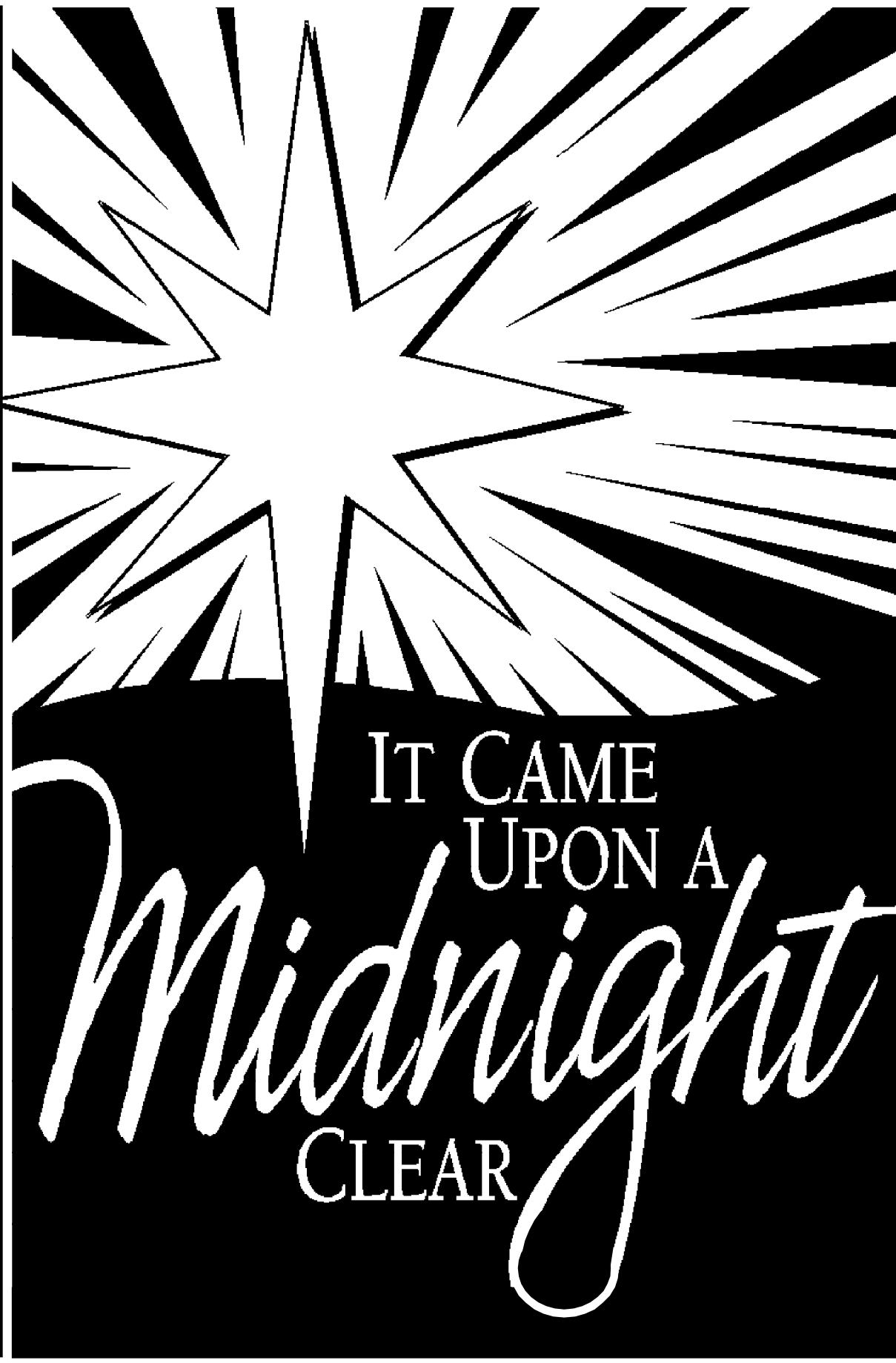


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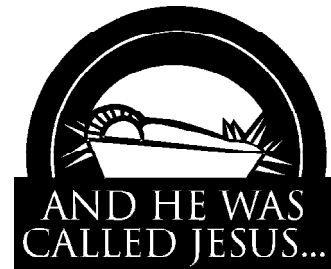
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# Our Lady of Lourdes

