

"I am the good shepherd."



John 10:11

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Our Lady of Lourdes April 29, 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
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Rosalie Mangels

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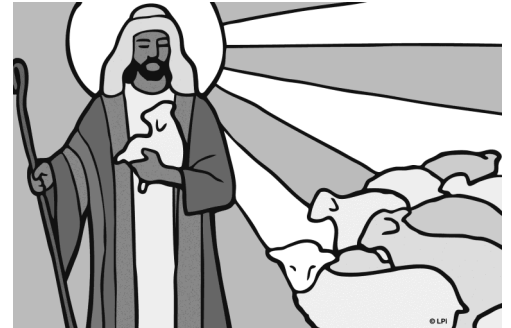
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School Office

Rita Spera
Religious Education Office

Lori Walsh
Parish Office



Parish Office

661.3224, option 1

Monday-Thursday

9 AM - 7:30 PM

Friday: 9 AM - 5 PM

Saturday: 9 AM - 3 PM

Sunday: 9 AM - 2 PM

email: ParishOffice@ollchurch.org

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

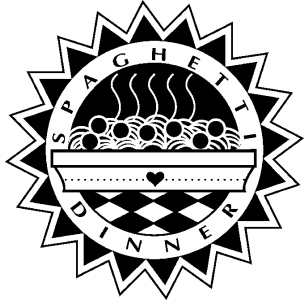
The mosaic of our Parish Family comes alive!



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.
- Did you find your **"country of heritage"** on any of our **"One Faith – Many Traditions" posters**?
If not.... please contact us and let us know so we can add it.
- 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



**Spaghetti Dinner
Mission Trip 2012 Fundraiser
Saturday, May 5
Following 5 PM Mass
OLL School cafeteria**

Contrary to popular belief-teens can cook, set a table, serve and clean up!
You have the opportunity to witness this event! *We guarantee you will be amazed!*

Proceeds to benefit the Mission Trip to El Salvador.

**Cost: \$5 children – 5th grade
\$5 seniors
\$8 adults**

Tickets on sale now in Parish Office
Limited seating...reserve yours now!

Religious Education

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

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.ollred.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!*

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



Is it a Myth?

Did you ever wonder why the grass is green? Or perhaps how the cracks came to be in the roads? Well the literacy students in 3rd grade, at Our Lady of Lourdes School, have these questions figured out. Ms. Helene Abou Zeid's class wrote plays explaining how something came to be in nature. After reading the play, "Pushing Up the Sky," a Native American myth, which explains how the sky came to be so high and how we can see the stars at night, the students were interested in writing their own plays. They collaborated in a group of 4-6 students. The students chose their own subject in nature. After working on the plays for a couple of days, each group presented them to their classmates!

Prepare for the High School Co-op Exam

Catholic High School Cooperative Admissions Examination

At Our Lady of Lourdes School

6 weeks July 3-August 9

- *Verbal Skills*
- *Math Skills*
- *Test Taking Techniques*
- *Confidence Building Exercises*

Tuition - \$175 per course (plus materials)

8 AM – NOON

(Home in time to hit the beach!)

MATH - Tuesday July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, August 7

ELA – Thursday July 5, 12, 19, 26, August 2, 9

Rosary Christian Mothers

The Rosary Christian Mothers meet on the first Monday evening of each month. The next meeting will be on **Monday, May 7**. We will begin with Rosary at 7:45 PM followed by meeting at 8 PM in Room 16.

SAGE

The SAGE Group (*Senior Advocates for Growth and Enrichment*) will meet on **Tuesday, May 1 in the Parish 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, April 30 at 12:30 PM in the Spiritual Life Center**.



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 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.

Nocturnal Adoration

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



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, May 15**. 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, May 17, in the Spiritual Life Center**.

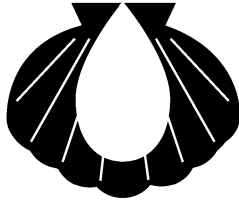
We meet once a month to read and discuss the Scriptures for the following Sunday. Come with your ideas and suggestions. We'll gather for conversation and fellowship. Join us in this pioneering experience for men. Call Jack Fitzgerald at 587.5548 for more information.



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.



Baptism

Christopher Ethan Hicks
Alfred and Audrey
Edward Thomas Kelly, Jr.
Edward and Amanda
Joseph Thomas Newcombe
Thomas and Gina
Jared Michael Wood
Jared and Dominique



Rest In Peace

Glenn Zachry died on April 8 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was April 12 at St. Joseph's Church, Babylon. We extend our prayers to his entire family.

Miriam Stancavage died on April 11 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was April 16. We extend our prayers to her children, grandchildren and entire family.

Frances Lembo died on April 15 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was April 18. We extend our prayers to her children, grandchildren and entire family.

