

**“His father was filled
with compassion.”**



Fourth Sunday of Lent
Our Lady of Lourdes • March 10, 2013



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...

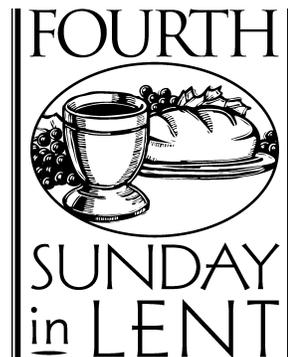
so that all may know that they are a vital part of the Body of Christ, we further recommit and challenge ourselves to...

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

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Pastor

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Associate Pastor

Rev. Robert Scheckenback

Associate Pastor

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Vita Scorcia

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Bob Natale

Vita Scorcia

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9 AM - 7:30 PM

Friday: 9 AM - 5 PM

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Our Lady of Lourdes School

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Monday-Friday

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Monday-Friday

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1 PM - 5 PM

7 PM - 9 PM

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Monday- Friday

9:30 AM - 3:30 PM

S.A.G.E.

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**(Senior Advocates for Growth
and Enrichment)**

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Monday Mornings in Lent

Mondays - March 11, 18 and 25

8:45AM

Parish Center

Please join us as we gather in the Parish Center for reflection with our Priests and Deacons. Enjoy coffee and bagels with some time for discussion.

(If you would like... .. come to 8AM Mass and then join us at 8:45AM)

Stations of the Cross

We remember the road to Jesus' death and link his journey to our own as we pray the Stations of the Cross in Church.

Come and pray with us...

Each Friday during Lent—1 PM and 7 PM

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

On **Sundays, March 3, March 10 and March 17, the Third Sunday of Lent, and continuing on the Fourth and Fifth Sundays of Lent, at the 11AM Mass** we will celebrate the “**Scrutinies**” – times for the Candidates and the Elect to continue to remain “united with Christ and make progress in their efforts to love God more deeply”.

The Church gives us this public and life-giving process DURING LENT so that these good and holy people can be nourished and supported by our parish family. At the same time, we know that when we initiate others, we confront and renew our own identity as members of the Catholic Christian community.

Please continue to pray for these women and our RCIA team .

LENT '13

Come and pray this Lent at “The Six”

Sunday, 6 PM Mass

All 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th graders and their families.

Please join “The Six” with your grade...

3rd Sunday of Lent	March 3	Grade 5	“ <i>Sent</i> ” to make a difference
4th Sunday of Lent	March 10	Grade 6	“ <i>Celebrate</i> ” Religious Ed Week
5th Sunday of Lent	March 17	Grade 7	“ <i>Serve</i> ” Service Project Sunday
Palm Sunday	March 24	Grade 8	“ <i>Pray</i> ” as Holy Week begins

LENTEN SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITIES

Monday, March 11

8:30am in the Parish Center

Lenten Reflection

Breakfast and Lenten reflection led by Msgr. Brian

Tuesday, March 12

7:00pm in the PARISH CENTER

Film: "Romero"

See the courageous martyr-Bishop of El Salvador

Friday, March 15

1:00pm & 7:00pm in the CHURCH

Stations of the Cross

Meditate upon the Passion and Death of Jesus

Monday, March 18

8:30am in the Parish Center

Lenten Reflection

Breakfast and Lenten reflection led by Father Bob

Tuesday, March 19

7:30pm in the School Cafeteria

Seder Meal

Join with us as we experience the Passover Meal

Friday, March 22

1:00pm & 7:00pm in the CHURCH

Stations of the Cross

Meditate upon the Passion and Death of Jesus

Monday, March 25

8:30am in the Parish Center

3:00pm – 9:00pm in the CHURCH

Lenten Reflection

Breakfast and Lenten reflection led by Father Pat

Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession

Priests will be available throughout this time in our Parish and in every parish on Long Island!