455 Hunter Avenue  
West Islip, New York 11795

## Pastoral Team

**Rev. Michael A. Vetrano**  
Pastor  
**Rev. Stanislaus Chukwube**  
Associate Pastor  
**Rev. Nestor Watin**  
Associate Pastor



Welcome to our Parish Family! New Parishioners are cordially invited to register as members of our parish family. Please call or visit 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.

**Rev. Robert Scheckenback**  
In Residence

**Deacon Stephen M. Behar**  
**Deacon John DeGuardi**  
**Deacon Jules O. A. Gagnon**  
Parish Outreach  
**Deacon Jack Meehan**  
Coordinator of Stewardship  
**Deacon John Teufel**

**Sr. Margaret Bickar**  
Senior Ministry-SAGE  
**Sr. Nancy Campkin**  
Director of Religious Education  
**Regina Ann Cioffi**  
School Principal  
**Jennifer Gallagher**  
Director of Youth Services  
**Carol M. Goetz**  
Parish Music Director  
**Sr. Diane Liona**  
Director of Religious Education  
**Vita Scorcia**  
Ministry Spiritual Director  
**John Sureau**  
Coordinator of Worship  
**Sr. Betty Toohig**  
Senior Ministry-SAGE  
**Anthony Trombino**  
Business Manager

## Pastoral Council

Michael Abbruscato  
Salomon Acosta  
Regina Ann Cioffi  
Jane Desthers  
Stephen Frodell  
Anne Kerrigan  
Maria Lucie (*co-chair*)  
Mary McMahan  
Doreen Spiller  
Mary Steck  
John Sureau  
Fr. Mike Vetrano  
Marie Yuliano (*co-chair*)

## Parish Staff

**Barbara Catuosco**  
Religious Education Office  
**Mary Anne Lettieri**  
Parish Office  
**Debbie Meyer**  
Bulletin /Parish Office  
**Rosemary Multer**  
School Office  
**Rex Muro**  
Organist  
**Rita Spera**  
Religious Education Office

# God Always Offers a New Beginning



## Christmas 2005

Thanksgiving Day is always special at Our Lady of Lourdes because it was on Thanksgiving in 1956 that mass was celebrated in our parish for the first time. This year, Thanksgiving not only marked our anniversary, but also the beginning of a Jubilee year as we prepare to celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2006. That day, and during the following weekend, we listened to men and women who were present at the beginning describe how they, like the pilgrims in our country, first began this parish. There were wonderful, spirited memories of mass in a department store (Korvette's), and men and women who literally prepared the land and built the place of worship we are in today.

It must have been a wonderful adventure, a time filled with energy and possibility. It sounds like a time not unlike the feast we are celebrating this weekend – the birth, the incarnation of Christ into all of time and human history. That beginning, a humble birth in a manger announced to the poorest and lowliest people of the earth, had the power to transform all of human history and still captures the hearts of believers today.

It is interesting to me how people, when they speak of good times – times of hope and possibility, often talk about the past. Less commonly do we hear people excited about the present. Even in conversations about our faith, we often talk about what happened and how God acted a long time ago. But faith is much more about the future than the past. It is about how we are moving toward God and about what God is doing in our world.

And so it seems to me that the most important prophecy of Christmas for a parish celebrating an anniversary is that *God Always Offers a New Beginning*. We need to hear it as a community so that we will know that our future will be at least as good as our beginning. We need to hear it personally to know that the present moment is the right time for our own change and conversion. And we need to know it in our world so that the message of peace is something we can really work on together.

May the strength of our past and the hope for the future bring us many blessings this Christmas and always.

