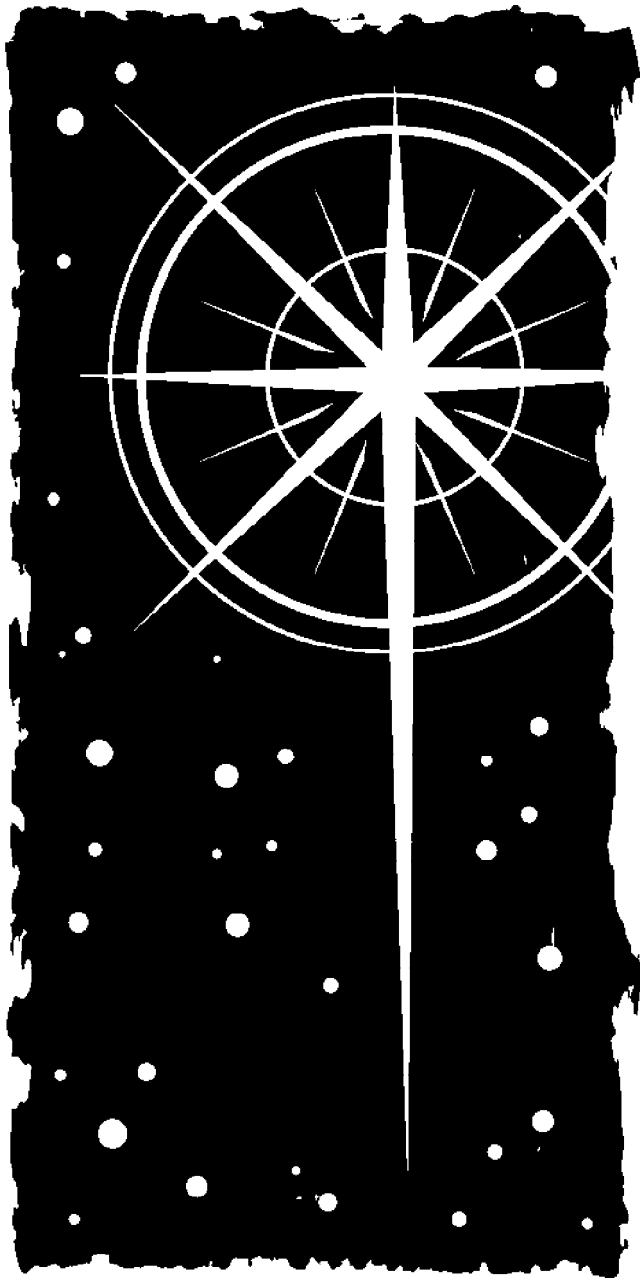


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They were
overjoyed at
seeing the star,
and on entering
the house they
saw the child
with Mary his
mother.

Then they opened their treasures and offered
him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Matthew 2:10-11

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Our Lady of Lourdes

455 Hunter Avenue
West Islip, New York 11795

Pastoral Team

Rev. Michael A. Vetrano

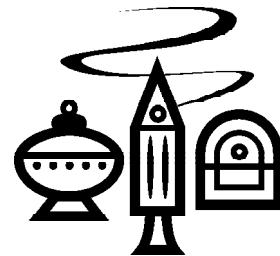
Pastor

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

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Sr. Nancy Campkin

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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

Give A Gift That Keeps On Giving

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

Help Fund a Project

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

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

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!

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.

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.

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

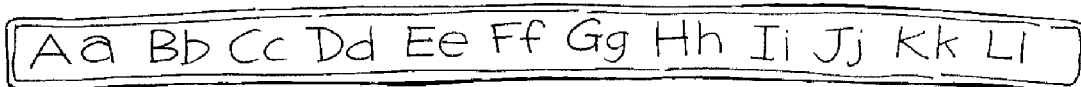
Do you have a skill we can use but it isn't listed here?

