Learn from the way the wildflowers grow.

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our Lady of Lourdes · March 2, 2014

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
8:30 AM

Weekend Masses
Saturday: 5 PM
Sunday: 8 AM, 9:30 AM,
11 AM, 12:30 PM and 6 PM

Reconciliation/Confession
Saturday: 4 PM - 4:45 PM

Rosary
Daily at 8 AM

Miraculous Medal Novena
Monday after 8:30 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 advance, please call the Parish Office.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) A process to be embraced 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

Msgr. Brian McNamara
Pastor

Rev. Robert Scheckenback
Associate Pastor

Deacon John DeGuardi
Deacon Tom Lucie
Deacon Jack Meehan
Coordinator of Stewardship
Deacon John Teufel

Sr. Nancy Campkin, CSJ
Director of Religious Education
Trish Frodell
Director of Parish Social Ministry
Louise Jane Krol
School Principal
Sr. Diane Liona, CSJ
Director of Religious Education
Mary McMahon
Business Manager
Robin Reynolds-Brennan
Coordinator of Worship
OLL Choir Director
Vita Scorcia
Ministry Spiritual Director

Pastoral Council

Msgr. Brian McNamara
Eileen Rega
Mary Borgs
Lisa Cantalino
Sonia DaSilva
Nilo DeLeon
Jerry Esposito
Trish Frodell
Pam Gagliano
Deborah Lamb
Rosalie Mangels
Deacon Jack Meehan
John Muldoon
Josephine O'Malley
Dottie Perdue
Vita Scorcia

Parish Staff

AnnMarie Buonaspina
Director of Youth Choirs
Michael Buonaspina
Parish Organist
Anne Gregg
School Office
Debbie Meyer
Bulletin Editor/Business Office
Rita Spera
Religious Education Office
Lori Walsh
Parish Office
Pat Young
Parish Office

Parish Office
455 Hunter Avenue
West Islip, NY 11795
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
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fax: 661.7143
website: *www.ollchurch.org*

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West Islip, NY 11795
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Religious Education Office
661.5440, option 3
Monday-Friday
9 AM - Noon
1 PM - 5 PM
7 PM - 9 PM
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Parish Outreach Office
661.9262, option 4
Monday- Friday
9:30 AM - 3:30 PM

S.A.G.E.
661.3224, ext. 122
(Senior Advocates for Growth and Enrichment)
email: *Sage@ollchurch.org*

Dear Parishioners:

Lenten greetings from the rectory! Lent is upon us already and this Wednesday, March 5 is Ash Wednesday. Please see below for our **Ash Wednesday Schedule**.

On Ash Wednesday, the second reading at Mass is taken from St. Paul's Letter to the Corinthians. In that passage, St. Paul reminds us that we are "ambassadors for Christ." That means that you and I represent Christ in a special way, just as any ambassador represents his or her own country and political leadership.

If, then, we are "ambassadors for Christ", we need to ask ourselves: "Am I a good ambassador for Christ?" An even better question to ask is this: "How can I become an even better ambassador for Christ?" I think the Lenten program here at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Family will help you to become a better ambassador for Christ. <u>The list of our Lenten Spiritual Opportunities is on the back of this page</u>. Take a look!

Every **MONDAY** morning **(9:00am),** our deacons and sister will lead us in a reflection concerning next Sunday's Scripture readings. Every **TUESDAY EVENING (7:30pm)**, we will offer a variety of spiritual events. Every **FRIDAY (1:00pm and 7:00p.m.)**, we will be praying the Stations of the Cross in the Church. Also, for Lent, we will be having an **additional daily Mass at 12:10pm, Monday – Friday**.

We would especially like to highlight our **PARISH MISSION, from Monday evening, March 24 to Thursday evening, March 27. The Parish Mission will be conducted by Brother Andre Mathieu, C.P.** We strongly encourage you to come for all or part of the **PARISH MISSION**. Bring a friend; bring one of your adult children. Be a good ambassador; spread the word!

These Lenten opportunities are simply opportunities. As with all opportunities, we can choose to take advantage of them or not to take advantage of them. Take advantage of these opportunities; allow the Lord, who loved you so much that He died for you on the Cross, to touch your heart and bring you closer to Him.

Remember: Together, we can do something beautiful for God!