*Fr. Mike*

Fr. Mike Vetrano  
Pastor



# Our Jubilee Year 2005-2006

## Envisioning Our Future

### Planning In Four Principal Areas of Parish Life

- Liturgy
- Evangelization
- Arts & Education
- Social Outreach

### Collaborative Design Project

Our parish would engage in a study and plan for our physical plant under the direction of Rev. Gilbert Sunghera, S.J., part of the Detroit Collaborative Design Center, a group that structures physical plant planning and expansion in conjunction with community organization and development.

Fr. Sunghera will lead us in reflecting on our space needs and planning for the type of affective, practical and aesthetic priorities we have for our physical plant. This would involve thinking about the activities of the parish, the charisms that are ours uniquely, and the “feel” we would like people to have in our significant gathering spaces.

### OLL Website

Please take a moment and visit our parish website. You’ll be glad you did!

It is chock full of information regarding our “**Jubilee Year.**”

There are links to “*Remembering Our History*”, “*Celebrating Our Parish Life*”, “*Empowering Our Minds and Spirits*” and more.

The parish website is [www.ollchurch.org](http://www.ollchurch.org).

# Remembering Our History

## Remembering the past 50 years

### Parish History Project

We will examine the history of the first 50 years of OLL with a special publication, video and workshop series.

## Remembering those who have gone before us...

### Special Bereavement Workshop

February 10-12, 2006  
“Between Now and Tomorrow”

# Empowering Our Minds and Spirit

## Pilgrimage to Lourdes

As part of our 50th Anniversary Celebration, we will be making a pilgrimage to Lourdes, travel dates **April 17-25, 2006**. Final date to make reservations is January 15, 2006. If interested, please call the Parish Office at 661.3224.

Our next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, January 31, 2006 at 7:30 PM in the Parish Center**. Come and meet Mary Borgs, a fellow parishioner, as she shares her experiences at Lourdes. Mary made the pilgrimage with Our Lady of Lourdes parishioners in 1999. It should be a fun and informative evening!

## **Becoming Married: The Journey to Intimacy**

*future classes in the series...*

### **Parenting...**

how do we parent through the stages of our children's lives

**Wednesday, February 15, 2006**

**presented by Joe Tomaselli**

### **Beginning Again...**

healing and freedom through the annulment process

**Wednesday, May 17, 2006**

**presented by Fr. Mike Vetrano**

## **Our Catholic Faith Through Literature**

*future classes in the series...*

**The Prodigal Son      Tuesdays, March 7, 14 and 21, 2006**

**presented by Tom Petriano**

**Vino and DaVinci      Wednesday, May 3, 2006**

**presented by Margaret Mannino**

## **Healthcare Issues in the 21st Century**

*future classes in the series...*

**Catholic Thinking on Issues of Life and Death**

**Tuesday, February 28, 2006**

**with Father Mike**

**Living Wills, Health Care Proxies, Patient Rights**

**Tuesdays, March 28 and April 4, 2006**

**with Marty and Anne Kerrigan**

Pre-Registration is necessary and helpful. This will enable us to have enough reading material and refreshments for all those attending. Please call the Religious Education Office, Monday-Friday, 9AM – 5PM and 7PM – 9PM, 661-5440 or e-mail to [religioused@ollchurch.org](mailto:religioused@ollchurch.org).

Fee: \$5 per presentation or \$15 for the series (5 presentations). No fee is required for those who have paid the Religious Education Family Fee or Our Lady of Lourdes School Tuition. Fees may vary appropriately.

## **Becoming Married: The Journey to Intimacy**

*third in the series...*

### **Communication**

...talking and listening secrets that lead to intimacy

**Wednesday, January 18, 2006**

**7:30 PM - 9:30 PM in the Parish Center**

presented by Pat Leonard, Instructor at Pastoral Formation Institute - Diocese of Rockville Centre; Adjunct Professor at St. Joseph's College and St. John's University

Communication... You Said What? Men and women speak differently. Women and men listen differently. Men and women are different. Has this been your experience? Together we will — explore the reality of these differences; — learn skills and techniques that will enable us to communicate more effectively; and— gain insight that will foster a deeper appreciation that these differences can be the way to deep joy.

## **"Praying from the Soul: The Way of Spiritual Journaling"**

Have you ever wondered what God's will is for you?

