

September 10, 2006 • Our Lady of Lourdes • Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time



"He has done all things well."

He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

Mark 7:37

Our Lady of Lourdes

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Pastoral Team

Rev. Michael A. Vetrano
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.

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Associate Pastor

Rev. Robert Scheckenback
Associate Pastor

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Deacon John Teufel

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School Principal

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Sr. Diane Liona
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Religious Education Office
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Parish Office



9/11

A Week of Remembrance

Beginning this weekend, the narthex of our church will become a place of remembrance in honor of those who died in the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. It will become a place where each of us can come to pray for healing and consolation and especially for peace in a world that is still torn by so much war and violence.

We will have memorials to each of our parishioners who gave their lives that day, and there will be a place where you can also bring pictures or memories honoring friends and family who you wish to remember, as well.

Our Memorial will be open every day, and especially during our parish feast. Please feel free to stop by, say a prayer, or light a candle. Our memorial will remain through all Masses on the weekend of September 16 -17. Our Feast Mass will be dedicated to the memory of those who died.

1956 - 2006

**This
is it!**

**Our Lady of Lourdes
Italian Family Feast
September 13 - 17, 2006**

Pay One Price

Ride all rides on
**Wednesday, Thursday
and Sunday
for only \$20**

(purchase Pay One Price
tickets at the feast)

Opens

Wednesday - Friday
at 7 PM
Saturday at 6 PM
Sunday at 2 PM

Super Raffle

Drawing to be held on
Sunday September 17 at 9 PM
Super Raffle tickets are \$100 each

Only 200 tickets being sold!

Advance Tickets

Any six rides for \$12
(average discount of over 50%)

**Tickets good for
any ride/any day.**

Purchase "Advance Tickets" at
the Parish Office Monday through
Friday from 9 AM until 5 PM.

Advance ticket sales end
Monday, September 11.



**Our Lady of Lourdes
Annual Parish
Feast Mass**

**Don't
forget**

**Sunday, September 17
at 12:30 PM**

Our annual parish Feast Mass marks the beginning of our year of prayer and ministry at Our Lady of Lourdes. Each year at this event, we rededicate our parish to the intercession of Our Lady of Lourdes and we ask God's blessing on each of the ministries in our parish.

This year, our celebration is even more important as we celebrate our Jubilee and remember all those who served our parish during these past 50 years. It is also a day which will be dedicated to those who died in the terrorist attacks of September 11, five years ago.

Please help us make this the best Feast Mass ever!
I invite, especially, everyone who is involved in ministry here at Our Lady of Lourdes to be present so that we may honor your work and bless you for the year ahead.

Fr. Mike

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Our Children's Liturgy of the Word is back and stronger than ever!

If you are a young person (or know one) between the ages of 4 and 4th grade, invite them to the 9:30 AM Mass. After the Opening Prayer, children are sent forth with our prayers to study God's word "on their level." They return immediately after the Intercessions and together we celebrate the Eucharist.

Remember, too, if you miss a week – extra "Parent Help" sheets are available on the table across from the Parish Outreach Office. Here you can review how we celebrated Children's Liturgy as well as things you can do to bring that message to life throughout the week!

OLL Youth Choir

OLL Youth Choir needs you!

Our 9:30 AM Mass Youth Choir begins a new year and we would LOVE lots of new members!

Students in Grade 1-high school are welcome! You don't have to have a great voice; you just need to love singing and love to have fun! For more info, email jengallagher@ollchurch.org or call 661.3224 and leave your name and number.

OLL Women's Chorale

OLL Women's Chorale is for really busy people who love to sing!

Do you love to sing, but just can't commit to weekly choir rehearsals? OLL's Women's Chorale is for you! We sing and rehearse just once a month. New members are always welcome! Questions? Email jengallagher@ollchurch.org.

Religious Education

Registration for children in public school entering Grade 1 in September 2006 to be part of Our Lady of Lourdes Religious Education P.E.P. Program.

