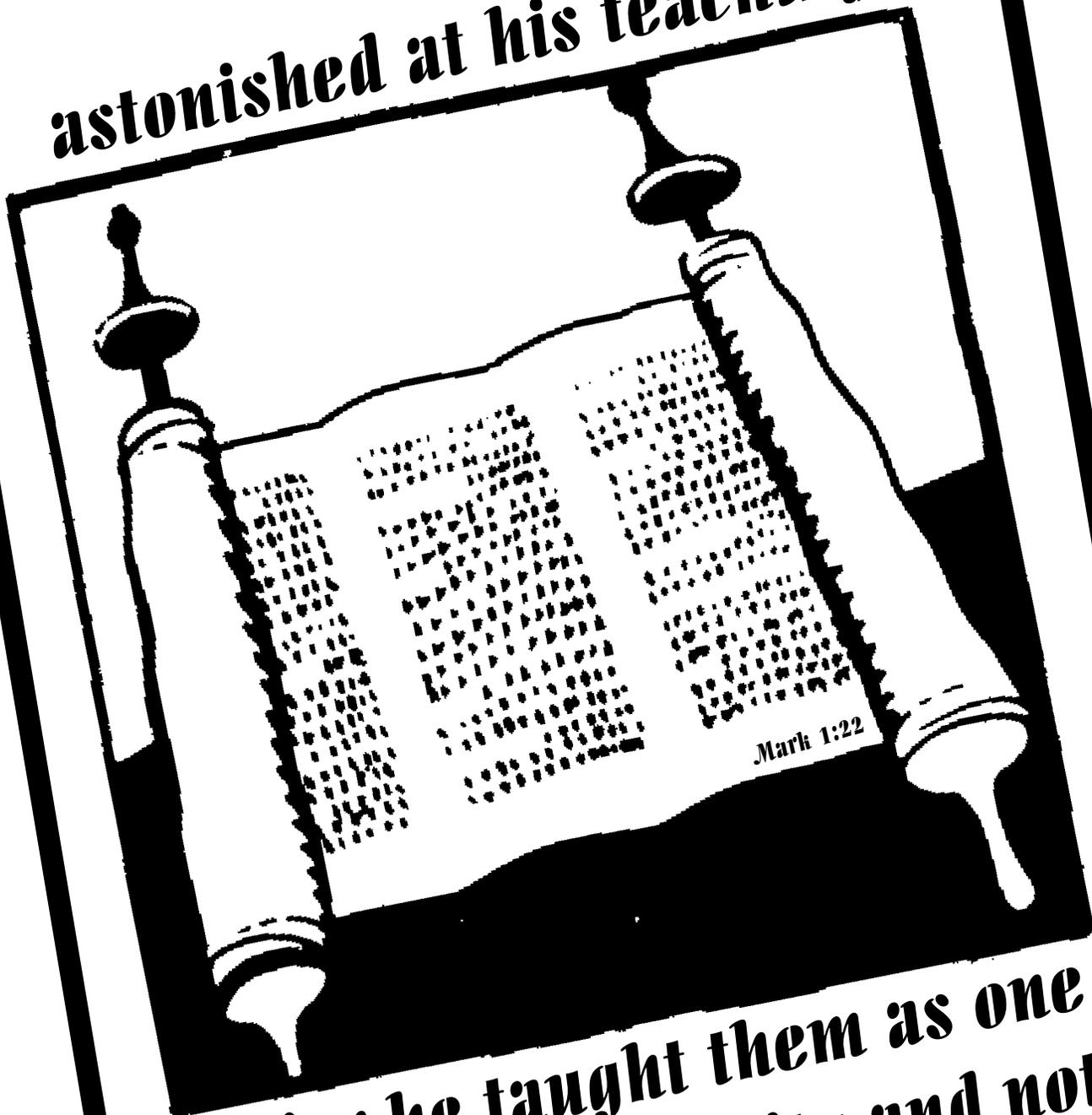


Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 29, 2006

**The people were
astonished at his teaching,**



**for he taught them as one
having authority and not
as the scribes.**

Our Lady of Lourdes

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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