**Thursdays**

**7:30 PM - 9:30 PM in the Parish Center**

**January 12, 26, February 16 and March 2, 2006**

presented by Pat Leonard, Instructor at Pastoral Formation Institute - Diocese of Rockville Centre; Adjunct Professor at St. Joseph's College and St. John's University

God is present to us through the people and events of our daily life. There is, very often, wisdom and insight that can be gleaned from things we say, things we dream, even from things that strike us when we read.

Journaling is a spiritual tool to record and reflect on the movement of Grace in our life. Through observing the unfolding of our journey, we can be more open to hearing and responding to God's desires for us.

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## Baptisms

*Michael Francis Blandino, Jr.*

Michael & Donna

*Nicholas Michael Fariello*

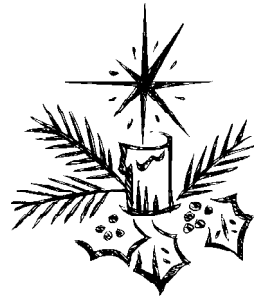
Michael & Nicole

*Ema Isabela Guillen*

Nicolas & Corinne

*Emma Lynn Licata*

Emanuel & Cora



## Rest In Peace

*Frederick J. Ansman*

*Manuella C. Gaizo*

*Eleanor Touhy*



### Rosary/Novena

#### Rosary:

Daily after 8 AM Mass

#### Miraculous Medal Novena:

Monday after 8 AM Mass

#### 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.

*We pray for our family, friends and loved ones  
who have died and are deeply missed during  
this blessed and holy season.*

## Financial Summary

### December 18, 2005

Weekly Collection	\$ 20,644.00
Weekly Budget	<u>-\$ 21,000.00</u>
+/- for the week	\$ (356.00)

*The estimated weekly collection needed to maintain and operate our parish buildings, ministries, programs and salaries is \$21,000.*

### Baptism

Please contact the Parish Office to schedule an appointment.

### Marriage

Arranged at least six months in advance, please contact the Parish Office.



# Remembering...

**Monday, December 26**

*St. Stephen, first martyr*

**8:00 AM** Paul Joseph Gartner

**Tuesday, December 27**

*St. John, apostle, evangelist*

**8:00 AM** Frank and Rose Monroe

*Altar Bread and Wine*

Baby and Richard Joseph Shaddock

**Wednesday, December 28**

*Holy Innocents*

**8:00 AM** Louise & Henry Reidemann

**Thursday, December 29**

**8:00 AM** Edna & Harold Gannon

**Friday, December 30**

*Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph*

**8:00 AM** Bill Mace

**Saturday, December 31**

**8:00 AM** People of the Parish

**5:00 PM** John Lovari

*Fr. Mike Vetrano*



**Sunday, January 1**

*Mary, the Mother of God*

**8:00 AM** Rosina Grisolia

*Fr. Nestor Watin*

**9:30 AM** Joseph Santangelo

*Fr. Stan Chukwube*

**11:00 AM** Gloria Wilson

*Fr. Ed Dowling*

**12:30 PM** Joseph Rizzo

*Fr. Nestor Watin*

**6:00 PM** People of the Parish

*Fr. Bob Scheckenback*

**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

## Altar Society



Joyce Petersen

### Pray for Our Sick

Please remember in your thoughts and prayers ...

*Thomas Brennan, Jo Brogan, Christian Bullock, Michael Cacciatore, Jerry Castonguay, John Finch, Jason Fisher, Theresa Grasso, Madeline Hopper, Mike Lorento, Benjy Margulies, Peter McCann, Sr., Arabella Elizabeth McCarthy, Joseph Ninivaggi, Nichole O'Connor, Kathy Pinto, Joe Radosti, Rose Serragano, Rosemary Van Acker, Loretta Vitale, Ruth Wilson*

We pray for all those who are ill-be it physical, mental or spiritual illness-that they may be restored to health.

### Anointing of the Sick

Throughout the liturgical year. If needed sooner, please call the Parish Office.

### Communion Calls

Communion brought to those who are homebound. Contact the Parish Office.

