

*And they were all filled with  
the Holy Spirit...*



**Our Lady of Lourdes • Pentecost Sunday • May 27, 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.

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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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**Rev. Patsy Amabile**  
Associate Pastor

**Rev. Robert Scheckenback**  
Associate Pastor

**Rev. Ambrose Cabildo**  
In Residence

**Rev. Michael Holzmann**  
In Residence

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**Deacon John DeGuardi**

**Deacon Tom Lucie**

**Deacon Jack Meehan**  
Coordinator of Stewardship

**Deacon John Teufel**

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**Sr. Margaret Bickar**  
Senior Ministry-SAGE

**Sr. Nancy Campkin**  
Director of Religious Education

**Trish Frodell**  
Director of Parish Social Ministry

**Louise Jane Krol**  
School Principal

**Sr. Diane Liona**  
Director of Religious Education

**Mary McMahon**  
Business Manager

**Robin Reynolds-Brennan**  
Coordinator of Worship  
OLL Choir Director

**Vita Scorcio**  
Ministry Spiritual Director

**Sr. Betty Toohig**  
Senior Ministry-SAGE

### *Pastoral Council*

Diane Ackerly  
Stacie Baltrusitis  
Mary Borgs  
Lisa Cantalino  
Sonia DaSilva  
Nilo DeLeon  
Jerry Esposito  
Trish Frodell  
Rosalie Mangels  
Maryellen McKee  
Deacon Jack Meehan  
John Muldoon  
Bob Natale  
Eileen Rega  
Vita Scorcio  
Fr. Mike Vetrano

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### *Parish Staff*

**AnnMarie Buonaspina**  
Director of Youth Choirs

**Michael Buonaspina**  
Parish Organist

**Jennifer Gallagher**  
Women's Chorale Director

**Mary Anne Lettieri**  
Parish Office

**Debbie Meyer**  
Bulletin Editor/Parish Office

**Rosemary Multer**  
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](http://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



# OLL Vacation Bible Camp '12

## July 23-27

### 9 AM - 12:30 PM daily

#### Camp Registration Form

*Return to OLL Parish Office along with fees (\$75 per child) before July 1. Please make checks payable to Our Lady of Lourdes Church.*

We'll journey on an exciting journey of faith and fun as we learn about God, hear stories from the Bible, share cool science activities, and make crafts. And of course, we'll end our camp each day with our famous OLL camp sing-along!

Please list below the names and present grade levels of the children in your family who will attend camp. Camp is for Nursery (age 4) through Grade 5. Students entering grade 6 and up are volunteer counselors and assistants. There is a \$10 fee for counselors to cover the cost of a tee shirt and snacks.

**Child's First & Last Name**

**Grade Level in Sept. '12**

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**Full Names of Parents/Guardians:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Family Address (Street, Town, Zip):** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cell and/or Business Phone(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Emergency Contact and Phone #:**

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*Please indicate below any health problems, food allergies, or special situations that it might be helpful for the camp staff to know about your child.*

*You will receive a letter with your child's group name and all important information around July 15.*

*We need adult and teen volunteers!*

*We will hold registration and meetings for all volunteers in July.*

## 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**



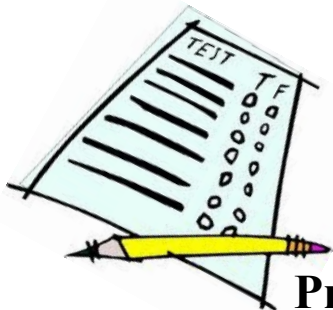
Our Lady of Lourdes is proud to present our third year of day camp. Our program will be offered from June 25 through August 17. This eight week program will offer a full time day camp for students entering grades Pre K-7<sup>th</sup>. Our program will begin with an academic based morning and finish with 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 4<sup>th</sup>** for the holiday.

**Registration now being accepted.**

Check out our website at [www.ollschool.org](http://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](mailto:LKennedy@OLLSchool.org).



## 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

**If you have any questions, please call the School Office at 587.7200, option2.**



## Our Lady of Lourdes Mission Awareness Trip 2012

### Reflecting on the Gospel and Catholic Social Teaching

#### *Why do we go to El Salvador?*

The trip is very much a “retreat,” an opportunity to step back and reflect on our responsibilities and relationships with God and with our brothers and sisters. We go not just to “help,” but to grow in understanding—of another culture, of the nature of global relationships, and especially of the gospel mandate to serve the poor.