In Christ,

Msgr. Brian Fr. Bob

<u>ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE</u>

8:30am	**Mass** (with the distribution of ashes during Mass)
12:10pm	**Mass** (with the distribution of ashes during Mass)
2:00pm	Prayer Service (with the distribution of ashes during the Prayer Service)
3:00pm	Prayer Service (with the distribution of ashes during the Prayer Service)
4:00pm	Prayer Service (with the distribution of ashes during the Prayer Service)
5:00pm	Prayer Service (with the distribution of ashes during the Prayer Service)
6:00pm	Prayer Service (with the distribution of ashes during the Prayer Service)
7:30pm	**Mass** (with the distribution of ashes during Mass)

<u>PLEASE SEE NEXT PAGE FOR OUR LIST OF LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES</u>

LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES

Friday, March 7:
1:00pm & 7:00pm in the CHURCH
STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Meditate upon the Passion and Death of Jesus.

Monday, March 10:
9:00am in the Spiritual Life Center
REFLECTIONS ON THE SUNDAY SCRIPTURES
Join Sr. Nancy in reflecting upon the Sunday readings

Tuesday, March 11:
7:30pm in the CHURCH
MARIAN STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Meditate on the Passion through the eyes of Mary.

Friday, March 14:
1:00pm & 7:00pm in the CHURCH
STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Meditate upon the Passion and Death of Jesus.

Monday, March 17
9:00am in the Spiritual Life Center
REFLECTIONS ON THE SUNDAY SCRIPTURES
Join Dcn John in reflecting upon the Sunday readings

Tuesday, March 18:
7:30pm in the PARISH CENTER
POPE FRANCIS & THE NEW FACE OF THE PAPACY
Dr. Petriano (St. Joseph College) leads the discussion

Friday, March 21:
1:00pm & 7:00pm in the CHURCH
STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Meditate upon the Passion and Death of Jesus.

Monday, March 24 - Thursday, March 27: PARISH MISSION

7:30pm in the CHURCH **Join with us as Bro. Andre Mathieu, C.P. helps us to draw closer to Christ.**

Friday, March 28:
1:00pm & 7:00pm in the CHURCH
STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Meditate upon the Passion and Death of Jesus.

Monday, March 31:
9:00am in the Spiritual Life Center
REFLECTIONS ON THE SUNDAY SCRIPTURES
Join Dcn Tom in reflecting upon the Sunday readings

Tuesday, April 1:
7:30pm in the PARISH CENTER
TAIZE PRAYER EXPERIENCE
Join us as we pray before our special Taize cross.

Friday, April 4:
1:00pm & 7:00pm in the CHURCH
STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Meditate upon the Passion and Death of Jesus.

Monday, April 7:
9:00am in the Spiritual Life Center
REFLECTIONS ON THE SUNDAY SCRIPTURES
Join Dcn Jack in reflecting upon the Sunday readings

Tuesday, April 8:
7:30pm in the PARISH CENTER
THE PASSION ACCORDING TO ST. MATTHEW
Join Fr. Brian as we explore the Passion account.

Friday, April 11:
1:00pm & 7:00pm in the CHURCH
STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Meditate upon the Passion and Death of Jesus.

Meditate on the Passion Through the Eyes of Mary

An Evening of Reflection on the Stations of the Cross

Tuesday, March 11
7:30PM
Church

Mary, the Mother of Jesus, made the first way of the cross. See through Mary's eyes what Jesus was going through on the way to Calvary.
Come with us and walk with Mary as she journeys with her son.

Sponsored by Evangelization Ministry.

Adult Faith Formation

Who Am I to Judge?

Pope Francis and the New Face of the Papacy

Presenter: Thomas Petriano,
Chair of Religious Studies
St. Joseph College
Tuesday, March 18
7:30 - 9:30pm
Parish Center

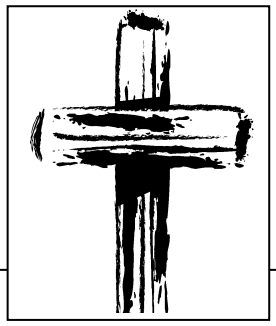
The election of Pope Francis last March and the choices he has made since then have been remarkable and indeed electrifying to many. His still short papacy has been marked by many "firsts". Perhaps the most amazing of these "firsts" has been in the choice of the first Jesuit pope in history to choose the name Francis.

This presentation will examine the implications of that choice and will highlight some of the words and actions of Pope Francis since being elected. His words and, more importantly his example, are that challenge to all of us to live a life characterized by mercy, simplicity, joy, and a commitment to the poor.

