

**Do not lay your hand  
on the boy!**



Genesis 22:12

**Second Sunday of Lent**  
**Our Lady of Lourdes March 4, 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

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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.*

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### *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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Associate Pastor

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Associate Pastor

**Rev. Ambrose Cabildo**  
In Residence

**Rev. Michael Holzmann**  
In Residence

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**Deacon Tom Lucie**

**Deacon Jack Meehan**

Coordinator of Stewardship

**Deacon John Teufel**

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Business Manager

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Trish Frodell

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John Muldoon

Bob Natale

Eileen Rega

Vita Scorcia

Fr. Mike Vetrano

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Parish Organist

**Jennifer Gallagher**

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**Mary Anne Lettieri**

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9:30 AM - 3:30 PM



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	"Celebrate" Religious Ed Week
<b>4th Sunday of Lent</b>	March 18	Grade 7	"Serve" Service Project Sunday
<b>5th Sunday of Lent</b>	March 25	Grade 6	"Sent" to make a difference
<b>Palm Sunday</b>	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.



## "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**

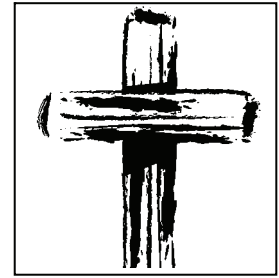
*Save the date...*

## 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.

**OLL Parish Family and  
the Diocese of Rockville Centre celebrate  
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION WEEK  
FAITH + FAMILY + FUN  
Sunday, March 11 – Sunday, March 18, 2012**



**Sunday, March 11...**

at the **9:30 AM Mass**

+**FAITH**+... Please join us... at the 9:30am Mass

RECEIVE a special blessing for all in Religious Education

+**FAMILY**+... *we belong to our Parish Family of Our Lady of Lourdes...*

THAT'S Grades 1/2/3/4 and their families

+**FUN**+... After 9:30am Mass... in the Cafeteria... Bagel Breakfast...For everyone !!

GATHER together.....Have some FUN!

STAY... Come, be a part of Religious Education...All Are Welcome

and at **THE "SIX" PM Mass**

+**FAITH**+... Please join us ... at the 6 PM Mass

RECEIVE a special blessing for all in Religious Education

+**FAMILY**+... *we belong to our Parish Family of Our Lady Of Lourdes...*

THAT'S Grades 5/6/7/8/High School and their families

+**FUN**+... after 6 PM Mass... hang around for... Tostitos and Salsa...for everyone!!

OPEN Gym ... Basketball, volleyball...

STAY... Come, be a part of Religious Education...All Are Welcome!

*AND THEN....*

Tuesday, March 13 *Adult Faith Formation* Book Discussion with Tom Petriano 7:30PM/ SLC

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

Thursday, March 15 *Grade 7 Parent Meeting* 10AM/ Church 7:30PM/All Purpose Room

Friday, March 16 "*Special K*" *New Kindergarten Program* 4:30PM in the Church

Visit our website at [ollreled.org](http://ollreled.org)... There is a lot going on!! Check us out!

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

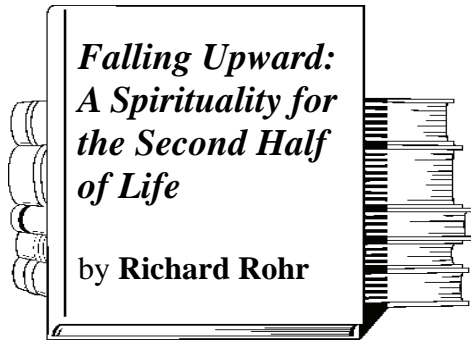
*The number of participants is limited!*

*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!*

## 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 [religiused@ollchurch.org](mailto:religiused@ollchurch.org).*

## "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](mailto:sdiane@ollchurch.org)





## **Rosary Christian Mothers**

The Rosary Christian Mothers meet on the first Monday evening of each month. The next meeting will be on Monday, March 5. We will begin with Rosary at 7:45 PM in the church, followed by meeting at 8 PM in the Parish Center.

## **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.



## **OLL Mission Trip 2012 El Salvador**

Next meeting will be on **Tuesday, March 6 in the Spiritual Life Center**  
**Time- 7-8:30 PM**

Students and parents welcome - the trip is for 8th grade through college students  
Dates of trip-June 30 to July 6, 2012

\$100 non-refundable deposit will be due at this meeting to reserve your spot.