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

A Catholic Education builds
character, compassion and values

Our Lady of Lourdes School

A school to believe in, a place to call home
Let us show you why we are special



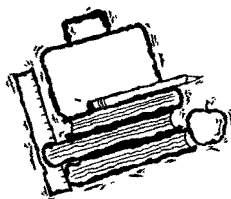
Visit our Open House

Sunday January 22, 2006

10:30 AM-12:00 PM



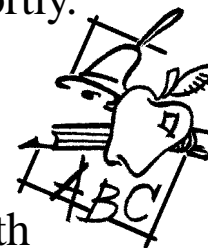
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or visit us at www.ollschool.org

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Our Jubilee Year 2005-2006

Envisioning Our Future

Planning In Four Principal Areas of Parish Life

- Liturgy
- Evangelization
- Arts & Education
- Social Outreach

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.

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.

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.

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. Fee: \$15 (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.)

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/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.

Rest In Peace

Mildred Perrone

John J. Malone

Lorraine Dearing

Nicholas Capozzi



Financial Summary

Christmas-December 25, 2005

Weekly Collection	\$ 63,338.00
Budgeted Amount	-\$ 55,000.00
+/- for the week	\$ 8,338.00

January 1, 2006

Weekly Collection	\$ 17,258.00
Weekly Budget	-\$ 21,000.00
+/- for the week	\$ (3,742.00)

Solemnity of Mary-January 1, 2006

Weekly Collection	\$ 5,105.00
Budgeted Amount	-\$ 4,500.00
+/- for the week	\$ 605.00

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 contact the Parish Office.

Remembering...

Monday, January 9

Baptism of the Lord

8:00 AM Miriam Hattemer

Tuesday, January 10

8:00 AM Vita J. Kelly

Wednesday, January 11

8:00 AM Charlotte Quinn

Thursday, January 12

8:00 AM Margaret Little

Friday, January 13

St. Hilary, doctor

8:00 AM Lawrence F. Kelly, Sr. , Raymond T. Kelly and Robert J. Kelly

Saturday, January 14

8:00 AM Anna Nosarzewski, Concetta Petrucci, Vincent McCarthy, Lois Zelli,
Lennard Mohabeer, Dorothy Hague, Rosa Colella, Mary Franziska,
Dorothy Barron, Samantha Passante, Joseph Spiezio, Jr.

5:00 PM Roy Acquista

Fr. Mike Vetrano

Sunday, January 15

8:00 AM Edward and Hedwig Marczak

Fr. Mike Vetrano

9:30 AM Rose Filangeri

Fr. Ed Dowling

11:00 AM Patrick Manning, Dorothy and Joseph Boening

Fr. Nestor Watin

12:30 PM Helen Tryon

Fr. Bob Scheckenback

6:00 PM People of the Parish, Kenneth Meyer, In honor of Sacred Heart of Jesus,
Rose Siminelli, Mathew Lambiase, James Carroll, Fred Ansman,
Florence Gilbride, Laura Pollaro, Richard Going, Danielle Rose Scarpetta,
Georgiana McNulty, John Morley, Thomas Wepler

Fr. Stan Chukwube

Altar Society

Marie Cirone

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.

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, Madeline Hopper, Alexis Karniewich,
Mike Lorento, Benjy Margulies, Baby Olivia Nicole Martone, Peter McCann, Sr.,
Arabella Elizabeth McCarthy, Peter Murray, Joseph Ninivaggi, Nichole O'Connor,
Kathy Pinto, Joe Radosti, Rose Serragano, Frances Torina, Rosemary Van Acker,
Loretta Vitale, Mary Walsh, Ruth Wilson*

Our Lady of Lourdes School

587-7200

Monday-Friday: 9 AM - 3 PM

email: ReginaC@ollschoool.org

Religious Education

Office

661-5440

Monday-Friday: 9 AM - Noon

1 PM - 5 PM

7 PM - 9 PM

email: ReligiousEd@ollchurch.org

Parish Office

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Monday-Friday: 9 AM - 7:30 PM

Saturday: 9 AM - 3 PM

Sunday: 9 AM - 2 PM

email: ParishOffice@ollchurch.org

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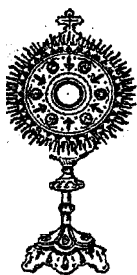
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and Enrichment)

email: Sage@ollchurch.org



Daytime Eucharistic Devotion

The afternoon adoration for the month of January will be on **Wednesday, January 11 from 1-3 PM**. All are invited and welcome! We will be praying for peace in our families and peace in the world. Bring a friend!

