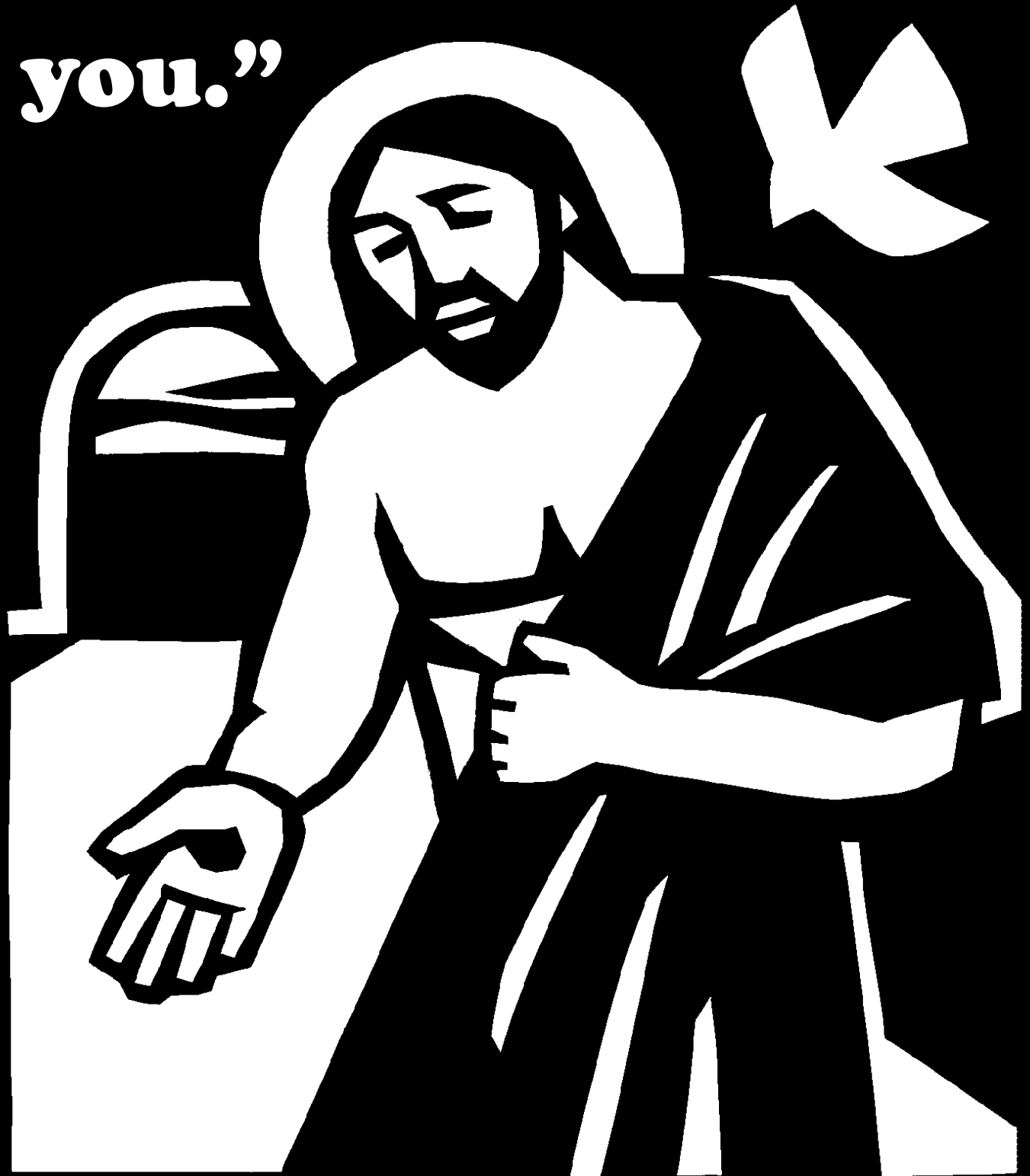


**“Peace be with
you.”**



John 20:19

Second Sunday of Easter

Our Lady of Lourdes April 15, 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
the 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