### Pastoral Care of the 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.

### Senior Circle

Our Senior Circle meets at 12:30 PM in the Parish Center on the last Monday of every month.

### Parish Office

661-3224

Monday-Friday: 9 AM - 7:30 PM

Saturday: 9 AM - 3 PM

Sunday: 9 AM - 2 PM

**email:**

[ParishOffice@ollchurch.org](mailto:ParishOffice@ollchurch.org)

**fax:**

661-7143

**website:**

[www.ollchurch.org](http://www.ollchurch.org)

### Our Lady of Lourdes School

587-7200

Monday-Friday: 9 AM - 3 PM

**email:**

[ReginaC@ollschool.org](mailto:ReginaC@ollschool.org)

### Religious Education Office

661-5440

Monday-Friday: 9 AM - Noon

1 PM - 5 PM

7 PM - 9 PM

**email:**

[ReligiousEd@ollchurch.org](mailto:ReligiousEd@ollchurch.org)

### S.A.G.E.

661-3224

(Senior Advocates for  
Growth and Enrichment)

**email:**

[Sage@ollchurch.org](mailto:Sage@ollchurch.org)

## Parish Outreach

### Outreach Office Hours

Monday through Friday from 9:30 AM until 3:30 PM.  
For information/assistance call 661.9262.  
Scrip is sold in Parish Outreach during office hours.

### Home Care

If you need help at home—home companion or child care—please call Parish Outreach at 661.9262.

### Our Lady of Lourdes Bereavement

Our parish support group for those who have lost a loved one—  
If interested, please call the Parish Outreach Office at 661.9262.



## The Giving Tree

Parish Outreach would like to thank everyone who helped make our "Giving Tree 2005" such a success.

We would especially like to thank the students of OLL School and our Religious Education program for all that they have done to prepare the "Giving Tree" and their generosity to the children. We also extend a special thank you those volunteers who began preparations shortly after Labor Day.

Mostly we would like to thank our parishioners for your donations of gifts and certificates. Because of your generosity we were able to help 93 families in our parish area. In addition, we were able to help any children from other churches and institutions.

Everyone pitched in and together we became a community who reached out to Jesus' special people, those in need.

## Restoring the Covenant

“We are asked to examine our lives and to reflect on how we are living the Gospel call to love and care for each other, and not to forget the least of these.”

*New York’s Catholic Bishops in Restoring the Covenant*

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**Living God’s Covenant with the Poor On Long Island:  
Stories of Hope and Support**

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***Living God’s Covenant with the Poor in the  
Parish of St. Joseph the Worker, East Patchogue:  
Emmanuel Made Visible***

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*by Joan McGay, Parish Social Ministry Coordinator*

Christmas at St. Joseph the Worker is an exciting, exhausting time, as with most parish outreaches that have a Christmas program for the poor. In order to stretch our resources and eliminate duplication, we network with local agencies and schools. This has helped in many ways. We are better able to provide for our families and enjoy the Holiday giving ourselves.

Each year the volunteers create more ways to make the gift giving process, for so many families, a truly joyous, dignified process. We have created an equitable distribution of gifts that we call “Santa’s Workshop.” We use a classroom in the parish center to display all the gifts. Santa’s “elves” arrange the gifts according to age and sex for ease of selection. Families are sent a letter telling them when to come to select the gifts for their children. Because of the generosity of the parishioners here, each parent was able to select four gifts for each child. We have Confirmation class students entertain and distract the children, if they come with their parents, so the gifts can be packed without the children seeing them. Instead of trying to collect and store turkeys (the dreaded word at Holiday time) we provide supermarket script so that the families can buy their own ethnic foods for their Holiday meal. It is truly Emmanuel made visible here at St. Joseph the Worker.

## Religious Education

... *the place to be*

“Empowering Our Minds and Spirit” during OLL’s Parish Family Jubilee

### Advent ’05

Grades 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9 participated each Sunday at “The SIX” as Lectors, Greeters, lighting the Advent Wreath and bringing/making peanut butter/jelly sandwiches and shampoo, soaps, etc. for the wash-up kits for the needy – Great Kids and Families

Grade 6/7/8 Hangout Night has been “serving” the needy...