A fundamental principle of Catholic Social Teaching, the “preferential option for the poor,” means that God calls us to be advocates for the voiceless and the powerless among us and to be agents who restore right relationships.

The trip offers all who participate, and most especially the young people of our parish, an opportunity to experience and reflect on the importance of faith and on our call to be responsible stewards of the many gifts we have been given. It is so much more powerful to experience this reality than to read about it or hear it.

Visit our website, [www.ollchurch.org/elsalvador](http://www.ollchurch.org/elsalvador),  
to follow the progress of our mission group.

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### Donations for our Sister Parish

We will be collecting School Supplies to bring with us and give to the children in our sister parish in El Salvador.

These supplies can be brought to the Spaghetti Dinner or dropped off in the Parish Office. We are requesting the following donated items:

*Paper*  
*Peel-off stickers*  
*Rulers*  
*Crayons and colored pencils*  
*Coloring Books*  
*Pens and pencils with erasers*  
*Watercolor paints*  
*Backpacks*  
*Dictionary (Spanish or Spanish/English)*

## **SAGE**

The SAGE Group (*Senior Advocates for Growth and Enrichment*) will meet on **Tuesday, May 29 in the Parish Center at 9 AM.**

## **Daytime Eucharistic Devotion**

The afternoon adoration for the month of June will be on **Wednesday, June 6 from 1-3 PM.** All are invited and welcome!

## **Rosary Christian Mothers**

The Rosary Christian Mothers meet on the first Monday evening of each month. The next meeting will be on **Monday, June 4.** Installation of new members beginning at 7 PM in the Church.

## **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)*

## **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, June 10.** 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!

## Religious Education at Our Lady of Lourdes...

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

**Hang Out Nites continue...**

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

### **Did you know?**

You can go to "eChalk" at [www.ollreled.org](http://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.



## **RCIA-Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**

At the Easter Vigil,

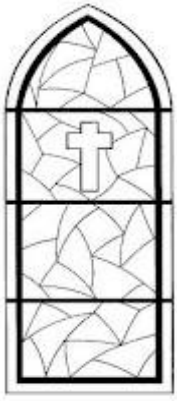
- we celebrated the Baptism of *Jonathan Amdur*
- we celebrated the reception into the Church of *Charles Frith* and the Confirmation of *Charles Frith and Tina Hennessey*.

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](mailto:RCIA@ollchurch.org) or contact Fr. Bob Scheckenback or Sister Nancy Campkin at 661.3224, option 1. We would love to welcome you!





## Religious Retirement Fund

Next weekend, the weekend of **June 2/3**, is the annual collection for the Religious Retirement Fund.

Religious Sisters and Brothers who have been involved in education, health care and social ministry in the Diocese of Rockville Centre need our help. The stipends being earned by young members of Religious Communities are no longer enough to support the needs of the elderly members of their Communities. The number of elderly Religious in assisted living or nursing facilities continues to rise and health care costs are rising too.

For this reason, the Diocese of Rockville Centre, for the past twenty-seven years has committed to return to our Religious Communities a portion of our gifts of treasure, in appreciation for the many years of service to the people of our Diocese of these dedicated servants of Our Lord.

Please come prepared next week to assist the elderly Religious with a once-a-year gift, as generous as your means will allow. These gifts will be distributed among the twenty-nine communities who serve our Diocese.

Your gift may be placed in the mail or dropped in the collection basket on the weekend of **June 2/3**.

On behalf of the Religious who serve in our parishes and hospitals, thank you for your generosity.

## 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.



**Mother's Day / Father's Day Mass**  
*for parents who have lost a child*  
*Saturday, June 9 at 10:30 AM*

Mother's Day and Father's Day can be difficult times for parents who have lost a child. Whether you have lost a child in childhood or adulthood, to stillbirth or miscarriage, this Mass will be celebrated to bring you God's peace and consolation.