Family names A - L Monday, September 25 10 AM or 7:30 PM

Family names M - Z Wednesday, September 27 10 AM or 7:30 PM

Meetings will be held in the Parish Center (*room opposite the playground*) and will begin promptly at the designated time.

Please bring the child's Baptism Certificate. There is a Family Fee of \$105 for families new to the program.



parishioners please **NOTE:**

This week our parish feast begins!
Therefore, at all Masses next weekend, September 16 and 17,
parking will be available in the Manetuck School parking lot.
(*elementary school located behind the Church parking lot*)



**Our Lady of Lourdes
50th Anniversary Dinner Dance
November 17, 2006
Southward Ho Country Club**

Beautiful Raffles/ Prizes/ Music/Fellowship

All Are Welcome

Tickets will be going on sale soon!

Tickets will be sold on a first come-first served basis.

Cost: \$100 per person

watch upcoming bulletins for more information...



**Our Lady of Lourdes
50th Anniversary
“Golden Jubilee Journal”**

The ***Golden Jubilee Journal*** will portray Our Lady of Lourdes illustrious parish history of the past fifty wonderful years!

We offer all parishioners and friends an opportunity to express their best wishes, congratulations, or to memorialize loved ones with a journal ad.

If you are interested in placing an ad in our ***Golden Jubilee Journal***, stop by the Parish Office or call 661.3224 for a “Contract”. Fill it out and return it with payment to OLL Church.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please call Mike Abbruscato at 661.3224.

Daily Mass

8 AM

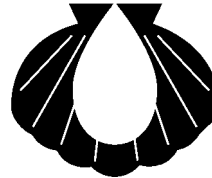
Weekend Masses

Saturday: 5 PM

Sunday: 8 AM, 9:30 AM,
11 AM, 12:30 PM and 6 PM

Reconciliation

Saturday: 4 PM - 4:45 PM



Baptisms

Tristen Philip Mejias
Audra Mejias

Upcoming Marriages

Gina Mauro, OLL and

Ryan Montgomery, St. Joseph's, Babylon

Laura Manzari, St. Patrick's, Bay Shore and

Darren Campanelli, OLL

Jennifer Perri and

Kenneth Jayne, both OLL

Theresa Russo, St. Raymond's, E. Rockaway and

Erwin Arredondo, OLL

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.

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.

**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.

Remembering...

Monday, September 11

8:00 AM World Trade Center victims

Tuesday, September 12

Holy Name of Mary

8:00 AM John Fedorenchik

Wednesday, September 13

St. John Chrysostom, bishop, doctor

8:00 AM John Sweeney

Thursday, September 14

Exaltation of the Holy Cross

8:00 AM Margaret Homann

Friday, September 15

Our Lady of Sorrows

8:00 AM Girolama Caserta

Saturday, September 16

8:00 AM Salvatore Carrano, Joseph Buccola,
Carmela Rettura, Jean Duca,
Christine Dominy, Vincent Barbera,
John Maurice

5:00 PM Peter Mancuso

Fr. Bob Scheckenback

Sunday, September 17

8:00 AM Alfred Slavin

Fr. Stan Chukwube

9:30 AM Ann & Nick Rella

Fr. Ed Dowling

11:00 AM Nicolo DiRico

Fr. Bob Scheckenback

12:30 PM Frances & Vincent Bivona

Fr. Mike Vetrano

6:00 PM People of the Parish, Aidan Williams, Giovanni Taddeo,
Robert, Daniel & Thomas Engle, Donald T. Wolpert,
Maria Zamoyta, Lawrence Zurlo, Gayle Verzi,
John Carney, John Maurice

Fr. Stan Chukwube



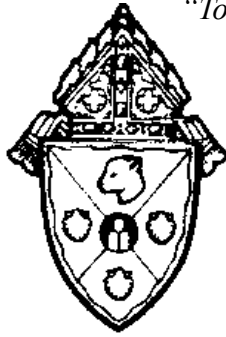
Rest In Peace

Gianfranco Lima

Vincent Barbera

June Cerami

2006 Catholic Ministries Appeal



"Touching the lives of many through Diocesan and Parish Ministries and services."