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

**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 .*

## **Daytime Eucharistic Devotion**

The afternoon adoration for the month of March will be on **Wednesday, March 7 from 1-3 PM.**  
All are invited and welcome!

## **Holy Name Society**

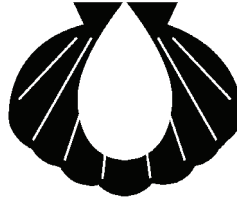
The Holy Name Society invites the men of our parish, young and old, to join us. We can use the wisdom of the older men and the energy and fresh ideas of our younger men. The Holy Name society meets on the second Sunday of each month. Our next meeting will be on **Sunday, March 11.** We come together to pray the **Rosary at 7:40 AM in the Church** and the **meeting will follow the 8 AM Mass at 9 AM in Room 16.**  
Stop by, all are welcome!

## **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 on Tuesday night, March 20 . 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 sat 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, 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.



## ***Baptism***

*Gabriella Rose Genovese*

Dominick and Jeanne Marie



## ***Rest In Peace***

*Theresa Coniglio* died on February 24 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was February 27. We extend our prayers to her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and entire family.

## ***Welcome***

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

*Richard & Joanna Tofano & family*

*Kristen Ackerly*

*Brian Lodato*

*Criseldo Preposi*

*Nebeth Bacomo*

*Michael & Kerri Hogan*

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

# Remembering...

## Monday, March 5

8:00 AM Mildred Campson

## Tuesday, March 6

8:00 AM Rose Monroe

## Wednesday, March 7

8:00 AM Felisa Baltazar

## Thursday, March 8

8:00 AM Molly Sweeney

## Friday, March 9

8:00 AM Carmela & Vincent Stumpo

## Saturday, March 10

8:00 AM Norma Olenick, Margaret Peavey,  
Elizabeth Serdock (*living*), Moira Alexander (*living*),  
Mark McGinley (*living*)

5:00 PM Nancy Bencivinni

## Sunday, March 11

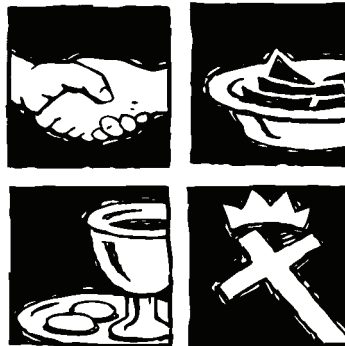
8:00 AM

9:30 AM Carol Ann Moore

11:00 AM Patricia Zimmer

12:30 PM Elanor Pavia

6:00 PM People of the Parish, Lorraine & Joseph Buccola,  
Thomasina Cavanaugh, Leonard Fodera, Jr.,  
Grace Cavalluzzo, Dolores DeLuca, John J. Sanders,  
Thomas Horan, Donald Hogan



# EXPERIENCE BEYOND WORDS



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## 2nd Sunday of Lent

Mountain climbers who ascend the highest peaks spend a lot of time in preparation. Unlike those of us who take a short hike in the woods or amble over rolling hills, serious mountain climbers can spend weeks or months planning an ascent. Often, the expense alone requires a search for sponsors if a trip is to involve a larger group of people. Nepal now requires a permit of up to \$25,000 per person to enter the Mount Everest area for climbing. Mountain climbing for some people has become a thrill-seeking opportunity, if you have the money to spend on it.

Peter, James, and John were fishermen, not thrill-seeking adventurers. But when they climbed up Mount Tabor with Jesus, they had an experience beyond words. In his Gospel Mark describes the transfiguration of Jesus as an appearance in which his clothes became dazzling white. Elijah and Moses, the prophet and the lawgiver, appear with Jesus in this startling scene. Mark says of Peter in his Gospel, "He hardly knew what to say, they were so terrified."

Every bit of thrill-seeking has some terror in it. A roller coaster is fun for so many people precisely because there is just that little bit of fear that adds to the exhilaration of the ride. But fear can also paralyze, as it did Peter up on the mountain, when he did not know what to say. Fear can also make us run away. That also happened to Peter, on the night when Jesus was arrested, and Peter denied him.