Jesus, King of All Nations Prayer Group

The Jesus, King of All Nations Prayer Group meets each Thursday afternoon in the Church. The meeting is from 3 PM until 4 PM in front of the Blessed Sacrament.

OLL Holy Name Society

The OLL Holy Name Society will once again be holding its "Annual Coat Drive" following all Masses this weekend January 7/8, 2006.

Please bring all coats, including children's coats, to the All-Purpose Room after all Masses this weekend.

Thank you for your generosity.



School News



The School Mass for the month of January will be celebrated on **Monday, January 9 at 9 AM**. The Mass will be hosted by our fourth grade students. All are invited and welcome!

Please consider supporting our school's SCRIP program. The SCRIP desk is located in the OLL School Lobby.

The SCRIP desk hours are Monday and Wednesday, 12 PM - 2:45 PM, Thursday 12:30 PM - 2:45 PM, Friday, 12 noon - 3:15 PM and Sunday after the 9:30 AM Mass.

In-stock items are available immediately and orders placed by 10AM Monday will be available for pickup on Friday or thereafter.

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

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

Living God’s Covenant with the Poor in the Parish of St. Hugh of Lincoln, Huntington Station: Doing God’s Work Together

by Fran Leek, Parish Social Ministry Coordinator

There were approximately 30 homeless men living in a wooded area in our town. After much intervention by several agencies, it was decided that the local churches might help handle this problem. Many congregations of different denominations joined together to provide temporary shelter and food to these people during the coldest days of the winter. The whole process was a great example of God’s work.

In another situation, I recently had a client named Louise who, together with her four children, was living in a shelter not far from our Outreach. She had been a victim of domestic abuse and was currently homeless. Having lost almost everything, her home, her job and her self worth, she came to us in a last, desperate attempt to salvage what she had left. That turned out to be all of her children’s belongings that had been in storage.

Everything was to be auctioned off in a few days because her husband had refused to continue to pay the storage bill unless she returned the children to him. With a little help from some friends, we managed to remove everything from storage and saved this family’s belongings. Once again God heard our call.

Stewardship in Action



Sunday, December 18 was a busy day here at OLL with “Stewardship” evident in all parts of our community throughout the day.

“The Six Committee” and Social Action Group organized our parishioners as they prepared over **500 wash up kits** that were donated to Hospitality Too Soup Kitchen in Brentwood and various homeless shelters in New York City! The 5-9th grade students shared their treasure by donating needed items throughout Advent.

Behind the scenes were the members of Art and Environment Ministry preparing our Church with the wonderful sights and scents of Christmas. Their gifts of time and talent were put to use attending to every detail, like arranging, with love, our Crèche, placing every poinsettia and adjusting every tree light. All done to enhance our place of worship.



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.



OLL Thrift Shop

OLL Thrift Shop has closed. This Thrift Shop, founded primarily to collect clothes and items to give to the poor, has closed its door. The limited space and remoteness of the shop taxed the efforts of our volunteers. Despite this, our “Thrift Shop Angels” persevered and did a great job! We would like to take this opportunity and thank all who donated items over the years.

We especially want to thank our “Thrift Shop Angels”: *Lucille Abbate, Marie Brigandi, Peggy Cornell, Mary DeVivo, Alberta Firth, Connie Foglia, Patty Heuwetter, Terry Lodespoto, Fran Owen, Dolores Tompko and Peggy Yezek.*



The Epiphany of the Lord

Baptismal fonts are unique to every church. Some are small, made of brass or stone and kept near the altar. Others are deep vessels, often marble, near the entrance to the worship center. And some parishes have fonts large enough for the traditional three immersion baptisms. Regardless of the size or material of the baptismal font, it is the holy water contained therein which serves to remind us of our gift of the Holy Spirit, our adoption into the family of faith that is the Catholic Church.