Tuesday, March 26

7:00pm in the PARISH CENTER

Film: "Jesus of Nazareth"

Experience the Passion and Death of Jesus

As you know, we just completed our Lenten Parish Mission led by St. Pat Duffy, O.P. She spoke on how our attitudes affect our behavior and our openness to God's grace. She reflected on the healing power of forgiveness, healing not just the offender but ourselves as well. Finally, she focused on finding peace in the midst of our very busy lives. I not only want to thank Fr. Pat for her insights but I also want to thank Vita Scorcia, our Ministry Spiritual Director, and her committee for putting the Parish Mission together. These events take time, energy and effort and I want to thank her for making this Parish Mission a great opportunity for God's grace.

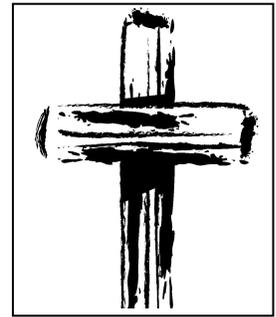
However, we still have some more opportunities during this season of Lent. Look above for the list of our remaining Lenten Opportunities. I especially would like you to consider going to Confession. On Monday, March 25, confessions will be heard in every parish on Long Island: Nassau, Suffolk, Brooklyn, Queens. Take advantage of this opportunity, whether it has been 3 months or 27 years! Allow God to love you by forgiving you your sins.

**OLL Parish Family and the Diocese of Rockville
Centre celebrate**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION WEEK

BELONG + MORE + DEEPLY

Sunday, March 3 – Sunday, March 10, 2013



Sunday, March 10...

at the **9:30 AM Mass**

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

RECEIVE a special blessing for all in Religious Education

+**MORE**+... THAT'S Grades 1/2/3/4 and their families

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

GATHER together.....Have some **FUN!**

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

and at THE "SIX" PM Mass

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

RECEIVE a special blessing for all in Religious Education

+**MORE**+... THAT'S Grades 5/6/7/8/High School and their families

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

OPEN Gym ... Basketball, volleyball...

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

February Donations

- Outreach has received donations in loving memory of Vera Vieni from: *Regina Mirabella, Fran Angeloro, Lorraine Shillitto, Pat and Carl Falco, Helen Lehman, Barbara Foster, Claire Donovan, Kathleen and John Sullivan, Mary Hulse, Theresa Mandile and family, Louis and Lucy Girardi, Connell and Eleanor McGee, Doris and Doug Cameron, Rose Genna, Mary McMahan, Senior Circle.*
- Marie Wilson has made a donation to Outreach *in honor of Cliff Proctor's birthday.*
- Outreach has received a donation in memory of *Pat and John Wallace.*
- Mr. and Mrs. R. Kruse have made a donation to Outreach *in loving memory of their deceased parents.*
- Theresa and Edward Terrible have made a donation to Outreach in memory of *Rosemarie Basilone.*
- Suzanne Fasano has made a donation to Outreach in memory of her brother, *Anthony Alfieri.*
- Sylvester Bonacci has made a donation to Outreach in loving memory of his wife, *Alice Bonacci.*
- Doris and Doug Cameron have made a donation to Outreach in memory of *Douglas Caldwell.*
- Fran Angeloro has made a donation to Outreach in memory of *William Dehncke.*
- Roberta Palumbo has made a donation to Outreach in memory of *Marie Pellicciotta and Carol Buffa.*

The Passover of the Lord-Our History

With Fr. Pat

Sponsored by Evangelization Ministry

Families of our parish are invited to join in a Passover-type celebration on **Tuesday, March 19 at 7 PM in the school cafeteria**. A Seder is a family celebration, all members of the family are welcome. Experience a deeper understanding of the

Mass and Eucharist by sharing a Seder-like celebration. **Reservations are necessary and helpful**. This will enable us to have enough for all those attending. Please call the Religious Education Office at 661.5440, option 3 or email to religioused@ollchurch.org by Tuesday, March 12. Donation is a "free-will" offering.



SAGE

The SAGE Group (*Senior Advocates for Growth and Enrichment*) will meet on **Tuesday, March 12 in the Parish Center at 9 AM**.