Joseph Genduso died on April 14 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was April 18. We extend our prayers to his wife, Nina, children, grandchildren and entire family.

Welcome

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

Adam & Jeana Inzirillo and family

Joseph Callahan

Susan Grosso

Anthony & Katherine Casimano and family

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

Remembering...

Monday, April 30

Saint Pius V, Pope

8:00 AM Nancy Sibilla

Tuesday, May 1

Saint Joseph the Worker

8:00 AM Andrew "Al" Velten

Wednesday, May 2

Saint Athanasius, bishop and doctor of the Church

8:00 AM William Massaro

Thursday, May 3

Saints Philip and James, apostles

8:00 AM Mary & Peter Cunningham (*60th Wedding Anniv-L*)

Friday, May 4

8:00 AM Lydia Olsen

Saturday, May 5

8:00 AM Charles Abela, Lawrence F. Kelly, Sr. (*53 Anniv*),
Danny Miranda, Anthony LaFemina,
Maddalena Lucchese, Dolores Provenzano

5:00 PM Mary Flynn

Fr. Bob Scheckenback

Sunday, May 6

8:00 AM Doreen Sheppard

Fr. Michael Holzmann

9:30 AM Tessie E. Tkachuk

Fr. Bob Scheckenback

11:00 AM Giovanni Andriola and Larry & Mary Danisi

Fr. Mike Vetrano

12:30 PM Nicholas Spinelli

Fr. Ambrose Cabildo

6:00 PM People of the Parish, James Totans,
Wanda Wroblewski, Fanny Zanghi,
Eleanor D'Angelo, Christopher Sessa,
Angela Piccolo, Catherine Croce,
Anthony Fretto, Dr. Felix German

Fr. Pat Amabile



4th Sunday of Easter

Many working breeds of dogs were developed to exhibit specific traits that were valuable assets for their owners. The powerful hind legs of a Rottweiler gave it strength to pull butcher carts. The thick coat of a Saint Bernard helped it survive in mountain snows. And the herding behavior of an Australian Shepherd made it ideal for ranch work in the western United States. When a suburban household or city dweller acquires one of these types of dogs, they need to be aware of what they're getting. It's not uncommon for that energetic Australian Shepherd to start herding the family's children, along with some quick nips at their legs to make sure the herd stays together, a behavior that is not necessarily welcomed by its recipients.

Shepherding isn't always an easy, gentle task. In the Gospel, Jesus identifies himself as the Good Shepherd who is ready to lay down his life for his sheep. The shepherd risks his life, because the sheep won't always listen. Sometimes we are not ready to heed the Shepherd's voice. We have other ideas about the path that we should take, and the Shepherd has to call us back in order to protect us and keep us safe.

On this World Day of Prayer for Vocations, we acknowledge that the church is in need of shepherds who will act like the Good Shepherd himself. The human shortcomings of some shepherds and the grievous sins of others should not deter us from encouraging young people to consider a life of service in the church. Every flock needs a shepherd to guide it and to help hold it together. We believe that God calls people to service and gives them the grace to be faithful in it. As we pray that God will increase the number of shepherds for the flock, we must also take concrete steps to invite some in our midst to consider a life of service in the name of Christ.

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Readings for the Week of April 29, 2012

Sunday:	Acts 4:8-12/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18
Monday:	Acts 11:1-18/Jn 10:1-10
Tuesday:	Acts 11:19-26/Jn 10:22-30 <i>or</i> Gn 1:26--2:3 <i>or</i> Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24/Mt 13:54-58
Wednesday:	Acts 12:24--13:5a/Jn 12:44-50
Thursday:	1 Cor 15:1-8/Jn 14:6-14
Friday:	Acts 13:26-33/Jn 14:1-6
Saturday:	Acts 13:44-52/Jn 14:7-14
Next Sunday:	Acts 9:26-31/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Angela MacDermott*.
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, Joseph Badala, Jr., Henry Bauer, Eric Becker,
Gina Blydenburg, Frank Castellano, Beverly DeCanio, Jeanne DellaRagione,
Frank Edwards, Helen Esposito, William Farley, Jake Feldman, Thomas Fico,
Joann Fiorello, Kenneth Garretson, Dennis Hirt, Marie Impellizeri,
Margaret Jedlicka, Edward Kuska, Nora Lee, Lisa Letterel, Anne Losee,
Marge Marotta, Tony Marotta, Vicky Massaro, Margaret Meringolo,
Denise Michelback, Arlene Monte, Patricia Muller, Andy Nolfo, Philomena Owens,
Phyllis Pascuita, Vito Passanante, Ethel Pellegrino, Roger Phillips, Joanne Popper,
Hilda Poulos, Joe Radosti, Richard Riedemann, Barbara Romano, Louis Sanchez,
Teresa Saraceno, Joseph Schiavoni, Marie Schiraldi, Derek Stahl, Lyndsey Stahl,
Angelo Tedesco, Amparo Trossi, Nancy Turano, Louie Zaino*

The Gift that was Henri Nouwen

by Ron Rolheiser, OMI

Henri Nouwen was perhaps the most popular spiritual writer of the late 20th century and his popularity endures today. More than seven million of his books have been sold world-wide and they have been translated into 30 languages. Fifteen years after his death, all but one of his books remain in print.