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Regina Ann Cioffi

School Principal

Jennifer Gallagher

Director of Youth Services

Carol M. Goetz

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Sr. Diane Liona

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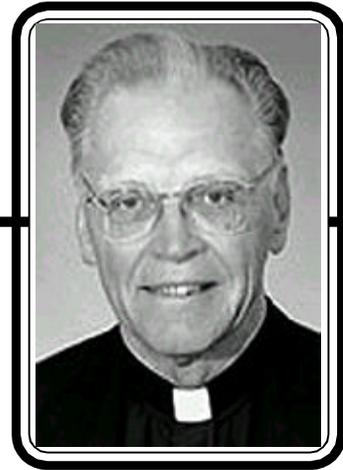
Rita Spera

Religious Education Office



Our Jubilee Year 2005-2006

Parish History Project



On **Tuesday, February 7**, Our Lady of Lourdes welcomes Bishop Emil Wcela who will open our Parish History Lecture Series. Our Parish History Lecture Series will be evenings to explore different aspects of our past 50 years at Our Lady of Lourdes Church. We hope to record these evenings as part of our history archive project.

Bishop Wcela opens the series with a presentation at **7:30 PM in the Parish Center**. His presentation, “**Roots: How the Church of the 50’s Formed Us,**” will discuss the traditions of our church and the years that led up to the Second Vatican Council.

After Bishop Wcela’s talk parishioners will have an opportunity to share their memories of life at OLL in the 50’s and even to have those memories recorded for future generations.

Also, look for details in the next few weeks about upcoming Parish History Events, some of which include:

- The Times They Are a’Changing: Emergence of Lay Leadership and the Post Vatican Church
- From Socials to Social Action: the Development of the Church’s Role in Social Justice Issues
- We Didn’t Start The Fire:

The Historical Events That Formed Our World and Our Church During the Past 50 Years

Between Now and Forever

Celebrate our 50th Jubilee!

As part of our year-long series of events celebrating the many facets of ministry, you are cordially invited to experience the healing which flows from understanding the many dimensions of grief and loss...

“Between Now and Forever” a *multimedia project on Loss, Grief and Transcendence presented by Cindy Pickard*. Twenty-five large, framed pieces weave together the heartfelt stories, photos, poetry and artwork of a number of people who have experienced a significant loss. Among these is the story of our own parishioner, Matthew Rogan, whose father was killed on September 11. This exhibit will be on display in the **Parish Center Saturday, February 11 and Sunday February 12.**

Elaine Stillwell, Diocesan Coordinator for Bereavement Services, will be the keynote speaker for a “Healing of the Heart” seminar, designed to provide education, sharing and renewal.

Individual workshops will include topics of interest to parents who have lost children, widows and widowers, adults who have lost a parent, as well as persons experiencing the loss of a relationship or those companioning loved ones to the next stage of life.

Upcoming Event

Readers Theatre

Readers Theatre is a form of dramatic presentation in which short plays are presented with minimal sets and costumes. It’s easy and fun!

Our first Readers Theatre presentation will be in early February and will be for teens and adults. Readers Theatre for children will be held in March.

The workshop will be held on Saturday, February 11 from 10 AM until 1 PM in the OLL School cafeteria. For more information/registration contact Sr. Diane at sdiane@ollchurch.org or call 661.6350.

Empowering Our Minds and Spirit

Pilgrimage to Lourdes

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!

Catholic Schools Week

Last week, we celebrated Catholic Schools Week here at Our Lady of Lourdes! What a great week it was!

Catholic Schools Week began with at 9:30 AM Mass followed by our school "Open House." The week included many celebrations and fun activities-Eighth Grade Pin Ceremony, Teacher Appreciation Day, Parent vs. Teacher Annual Volleyball Game, assembly, movies, popcorn and ice cream. Let's not forget our annual trek to the Poconos for skiing and snow tubing. A great week for our school and parish community.



In Catholic Schools - A 'higher' education begins right from the start!

This weekend, the Diocesan Education Collection will be taken up.

This collection supports the work of catholic education throughout our diocese and one half this collection will be returned to Our Lady of Lourdes.

We have read throughout the past few years of the challenge to keep Catholic elementary schools open – particularly in areas that primarily service the poor and marginalized. This is a clear effort made by our Diocese to serve and care for our youth! Please support this effort in any way you can, but particularly in today's second collection.

Catholic Schools are an important part of the educational mission here at OLL and throughout the diocese. Here are some additional opportunities for all of us to support Catholic Education.