Deacon John DeGuardi

Deacon Tom Lucie

Deacon Jack Meehan
Coordinator of Stewardship

Deacon John Teufel

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 McMahon
Business Manager

Robin Reynolds-Brennan
Coordinator of Worship

OLL Choir Director

Vita Scorcio
Ministry Spiritual Director

Sr. Betty Toohig
Senior Ministry-SAGE

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Eileen Rega

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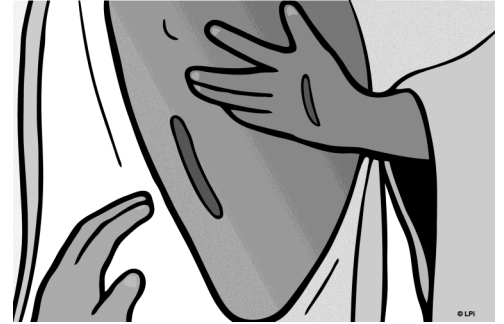
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School Office

Rita Spera
Religious Education Office

Lori Walsh
Parish Office



Parish Office
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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

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

Welcome...

to Our Lady of Lourdes!

We are so happy to welcome everyone who has come to worship with us today! Whether you have come a long distance or you live locally, we are glad that you have decided to spend some time with us as we worship our Lord together. Please know that your presence today is a blessing to our parish family.

Would you like to know more about our parish family?

All are welcome at Our Lady of Lourdes and we do our best to reach out to everyone.

If you would like more information about our parish or if you would like one of our team to be in touch with you, please fill this form out and place it in any collection or offering basket, mail it to us, or send an email to parishoffice@ollchurch.org



Welcome...

to Our Lady of Lourdes!

I would like information about:

Religious Education of my Children Becoming a Catholic or Adult Confirmation
 Marriage or Annulment / Remarriage Spiritual Direction or Counseling
 Our Parish Catholic School Adult Education Senior Services
 Joining the Parish Baptizing my Children Other _____

I would prefer to be contacted by:

Phone at: _____ Email at: _____

Mail at: _____

Your Name: _____

Save the date...

Coming - Sunday, May 20!

Celebrating Our Heritage

One Faith – Many Traditions

The mosaic of our Parish Family comes alive!



This event will begin with **Mass at 12:30 PM on Sunday, May 20**. Our celebration will continue after Mass in the All-Purpose Room, as we celebrate the many heritages within our parish family. The celebration will include food, costumes, music and traditional dancing. Join us as we celebrate our heritage.

- We're asking each parish family to bring a **"food item"** (*a sampling*) according to their family heritage, and bring it to their country's table. This way, we will have something to share from all the different countries.
- Do you have a **costume** from your country of heritage?
Please *wear it or bring it* to display.
- Coming soon! **"One Faith – Many Traditions" posters...**
Look for your **"country of heritage."**
- Sponsored by Evangelization Ministry...any questions...
please call the Religious Education Office at 661.5440, option 3 or
e-mail Religioused@ollchurch.org.

Upcoming Event

Religious Education

at Our Lady of Lourdes during the Easter Season...

For all in Grade 7 in our Parish Family...

Sponsor/Candidate Enrollment Sunday

Sunday, April 22

6 PM Mass

All seventh graders in our Parish Family choose a Sponsor in preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please come and join with all the seventh graders of our parish, their families and their newly chosen Sponsor, as we celebrate this commitment. They look to their Parish Family for prayers and support on their faith journey.

Reminder...

Important Confirmation Meeting

For all Eighth Grade Parents in OLL Parish Family -

Wednesday, April 25 at 7:30 PM in the Parish Center

or

Thursday, April 26 at 10 AM in the Parish Center

or

Thursday, April 26 at 7:30 PM in the Parish Center

For all in Grade 8 in our Parish Family...

“Rescue Closing”

Sunday, April 29

6 PM Mass

All eighth graders in our Parish Family, their Sponsors and parents share in celebrating their time together. The eighth graders and their Sponsors have been getting together and doing service for others.

For all in Grades 6/7/8 in our Parish Family...

Hang Out Nites continue...

Friday, May 18 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM Parish Center

Friday, June 8 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM Parish Center

Don't forget...there's something for everyone !

All 6th / 7th / 8th graders of our Parish Family- come play volleyball, basketball.

We have Guitar Hero 2, free raffles, music and more. DON'T MISS IT !

also...

Grades 9/10/11/12

ALL ARE WELCOME! Be a part of the Team. High School leaders help with set-up, participating in activities, refreshments, clean-up, etc... and assist Adult Chaperones. For more information, call 661.5440, option 3 or email religioused@ollchurch.org.

Did you know?