- Giving food and paper goods to Parish Outreach
- Giving gloves and hats for adults at the I.N.N. at St. Francis DeSales in Patchogue
- Decorated wreaths for our families receiving Christmas gifts
- Participation in our Jubilee Celebration... especially for “Celebrating our Story... One Faith, Many Traditions” to be held Pentecost Sunday, June 4, 2006...  
WAIT TIL YOU SEE what our sixth, seventh and eighth graders have planned dances, decorations, etc., all sharing our Parish Families’ various backgrounds...
- Next Grade 6/7/8 Hangout Night – Friday, January 20, 2006 – Come join us  
Grade 7 service projects are happening...
- Hosting refreshments for the Mass of Remembrance with our Ministry of Consolation
- Help with Stewardship Weekends for our parish
- Packaged and gave out bread Thanksgiving Day with our Liturgy Committee, set up for Christmas Liturgies and organized our missalettes
- Helped make wash-up kits with Social Action
- Put Advent Tags on our Parish Giving Tree for Parish Outreach and helped organize Christmas presents

## St. Bernard League



The winter months can be a stressful and tough time for many in our parish community. Our parish’s youth community and Social Action Group have created a special group

***-The Saint Bernard League-***

to help with shoveling for our parishioners in need throughout the winter months.

### ***How does this work?***

When it snows – “your” Saint Bernard will call you to see if you are in need of help. If you need their services, you will set up a convenient time and your Saint Bernard will shovel for you and your family.

### ***Do you want to be a Saint Bernard?***

We are in need of individual parishioners and parish families to be “Saint Bernards” to those in need within our parish community. If you want to become an OLL Saint Bernard, just call the Parish Office at 661.3224 and leave your name and phone number or e-mail to [jsureau@ollchurch.org](mailto:jsureau@ollchurch.org).

### ***Do you need the services of our OLL Saint Bernards?***

If you would like to be included on the list of parishioners who may need the services of our OLL Saint Bernard League volunteers, please call the Parish Office at 661.3224 or email to [jsureau@ollchurch.org](mailto:jsureau@ollchurch.org).



## Christmas

Christmas morning! For parents, much planning and preparation has taken place for this morning. Gifts have been purchased and wrapped, meals cooked, cards and letters have been sent. But most importantly, we take the time to gather our families and join each other in celebration of this blessed day with our “other” family - our pastor and the other members of our church. He is our shepherd, and we are his flock.

In the Gospel of Luke, shepherds of that day 2,000 years ago were told of a savior born in Bethlehem. The angels proclaiming this good news had told them this great joy would be for all people; their mission, it can be said, would be to ensure this good news was shared. And share it they did! After visiting the manger, they returned praising God to all who would listen; a savior had been born, the Christ-child Jesus.

It should never be lost on us that Jesus was born of poor parents in a simple stable, and humble shepherds were the first witnesses. The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us that the church never tires of singing the glory of this night. (CCC 525) For it is in this simple yet elegant glory that we remember God’s gift to us on Christmas was Jesus himself. Today, amidst all of the celebrations and meals and family gatherings, let’s listen to our shepherd proclaim the good news of the arrival of Jesus Christ. (c) 2006 Liturgical Publications Inc

### Readings for the Week of December 25, 2005

- Sunday:** *Vigil:* Is 62:1-5/ Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25  
or 1:18-25  
*Midnight:* Is 9:1-6/ Ti 2:11-14/ Lk 2:1-14  
*Dawn:* Is 62:11-12/ Ti 3:4-7/ Lk 2:15-20  
*Day:* Is 52:7-10/ Heb 1:1-6/ Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
- Monday:** Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/ Mt 10:17-22
- Tuesday:** 1 Jn 1:1-4/ Jn 20:1a, 2-8
- Wednesday:** 1 Jn 1:5-2:2/ Mt 2:13-18
- Thursday:** 1 Jn 2:3-11/ Lk 2:22-35
- Friday:** Sir 3:2-7, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3  
or Col 3:12-21 or Col 3:12-17  
or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/ Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40
- Saturday:** 1 Jn 2:18-21/ Jn 1:1-18
- Next Sunday:** Nm 6:22-27/ Gal 4:4-7/ Lk 2:16-21

# Give A Gift That Keeps On Giving

*Ways that you can support OLL now and throughout the year.*

## Support Catholic Education and Become a Classroom Angel

A gift of \$1000 to Our Lady of Lourdes School will support programs of science, technology, and the arts in our award winning Catholic School. Your name will be engraved on a plaque over the door to the classroom of your choice for a whole year!