Special Gifts — Classroom Angels

For a gift of \$1000 from a person or group you can become a classroom angel for a whole year. Your name or a memorial inscription will be placed over the door of one of our classrooms as a reminder of your generous gift.

School Scrip

Scrip is sold throughout the year on Sunday mornings and also on school days in the school. Purchasing Scrip as gifts or for your own day to day purchases costs you nothing and benefits special programs in Our Lady of Lourdes School.

OLL Alumni Event

Our Lady of Lourdes Alumni Association is in the process of planning an **Alumni Ski Trip** for **February 4** to **Windham Mountain** in upstate NY. The ski trip is open to all alumni and their families. Cost for this day trip will be between \$118 - \$128 which includes ski rentals, transportation and lift ticket. We will leave from in front of Our Lady of Lourdes School. If you are interested, please contact Rich Maher at tipperar@aol.com

Winter - A Season of Waiting

An evening of prayer and spiritual strength for all of us.

Sometimes life itself can feel like winter, cold, hard, unyielding.

A problem that we have yet to find a solution for

Being in the middle of an illness

Waiting for news

Looking for a job

Hoping for change



Winter

Like winter these times can seem endless and God can even seem absent.

But the Winters of our lives can also be times of expectant waiting - times of special closeness to God.

Come to this evening to learn how we can warm up the winters of our lives by learning their spiritual meaning.

The evening will be hosted by the **Ministry of Family Healing on Monday, January 30 at 7:30 PM in the Parish Center.** Please call the Religious Education office to register at 661-5440.

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

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.

Religious Education to the “RESCUE”

This month has seen our parish’s Confirmation candidates take a big step in their journey to receiving the Sacrament this Fall. Together, with their sponsors, they participated in “RESCUE” – **Religious Education Sponsor Candidate United Effort**.

This night of prayer and reflection provided them with an opportunity to learn about their new roles as sponsors and candidates, hear personal reflections about what it means to be a sponsor and commit to take a more active role in this process.

Each evening concluded with a special “Signing of the Senses” as we asked the Confirmation sponsors to make the sign of the cross on their candidate’s sense – seeking God’s blessing on every way they encounter the world. Let’s continue to pray for our parish’s Confirmation candidates – particularly as we celebrate this Jubilee year!



RCIA

We welcome and pray for our parish’s candidates and catechumens as they began the process of the RCIA this past Sunday! Over the next few months, they will work together, pray together and learn together in preparing to become full members of the Church!

Look in the bulletin for more information about their journey as we introduce them to you and seek your prayers, presence and support! The RCIA calls each of us to be involved. This is a journey – not just for these women and men – but for our entire parish. As they work to put their own faith into action, let’s pray they can be a real witness and inspiration for all of us!

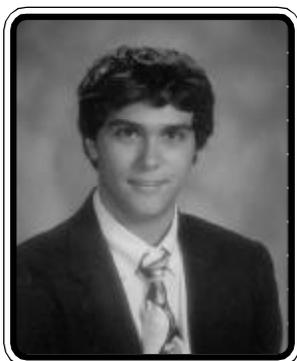
The Six

Have you been to “The Six” lately?

So many have come forward to make this liturgy a special celebration – one filled with great music, great community and a great experience of prayer. We give special thanks to the members of our “Six Committee” who have met, worked and planned some special events and activities!

We have nearly 100 young people who bring life to this liturgy – by serving as ushers, lectors, Extraordinary Ministers, greeters, and assist in so many “behind the scenes” ways...and we are always looking for more people to bring life and energy to this important ministry and Mass. Our next “**Six Committee**” meeting is Sunday, February 12, at 7 PM in the All Purpose Room – all are welcome!

Welcome Aboard!



We are late on this one – but are excited to welcome Mike Abbruscato to the ministry of Sacristan!

Mike is a junior at St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School and is a graduate of Our Lady of Lourdes School. Mike started as a Sacristan this past November and has already brought a great sense of calm, organization and commitment to his work in preparing and bringing our parish’s liturgies and Masses to life.

Please pray for Mike and all of our parish Sacristans and they give witness to the powerful difference young people can make in the life of our Church and our world!

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.