You can go to “eChalk” at www.ollreled.org to link and follow your “own” grade to find new and exciting activities, important parent info, and view our OLL Religious Education Calendar.

Our Lady of Lourdes School Presents . . .

Spring has Sprung! Plant Sale

Mother's Day Weekend

Sunday, May 12 after Masses

You can purchase *Beautiful Blooming Baskets*
& *Plants for Mom!*



Annual Spring Plant Sale (Pre-Order)

(*You can find an order form at www.ollschool.org "In The Backpack"*)

Orders due Tuesday, April 24 in OLL School Office

Pick Up Saturday, May 5

Time TBD

(*Delivery is available for a small fee.*)

If you have questions, please contact Bronwen Sessa at bsessa@ollschool.org

Easy Fundraising for OLL School

Just do normal shopping and our school benefits!

Stop & Shop

Just register at www.StopandShop.com/aplus

ID code: 15003 passwd: FZSB

Or

Target

You can register at www.Target.com/tcoe

[@mycokerewards.com/schools](http://mycokerewards.com/schools)



Divine Mercy Sunday

April 15

12:30 PM Mass

Confessions will be 1:30 - 2:30 PM followed by Benediction and Divine Mercy Prayers promptly at 3 PM.



RCIA-Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

At the Easter Vigil,

- we celebrated the Baptism of *Jonathan Amdur*
- we celebrated the reception into the Church of *Charles Frith* and the Confirmation of *Charles Frith and Tina Hennessey*.

Their journey has become our journey. Their excitement and enthusiasm has inspired and excited us about our faith journey!

Their journey still continues as they enter The Period of Mystagogy which lasts from Easter Sunday until the completion of the Easter season, fifty days later on Pentecost Sunday and completes the initiation process. Let's continue to pray for them as they continue to more fully realize what the life of the Church has in store for them.

If you're interested in becoming a Catholic or completing your own initiation, please email to RCIA@ollchurch.org or contact Fr. Bob Scheckenback or Sister Nancy Campkin at 661.3224, option 1. We would love to welcome you!

Ministry of Family Healing

Prayer-schmer

What is it?

How do I do it?

Why do it?

What good does it do?



TO PRAY OR NOT TO PRAY?

IS THAT REALLY A QUESTION?

Come join us as we ponder all these questions, with the **Ministry of Family Healing**, on **Thursday, May 3 at 7:30 PM in the Parish Center.**

Please remember to bring your HEART, MIND, SOUL, SENSE OF WONDER and HUMOR. Please call the Religious Ed Office at 631.661.5440 to register. As always, food and fellowship to follow. Hope to see you on May 3rd.

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.

Discovery Summer Camp

June 25 - August 17, 2012

Eight week program (*one week Bible Camp available*)

9 AM—5 PM (*extended care available*)

Monday through Friday

Our Lady of Lourdes is proud to present our third year of day camp. Our program will be offered from June 25 through August 17. This eight week program will offer a full time day camp for students entering grades Pre K-7th. Our program will begin with an academic based morning and finish with a fun-filled afternoon of sports. Those wishing to stay the full eight weeks will participate in a week of Bible Camp (see separate registration form).

Camp will be closed July 4th for the holiday.

Registration now being accepted.

Check out our website at www.ollschool.org. Applications and program descriptions can be found in the “in the Backpack” section of the website.

For further information, contact Ms. Lisa Kennedy at 631.587.7200, extension 100 or email to LKennedy@OLLschool.org.

Vacation Bible Camp

July 23 - July 27, 2012

One week program

9 AM—12:30 PM

Monday through Friday

Campers should presently be in Pre-K (age 4) through 5th grade. Students in grades 6-12: we need you as volunteer counselors and assistants!

The camp director again this year is Ms. Trish Frodell, Director of Parish social Ministry and OLL team member. She'll be working with a volunteer team of adults and teens from our parish family.

The cost is \$75 per child. This fee includes all materials, snacks, crafts, and an official camp tee-shirt!

Please watch the bulletin for further details. The bulletin will include the registration form, which will also be available at the school and religious education office.



Ninth Annual El Salvador Mission Trip 2012

Our next El Salvador meeting will be **Monday, April 16**
from **7-8:30PM** in **Room 16** of the school.

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, April 17**. 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 the 8 AM Mass on **Thursday, April 19, in the Spiritual Life 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.



Visit us...

In addition to our Parish website at www.ollchurch.org, please visit us on Facebook at **The Parish Family of Our Lady of Lourdes**.