Our Lady of Lourdes Coffee House

Are you an artist? Do you paint, sketch, sculpt? Are you a poet? Do you like music?

We would like to have a Parish "Coffee House" consisting of artwork from parishioners (we know you're out there), soft background music, and oodles of coffees, pastries and the like. We have a date set aside for the Parish Center-**Saturday, April 13th**, and need to determine the interest for this event.

We would like to turn the Parish Center into a "Café" setting for the evening, and fill the entire room with art created by Parishioners. No schedule, just an opportunity to mingle and enjoy. If you are interested in helping with the evening (decorators, coffee makers, servers, set-up, clean-up, etc.) or have ANY medium of art that you would like to contribute please call the Rectory Office at 661.3224, x 121, and leave your name, phone #, and e-mail address. Find your old "beatnik" beret, and practice snapping your fingers for a laid back, relaxing, evening of fun.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

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

Join us... **Wednesday, March 13 at 9:30 AM in the Parish Center**. All you need to bring is scrap yarn, knitting needles or crochet hooks (patterns and instructions will be given to you) and your gifts of love and prayer.

Always Our Children

Always Our Children Ministry for gay Catholics, their parents, and families. Come meet with us and recognize where God is present in our lives. We meet the last Thursday of each month at **7:30 PM in the Spiritual Life Center**. **Our next meeting will be March 21**.

For more information, please call Stacie at 631.661.4254.

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: Wednesday at 10 AM in Lourdes Hall (convent lower level.) *Free babysitting available*
Beginner's meeting at 9:30 AM.

AA Day-by-Day/Girls Night Out: Thursday at 7:30 PM in Lourdes Hall (convent lower level.)



Rest In Peace

Anthony Salerno died on February 14 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was February 19. We extend our prayerful sympathy to his wife, Diane, children, and entire family.

Mary Margaret Dorio died on February 16 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was February 20. We extend our prayerful sympathy to her children, grandchildren, and entire family.

Joseph DeCicco died on January 17 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was February 22. We extend our prayerful sympathy to his entire family.

Joanne Intravaia died on January 2 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was February 23. We extend our prayerful sympathy to her children, and entire family.

Carmela Auteri died on February 21 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was February 25. We extend our prayerful sympathy to her children, grandchildren, and entire family.

Barbara Sorrentino-Iannuzzi died on February 22 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was February 25. We extend our prayerful sympathy to her husband, Joseph, children, grandchildren, and entire family.

Ludwig Dosch died on February 23 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was February 25. We extend our prayerful sympathy to her children, grandchildren, and entire family.

Eleanor L. Maher died on February 23 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was February 26. We extend our prayerful sympathy to her children, grandchildren, and entire family.

John P. Cunniffe died on February 25 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was March 1. We extend our prayerful sympathy to his children, grandchildren, and entire family.

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.

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.

Remembering...

Monday, March 11

8:00 AM Sweeney & LaRocca Families
12:10 PM Ramona Centaurro

Tuesday, March 12

8:00 AM Joseph Scollan
12:10 PM Jean Steinineger

Wednesday, March 13

8:00 AM Donald D. Meade
12:10 PM Eric Becker

Thursday, March 14

8:00 AM James Paul Brennan
12:10 PM Antonino Menatti Ciccica

Friday, March 15

8:00 AM Edwin Ramirez, Sr.
12:10 PM Thomas McKenna

Saturday, Friday, March 16

8:00 AM Nina Peralta, Jun Lirag, Thomas Barna,
Patrick Egan, Mary Marie Roberts

5:00 PM Thomas E. Dowling

Sunday, Friday, March 17

8:00 AM John Lovari

9:30 AM John & Philomena Owens and
John & Patricia Santangelo

11:00 AM Josephine Sabella

12:30 PM Donald & Patrick Manning and
Dorothy & Joseph Boening

6:00 PM People of the Parish, William Crosby, Joseph Ayers,
Gerald Locascio, Grace Cavalluzzo

Easter Flower Offering

The deadline for Easter Flower Offerings is Sunday, March 17. Easter Flower Offerings received by this date will appear in the Easter Sunday bulletin. Flower Offerings received after this date, will appear in a subsequent bulletin. It would be helpful if you could PRINT the name of your loved one and drop the envelope, along with your donation, in the collection basket.