Come join us and take advantage of this opportunity; you'll be glad you did!
All Are Welcome!

There is a $5 fee for each session. No fee is required for those who have paid the Religious Education Family Fee or Our Lady of Lourdes School tuition. Registration is necessary and helpful. This will enable us to have enough reading material and refreshments for all those attending. To register, please call the Religious Education Office at 661.5440, option 3 or email to religioused@ollchurch.org.

OLL Parish Family and
the Diocese of Rockville Centre celebrate
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION WEEK
BELIEVE + BELONG + BECOME
Sunday, February 23 – Sunday, March 2, 2014



Sunday, March 2…

at the ***9:30 AM Mass***

+BELIEVE+… Please join us… at the 9:30am Mass
RECEIVE a special blessing for all in Religious Education
+BELONG+… THAT'S Grades 1/2/3/4 and their families
+BECOME+… 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*

+BELIEVE+… Please join us … at the 6 PM Mass
RECEIVE a special blessing for all in Religious Education
+BELONG+… THAT'S Grades 5/6/7/8/High School and their families
+BECOME+… 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!

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.

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.

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.)
Men's Bible Based Recovery Group: 1st three Wednesdays of the month at 8 PM in Lourdes Hall (convent lower level.) Open to men with any addiction. This is a 12 step program using the "Life Recovery Bible."

Please join Father Brian McNamara, and his parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes, on a Spiritual Pilgrimage to FRANCE

Paris*Normandy Beaches*Caen*Lisieux*Lourdes*Toulouse

September 3—10, 2014 (8 days)

Air & Land $4034

Land Only $2573

The Details

Tour Price: $2573 p/person (based on double occupancy; singles and triples available upon request)

Air from JFK: $1461

Insurance: $199, highly recommended to protect your vacation investment, must be paid at time of deposit to cover pre-existing conditions.

Sightseeing: Sightseeing as outlined in the itinerary with inside visits (including admission charges). Sightseeing with local guides where applicable.

Tour director: The services of a professional, multilingual Tour Director will be provided throughout.

Accommodations:
Paris– Le Meridien Etoile
Caen– Mercure Center
Lourdes– Grand Hotel Moderne
Toulouse– Toulouse Airport

Meals: 8 –Breakfasts (B), 1-Lunch (L), and 4– Dinners (D)

NOT INCLUDED IN TOUR PRICE: airport taxes (where applicable), excess baggage, meals not included in itinerary, all items of a personal nature such as laundry, cleaning, telephone, telex or fax expenses, beverages including tea and coffee (except at breakfast and at hotel dinners), wines, liquors, soft drinks, etc. and TIPS FOR THE MOTORCOACH DRIVER, TOUR DIRECTOR, AND LOCAL GUIDES. Tips for local guides are not included and must be paid while on tour.

Deposit $250

Final payment due by June 1, 2014

CruiseOne

Contact: Monica Colonna
631.539.9756 or mcolonna@cruiseone.com

Holy Name Society

The Holy Name Society invites the men of our parish, young and old, to join us. We can use the wisdom of the older men and the energy and fresh ideas of our younger men. The Holy Name Society meets on the second Sunday of each month. Our next meeting will be on **Sunday, March 9**. 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!

Prayer Shawl Ministry

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

Join us…

Wednesday, March 19 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.

Rosary Christian Mothers

The Rosary Christian Mothers meet on the first Monday evening of each month. The next meeting will be on **Monday, March 3**. We will begin with Rosary at 7:45 PM in the Church, followed by meeting at 8 PM in the Parish Center.

SAGE

The SAGE Group (*Senior Advocates for Growth and Enrichment*) will meet on **Tuesday, March 11 in the Parish Center at 9 AM.**

We are women, mothers, daughters, sisters and wives, married and single, of all ages and stages in our lives. We come together to pray, share and discuss how our faith fills us and gets us through our lives. We welcome all women to come and share how God made us special and how we bring that into our world. We meet on the first Thursday of each month in the Spiritual Life Center. There are two opportunities to gather- **Mornings 9:30 AM and Evenings 7:30 PM.** Come join us. Your story is what we need to hear. **Our next meetings are on March 6**.

For more information call Vita Scorcia at 669.4717 or Stacie Baltrusitis at 661.4254.

Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Carol Grillo.*
If you would like to help care for our altar needs,
please call the Parish Office at 661.3224.