Click "like" and you will receive the latest news on upcoming Parish events and information.



Rest In Peace

Antoinette Capobianco died on March 31 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was April 3. We extend our prayers to her brother, Camillo Borruso, nieces, nephews, and entire family.

Jean Glaser died on March 31 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was April 3. We extend our prayers to her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and entire family.

John G. Fallon died on March 31 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was April 3. We extend our prayers to his mother, Elizabeth, siblings, nieces, nephews, and entire family.

Easter Flowers 2012

M/M Michael Cannetti
J. Edmund & Leona McCormick
Joseph & Edith Manley
M/M Antoine Abi-Zeid
M/M Joseph Carpenter
M/M Carmine Telesca
"Unstoppable Trio"
Leonard & Rose Gullota
Lenny & Rose Gullotta
William Knoblich
Joseph Marrone
Margaret & Joseph Colasuonno
Helen & Rocco Marrone
Dec'd mbrs of Lauria & Feliney Families
My wife, Rosalie
M/M Howard Lewis
Henry & Josephine Busching
Anthony Borsella
Maryann Borsella
Joseph Ennis
Larry, Doris & Doug Killane
Mary Ann Boyd
Frank Meyer
Marie & Herbert Schauer
Theresa & Henry Epp
Henry J. Kollmer
M/M John J. Welch, Jr.
M/M M. Ryan
Marie & Rocco Zerella
Jean Stoltenborg
Mom & Dad Napoli

Mom & Dad Laudicinn
Dec'd mbrs of Carola & Franzone Families
Mom & Dad (Janet & Rich)
Joseph & Cecilia Fiore
Ann & Gasper Pellegrino
James McGrade
M/M Joseph McGrade
M/M James Brown
Good health for my son
who has cancer, Arthur O'Hara
John Maestri
Joseph Aguanno
M/M Angelito Cruz
Josephine D'Angelo
Basillio Aquino
Melchora Aquino
M/M Sylvester Caramico
M/M E. Baker
M/M A. Callegeri
Frank Harnos, Jr.
Edward McKay, Sr.
M/M Mark Florio
Jerry DiCanio
M/M Noel MacDermott
Ellen Finn
M/M William Clemens
M/M Walter Fernandez
Roy George
M/M Mounin Elias
Dominick Fiumara

Remembering...

Monday, April 16

8:00 AM Edward and Lucy Regina

Tuesday, April 17

8:00 AM Maria Manganis

Wednesday, April 18

8:00 AM Florence Gregonis

Thursday, April 19

8:00 AM Richard J. Abbate

Friday, April 20

8:00 AM John Moore

Saturday, April 21

8:00 AM Virginia Vonderlinn, Bob Scanapico,
William Shank, Angelo Gandolfo

5:00 PM Sylvan Lodespoto (*8 yrs.*)
Fr. Mike Vetrano

Sunday, April 22

8:00 AM Alfred Waters
Fr. Ambrose Cabildo

9:30 AM Erna Schmid
Fr. Mike Vetrano

11:00 AM Angelo Sanacore
Fr. Bob Scheckenback

12:30 PM Giovanni & Domenica Andriola
Fr. Pat Amabile

6:00 PM People of the Parish, Hanna Ochrymowicz,
Ariana Napolitano, Pearl Amabile, Gaetano Borello,
Rose Rupnick, Linda Suarez-Lola, Ann Paige Macaulay,
Gary Galletta, Fanny Zanghi, Frank & Margaret Riggio
Fr. Bob Scheckenback

we know
what we'll
find



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2nd Sunday of Easter

We know what to expect when we crack an egg. The clear egg white and sunny yolk run out when the egg is opened ready to be cooked for a morning breakfast. Maybe you already had eggs today before you came to church, or are planning to have them as part of a Sunday brunch. Fried, scrambled, poached, or made into an omelet, eggs are a breakfast staple in this country. Easter eggs, those wonderfully colored foods in baskets at this time of year are hardboiled. When I was growing up, my mother would make hard-boiled eggs to slice on a salad, or use for egg salad sandwiches. At ninety-four, she still makes the best deviled eggs in the family. But I remember as a child that every once in a while, Mom would get the fresh eggs and the hardboiled ones mixed up in the refrigerator. Some mornings Dad would grab a couple of eggs to fix for breakfast, and the first one he would try to crack open would be hardboiled. The mystery of an egg is that even though we know what to expect inside, we can't always tell what is in there. Fresh and hardboiled look exactly the same.