PAPAL/CONCLAVE FUN FACTS

As we get ready for the conclave, I thought it would be nice to look at some facts concerning the Pope.

Titles of the Pope

His Holiness, Bishop of Rome, Vicar of Christ, Successor of the Prince of the Apostles, Supreme Pontiff of the Universal Church, Primate of Italy, Archbishop and the Metropolitan of the Roman Province, Sovereign of the State of the Vatican City, Servant of the Servants of God.

Which pope reigned the longest and the shortest?

Peter reigned the longest, 34 years (33 A.D. to 67 A.D.) while Pope Stephen II reigned the shortest, 2 days (March 23 – March 25, 752).

How long has the Church gone without a Pope, while elections were taking place?

The longest vacancy in the Holy See was 2 years, 9 months, and 2 days (from 1268 – 1271). After the death of Pope Clement IV, the Cardinal electors began to disagree and politics became more and more important. The exasperated people eventually locked up the Cardinals and began to starve them! Soon the doors burst open and the Cardinals came out, a few pounds lighter but having elected Pope Gregory X.

Who is the first and last Pope to resign?

Before the resignation of Pope Benedict XVI, the last Pope to resign was Gregory XII in 1415. The first Pope to resign was Pope Saint Celestine V. Pope Saint Celestine, originally a hermit, reluctantly accepted the papacy “for the good of the Church” but couldn’t stand the pressures of the office and after a few months resigned and happily went back to being a happy hermit.

Who is “in charge” before a new Pope is elected?

The time between the death or resignation of a Pope and the election of the new Pope is called the “interregnum”. This time period is governed by rules established by Pope John Paul II (in the document “Universi Dominici Gregis”. These rules were modified by Pope Benedict in 2007. During this time, the most important person is the “camerlengo”. The camerlengo is Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone. The camerlengo administers the Vatican property and money. During this interregnum time, he reports to the College of Cardinals. The camerlengo organizes the conclave which will elect the new Pope.

Who is permitted in the conclave?

All Cardinals under 80 years of age when a Pope resigns or dies have the right to vote for the next Pope. However, a Cardinal who had resigned and joined Napoleon Bonaparte attempted to enter the conclave in 1800 but was turned away. Once inside the conclave, an elector may not leave except because of serious illness or other grave reasons acknowledged by a majority of the Cardinals.

Also permitted in the conclave are nurses for infirmed Cardinals, two medical doctors, religious priests who can hear confessions in various languages, the secretary of the College of Cardinals, the master of Papal liturgical celebrations with two masters of ceremonies and two religious attached to the Papal sacristy, and an assistant chosen by the Cardinal Dean. Also permitted are a suitable number of persons for preparing and serving meals and for housekeeping. All must swear absolute and perpetual secrecy concerning the election of the Pope.

Who are the Cardinal electors?

All Cardinals under 80 years of age when the Pope dies or resigns have the right to vote for the next Pope. As of February 11, 2013, there are 118 Cardinal electors. The maximum number of Cardinals has changed over the years. It was set at 70 by Pope Sixtus V in 1586. In 1970, Pope Paul VI reformed the College of Cardinals by increasing the number of electors to 120, not counting those over the age of 80.

What happens on the first day of the conclave?

On the morning the conclave begins, the Cardinal electors celebrate Mass in St. Peter's Basilica. In the afternoon, they gather in the Pauline Chapel in the Apostolic Palace and solemnly process to the Sistine Chapel. The Cardinals take an oath to observe the rules laid down, especially those concerning secrecy.

They also swear not to support interference in the election by any secular authorities or "any group of people or individuals who might wish to intervene in the election of the Roman pontiff." Finally, the electors swear that whoever is elected will carry out the "munus Petrinum" of pastor of the universal church" and will "affirm and defend strenuously the spiritual and temporal rights and liberty of the Holy See." After the oath is taken, everyone not connected with the conclave is ordered out with the Latin words "*Extra omnes*": "Everybody out!" The Sistine Chapel is then closed to unauthorized persons by the camerlengo.