We would like to invite any parent who has lost a child to a special Mass on **Saturday, June 9 at 10:30 AM.**

Mass will be followed by hospitality in our Parish Center. Please feel free to invite family or friends with you. For more information, or to let us know you will be able to attend, please call the Parish Office at 661.3224, option 1.

**Nocturnal Adoration**

Nocturnal Adoration will follow the 5 PM Mass on **Saturday, June 2**, concluding with Benediction at 9:50 PM. Please come and pray with us. All are invited and welcome. Bring a friend!

***Welcome***

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

*Bernadette Tretola*  
*Earl and Melodie Laidlow & family*  
*Sean and Michelle Dale & family*  
*Stewart and Celeste Prior & family*

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



## **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, June 21, 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.

## **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, June 19**. 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.



## **Visit us...**

In addition to our Parish website at [www.ollchurch.org](http://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*

*Jacqueline A. Becker* died on May 12 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was May 18. We extend our prayers to her husband, Lawrence, children, and entire family.

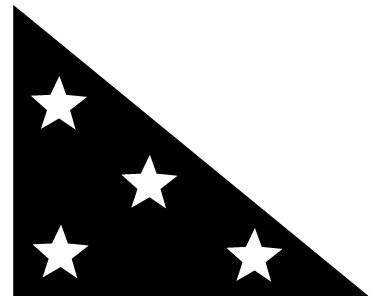


## *Upcoming Marriages*

*Jessica Cunn*, OLL and  
*Owen Clark*, Catholic Community of South Baltimore

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE  
CLOSED ON MONDAY, MAY 28  
IN OBSERVANCE OF  
MEMORIAL DAY.

THE OFFICE WILL REOPEN TUESDAY,  
MAY 29 AT 9 AM.



MEMORIAL  
DAY

# *Remembering...*

## **Monday, May 28**

**8:00 AM** Ethel Isola and Antoinette Isola

## **Tuesday, May 29**

**8:00 AM** Patricia Sanchez

## **Wednesday, May 30**

**8:00 AM** Michael Molanari

## **Thursday, May 31**

*The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

**8:00 AM** Dec'd mbrs of Vilim Family

## **Friday, June 1**

*Saint Justin, martyr*

**8:00 AM** Edward W. McKay

## **Saturday, June 2**

**8:00 AM** Sidney Schwartz, Salvatore Lecara,  
Charles Gambino, William Rivera,  
Josephine Kosiczky, Frank Pancotto

**5:00 PM** Tony Squeo

*Fr. Mike Vetrano*

## **Sunday, June 3**

**8:00 AM** Charles Harvath

*Fr. Bob Scheckenback*

**9:30 AM** Tessie E. Tkachuk

*Fr. Pat Amabile*

**11:00 AM** Joseph DiMola III

*Fr. Mike Vetrano*

**12:30 PM** Giovanni Andriola, Grace & Vito Danisi

*Fr. Pat Amabile*

**6:00 PM** People of the Parish, Joseph J. LaDuca, Fanny Zanghi,  
Carol Reid, Michael Caparella, Frederick Hanna,  
Joseph Fenlon, Lisa , Joseph P. Perettine,  
Anne O'Brien, Donald Hogan

*Fr. Bob Scheckenback*



## Pentecost Sunday

When you speak to men and women who have served in the armed forces, one of the things that they often value about their service is the camaraderie that they shared. Those who have been in combat talk about the trust they place in fellow members of their unit, and how important it is to them that they know that someone has always got their back. When that trust breaks down, when another soldier doesn't think that he or she can count on someone else, the ability of the unit to get the job done is at risk. Commanding officers recognize the importance of unit cohesion, as they call it, and part of regular training is to develop and maintain that spirit among those who serve. That spirit, that sense of camaraderie, is always something that many members of the service say they miss when they return to civilian life.

On Pentecost we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples, and upon us! This Spirit of God fills us at our baptism, is confirmed in us at our confirmation, and is nourished and renewed every time we receive the body and blood of Christ in the Eucharist. This Spirit energizes us for our work in the world of spreading the good news of Christ. As Jesus tells us in today's Gospel, we will testify because we have been given the Spirit of truth that proceeds from the Father.