Many things account for his popularity, beyond the depth and learning he brought to his writings. He was very instrumental in helping dispel the suspicion that had long existed in Protestant and Evangelical circles towards spirituality, which was identified in the popular mind as something more exclusively Roman Catholic and as something on the fringes of ordinary life. Both his teaching and his writing, helped make spirituality something mainstream within Roman Catholicism, within Christianity in general, and within secular society itself. For example, USA Secretary of State, Hilary Clinton, has stated that his book, *The Return of the Prodigal Son*, is the book that has had the largest impact on her life.

He wrote as a psychologist and a priest, but his writings also flowed from who he was as a man. And he was complex man, torn always between the saint inside of him who had given his life to God and the man inside of him who, chronically obsessed with human love and its earthy yearnings, wanted to take his life back. He was fond of quoting Soren Kierkegaard who said that a saint is someone who can "will the one thing", even as he admitted how much he struggled to do that. He did will to be a saint, but he willed other things as well: "I want to be a saint," he once wrote, "but I also want to experience all the sensations that sinners experience." He confessed in his writings how much restlessness this brought into his life and how sometimes he was incapable of being fully in control of his own life.

In the end, he was a saint, but always one-in-progress. He never fit the pious profile of a saint, even as he was always recognized as a man from God bringing us more than ordinary grace and insight. And the fact that he never hid his weaknesses from his readers helped account for his stunning popularity. His readers identified with him because he shared so honestly his struggles. He related his weaknesses to his struggles in prayer and, in that, many readers found themselves looking into a mirror. Like many others, when I first read Henri Nouwen, I had a sense of being introduced to myself.

And he worked at his craft, with diligence and liberation. Nouwen would write and rewrite his books,

sometimes five times over, in an effort to make them simpler. What he sought was a language of the heart. Originally trained as a psychologist, his early writings exhibit some of the language of the classroom. However as he developed as a writer and a mentor of the soul, he began more and more to purge his writings of technical and academic terms and strove to become radically simple, without being simplistic; to carry deep sentiment, without being sentimental; to be self-revealing, without being exhibitionist; to be deeply personal, yet profoundly universal; and to be sensitive to human weakness, even as he strove to challenge to what's more sublime.

Few writers, religious or secular, have influenced me as deeply as Henri Nouwen. I know better than to try to imitate him, recognizing that what is imitative is never creative and what is creative is never imitative. Where I do try to emulate him is in his simplicity, in his rewriting things over and over in order try to make them simpler, without being simplistic. Like him, I believe that there's a language of the heart (that each generation has to create anew) that bypasses the divide between academics and the street and which has the power to speak directly to everyone, regardless of background and training. Jesus managed it. Nouwen sought to speak and write with that kind of directness. He didn't do it perfectly, nobody does, but he did do it more effectively than most. He recognized too that this is a craft that must be worked at, akin to learning language.

I dedicated my book, *The Holy Longing*, to him, with this tribute: He was our generation's Kierkegaard. He helped us to pray while not knowing how to pray, to rest while feeling restless, to be at peace while tempted, to feel safe while still anxious, to be surrounded by light while still in darkness, and to love while still in doubt.

If you are occasionally tortured by your own complexity, even as your deepest desire is to "will the one thing", perhaps you can find a mentor and a patron saint in Henri Nouwen. He calls us beyond ourselves, even as he respects how complex and difficult that journey is. He shows us how to move towards God, even as we are still torn by our own earthly attachments.

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Financial Summary

April 22, 2012

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

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, John 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

Parish Outreach

Please help if you can....

Our pantry is empty.

Our shelves are bare and we are not able to provide food for our customers.

We know times are difficult for many, but you can help....

A can of food donated to OLL Parish Outreach would be a big help! You can drop off your donation to the Parish Outreach Office or to the baskets in the Narthex of the Church.

We are in most need of peanut butter, jelly, cereal and tomato sauce (jar).

Thank you for your continued support!



Spiritual Care Companion

Are you willing to volunteer your time with others?

With hospitalized OLL parishioners at Good Samaritan Hospital?

Come learn more about sharing your gift of time and presence as a Spiritual Care Companion. Catholic Health Services of Long Island is sponsoring a *free* six-week training that provides basic pastoral care skills and information on become a caring, attentive, listening presence. Topics include communication skills and concerns of the sick.