Baptism

Brooklyn Ava Swailes
Eric and Melissa

Rest In Peace

Madeleine Caldarola died on February 16 and Mass of Christian Burial was February 19. We extend our prayerful sympathy to her children, grandchildren, and entire family.

Richard Mazzarella died on February 16 and Mass of Christian Burial was February 20. We extend our prayerful sympathy to his wife, Rosemary, children, grandchildren, and entire family.

Helen Bukowski died on February 19 and Mass of Christian Burial was February 24. We extend our prayerful sympathy to her children, grandchildren, and entire family.

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6:00pm	Prayer Service (with the distribution of ashes during the Prayer Service)
7:30pm	**Mass** (with the distribution of ashes during Mass)

Remembering…

Monday, March 3 *(1 Pt 1:3-9/Mk 10:17-27)*
Saint Katharine Drexel, virgin
8:30 AM John Keane

Tuesday, March 4 *(1 Pt 1:10-16/Mk 10:28-31)*
Saint Casimir
8:30 AM Sweeney and LaRocca Families

Wednesday, March 5 *(Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20-6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18)*
Ash Wednesday
8:30 AM Florencia and Carlos Delfin
12:10 PM Loretta Gleckler
7:30 PM Joseph Capo

Thursday, March 6 *(Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25)*
8:30 AM Grandma Angie Passarella
12:10 PM Janet Talbot

Friday, March 7 *(Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15)*
Saints Perpetua and Felicity, martyrs
8:30 AM Felisa Baltazar
12:10 PM Barbara McRory

Saturday, March 8 *(Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32*)
8:30 AM Josephine Sabella, Robert Wade,
Vito & Rosa Mastrorocco, Raymonde Pierre-Lys

5:00 PM Molly Sweeney

Sunday, March 9 *(Gn 2:7-9, 3:1-7/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11)*
8:00 AM John Celiberti

9:30 AM Tony Squeo

11:00 AM Charlotte Sweeney

12:30 PM Giovanni and Rosa Scalia

6:00 PM People of the Parish, Thomas Mingione, Louise Blake,
Vita J. Kelly, Margaret Englert, Marie Arrojo

2014 Catholic Ministries Appeal

Serving God by Serving Others

A Letter from Bishop Murphy

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In this special season of Lent, the Catholic Ministries Appeal gives each of us an opportunity to join together to support the wonderful work of our Church. I am grateful for the dedication and sacrifice that you and so many of our parishioners have demonstrated in the past by supporting the CMA with an annual gift.

Each of us in our own way has been blessed by God. The Catholic Ministries Appeal is an opportunity to live the faith we profess; to be Disciples of Christ and good stewards of all that we have received. The Church counts acts of charity as the greatest best sacrifice in Lent. Alms-giving "covers a multitude of sins". Therefore, I am inviting you to join with me this Lenten season, not only in a spirit of sacrifice, but also in a mutual expression of gratitude.

The programs and ministries that are funded by the CMA bring life and meaning to Jesus' words. Through our gifts, we help those in need - the poor and the vulnerable. Our gifts also demonstrate our commitment to vocations for the priesthood, the diaconate and the consecrated life, religious education and the defense of the unborn. Our generosity strengthens families and enables our various ministries to do good works throughout the year.

I ask you to consider prayerfully a meaningful gift to the 2014 Catholic Ministries Appeal. May the Holy Spirit guide you and bestow His graces upon you as together we share our gifts in love and service in the name of Christ Jesus.

In the spirit of Lent, I hope that you will join this effort today.

With my gratitude and prayers, I am

Yours sincerely in Christ,

+ William Murphy

Bishop of Rockville Centre

For more information about the Catholic Ministries Appeal, to view the video, or to donate, please visit www.CatholicMinistriesAppeal.org or call 516-379-5210 ext. 2.

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.

Parish Spiritual Care Companions

Do you know a parishioner who is homebound and would welcome a visit from one of our trained Parish Spiritual Care Companions? Please call Rick Danowski at 586.2192, Vita Scorcia at 669.4717 or Charlie Zeiss at 669.7189.