## Memorials

Sacred Vessels and Vestment sets for the use of our priests here at OLL can be donated in memory of loved ones.

- Priest or Deacon Stole: \$300
- Priest Vestments for Mass: \$500
- Chalices for Eucharistic Ministry on Sunday: \$750
- Ciboria for Eucharistic Ministry on Sunday: \$ 750
- Priest Chalice for Daily Mass: \$1000

## Be part of the Fr. Joe Lukaszewski Walk of Life

A gift of \$150 will purchase an engraved brick in the Fr. Joe Garden and support the many ministries and programs here at OLL.

## Help Fund a Project

Improvements are needed to our Rectory Office space. To make a contribution to this project please contact the rectory.

## Landscaping

We always need to replace trees and shrubs around our property.

## Put Your Business to Work for OLL

- If you are a licensed *electrician/landscaper* the Father Joe Garden needs conduit, concrete support footings, and the installation of lights on the paths in the garden. Please contact the business office for details.
- If you are an experienced *cabinetmaker* you can help us with improvements to our parish bulletin boards in the Narthex and entranceways to our church.
- If you are an experienced *mason* you can help us with repairs and improvements to the brick walk at the front of our church.
- If you are an *arborist* we need an experienced person to help maintain the trees and shrubbery on our parish grounds.
- Are you a *painter*? You may be able to help us with our maintenance and with helping to supervise volunteers.

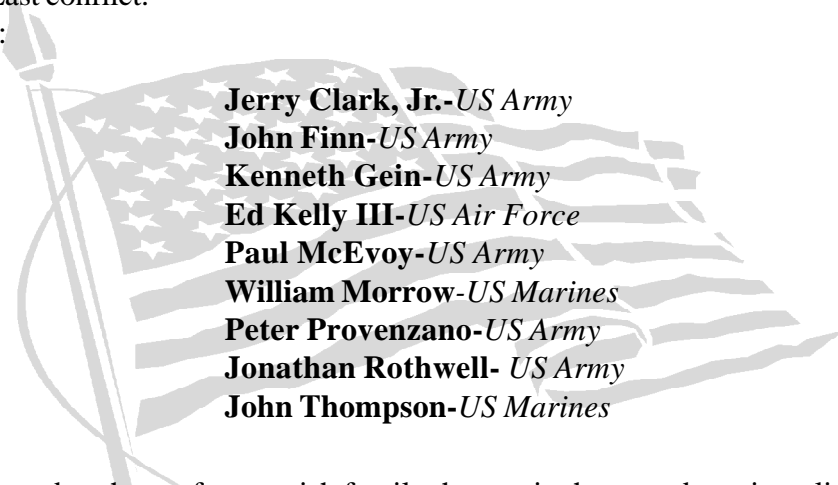
**Do you have a skill we can use but it isn't listed here?**

*Call us... we will put you to work for God and our community*

## 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:



**Jerry Clark, Jr.-US Army**

**John Finn-US Army**

**Kenneth Gein-US Army**

**Ed Kelly III-US Air Force**

**Paul McEvoy-US Army**

**William Morrow-US Marines**

**Peter Provenzano-US Army**

**Jonathan Rothwell- US Army**

**John Thompson-US Marines**

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

## Contemplative Outreach of Long Island/Queens

Presentation of *“The Wisdom of Fr. Basil Pennington”* given by Fr. Carl Arico. Fr. Basil Pennington, o.c.s.o. was one of the founding fathers of the Centering Prayer movement along with Fr. Thomas Keating. His wisdom of the spiritual life and Contemplative Prayer will be discussed by his friend and co-author, Fr. Carl Arico. Join us for this enlightening day of prayer and presentation. The presentation will take place on Saturday, January 14, 2006 at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in West Islip. The presentation will be held in the Parish Center from 9:30 AM until 3:30 PM. The donation is \$30. Coffee and bagels will be provided in the morning. Please bring a bag lunch. For further information, please call Diane Garretson at 631.587.0966.

