soul who is branded wishy-washy or "new age"? At the end of the day, who is the real Christian?

We need, I believe, to be more self-critical in regards to our anger, harsh judgments, mean-spirit, exclusiveness, and disdain for other ecclesial and moral paths. As T.S. Eliot once said: The last temptation that's the greatest treason is to do the right thing for the wrong reason. We may have truth and right morals on our side. But our anger and harsh judgments towards those who don't share our truth and morals may well have us standing outside the Father's house, like the older brother of the prodigal son, bitter both at God's mercy and at those who are receiving that mercy.

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Financial Summary

February 19, 2012

Weekly Collection	\$ 16,985.00
Weekly Budget	-\$ 19,000.00
+/- for the week	\$ (2,015.00)

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*

Michael J. Clifford-*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.

2012 Catholic Ministries Appeal

One Faith, One Hope, Many Gifts

The Catholic Ministries Appeal helps our Church support many ministries, services, and programs in the 133 parishes across Long Island. Because of the tremendous generosity of the people of this parish and others throughout the diocese, the Appeal touches more than 600,000 people each year.

The Catholic Ministries Appeal supports our efforts to:

LIVE AND SHARE OUR FAITH by providing support for religious education programs for public school children, faith formation for those receiving the Sacraments, and vocations for the formation of our Priests, Deacons, and Lay Leaders.

CARE FOR GOD'S PEOPLE through support for the great works of our Parish Outreach programs and Catholic charities. The Appeal also supports other programs that help us care for God's people, including: our hospital and prison ministries that reach out to people at the most vulnerable times of their lives, Respect Life initiatives, and our Mission in the Dominican Republic.

BUILD GOD'S KINGDOM by supporting programs that reach out to Catholics of all races and backgrounds because we are one family united in Christ. We celebrate special needs Masses for children and adults, and we have vibrant college campus ministry and dynamic youth ministry programs that encourage our young people to live their faith each day.

You can make a difference in your parish and in the lives of those around us by making a gift to this year's appeal. Visit the CMA website at www.CatholicMinistriesAppeal.org for more information, or to view the video.

Pantry Needs

Canned chili
Canned fruit
Canned vegetables
Pork & beans
Soups
Tuna

Donations to Outreach-February Donations

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 Trish Frodell, Director of Parish Social Ministry at 661.3224, option 4.

Save the date...

Victorian Tea

Sunday, April 29



Victorian Tea

We are going to begin collecting any items that you would like to donate and perhaps re-gift for the raffle baskets for our Victorian Tea. Start your “Spring Cleaning” early and begin looking in your closets and nooks for any item that you would like to donate.

Please watch the bulletin for further details.

At the Foot of the Cross: Reflection on the Spirituality of the Seminary Chapel

Msgr. Peter Vaccari will present a **Lenten Day of Prayer at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington on Sunday, March 11 from 9:30 AM to 3 PM.** Program includes conferences, lunch, opportunity for confession, and Mass. Donation-\$25 for non-Friends.

Sponsored by Friends of the Seminary. Reservations required. Please call 631.423.0483, extension 102 or bmalone@icseminary.edu.

Powerful Tools for Caregivers

Powerful Tools for Caregivers is a six-week course designed to better enable you to take care of yourself, along with those you love. You will learn to reduce stress, improve self-confidence, balance your life, etc. Pre-registration is required. Seating is limited. The course will be held on **Wednesday evenings, beginning March 6 at 6 PM in the Patio Café conference room at Good Samaritan Hospital.** \$25 suggested donation to help defray the cost of the handbook. For more information or to register, please contact 631.376.4444.

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.

Hibernian Festival Singers

On **Sunday, March 11 at 3 PM the Hibernian Festival singers will be hosting “Taylor’s Traditional Irish Cabaret” direct from Dublin at the Bay Shore High School.** The show will feature Ireland’s greatest comedian, Irish Tenor, ballad singer, a musical ensemble and a host of other Irish talents. Tickets are on sale for \$30 advance purchase and \$35 at the door. For further information, please call 631.665.1371 .

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 **“Forgiveness.”** 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

In today's Gospel, Jesus spent forty days in the desert. Jesus stayed close to God, and he followed God's directions every day of his life. When Satan came to test Jesus he was ready. Jesus passed every test beautifully. He said "No" to



temptation. When you write spelling words over and over, it is easier to remember them. If you are learning a new language, it helps to make flash cards to practice with. Once you memorize all your words, taking the test is pretty easy. The more you read the Bible and do what God asks in his word, the easier it will be for you to pass Satan's tests, too.

Prayer

God, help me to stay close to you so that I am ready for my tests.



Puzzle

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

SPIRIT
JESUS
DESERT

FORTY
SATAN
TESTED

ANIMALS
ANGELS
BELIEVE

E S Y T U O I G U F E
R A N I M A L S J O R
I T G S Y N O E A R I
S A L O F G D N S T N
T N E T A E S J I Y O
E M S B E L I E V E S
S U O J T S R S O S U
T S P I R I T U P A T
E L A D L U N S E D Y
D E S E R T M I R O N
O T I M Y B A L Y T A

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Something to

Draw

Draw a picture of Jesus helping you remember Bible verses.

Mission for the Week

Memorize Proverbs 1:3, "You will learn what is right and honest and fair." Practice writing it and saying it every day, until you know this verse by heart.