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:

Michael Fantauzzi-*US Air Force*
John Filosa-*US Air Force*
Christopher Florca-*US Marines*
Kyle Fouhy-*US Marines*
Anthony Mannino-*US Marines*
James Rooney III-*US Marines*

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

Pray for Our Sick

Please remember to keep in your thoughts and prayers …

Salvatore Albanese, Vivian Aparo, Cathrine Battiata, James Bianco, Kathleen Carroll, Artie Clemens, Patti Clemens, Rose Conway, Allen Crowley, Beverly DeCanio, Jeanne DellaRogiane, Mark DellaRogiane, Harry Denyse, Frank Edwards, Jake Feldman, Gaetano Fiorini, Billy Fuchs, Kenneth Garretson, Donna Gerek, Dan Golden, Vivian Gordon, Francis Hansen, Tommy Haughney, Patrick Anthony Heffron, Shena Kahn, Baby Lana Charlotte Keenan, Robyn Kerrigan, Kelly (Kuntz) Lee, Lisa Letterel, John Liona, Christopher Maher, Jean McCauley, Ruth Murray, Joseph Ninivaggi, Michele Nonnon List, Mary O'Connor, Patrick O'Connor, Eugene Olsen, Baby Joseph Onofrietti, Ayn Paolella, Connie and Fred N. Polik, Joanne Popper, Gasper Salerno, Joseph J. Schiavoni, Ann Marie Schiraldi, Joseph Sepe

Annual Victorian Tea

Please save the date for our Annual Victorian Tea…

Sunday, April 6, 2014

If you would be able to donate new, unused items, including baskets, tissue paper and wired ribbon, please drop them off at the Parish Outreach Office. *Please watch bulletin for further details...*

Daylight Savings time begins next weekend…
Sunday, March 9.
Remember to set your clocks ahead.

Parish Outreach Donations
February 2014

- Outreach has received donations in loving memory of *Marie Ricigliano* from: Donald and Ellen Bolin, Angela LaGiglia, Cathy Goldstein, Meta Ermert, Debbie and Dennis Meyer and family, Anne Basso, Grace O'Connor, Fr. John Sureau, Eleanor and Mike Carrano, Bill and Pat Young, Kathleen and John Sullivan, Helen Lehmann, Claire Donovan, Tessie and Jim Reilly, Charlie Argento, Una McGrade, Elizabeth Langan, Grace Ciccarello, Don and Laura Willis, Jim McMahon, Laura Walsh, Cora and Antoinette Smith, Elizabeth Netska, Joe and Nan Proscia, Thomas Campanelli, Diane Garretson, Ray and Frank Guglielmo, Evelyn Trimboli, Madonna and Victor Blasucci, co-workers of Celia Ricigliano- Barbara Anderson, The Municipal Government of Cooper City, Florida.

- Outreach has received donations in loving memory of *Helen Bukowski* from: Grace O'Connor, Bob and Adele O'Shea, Eleanor and Mike Carrano, Tessie and Jim Reilly, Lorraine Petito, Charlie Argento, Una McGrade, Elizabeth Langan, Grace Ciccarello, Don and Laura Willis, Jim McMahon, Laura Walsh, Cora and Antoinette Smith, Elizabeth Netska, Joe and Nan Proscia.

- Barbara Foster has made a donation to Outreach in memory of *Nancy Carpenter*.

- The Morrissey Family has made a donation to Outreach in loving memory of *Lori Morrissey.*

- Rosalie and George Mangels have made a donation to Outreach in memory of *Raymond Wright.*

- Lorraine Petito has made a donation to Outreach in memory of *Kathy Grimes*.

Congratulations!

The parish family of Our Lady of Lourdes extends congratulations to *Katharine Schied* on making the Honor Roll at Holy Trinity Diocesan High School. Congratulations Katharine!

Eagle Scout Project
BLOOD DRIVE

American Legion Post 94
22 Grove Place, Babylon
(2 Blocks South of the LIRR Babylon Station)
Wednesday, March 5—2:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
For further information regarding donor eligibility please call 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit *RedCrossBlood.org* To schedule an appointment e-mail *donatebloodBSA@aol.com* or visit *RedCrossBlood.org*.
Walk-ins Welcome! *Come in to donate this March and receive a limited edition decal to show your Red Cross support!*

2014 Long Island Men's Conference

"**For God and Country"**
"Long may our land be bright, with freedom's holy light;
Protect us by Thy might, Great God, our King!"
Join over 600 proud Catholic American men of the diocese on **Saturday, March 29, 2014** at Holy Trinity Diocesan High School for an amazing day that will inspire you to live everyday as a Catholic Patriot!
This year's topics include:

- "The Miracle of Fr. Kapaun", the story of a future saint who was a WWII and Korean War chaplain, martyr and Medal of Honor Recipient!
- John Gonzalez , of Catholic Charities, will talk to us about "Faithful Citizenship"
- "The Light of Faith and the Joy of the Gospel" by "Seize the Day" radio show host Gus Lloyd!
- Join us as we honor Lt. Michael Murphy (subject of the hit movie "The Lone Survivor") as our 2014 Msgr. Kissane Award Recipient!