## Altar Servers

Training for new altar servers will now take place in January.

If you're interested in becoming an altar server and have not already signed up, you can contact the Parish Office at 661.3224 or e-mail to [jsureau@ollchurch.org](mailto:jsureau@ollchurch.org)

## Help Wanted

Security person needed for evenings and weekends here at Our Lady of Lourdes. If you are interested, please call Tony at 661.3224.

## Support Groups

### Alcoholics Anonymous

Monday and Tuesday at 8 PM and Saturday at 7 PM in Lourdes Hall-convent lower level.

### ALANON

Each Wednesday at 10 AM in Lourdes Hall-convent lower level.



# Sharing the Gospel

Have you ever seen your birth certificate? It is a special piece of paper, because it tells who you are, who your parents are, where you were born, and when to celebrate your birthday. In today's Gospel reading, Joseph traveled all the way to Bethlehem with Mary, to put their names on King David's family list. While they were there, it was time for the greatest King to be born. We know who he is-Jesus, God's Son.



## Prayer

Dear God,



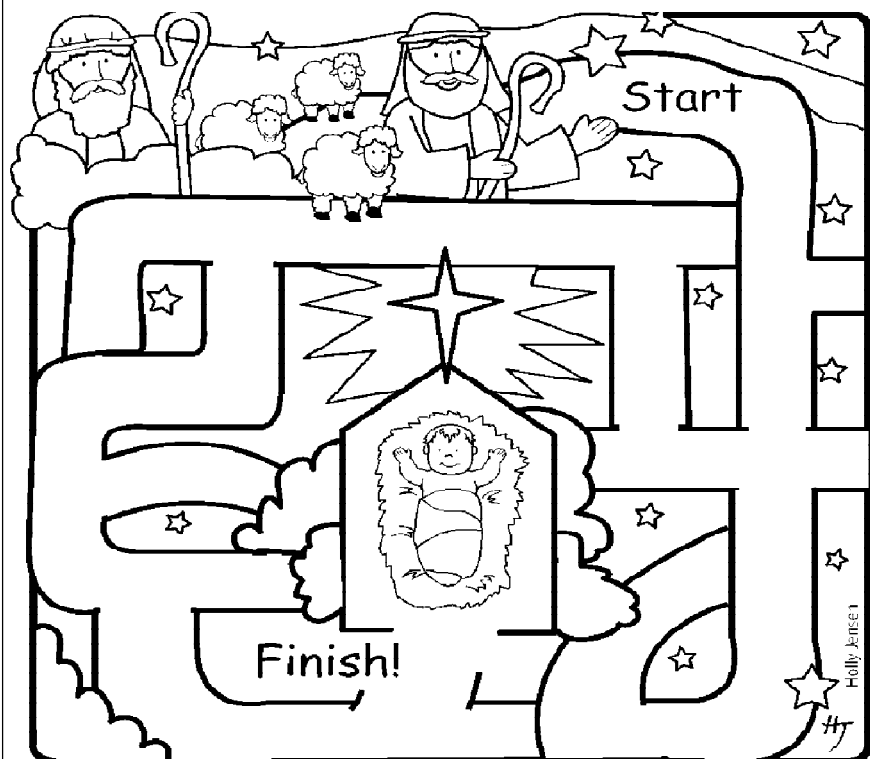
Thank you for sending Jesus into the world, and thank you for making me your own special child. In Jesus' name,

Amen.



## Maze

Help the shepherds find the baby Jesus in the maze below.



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## Mission for the Week

Ask your parents if you can see your birth certificate.

Talk about why records like this are so important.