In today's Gospel, the apostles made it clear to Thomas that they had seen the Lord now that he had risen from the tomb. But Thomas wasn't so sure. He wanted to really check things out. A bit like opening an egg, Thomas had to find out for himself if the Jesus who had come back to life was more than the appearance of some ghost. He wanted to probe the nail marks and put his hand in the wound in Jesus' side. When he finally did get the opportunity his response was, "My Lord and my God."

Whether fresh or hardboiled we know what we'll find inside an egg. And like Thomas, we know what we'll find with Christ.

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Readings for the Week of April 15, 2012

Sunday:	Acts 4:32-35/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31
Monday:	Acts 4:23-31/Jn 3:1-8
Tuesday:	Acts 4:32-37/Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday:	Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3:16-21
Thursday:	Acts 5:27-33/Jn 3:31-36
Friday:	Acts 5:34-42/Jn 6:1-15
Saturday:	Acts 6:1-7/Jn 6:16-21
Next Sunday:	Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48

Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Dottie Collins*.

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, Joan Ansman, Gae Atteniese, Joseph Badala, Jr., Henry Bauer,
Eric Becker, Gina Blydenburg, Frank Castellano, Nicole Cerny, Beverly DeCanio,
Jeanne DellaRagione, Frank Edwards, Helen Esposito, William Farley, Jake Feldman,
Thomas Fico, Joann Fiorello, Elizabeth Fredriksen, Kenneth Garretson,
Dennis Hirt, Marie Impellizeri, Margaret Jedlicka, Robyn Kerrigan, Edward Kuska,
Nora Lee, Lisa Letterel, Anne Losee, Christopher J. Maher, Marge Marotta,
Tony Marotta, Vicky Massaro, Margaret Meringolo, Denise Michelback,
Arlene Monte, Patricia Muller, Andy Nolfo, Philomena Owens, Phyllis Pascuita,
Vito Passanante, Ehtel Pellegrino, Roger Phillips, Joanne Popper, Hilda Poulos,
Joe Radosti, Richard Riedemann, Barbara Romano, Louis Sanchez,
Teresa Saraceno, Joseph Schiavoni, Marie Schiraldi, Baby Isabella Shaw,
Derek Stahl, Lyndsey Stahl, Angelo Tedesco, Matthew Triola, Amparo Trossi,
Nancy Turano, Louie Zaino*

The Roots of Forgiveness

by Ron Rolheiser, OMI

In one of James Carroll's early novels, he offers this poignant image: A young man is in the delivery room watching his wife give birth to their baby. The delivery is a difficult one and she is in danger of dying. As he stands watching, he is deeply conflicted: He loves his wife, is holding her hand, and is frantically praying that she not die. Yet the impending birth of their child and the danger of his wife's death conspire to make him acutely aware that, deep in his heart, he has not forgiven her for once being unfaithful to him. He has expressed his forgiveness to her but he realizes now, at this moment of extreme crisis, that in his heart he still has not been able to let go of the hurt and that he has not truly forgiven her.

As his wife hovers between life and death, he sees in her face a great tension, a struggle to give birth to someone even as she desperately struggles not to die. Her agony accentuates the deeper lines in her face and he sees there a dual struggle, to give birth and to not die.

Seeing this, he is able to forgive her in his heart. What moves him is not simple pity but an empathy born of special insight. His wife's struggle to give birth, while wrestling to stay alive, highlighted by the agony of her situation, is like a light shining on her whole life helping to explain everything, including her infidelity.

And it's the same for all of us: The deepest instinct inside each of us is the instinct to stay alive, to not petrify, to not unravel, to struggle against every obstacle so as to stay alive. Closely tied to that is a congenital pressure, at every level of body and soul, to give birth, to perpetuate our own seed, to leave behind some child that's ours, to create an artifact, to co-create something with God. That dual pressure ultimately undergirds most everything we do, inchoately coloring our every motivation and forming the deep context out of which we act. It's what invites us to virtue and tempts us to sin. The struggle to stay alive and to give birth is at the base of both our heroism and our infidelities.

And it shows in our faces. It shapes the deeper contours of our countenance. Our faces ultimately reveal who we are, both at the surface and at our depth.