The gift of the Holy Spirit is what develops our "unit cohesion" as the body of Christ in this world. The Spirit unites us with Christians everywhere in one communion of love, so that we can complete our mission of bringing others to Christ. That task is so important and so demanding that we cannot do it alone. The Spirit binds us together in a community of faith so that we can be strong in this work. In the Spirit, we can do it!

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### Readings for the Week of May 27, 2012

**Sunday:** *Vigil:* Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14  
or Jl 3:1-5/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39

*Extended Vigil:* Gn 11:1-9/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Ez 37:1-14/Jl 3:1-5/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39

*Day:* Acts 2:1-11/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

**Monday:** 1 Pt 1:3-9/Mk 10:17-27

**Tuesday:** 1 Pt 1:10-16/Mk 10:28-31

**Wednesday:** 1 Pt 1:18-25/Mk 10:32-45

**Thursday:** Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Lk 1:39-56

**Friday:** 1 Pt 4:7-13/Mk 11:11-26

**Saturday:** Jude 17, 20b-25/Mk 11:27-33

**Next Sunday:** Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/Rom 8:14-17/Mt 28:16-20

## **Altar Society**

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Monenna Kennedy*.

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 ...

*Caryl Alfieri, Lucas Anderson, Baby Patrick Anthony, Joseph Badala, Jr.,  
Catherine Battiota, Henry Bauer, Eric Becker, Gina Blydenburg, James Bowers,  
Frank Castellano, Nicole Cerny, Beverly DeCanio, Jeanne DellaRagione,  
Bernadette DeVirgilis, Helen Esposito, William Farley, Jake Feldman, Thomas Fico,  
Joann Fiorello, Gaetano Fiorini, Mary Francis, Kenneth Garretson, Dennis Hirt,  
Jennifer Horne, Marie Iacopelli, Nora Lee, Lisa Letterel, Anne Losee, Marge Marotta,  
Tony Marotta, Vicky Massaro, Margaret Meringolo, Denise Michelback, Rosalie Montanini,  
Andy Nolfo, Philomena Owens, Phyllis Pascuita, Ethel Pellegrino, Roger Phillips,  
Joanne Popper, Hilda Poulos, Joe Radosti, Baby Paige Rajotte, Richard Riedemann,  
Teresa Saraceno, Joseph Schiavoni, Marie Schiraldi, Isabella Shaw, Derek Stahl,  
Lyndsey Stahl, John Stephen, Nancy Turano, Vincent Vela, Louie Zaino*

# Simplifying our Spiritual Vocabulary

by Ron Rolheiser, OMI

Somewhere near his 75th birthday, Morris West wrote a series of autobiographical essays entitled, *A View from the Ridge*. In the Prologue of that book he suggests that at age 75 you need to have only one word left in your spiritual vocabulary, gratitude, and that maturity is attained precisely at that moment when gratitude begins to drown out and cauterize the hurts in your life. As he describes it: Life has served me as it serves everyone, sometimes well and sometimes ill, but I have learned to be grateful for the gifts of it, for the love that began it and the other loves with which I have been so richly endowed.

I agree with West, though it necessary to add that the fruit of that maturity is forgiveness. Just as smoke follows fire, forgiveness follows gratitude. Gratitude ultimately undergirds and fuels all genuine virtue, is the real basis of holiness, and the source of love itself. And its major fruit is forgiveness. When we are grateful we more easily find the strength to forgive.

Moreover, just as gratitude undergirds genuine virtue, forgiveness undergirds genuine religion and morality. Thus, as we get older, we can trim our spiritual vocabulary down to three words: Forgive, forgive, forgive! To age into and then die with a forgiving heart is the ultimate moral and religious imperative. We shouldn't delude ourselves on this. All the dogmatic and moral purity in the world does little for us if our hearts are bitter and incapable of forgiveness.

We see this, for instance, in the sad figure of the older brother of the prodigal son. He stands before his father protesting that he has never wandered, never been unfaithful, and that he has stayed home and done the family's work. But, and this is the issue, he stands outside the father's house, unable to enter into joy, celebration, the banquet, the dance. He's done everything right, but a bitter heart prevents him from entering the father's house just as much as the lustful wanderings of his younger brother took him out of that same house. Religious and moral fidelity, when not rooted inside of gratitude and forgiveness, are far from enough. They can leave us just as much outside the father's house as sin and infidelity. As Jesus teaches forcefully in the Lord's Prayer, a non-negotiable condition for going to heaven is forgiveness, especially our forgiving those who have hurt us.