As Christians, we aren't necessarily thrill-seekers, but we are like mountain climbers in one important way: we spend a lot of time in preparation. Throughout our lives we seek the highest goal, life with Christ in heaven. Lent gives us the tools to get even better at reaching that summit. Our prayer, our fasting, our almsgiving can lead us to the peak of perfection in Christ.

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### Readings for the Week of March 4, 2012

<b>Sunday:</b>	Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10
<b>Monday:</b>	Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28
<b>Thursday:</b>	Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31
<b>Friday:</b>	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
<b>Saturday:</b>	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25

## **Altar Society**

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Nancy Trujillo*.  
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, Deborah Anello, Eric Becker, Frank Castellano, Nicole Cerny, Eddie Cronin, Beverly DeCanio, Jeanne DellaRagione, Frank Edwards, Helen Esposito, William Farley, Jake Feldman, Thomas Fico, Joann Fiorello, Elizabeth Fredriksen, Kenneth Garretson, Susan Gebhardt, Vincent Giannico, Ted Gladowski, James Grillo, Sr., Marie Impellizeri, Robyn Kerrigan, Nora Lee, Anne Losee, Christopher J. Maher, James Martin, Vicky Massaro, Vinny Meade, Margaret Meringolo, Denise Michelback, Ralph Molaro, Arlene Monte, Patricia Muller, Andy Nolfo, Philomena Owens, 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*

# On Blessed and Cursed

## Consciousness *by Ron Rolheiser, OMI*

There's a Buddhist parable that runs something like this: One day as the Buddha was sitting under a tree, a young, trim soldier walked by, looked at the Buddha, noticed his weight and his fat, and said: "You look like a pig!" The Buddha looked up calmly at the soldier and said: "And you look like God!" Taken aback by the comment, the soldier asked the Buddha: "Why do you say that I look like God?" The Buddha replied: "Well, we don't really see what's outside of ourselves, we see what's inside of us and project it out. I sit under this tree all day and I think about God, so that when I look out, that's what I see. And you, you must be thinking about other things!"

There's an axiom in philosophy that asserts that the way we perceive and judge is deeply influenced and colored by our own interiority. That's why it's never possible to be fully objective and that's why five people can witness the same event, see the same thing, and have five very different versions of what happened. Thomas Aquinas expressed this in a famous axiom: Whatever is received is received according to the mode of its receiver.

If this is true, and it is, then, as the Buddhist parable suggests, how we perceive others speaks volumes about what's going on inside of us. Among other things, it indicates whether we are operating out of a blessed or a cursed consciousness.

Let's begin with the positive, a blessed consciousness: We see this in Jesus, in how he perceived and in how he judged. His was a blessed consciousness. As the gospels describe it, at his baptism, the heavens opened and God's voice was heard to say: "This is my blessed one, in whom I take delight." And, it seems, for the rest of his life Jesus was always in some way conscious of his Father saying that to him: "You are my blessed one!" As a consequence, he was able to look out at the world and say: "Blessed are you when you are poor, or when you are persecuted, or suffering in any way. You are always blessed, no matter your circumstance in life." He knew his own blessedness, felt it, and, because of that, could operate out of a blessed consciousness, a consciousness that could look out and see others and the world as blessed.

Sadly, for many of us, the opposite is true: We perceive others and the world not through

a blessed consciousness but through a cursed consciousness. We have been cursed and because of that, in whatever subtle ways, we curse others.

What's a curse? A curse is not the colorful language that comes out of our mouths when we get stuck in traffic or when we slice our golf ball the wrong way. What we say then may be in bad taste and highly profane, but it's not a curse. A curse is more pernicious.

Cursing is what we do when we look at someone whom we don't like and think or say: "I wish you weren't here! I hate your presence! I wish you'd go away!" Cursing is what we do when we are affronted by the joyous screams of a child and we say: "Shut up! Don't irritate me!" Cursing is what we do when we look at someone and think or say: "What an idiot! What a jerk!"

Cursing is what we do whenever we look at another person judgmentally and think or say: "Who do you think you are! You think you're an artist! You think you've got talent! You don't, you're full of yourself!" Notice in each of these examples that what is being said is the antithesis of what the Father said to Jesus' at his baptism: "You are my blessed one, in you I take delight!"