After everyone else leaves, an ecclesiastic chosen earlier by the College of Cardinals gives a meditation "concerning the grave duty incumbent on them and thus on the need to act with right intention for the good of the universal church, "*solum Deum prae oculis habentes*"([having only God before your eyes). When he finishes, he leaves the Sistine Chapel with the master of Papal liturgical ceremony so that only the Cardinal electors remain. If they wish, the Cardinals can immediately begin the election process.

How does the balloting take place?

The regulations for balloting are very detailed to eliminate any suspicion of electoral fraud. Three "scrutineers" (vote counters) are chosen by lot from the electors, with the least senior Cardinal deacon drawing the names. He draws three additional names of Cardinals (called *infirmarii*) who will collect the ballots of any Cardinals in the conclave who are too sick to come to the Sistine Chapel. A final three names are drawn by lot to act as revisers, who review the work done by the scrutineers. Each morning and afternoon, new scrutineers, *infirmarii* and revisers are chosen by lot.

The electors use rectangular cards as ballots with the words *Eligo in summum pontificem* ("I elect as supreme pontiff") printed at the top. Each Cardinal, in secret, prints or writes the name of his choice on the ballot in a way that disguises his handwriting. One at a time, in order of precedence, the Cardinals approach the altar with their folded ballot held up so that it can be seen. After kneeling in prayer for a short time, the Cardinal rises and swears, "I call as my witness Christ the Lord who will be my judge, that my vote is given to the one who before God I think should be elected." He then places the ballot in a silver and gilded bronze urn shaped like a wok with a lid. The first scrutineer shakes the egg-shaped urn to mix the ballots. The last scrutineer counts the ballots before they are unfolded. If the number of ballots does not correspond to the number of electors, the ballots are burned without being counted and another vote is immediately taken. If the number of ballots does match the number of electors, the scrutineers, who are sitting at a table in front of the altar, begin counting the votes.

The first scrutineer unfolds each ballot, notes the name on a piece of paper and passes the ballot to the second scrutineer. He notes the name and passes the ballot to the third scrutineer, who reads it aloud for all the Cardinals to hear. If there are two names on a single ballot, the ballot is not counted. The last scrutineer pierces each ballot with a threaded needle through the word "Eligo" and places it on the thread. After all the ballots have been read, the ends of the thread are tied together and the ballots thus joined are placed in a third urn. The scrutineers then add up the totals for each candidate. Finally, the three revisers check both the ballots and the notes of the scrutineers to make sure that they performed their task faithfully.

The ballots and notes (including those made by any cardinal) are then burned. Special chemicals are added to make the smoke white or black. Since 1903, white smoke has signaled the election of a Pope; black smoke signals an inconclusive vote. The only written record of the voting is given to the new Pope and then placed in the archives in a sealed envelope that may be opened by no one unless the Pope gives permission.

We *still* need
to turn to *our*
Father



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4th Sunday of Lent

Last October forecasts were predicting higher pork prices in the spring and summer, based on a larger than normal sow slaughter in the fall. Market analysts viewed the trend with some trepidation. They saw the greater than average weekly slaughter as a sign of some herd liquidation, a result attributed to the higher feed prices brought about by last summer's drought. With pork producers unwilling to foot the bill for the increased cost of feeding, there was a surge in animals brought to market. While consumers realized an initial benefit with lower prices in the fall and winter, the lack of feeder animals in the production pipeline means higher prices at the grocery store this spring. The Easter ham may be a little more expensive this year.

This weekend's Gospel is so familiar that most of us could probably relay the events the parable recounts by heart. The younger son ends up hiring himself out to a hog farmer, a particularly despicable trade in the cultural context of Jesus' time, since swine were considered unclean according to Jewish law. In his suffering the young man longed to eat the food that he was feeding to the pigs. He finally came to his senses, realizing that he needed to change his life. His profligate spending and former life of excess had brought him to a low point from which he needed to recover.