Training Dates: May 3,10,17,24, 31and June 7

Time: 1 PM to 4 PM

Location: Saint Charles Hospital

200 Belle Terre Road

Port Jefferson, NY

Please contact SAGE if you'd like to be a part of this training and ministry at 661. 3224, extension 122 or email sage@ollchurch.org.

You'll be glad if you do!

Dominican Village

Please join us for an **Open House on Thursday, May 10 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 liturgy on **Sunday, May 20 at the church of Maria Regina in Seaford. Liturgy will begin at 2:30 PM**. Registration forms and complete instructions can be obtained at the Parish Office. *Registration must be received by the Office of Worship by May 3*. 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/South Oaks, 400 Sunrise Hwy, Amityville**. For information, FamiliesAnonymous.org or 516.221.0303.

Bishop Reilly DHS Class of '67 Reunion

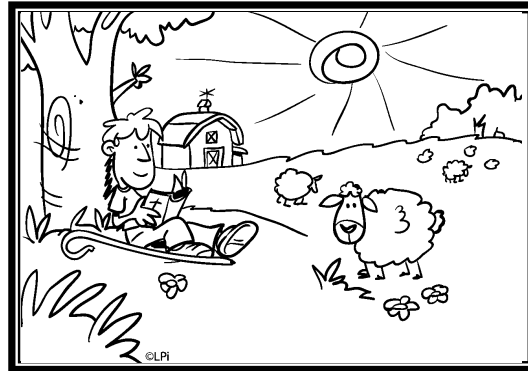
On **Saturday, June 23, 2012 at St. Francis Prep** (formerly Bishop Reilly High School) in Fresh Meadows, alumni from the second graduating class of Bishop Reilly HS will be getting together for a 45th Reunion, only the second in its history. The committee is trying to find as many graduates and former faculty as possible. Information and details of the vent can be found on the reunion website, www.Reilly67.com. Cost for the evening is \$67 per person and more than one hundred have already committed to the event.

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 "**Community**." 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

Without a good shepherd to lead them, sheep would get lost. Without a good shepherd to protect them, sheep would get hurt. A good shepherd would even die, just to keep his sheep safe. Jesus is your good shepherd, and you are his precious little lamb. When you get lost, Jesus comes to find you. When you are in danger, Jesus comes to comfort you. Listen to the voice of Jesus. Spend time reading the Bible every day. He wants to lead you to life with God. He wants to protect you from sin. Jesus gave up his life just to save



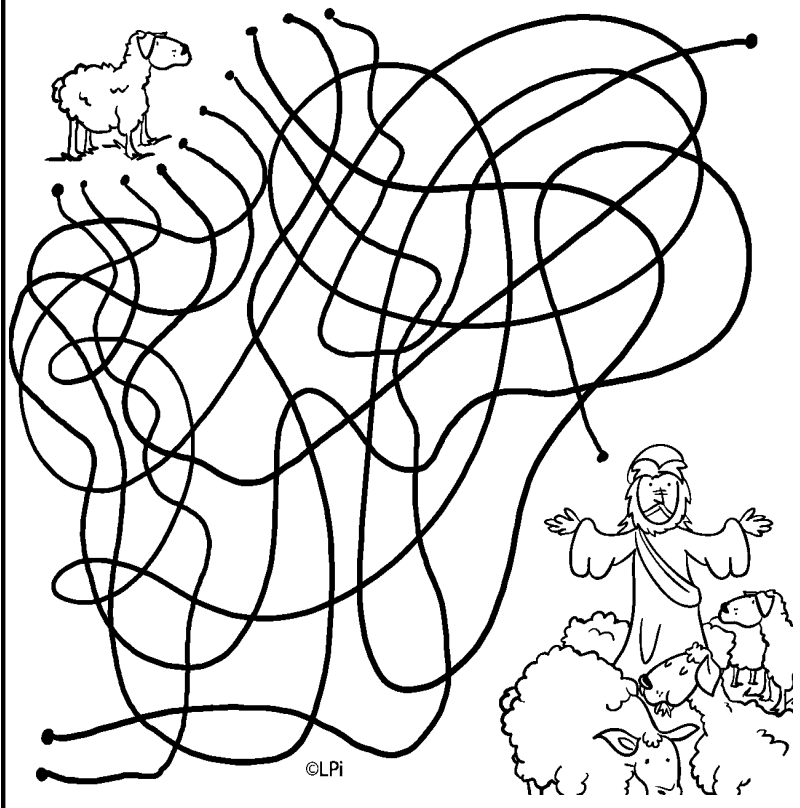
Something to Draw

Draw a picture of yourself as a little lamb and Jesus as your good shepherd.



Puzzle

Help this lamb find his way into the sheep pen with Jesus.



Prayer



God,
help me to always follow
Jesus, my good shepherd.



Mission for the Week

Learn as much as you can about Jesus, so you can follow him. Read a Bible story with your family every night before bed.