Baptism

Nicholas Daniel Conboy

Daniel and Patrice

Alex Anthony Dabnis

Curtis and Christa

Joseph Salvatore Fioravanti

Joseph and Lishele

Catherine Francis Lyden

Michael and Mary

Alaina Danielle Marrone

Richard and Gina

Michael Nuzzi

Michael and Jennifer

Nicholas Angelo Nuzzi

Michael and Jennifer

Kyle Eric Taub

Eric and Michele

Delaney Rose Vitzthum

Robert and Katherine

Financial Summary

January 22, 2006

Weekly Collection	\$ 19,236.00
Weekly Budget	-\$ 21,000.00
+/- for the week	\$ (1,764.00)

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

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 30

8:00 AM William Kruger

Tuesday, January 31

St. John Bosco, priest

8:00 AM James Peter Olsen

Wednesday, February 1

8:00 AM Angelo and Felicia DeLeo

Thursday, February 2

Presentation of the Lord

8:00 AM Frank DeLeo and Michael DeLeo

Friday, February 3

St. Blaise, bishop, martyr

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

Saturday, February 4

8:00 AM Voice of the Faithful, Maureen A. Parson, Frances Parson, Frederick J. Anzman, Louis Ruocco, Pat Fasano, Rocco Colella, Joseph Lazzara, Michael Bevilacqua, Ann Toronski, Harold Anderson, Albert Montanaro

5:00 PM Michael Worysz

Sunday, February 5

8:00 AM Joseph Rizzo

9:30 AM Richard Schortemeyer

11:00 AM John J. Goode and Joan F. Goode

12:30 PM John Lovari

6:00 PM People of the Parish, John Wallace, Pat Perna, Kenneth Meyer, Robert McGuinness, Jr., Nicholas Capozzi, Jr., Georgianna McNulty, Robert Pioli, Maureen Berdon, Eleanor Spires, Alan Pauze, Edward and Angela Critchley, Jeffrey Conner (L)

Rest In Peace

Eileen Grim

Joan Mastropolo



Upcoming Marriages

Andrea Imbasciani and

Michael Corcoran, both OLL

Diane Mills, OLL and

Erich Brueckmann, Jr.



Altar Society

Nancy Trujillo

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, Frank Cambria, Jerry Castonguay, Mary Derasmo, John Finch, Jason Fisher, Walter Francis, Deborah Grillo, August Grim, Maureen Hitchen, Madeline Hopper, Mary Ellen Jaggi, Alexis Karniewich, Vincent Liguori, Mike Lorento, Benjy Margulies, Baby Olivia Nicole Martone, Peter McCann, Sr., Arabella Elizabeth McCarthy, Kayla Muldoon, Peter Murray, Nichole O'Connor, Joe Radosti, Rose Serragano, Frances Torina, Susan Trifali, AnneMarie Valentino, Rosemary Van Acker, Loretta Vitale, Mary Walsh

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

661-3224

Monday-Friday: 9 AM - 7:30 PM

Saturday: 9 AM - 3 PM

Sunday: 9 AM - 2 PM

email: ParishOffice@ollchurch.org

fax: 661-7143

website: www.ollchurch.org

S.A.G.E.

661-3224

(Senior Advocates for Growth
and Enrichment)

email: Sage@ollchurch.org

2006 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

The 2005 Catholic Ministries Appeal has just begun at Our Lady of Lourdes. This extraordinary endeavor is designed to support the ministries and services of our Parish and Diocese. Your participation provides support to the many programs and services that help further the mission of Jesus Christ here on Long Island.

The funds raised for this most important appeal will support five main areas. One of the areas that receives support are the diocesan parishes. Parishes are the center of the Catholic community and sacramental life for individuals and families. Through parishes, we praise God together, receive sanctity and His many blessings, enjoy fellowship, form our children in faith, provide for those in need and develop our communities. A primary objective of the Catholic Ministries Appeal is to strengthen parishes financially in union with the Diocese.

Each parish will have a target for the Appeal that represents its fair share of the total Diocesan need. Parishes benefit from every dollar raised because the sharing formula enables parishes to dedicate funds to support local projects while supporting Diocesan effort.

Please consider supporting this important initiative as it will help us continue to do the work of the Lord here on Long Island. To show your support for your parish and Diocese, please contact our Parish Office at 661.3224 or tear off and return the pledge card below.