The economic situation of the past few years might serve as a reminder to all of us that life is more than a healthy bank account. A year ago spring, it looked like farmers would have a bumper crop. Then the drought came, affecting food prices and a lot more. Even when we think we have it all, we are still dependent. In the Gospel, the younger son turned back to his father in his need. The older son needed to turn back to his father because he had forgotten that he was always there.

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Readings for the Week of March 10, 2013

Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Monday: Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53
Next Sunday: Is 43:16-21/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11



Save the date...
Victorian Tea
Sunday, April 28



Victorian Tea

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

Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Maria Tumminello*. 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 ...

Salvatore Albanese, Baby Patrick Anthony, Joseph Badala, Jr., James Bianco, Jennifer Bonamico, Antoinette Bongiorno, Dorothy Bosshammer, Joe Bucci, Rebecca Ann Budriss, Leonora Campolo, Brian Contelmo, Regina Cranor, Neil Coogan, Paula Dannhauser, Beverly DeCanio, Jeanne DellaRagione, Bernadette DeVirgilis, Kathleen Squillant Diamond, Frank Edwards, Franklin Edwards, Arlene Egloff, Eileen Eisele, William Ericksen, Betty Fallon, Jake Feldman, Joann Fiorello, Denise Frame, Elizabeth Fredriksen, Billy Fuchs, Donna Galindez, Sally Garone, Kenneth Garretson, Domenica Garzillo, Joy Grimes, Christopher Huckstadt, Terry Keegan, Robyn Kerrigan, Patrick J. Lillis, John Liona, Christopher Maher, Anthony Marotta, Marge Marotta, Elizabeth Minicozzi, Allen Minkler, John Muldoon, Patrick O'Connor, Jr., Phyllis Pasciuta, Mary Petersen, Joseph Radosti, Gloria Rushton, Sanchez Family, Joseph J. Schiavoni, Joseph S. Schiavoni, Ann Marie Schiraldi, Rose Seibert, Edward Stewart, Nancy Turano, Philomena Zippilli



DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

March 3, 2013

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

August 1, 2013 is the deadline for certain organizations in the Diocese such as Catholic Charities and Catholic Health Services of Long Island to comply with the HHS mandate that they provide free artificial contraception and abortifacient medications as part of their compliance with the Affordable Care Act. Without being specific, indications from the Obama Administration are that they will no longer listen to our claims or those who share our religious and conscience convictions.

The latest Administration pronouncements were a disappointment. After a week of analyzing this latest proposal from the Administration, Cardinal Timothy Dolan of New York, President of the US Conference of Catholic Bishops, expressed our willingness to continue to try to convince the government that the objectively inadequate “accommodation” from the HHS continues to fall far short of the mark.

To me, the major problem is in the very word the Administration uses: **accommodation**. The state is not the giver of rights, especially religious freedom. We as citizens possess the right to religious freedom without government pronouncement and, in truth, the Administration cannot “accommodate” what is already ours. We should not be treated as if we are second class citizens because we disagree with the government’s new and arbitrary insistence that all of us have to follow their prescriptions despite our religious beliefs and our right to freedom of conscience. Those rights are God-given, not state-granted. Every person and every religious institution already has from God what is guaranteed in our Constitution and Bill of Rights: freedom of religion and of conscience.

Now in the middle of Lent I write to you to ask you first of all to pray that God will protect us and our God-given rights as persons and as a Church. Second, I invite you to stay informed and be ready to respond to our calls for help as needed.

Keep your eye on the website of the US Bishops www.usccb.org as well as our news website www.licatholic.org to keep up-to-date and find concrete ways for concerted action. To get involved, please consider joining grass roots advocacy groups forming in parishes across the Diocese, such as Catholics for Freedom of Religion www.catholicsforfreedomofreligion.com. I encourage you to consider participation in such a group. Let our Senators and your Congressperson know that you and I have not lost interest. Tell them we are resolute in insisting on this most basic freedom, the freedom of religious belief and the protection of conscience. To contact your US Senators and Representatives, go to the website of the National Committee for a Human Life Amendment www.nchla.org. Send an email to your Representatives to demand the overturning of the HHS mandate. Plans are also being made for the Second Fortnight for Freedom that will take place this summer. More details about the Fortnight will be forthcoming.