That can be a frightening thought: It's not consoling to know that, in the end, we cannot hide our pettiness, greed, lust, self-centeredness, anger, bitterness, nor even how dull and bland we are. It shows through,

physically. As Jean-Paul Sartre once affirmed, we create our own faces and, after age 40, what we are underneath, our virtue and sin, begin to trump our genetic endowment in terms of what people see in our faces. People begin to see who we are. And it isn't the fat cells or the wrinkles that are the most telling. Selfishness, conceit, and bitterness are no longer cute, after forty!

Oscar Wilde, in "A Picture of Dorian Gray", makes this point very powerfully. His hero, Dorian, a young man of stunning good looks, has his portrait painted by a master artist who produces a masterpiece. Everyone is taken by its beauty. But, and this is the catch, the portrait is painted when Dorian is young, innocent, and of gentle and good heart. His face in the portrait is beautiful because of these qualities, not just because of his extraordinary good-looks. This becomes clear later, when Wilde, in a twist that smacks of something between magic and a bargain with the devil, has the portrait of Dorian's face change so that as Dorian grows vain, lustful, arrogant, and cruel the painting changes and begins to show his vanity, lust, arrogance, and cruelty. Dorian hides the painting and only occasionally, in either a fit of remorse or of utter cynicism, looks at it. And he sees in his changing face the state of his soul.

And this is true for all of us. Our changing faces reveal the state of our souls. But this is not as frightening as it may seem. Unless through long years of dishonesty we have so perverted ourselves so as to commit what the Gospels call the unforgiveable sin against the Holy Spirit, our deepest beauty-lines remain intact. Beneath our aging genetics, beneath our fat cells and wrinkles, beneath the greed and self-preoccupation that sin has painted into our faces, beneath the bitterness put there by every rejection we've endured, beneath the facade that tries to hide our weaknesses and infidelities, and underneath even our virtues and quiet martyrdom, there lies the tension that James Carroll's young man saw in his wife as she struggled to give birth to their child even as she struggled not to die.

That struggle forms the deepest contour of the human face. Seeing it can give birth to forgiveness.

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Financial Summary

Palm Sunday-April 1, 2012

Weekly Collection	\$ 23,913.00
Weekly Budget	-\$ 19,000.00
+/- for the week	\$ 4,913.00

Easter Sunday-April 8, 2012

Easter Collection	\$ 38,515.00
Ministry Collection	\$ 8,785.00
Easter/Ministry 2012	\$ 47,300.00
Easter/Ministry 2011	\$ 49,259.00

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*
Michael Fantauzzi-*US Air Force*
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.



YOU HAVE
WHAT IT TAKES

4th Annual Catholic Men's Conference

On Saturday, March 31 the largest contingent of men, ever, from OLL (34 signed up) to attend the 4th Annual Catholic Men's Conference. 31 of us met in the parking lot at 8 AM (2 deacons and 1 layman were called back for family matters and couldn't join us) We all made it, by carpool, into Holy Trinity High School for the 9 AM Mass being celebrated by our Bishop Murphy.

The Bishop set the tone for the day with his light-hearted quip about talking with Cardinal Dolan who said he would warn the people in his diocese that the Bishop is a sexist, spending the day with a large group of men. In his homily, of the Gospel about Jesus-then-it was a time of great corruption of Jewish faith in Jerusalem. The bishop stressed that for us today, it is similar, but we are not just spectators but participants. We are here today invited to unity. He told us how proud he was of us, in spite of our inequities, we have confession here to restore our integrity again.

During Mass, a collection was made for a 13 month old, Tyler Farrell, who became an orphan this month-his both parents deceased. During the next presentation by the Bikers for Life, it was announced that they had collected an astounding \$5,125 for Tyler from the 700+ men attending. How appropriate that the next powerful message delivered to us was by these Bikers for Life, who work with the Sisters of Life and do rescues at abortion sites. Their theme "one baby at a time" making a demonstrative stand against the 3,500 abortions a day in our country.

Next up to speak was Fr. Tony Stanganelli, whom we of OLL remembered from years ago, as a young priest who gave homilies using puppets. He was dynamic then and polished now with his enthusiasm and wit describing what went wrong back in the Garden of Eden. He had us men laughing as we identified with Adam's "woundedness" and feelings of inadequacy. Fr. Tony encouraged us strongly to go to Jesus and ask Him for help and stop relying on self. He reminded us in closing that Our Father said, "Everything I have is yours."