You can register online at *www.catholicmensministry.net* . Sign up now. There is limited seating available.

Financial Summary

February 23, 2014

Weekly Collection	$ 18,093.00
Weekly Budget	-$ 18,200.00
+/- for the week	$ (107.00)

The estimated weekly collection needed to maintain and operate our parish buildings, ministries, programs, and salaries is $18,200.

Community Happenings

West Islip Symphony Orchestra

Winter Concert
Sunday, March 9
Beach Street Middle School
2 PM
Program: "Spring" from Vivaldi's Four Seasons and "Czardas" by Monti. Murry Kahn, conducting. Paul Little, violin soloist. Cost is $10 adults, $8 seniors, students free. For more information: *www.westislipsmphony.org*

Good Sam University

Good Samaritan Hospital offers a free lecture series, "Good Sam University." The format features a monthly lecture in three categories: "Food For Thought," showing the impact of nutrition on a person's health at every stage of life; "Women's Wellness," addressing women's health issues; and "Aging Gracefully," providing expert advice on topics related to health and wellness in the senior years. The next lecture in the Aging Gracefully category is Watch Your Step—how best to prevent and treat falls in the older adult on **March 5, noon, at the Bay Shore Brightwaters Library, 1 South Country Road**.

Preparing for Marriage?

Engaged Encounter is an effective weekend program designed to provide you with the tools for a successful marriage. Couples are given the opportunity to explore many aspects of their relationship through a series of presentations, writings and dialog. There are no group discussions. Our next weekend will be held at the **Seminary of the Immaculate Conception March 14-16, 2014.** For information/registration please call 631-563-1032.

Guys and Dolls

St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School presents the hit Broadway musical, ***GUYS AND DOLLS;*** based on characters created by Damon Runyon with classic music by Frank Loesser and a hilarious book by Jo Swerling and Abe Burrows. Shows on **Friday and Saturday, March 7 & 8 at 7:30 PM and Sunday, March 9 at 2 PM** at the High School, 1170 Montauk Highway, West Islip. Call 631-587-8000 for ticket reservations and information or email *whitfield@sjbdhs.org*.

Camp Veritas 2014

Camp Veritas is a one-week play-and-pray sleep away summer camp for teens going into 7th to 12th grades. It will be held at two locations in 2014; July 20-26 at Mount Saint Mary College in Newburgh, NY and August 17-23 at Camp Lakota in Wurtsboro, NY. Enrollment opens January 1, 2014 and the enrollment price for each week is $400 per camper. Early bird rates (before 4/1/14) are $350 for Week 1 and $370 for Week 2. More details can be found at *www.campveritas.com*.

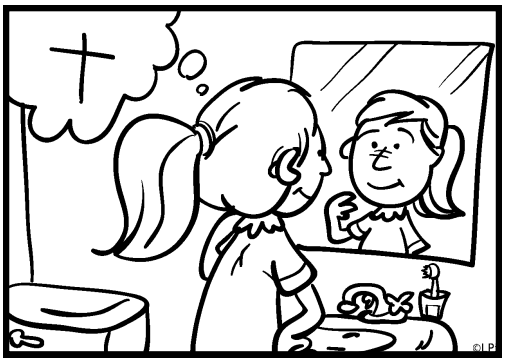
Religion & Rock

Tune into "Religion & Rock" with Msgr. Jim Vlaun on Sunday from 7 AM to 8 AM on WBAB 102.3 FM or 95.3 on the East End of Long Island. Listen on Saturdays at 11 PM on Sirius Radio, Channel 159, the Catholic Channel and at 11 PM on XM Satellite, Channel 117. Next Sunday's theme is **"Leadership. "**

Growing with the Gospel

Sharing the Gospel

God wants you to have clothes to wear. He wants you to have food to eat, too. But God does not want you to waste time worrying about your food or clothes. Put God's work first in your mind. Learn what God wants you to do. Be kind. Be helpful. God will take care of you.



Mission for the Week

Spend time together with your family reading a Bible story book.

Puzzle

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

~~serve~~	worry	faith
God	food	heaven
money	clothes	first

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Prayer

God,
help me to trust
that you will give me
what I need.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of three flowers and birds that God takes care of.