Continue to pray that what is ours by right will be recognized and honored for the good of all. And continue to stand together. Your witness is needed now more than ever.

Devotedly yours in Christ,

Bishop of Rockville Centre

Financial Summary

February 24, 2013

Weekly Collection	\$ 18,363.00
Weekly Budget	-\$ 19,000.00
+/- for the week	\$ (637.00)

March 3, 2013

Weekly Collection	\$ 19,412.00
Weekly Budget	-\$ 19,000.00
+/- for the week	\$ 412.00

The estimated weekly collection needed to maintain and operate our parish buildings, ministries, programs, and salaries is \$19,000.

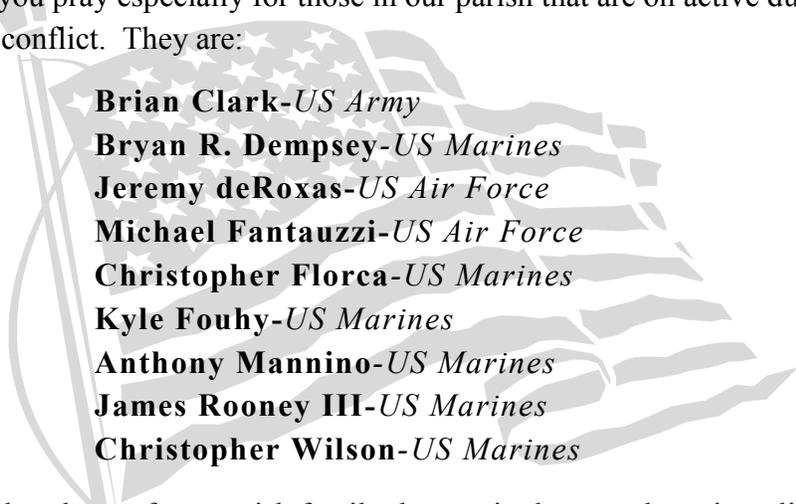
Catholic Relief Services Collection

March 10, 2013

This week, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. This Collection supports six Catholic agencies benefiting millions of vulnerable, displaced, and impoverished families and individuals around the world. From direct humanitarian service to helping victims of human trafficking and working to reunify families, the funds from this Collection make a real difference in lives across the globe. **How will you help?** This week, please support The Catholic Relief Services Collection and **Jesus in disguise**.

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:



Brian Clark-US Army
Bryan R. Dempsey-US Marines
Jeremy deRoxas-US Air Force
Michael Fantauzzi-US Air Force
Christopher Florca-US Marines
Kyle Fouhy-US Marines
Anthony Mannino-US Marines
James Rooney III-US Marines
Christopher Wilson-US Marines

...and remember those of our parish family that are in the armed services, listed in our Parish Book of Intentions.

Congratulations

Congratulations to *Katharine Scheid* for earning the Honor Roll for Holy Trinity Diocesan High School.

Congratulations to *David A. Rooney, Michael Q. Goldin, and Grant M. Macina* for earning the Honor Roll for Chaminade High School.

Who was St. Joseph?

On **Monday, March 11 at 7:30pm at St. Joseph's Parish Center (Room 257) in Babylon**, there will be a special lecture on **St. Joseph**: Who was St. Joseph? What does the Bible tell us about him? What can we learn from his life? Margaret Mannino will lead us in a deeper understanding of this saint. For more information, call 631.669.0068.

Talbot House

Are you or someone you know having family or interpersonal problems due to drinking ALCOHOL and/or using DRUGS?