If any of us could play back our lives as a video we would see the countless times, especially when we were young, when we were subtly cursed, when we heard or intuited the words: Shut up! Who do you think you are! Go away! You aren't wanted here! You're not that important! You're stupid! You're full of yourself! All of these were times when our energy and enthusiasm were perceived as a threat and we were, in effect, shut down.

And the residual result in us is shame, depression, and a cursed consciousness. Unlike Jesus we don't see others and the world as blessed. Instead, like the young soldier looking at an overweight Buddha under a tree, our spontaneous judgments are swift and lethal: "You look like a pig!"

Whatever is received is received according to the mode its receiver. Our harsh judgments of others say less about them than they say about us. Our negativity about others and the world speaks mostly of how bruised and wounded, ashamed and depressed, we are - and how little we ourselves have ever heard anyone say to us: "In you I take delight!"

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## Financial Summary

### February 26, 2012

Weekly Collection	\$ 16,127.00
Weekly Budget	-\$ 19,000.00
+/- for the week	\$ (2,873.00)

*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](http://www.CatholicMinistriesAppeal.org) for more information, or to view the video.*

## Pantry Needs

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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](mailto: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.

### **Bereavement Support Program**

Mangano Funeral Home, Deer Park's only family owned funeral home, is pleased to announce the start of a monthly bereavement support program. The program will be led by social worker, Theresa Agliardo, who boasts an extensive background in death & dying and grief support. The group will meet on the following Saturdays at 12noon at Mangano Funeral Home; March 10, March 31, April 21, May 12, June 9 and June 23. There is no cost to attend and the entire community is invited to participate. For more information or to reserve a place, please contact Sal Mangano at 631.586.3600 or [salfmangano@aol.com](mailto:salfmangano@aol.com).

### **Hibernian Festival Singers**

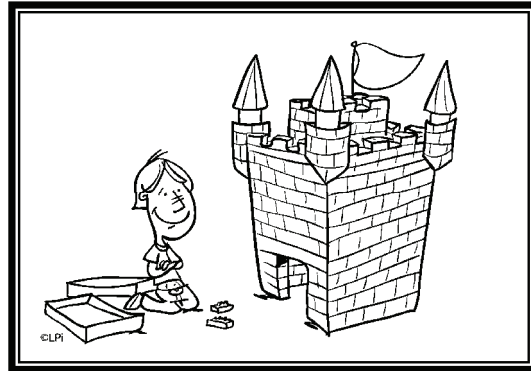
On **Sunday, March 11 at 3 PM the Hibernian Festival singers will be hosting "Taylor's Traditional Irish Cabaret" direct from Dublin at the Bay Shore High School.** The show will feature Ireland's greatest comedian, Irish Tenor, ballad singer, a musical ensemble and a host of other Irish talents. Tickets 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 **"Leadership."** Don't miss it! To listen online or receive more information regarding "Religion & Rock" go to [www.religionandrock.com](http://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

Start with a pile of blocks. Add your imagination and you can build a castle or a city. You can change that pile of blocks to look completely different and wonderful. In today's Gospel, Jesus was completely changed. He started out looking like an ordinary man.



Then, right in front of Peter, James and John, something happened. Jesus glowed brightly like the sun. Even his clothes became bright white. Talk about changing into something different and wonderful! God let Peter, James and John see Jesus as he looks now in heaven.

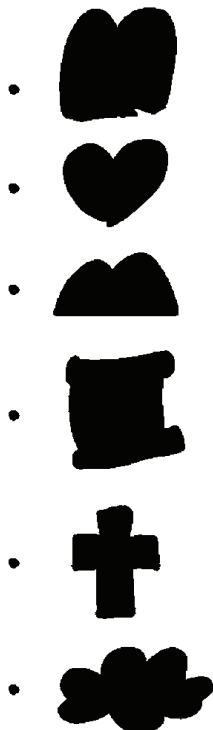
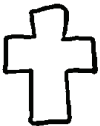
## Something to Draw

Draw a picture of yourself with Jesus, glowing in heaven.



## Puzzle

Find the matching shadow.



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## Prayer

God, I can hardly wait to see Jesus glowing in heaven.

## Mission for the Week

Make some lemonade with your family. Then add food coloring to completely change the way it looks. As you mix the ingredients together, talk about how Jesus was completely changed.