A lunch break for myself was shared with my son, Jon Jr., two of his friends, Don and Jaimey, fellow parishioners, Rob N., John S., Mike, Greg and Dave. I also ran into Men's Team Leaders from Cursillo and met the Chairman of the Conference, Anthony Gentile, who was so helpful and encouraging to me during the weeks before, getting all the men together.

Back from lunch, we had the theme, "Belong More Deeply" personalized by Greg Willits, radio show host. He warned us of "misguided enthusiasm and inadvertent detours." It's time to step up to the plate, he challenged us. How? Three keys of Know, Live, Share.. First, know your scripture (10 minutes a day) for example. Second, Live-love, laugh and make a difference and third Share-give it away, a day at a time.

To send us off, we heard Fr. Doug Arcoleo whose background of an all public school education and working for NBC (Nepotism Before Competence) Letterman five years and SNL five years, as a master prop man, combined to bring us a dynamic, humorous challenge to go out and show others who Jesus is. We need to see the human face of God and the Divine face of man. To know we are sent-to give witness and "Be not afraid!"

-Jack Fitzgerald



Grandmothers ~ Mothers ~ Daughters

Your presence is requested at our

Victorian Tea

Sunday, April 29, 2012

2 PM - 5 PM

Our Lady of Lourdes

~ All Purpose Room ~

Tickets \$20 per person

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Dominican Village

Please join us for an **Open House on Thursday, April 12 from 1 PM until 3 PM**. Dominican Village is an independent retirement community that offers assisted living and respite care, outstanding programs, all-inclusive services and bountiful amenities. For more information, or to schedule a tour at your convenience, call 631.842.6091.

Golden Wedding Jubilee

This spring, couples that have been married fifty years or more will be honored at liturgies on **Sunday, April 22 at the Church of Saint Lawrence the Martyr in Sayville** and on **Sunday, May 20 at the church of Maria Regina in Seaford**. **Both liturgies will begin at 2:30 PM**. Couples may register for ONE liturgy. Registration forms and complete instructions can be obtained at the Parish Office. *Registration must be received by the Office of Worship by April 5 for the April liturgy and by May 3 for the May liturgy*. There will be additional celebrations in the fall for those who may find that more convenient. If you have any questions, you may call 516.678.5800, ext.207.

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.

Families Anonymous

Are you concerned about a family member who appears to have an alcohol, drug or behavioral problem? FA can help. Meetings are held every Saturday at 9:30 AM and every Wednesday at 7:30 PM in The Chapel @ Long Island Home, 400 Sunrise Hwy, Amityville. For information, FamiliesAnonymous.org or 516.221.0303.

Supermarket Bingo

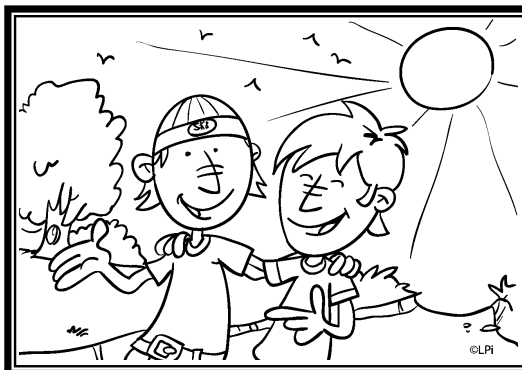
Our Lady of Grace Columbiettes will host a Supermarket Bingo on **Friday, April 20 from 7 –11 PM at Father Shanahan Hall at Our Lady of Grace, West Babylon**. There will be 50/50 raffles, refreshments. Admission is \$2 and includes one marker and \$5 for each additional book. For tickets, contact Madeline at 631.884.7517 or Terry at 631.884.4840.

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 **“Poverty.”** 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, Thomas had a hard time believing his friends. Jesus was alive! They saw Jesus! Well, Thomas could not believe it. He needed proof. Thomas wanted to see Jesus for himself. Thomas wanted to touch Jesus' scars on his hands and his side. Once Thomas did that, then he would believe. You may have doubting friends like Thomas. Be patient with them.



Mission for the Week

Talk to God about a friend who does not believe in Jesus. Ask God to give you the right words to say about Jesus



Empty Squares

Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:

Thomas replied, "You are my Lord and my God!"

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Prayer

God,
 help me to be patient
 with my doubting friends.
 Show them that Jesus is
 their savior, too.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of yourself playing with a friend who does not believe in Jesus.