*Touching
the lives
of many
through
Diocesan
& Parish
ministries
and services*

2006 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

P 516.379.5210 ext. 2 F 516.379.5043 e-mail: catholicministries@drvc.org

TO PROVIDE FUNDS I/WE AGREE TO MAKE A GIFT OF:

PLEDGE \$ _____ INITIAL PAYMENT \$ _____ BALANCE \$ _____

If you would like to charge your contribution to your credit card, please check here.

SIGNATURE OF DONOR _____

PARISH OF DONOR _____

Please make checks payable to:
Catholic Ministries Appeal. Thank you for your support.

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 Catholic Charities HIV AIDS Program: Following Poverty

*by Richard Koubek, Administrator
Public Policy Education Network, Catholic Charities*

Long Island is the suburb in the United States with the highest incidence of HIV/AIDS. Of the approximately 7,000 Long Island people with HIV/AIDS, half are white and half are African American or Hispanic. The highest risk groups on Long Island – as elsewhere – are homosexual males and injection drug users. Sadly, the rate of infection among women has quadrupled in the past 18 years. Michael Engrassia, Program Administrator of the Catholic Charities HIV/AIDS center admitted, “For many people, this is a tough population to garner sympathy for because some of them have made bad choices.” But, he added, “Follow poverty and you find HIV/AIDS.”

The Catholic Charities HIV/AIDS center is located in Freeport, a community the New York State Department of Health-AIDS Institute considers a “high-need area” measured by such indicators as infant mortality, HIV infection and drug and alcohol abuse. The center serves about 100 clients, men and women mostly between 40 and 50 years of age.

Among the services offered are general medical care provided by an infectious disease specialist and nursing services such as medication management. It also offers acupuncture, massage therapy, psychiatric services, substance-abuse counseling, nutritional counseling, recreational therapy, pastoral services, an exercise room, computers as well as numerous educational and support groups led by trained counselors.

The center is filled with poignant reminders that AIDS is an awful disease. In one of the counseling rooms, clients created a memorial to their friends in the program who died of the disease. The memorial contains 85 ceramic tiles made by the clients in their recreational therapy program, each tile bearing the name of someone from the Catholic Charities center who died of AIDS: Brian D; Cathy C; Paul G....

Social Action Alert

Join with our parish's "Six Committee" and Social Action Group as we provide peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for those in need **TONIGHT – Sunday, January 29, after "The Six" in the OLL School cafeteria.**

Together let's do great things for those in need in our parish and local communities.

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**.

Nocturnal Adoration

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament follows the 5 PM Mass and concludes with Benediction at 9:50 PM on Saturday, February 4. Come and spend some time in prayer with your parish family before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. We will be praying for the Pope, for religious vocations, and world peace. All are welcome!

SAGE

The SAGE Group (Senior Advocates for Growth and Enrichment) will meet on **Tuesday, January 31 in the Parish Center at 9 AM**. All older parishioners are welcome.

Senior Circle

The **Senior Circle** meets on the last Monday of each month. The next meeting will be held on **Monday, January 30 at 12:30 PM** in the **Parish Center**.

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.



Pantry Needs

canned peas
jelly/preserves
macaroni & cheese
peanut butter
pork & beans
spaghetti sauce
tea
toilet paper
tuna



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Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Have you ever wished that you could end a certain behavior or feeling that you know is hurtful not only to yourself but maybe to others? Perhaps it is a habit that you feel has a tight grip and won't let go. Maybe you even acknowledge a sin or sins in your lifestyle that you know are wrong but can't seem to stop. Many seek the advice of doctors or counselors or friends to end such behavior, but often it continues.

In today's Gospel reading from Mark, we are told of Jesus' first visit to the synagogue, where he is confronted by an unclean spirit within a man. The spirit clearly identifies Jesus as the holy one sent from God, but Jesus orders the spirit to be quiet and to leave the man, which it does. The others in the temple state what we so ardently need to remember - that Jesus Christ has power over any sinful feelings and actions we may exhibit.

We are taught in the Catechism of the Catholic Church that whoever believes in Christ becomes a child of God. (CCC 1709) Quite simply, following Jesus' example allows us to turn away from sinful behaviors. Our holiness will translate into a moral life, which in turn becomes an eternal life in the glory of heaven. Allow Jesus Christ to control and remove whatever it is in your life that you realize doesn't belong.