In today's Gospel reading, Matthew relates the story of the Magi following a star to discover the Christ. They offered gifts and did him homage as he was shown to them. The Epiphany is the feast of the manifestation of Christ, just as he was made manifest at the River Jordan at his baptism, and in his first miracle at the wedding feast of Cana.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us that baptism is the sacrament of faith. (CCC 1253) However, faith without a community of believers cannot exist. Each week, we gather as a community to remember the promise of our baptism to make Christ manifest in our very lives. Whether we were baptized in small brass fonts or large marble vessels, the gift of the Holy Spirit is given to us to help us set out on the journey of faith, following Christ, the true light, and making him known to the world.

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Readings for the Week of January 8, 2006

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/ Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/ Mt 2:1-12

Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7
or Is 55:1-11
or Acts 10:34-38
or 1 Jn 5:1-9/ Mk 1:7-11

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20,
or 1 Sm 1:1-8 and 1 Sm 1:9-20/ Mk 1:21-28,
or Mk 1:14-20 and Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/ Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/ Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/ Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/ Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/ 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/ Jn 1:35-42

Support Groups

Alcoholics Anonymous

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

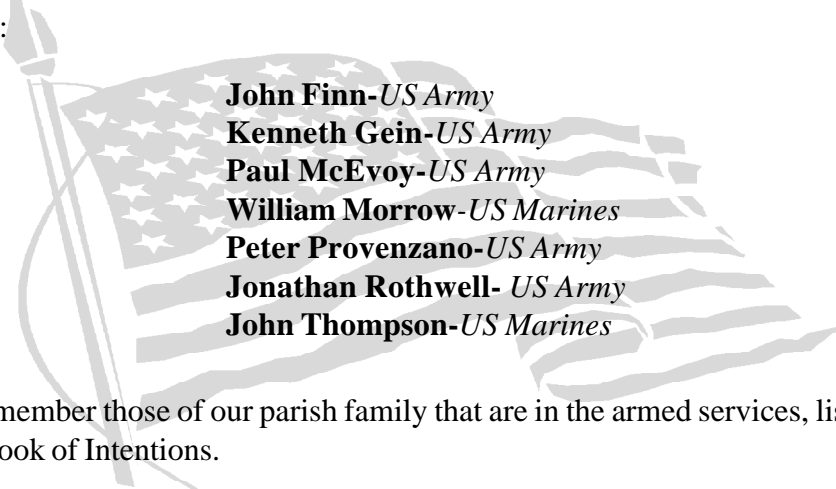
ALANON

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

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:



John Finn-*US Army*
Kenneth Gein-*US Army*
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.

Our whole parish family rejoices with the Clark family in gratitude for the safe return of their son from active duty. **Jerry Clark, Jr.**- *US Army* returned home just before Thanksgiving Day. We thank you Jerry for your generous service to our country.

In addition, our whole parish family rejoices with the Kelly family in gratitude for the safe return of their son from active duty.

Sr. Master Sergeant Ed Kelly has also returned home. We thank you Ed for your generous service to our country.

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.

The Long Island Catholic Sunday

Are you receiving our diocesan newspaper?

Today is The Long Island Catholic Sunday, the day each year when we ask you to help our parish cover the cost of sending the paper to parishioners. The price is just \$20—less than 40 cents a week for 52 issues delivered to your home. We in the parish use the money you donate to help pay our TLIC bills, so please make checks payable to Our Lady of Lourdes.

If you are not currently getting the paper, be sure to print your name and complete address carefully on the back of the envelope when you enclose your contribution and note that it will be a new listing, or give the parish office a call at 661.3224 to be sure you're put on the TLIC list. If you forgot your envelope, you can mail it or drop it at the rectory, or bring it with you to Mass next week.

Marriage Preparation

Marriage Preparation Leadership Series 1

Helping the parish community prepare couples for "Marriage in Christ" at St. Frances de Chantal, Wantagh on Thursday evenings from 7:30 PM until 10 PM on January 12, 26, February 2 and 9, 2006. Fee is \$65 per couple. Pre-registration is required. For information, please call 516.678.5800, ext 206.