CATHOLIC CHARITIES / Talbot House, a Chemical Dependence Crisis Center, located in Bohemia provides withdrawal and stabilization services on a voluntary basis to males and females over the age of 18, who are seeking to stop and/or withdraw from alcohol and/or other drug use. The medical and clinical staff at Talbot House will assess the kind of care the person needs, to begin his/her journey in recovery. For more information, please call: 631-589-4144. Talbot House staff is available 24/7. Each call is confidential. Talbot House is a NO fee for service program.

Ignatian Volunteer Corps

Your most important work can begin after you retire!

The Long Island Chapter of the Ignatian Volunteer Corps is seeking volunteers. Learn who we are on either of the following **Wednesdays: March 13 or March 27 from 10:30 am - 12 Noon at St. Ignatius Loyola Jesuit Retreat House**, 251 Seasingtown Road, Manhasset, NY 11030. The Ignatian Volunteer Corps is an organization of retired men and women who want to use their talents to help others. IVC volunteers commit two days a week to working with economically poor and marginalized, either directly or through non-profit organizations. For information call Nick O'Neill at 516-678-5970 or nickpat@aol.com.

40 Day Food Fasting

The Knights of Columbus, Bishop McGann Council #564, will be sponsoring a food drive during Lent. The Council has decided to collect food in the form of "fasting" for 40 days. The fast will begin on Ash Wednesday and end on Easter Sunday.

During the fast, each participant will set aside one non-perishable food item every day and put it in a specific location in their home.

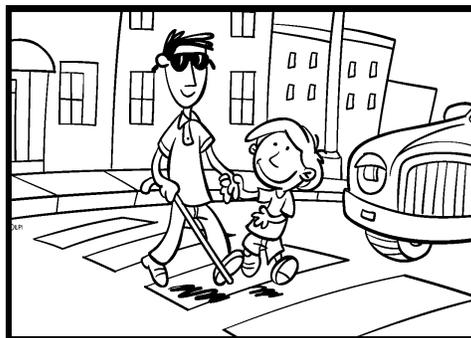
These items can periodically be dropped off at OLL Parish Outreach or to the K of C Council at 1341 5th Ave, Bay Shore. Together, we CAN make a difference.

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 "**Commitment.**"

Sharing the Gospel

When Jesus saw the blind man, he did not just walk by. Jesus stopped. He knew he could help the man, and honor God at the same time. Showing all of God's love and power, Jesus healed the blind man's eyes. For the first time in his life, the man could see Jesus and believe in him.



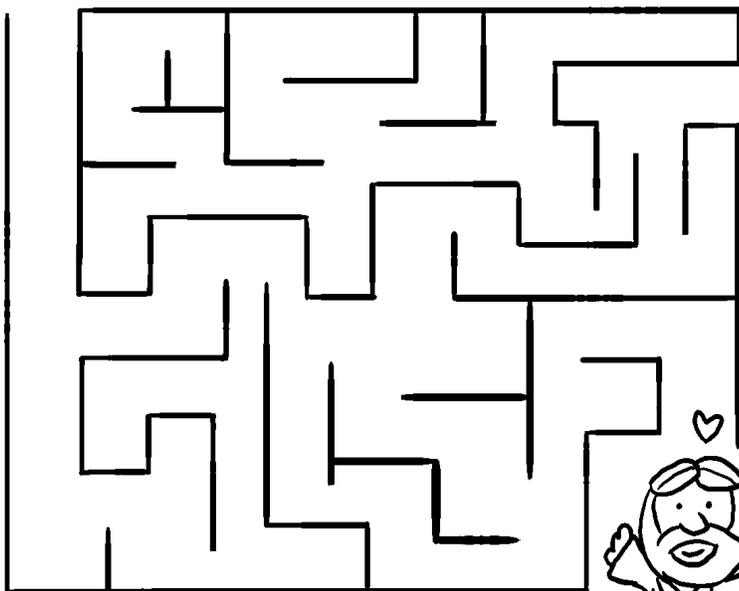
Mission for the Week

Draw a cross and put it in a place where you can see it and think of Jesus every day.



Puzzle

Help me to find God!



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Prayer

Jesus,
thank you for helping
the blind man believe
in you.



Something to Draw

With your eyes
closed, try to draw
a picture of Jesus.