But the struggle to forgive others is not easy and may never be trivialized or preached lightly. The struggle to forgive, I suspect, is our greatest psychological, moral, and religious struggle. It's not easy to forgive. Most everything inside of us protests. When we have been wronged, when

we have suffered an injustice, when someone or something has treated us unfairly, a thousand physical and psychological mechanisms inside of us begin clam-up, shut-down, freeze-over, self-protect, and scream-out in protest, anger, and rage. Forgiveness is not something we can simply will and make happen. The heart, as Pascal once said, has its reasons. It also has its rhythms, its paranoia, its cold bitter spots, and its need to seal itself off from whatever has wounded it.

Moreover, all of us have been wounded. No one comes to adulthood with his or her heart fully intact. In ways small or traumatic, we have all been treated unjustly, violated, hurt, ignored, not properly honored, and unfairly cast aside. We all carry wounds and, with those wounds, we all carry some angers, some bitterness, and some areas within which we have not forgiven.

The strength of Henri Nouwen's greatest book, *The Return of the Prodigal Son*, was precisely to point out both the hidden cold places in our hearts and the mammoth struggle needed to bring warm and forgiveness to those places. So much of the lightness or heaviness in our hearts, most every nuance of our mood, is unconsciously dictated by either the forgiveness or the non-forgiveness inside us. Forgiveness is the deep secret to joy. It is also the ultimate imperative.

Andrew Greeley, writing a review of Frank McCourt's book, *Angela's Ashes*, praised McCourt for being brilliant, but challenged him for being unforgiving with words to this effect: Granted, your life has been unfair. Your father was an alcoholic, your mother didn't protect you from the effects of that, you grew up in dire poverty, and you suffered a series of mini-injustices under the Irish social services, the Irish church, the Irish educational system, and the Irish weather! So, let me give you some advice: Before you die, forgive! Forgive your father for being an alcoholic, forgive your mother for not protecting you, forgive the church for wherever ways it failed you, forgive Ireland for the poverty, rain, and bad teachers it inflicted on you, forgive yourself for the failures of your own life, and then forgive God because life isn't fair ... so that you don't die an angry and bitter man because that's really the ultimate moral imperative.

How true and how challenging!

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## Financial Summary

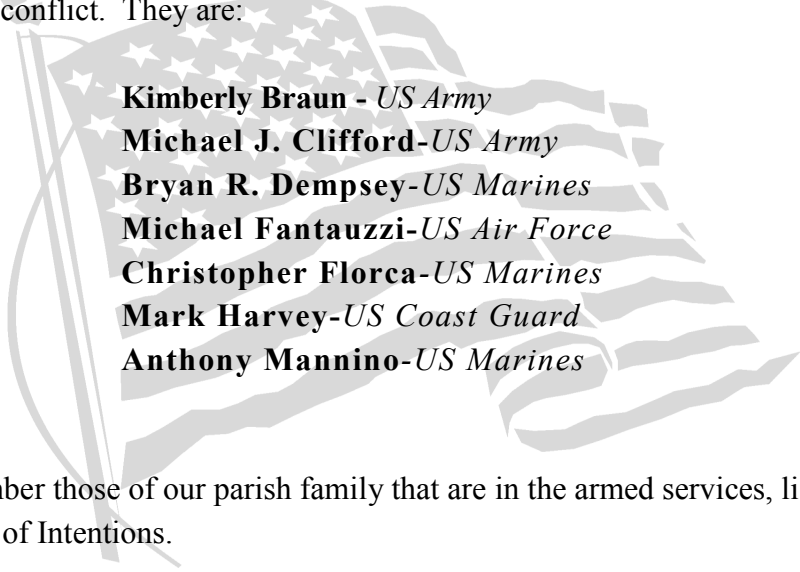
**May 20, 2012**

Weekly Collection	\$ 16,471.00
Weekly Budget	-\$ 19,000.00
+/- for the week	\$ (2,529.00)

*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.

# RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

*understanding the basics • defending a right*

## *More than Freedom to Worship (4 of 7)*

The Health and Human Services mandate brings to the fore a fundamental question concerning the religious freedom that we cherish as Americans. What is it? Our shepherds offer a clear answer in their document *Our First, Most Cherished Liberty*.

"Religious liberty is not only about our ability to go to Mass on Sunday or pray the Rosary at home. It is about whether we can make our contribution to the common good of all Americans. Can we do the good works our faith calls us to do, without having to compromise that very same faith? Without religious liberty properly understood, all Americans suffer, deprived of the essential contribution in education, health care, feeding the hungry, civil rights, and social services that religious Americans make every day, both here at home and overseas."

The bishops spell out the risk the nation runs if our religious freedom is reduced to mere freedom of worship.

"What is at stake is whether America will continue to have a free, creative, and robust civil society—or whether the state alone will determine who gets to contribute to the common good, and how they get to do it. Religious believers are part of American civil society, which includes neighbors helping each other, community associations, fraternal service clubs, sports leagues, and youth groups. All these Americans make their contribution to our common life, and they do not need the permission of the government to do so. Restrictions on religious liberty are an attack on civil society and the American genius for voluntary associations.

"The Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America issued a statement about the administration's contraception and sterilization mandate that captured exactly the danger that we face:

Most troubling, is the Administration's underlying rationale for its decision, which appears to be a view that if a religious entity is not insular, but engaged with broader society, it loses its 'religious' character and liberties. Many faiths firmly believe in being open to and engaged with broader society and fellow citizens of other faiths. The Administration's ruling makes the price of such an outward approach the violation of an organization's religious principles. This is deeply disappointing.

This is not a Catholic issue. This is not a Jewish issue. This is not an Orthodox, Mormon, or Muslim issue. It is an American issue."

*"As a community of faith, we must commit ourselves to prayer and fasting that wisdom and justice may prevail and religious liberty may be restored."*

**BISHOP WILLIAM MURPHY**

## PRAYER

*Almighty God, Father of all nations, for freedom you have set us free in Christ Jesus (Gal 5:1).*

*We praise and bless you for the gift of religious liberty, the foundation of human rights, justice, and the common good. Grant to our leaders the wisdom to protect and promote our liberties; By your grace may we have the courage to defend them, for ourselves and for all those who live in this blessed land.*

*We ask this through the intercession of Mary Immaculate, our patroness, and in the name of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with whom you live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

*Fourth in a series of seven bulletin inserts.  
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Peanut butter  
Jelly  
Cereal  
Tomato sauce

## Donations to Outreach

Parish Outreach receives 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.*

## Dominican Commercial High School Class of 1962 Reunion

The graduates of Dominican Commercial High School Class of 1962 invite you to attend a 50th Class Reunion on **Saturday afternoon September 29, 2012.**

Please contact Eileen Kendrick Nockler at 516.599.3864 or Regina Dunne Keller at 631.385.7961, by June 1 for further information and to help in locating 1962 lost alumni.

## Retrouvaille

Retrouvaille is a peer ministry. Couples who have had problems in their own marriages and have recovered from those problems, share their experiences with couples in troubled marriages with the hope that they too will see that their marriage can be saved.

For more information about the upcoming Retrouvaille weekend that begins on **Friday, June 8 at the Montfort Retreat House in Bay Shore**-please call 1.800.470.2230 and you will be connected (confidentially) to an experienced couple from Long Island/Metro Retrouvaille who can help.

## Dominican Village

Please join us for an **Open House on Thursday, May 24 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.

## 12th Annual Sisters of Charity-Halifax Golf Outing

Tickets are now on sale for the 12th Annual Sisters of Charity-Halifax Golf Outing to be held on **Monday, July 9 at the Cherry Valley Club, Garden City**.

This year's honoree is Todd Althenn, of C.S. Bartholomew & Son funeral Home. Golfers-RSVP by June 1 to take advantage of special early bird pricing! For further information or to make reservations, please contact Lauren at 718.424.1813 or email [lmanning@schalifax.ca](mailto:lmanning@schalifax.ca)

## 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.

## Centering Prayer Retreat Weekend

June 15 - June 17

St. Ignatius Retreat House - Manhasset, NY

Contact: Barbara Sullivan @ 516.481.0472

## 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](http://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 "**Remembering.**" 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!