Retrouvaille

Retrouvaille is a program for marriages that are in trouble. It offers a lifeline to couples suffering with relationship problems. No group discussions. The program will help you rediscover each other, examine your life and learn to communicate more effectively. Six post-weekend sessions provide continued support. The next weekend will be held at Montfort Missions, Bay Shore on January 13-15, 2006. For information and registration, please call 1.800.470.2230.

St. Therese Prayer Society for Vocations

As a member of the St. Therese Payer Society for Vocations, you commit yourself to praying in a special way for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. There are no dues and no meetings, only the promise of your prayers. If you are interested in becoming a member, please contact the Vocation Office at 631.424.9888 or email us at vocations@drvc.org.

Position Available

Paralegal/administrative assistant in the Office of Facilities and Risk Management with the Diocese of Rockville Centre.

Seeking an experienced paralegal to provide administrative and professional support in the area of Legal Compliance and Regulatory Affairs. Will maintain records, filing systems and associated databases;prepare and review contracts and leases; and coordinate meeting scheduling and agenda.

Qualifications:College graduate with preference for Certificate in Paralegal studies;2-5 years law office and/or legal department experience;proficient in MS Office and database maintenance;experience in handling clients/customers on a day to day basis.

Sharing the Gospel

Have you ever gone on a treasure hunt? As you find clues along the way, it can be so exciting. In today's Gospel reading, some wise men were on a kind of treasure hunt. They wanted to find the newborn king. They had clues, they followed the star, and finally they traveled to Bethlehem to find their treasure-Jesus. They had come so far, and they found him! They gave royal gifts to Jesus, and they adored their new king.



Prayer

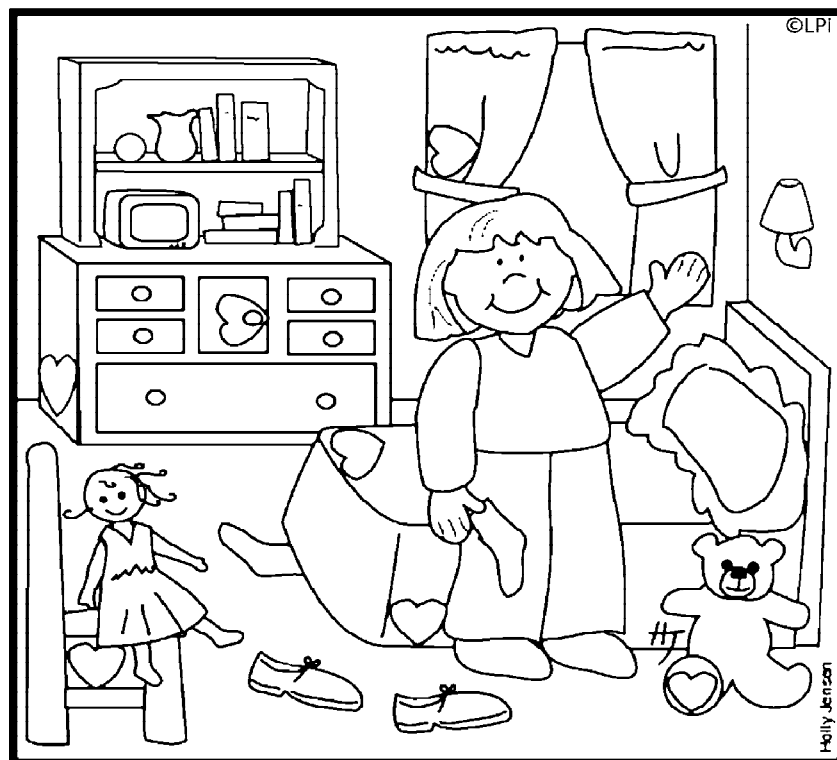


Dear God,
 help me to love Jesus as much as the wise men did.
 Help me to be willing to give up my time and my
 gifts to show my love for him.



Hidden Pictures

Ann is making her parents and Jesus happy. She is cleaning her room on her own. Find 7 hidden hearts in the picture.



Mission for the Week

As a family,
 talk about
 how you can
 make ways to
 give more of
 your time, and
 more of your
 gifts, to love
 Jesus.