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Readings for the Week of January 29, 2006

Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/ 1 Cor 7:32-35/ Mk 1:21-28
Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/ Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3/ Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/ Mk 6:1-6
Thursday: Mal 3:1-4/ Heb 2:14-18/ Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
Friday: Sir 47:2-11/ Mk 6:14-29
Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/ Mk 6:30-34
Next Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/ 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/ Mk 1:29-39

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*
- James Stultz**- *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.



The parish family of Our Lady of Lourdes would like to list those in the armed forces on active duty so that we can include them in our prayers. If you would like to include a family member on active duty to our prayer list, please fill out the following:

Name: _____

Branch of Service: _____

or email information to bulletin@ollchurch.org

The Long Island Catholic

There will be some sample copies of our diocesan newspaper, *The Long Island Catholic*, available as you leave Mass today. If you are not already receiving *The Long Island Catholic*, please feel free to take one home with you.

Bishop Murphy's Lenten Vocation Retreat Weekend

March 10-12

We all have a vocation in life. Some are called to be married, and some are called to be single. Others are called to a special vocation, which involves serving the Lord in a special way. They can be called to the Priesthood. To decide what your vocation in life is, it is helpful to pray to the Holy Spirit for discernment. If you are a man, mature high school age or older, interested in a priestly vocation, Bishop William Murphy, along with priests and seminarians of the Diocese of Rockville Centre invite you to join in this weekend retreat. Arrival will be at **5 PM on Friday, March 10 and the retreat will conclude after Mass at noon on Sunday, March 12.** This weekend will offer time for prayer, Mass and socializing along with open discussions of the priesthood. There is no fee to attend but pre-registration is required. For further information or to register please contact the Vocation Office at 631.424.9888 or email to Vocations@drvc.org.

Service Auction

Saint John the Baptist DHS is proud to announce their **7th Annual Service Auction** which will be held on **Friday, February 10 at 7 PM in the Cougar Cafe**. There will be many items to bid on, door prizes, and raffles! Please join us for a fun evening where the proceeds will benefit the students of St. John's. For further information, please call 631.587.8000.

Propagation of the Faith

Mission-Join in the worldwide mission of Jesus...Next weekend, we're invited to join in the worldwide mission of Jesus by joining the Propagation of the Faith. What better way to celebrate this year than to help bring the life-giving message and the love of Christ to millions of the poorest people in the world today? We can do this by praying daily for the missionary work of the Church, offering our personal crosses for missionaries and those they serve, and making financial gift. Each year, 15,000 Masses are celebrated by mission priests for members of the Propagation of the Faith, living and deceased. We are called at baptism to be "missionaries". Please say, "Yes" in this special way next weekend. Envelopes are available for your mission gift. Thank you very much.

Religion & Rock

Tune into "Religion & Rock" with Fr. 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. Next Sunday's theme is: "**Struggles in Life**". Don't forget to tune in!

Visit "Religion & Rock" on the web, www.religionandrock.com. Also watch "Good News with Father Jim" on TELECARE, channel 29, on Mondays and Fridays at 9:45 AM; Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 7:45 PM; Sundays at 8 PM.

Sharing the Gospel

Who is the president of the United States? Who is a popular cartoon character? Most of us can think of someone who is famous-everybody has heard of him or her. In today's Gospel reading, everybody was talking about Jesus. People liked the way he talked about God. Even the evil spirit knew Jesus, and that spirit left when Jesus told it to. People had never met anyone like Jesus before.



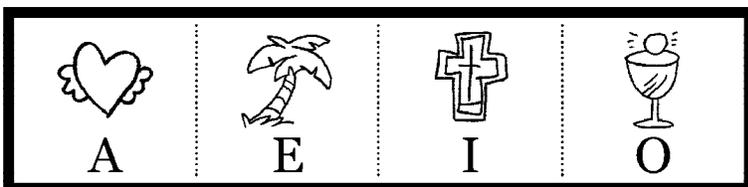
Prayer



Dear God,
 I want everyone to know how special Jesus is.
 Help me to find ways to tell my friends about him.
 In Jesus' name, Amen.



Coded Message



KNOW WHERE YOU
 ARE! YOU ARE
 GOD'S HOLY ONE.

I _____

I know who you are! You are God's Holy One.



Mission for the Week

What makes Jesus different and special?
 Talk about Jesus with your family this week.