Parish Status as of August 10, 2006

Parish Goal	\$118,600
Pledged Amount	\$ 93,822
# of Pledges	406
Average Pledge	\$ 231

The 2006 Catholic Ministries Appeal is in full swing here at Our Lady of Lourdes. Thank you to all those parishioners who have responded so generously. 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. 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 our parish and Diocese, please contact our Parish Office at 661.3224.

Financial Summary

August 27, 2006

Weekly Collection	\$ 16,843.00
Weekly Budget	-\$ 21,000.00
+/- for the week	\$ (4,157.00)
Catholic University	\$ 2,196.00

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

Living Liturgy



Eucharistic Etiquette

Msgr. Christopher Heller, Pastor of St. Joseph's Parish in Babylon, recently published an article in *Summit and Source*, our diocesan liturgical newsletter. We're going to reprint excerpts of it in the upcoming weeks. Take some time to reflect on his words and the questions/suggestions that follow:

"Etiquette At The Eucharistic Table – To Help Us Give Thanks And Remember"

When I was growing up, there were various books of etiquette (remember Amy Vanderbilt?) that covered a variety of activities: everything from the way to set a table to the protocol of bringing a gift to someone's house if you were invited to dinner. The Solemn Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ as well as this year's Diocesan Eucharistic Congress got me thinking: what if there were some Etiquette Recommendations for coming to the Lord's Table to receive the Eucharist? What might they be? Here are a few I'd put in:

2. Let's remember to make a commitment to fully participate when we come to celebrate. And let's make it a joy for others as well. For example, as a pastor, I'd want as many of the seats filled as possible. If you've come to church early and want to keep your aisle seat (and not move in), please be gracious in letting others get past you to the empty seats in your row. Also regarding participation: even if we don't have the greatest voice, we're called to sing (or at least hum!) the words. If you're not singing full-voiced, take a step: songs whispered from sincere hearts draw us into the holy mystery of God, whom we seek.

Suggestions for action:

Where do you sit at Mass? Did you ever think of trying a new seat, participating at Mass from a different perspective? Do you sing (or at least hum)? Why or why not? What can we do to encourage that spirit of singing?

Altar Servers - *Serving the Lord with Gladness*

Each week over twenty young people make a commitment to serve this parish community as altar servers! Throughout the upcoming weeks, we'll take some time to hear their reflections on ministry and service. Maybe their words can be an inspiration for each of us!

Biography of an Altar Server - *by Ashley Acompora*

My name is Ashley Acompora and I am ten years old and a fifth grade student at Our Lady of Lourdes School. I have been an altar server for one year. I got involved in altar serving from my school, OLL, and my big sister, Alyssa. I serve because I like a closer participation in Mass. It also increases my spirituality. I become closer to God by doing the work of the church and serving my parish community. I am also very proud to assist the priest in the holy sacrifice of the Mass.



23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Most of us have heard that people who have limited or no function of one or more of their senses will have heightened awareness with other senses. A blind person may have a greater sense of touch or hearing or smell; the deaf will become more aware of visual cues. If we limit or shut out the negative, harmful activities of our everyday lives, think how much more acutely aware we will be of God's love!

A crowd has followed Jesus to the shores of the Sea of Galilee. Wanting to see a miracle for themselves, they implore him to cure a man who is deaf and speaks with an impediment. Although Jesus does cure him, he begs the people not to tell anyone. Why? Perhaps because he wants them to know the miracle is not so much in the action performed, but the belief in our hearts that with Christ, all things are possible.

The faith of our hearts is given to us by the Holy Spirit. Faith in itself is an act of freedom; no one can be forced to be faithful. Although Jesus Christ invited those around him to become faithful through conversion, he never coerced them into believing. (CCC 160) Though our hearts may be capable of many feelings, we must push many aside and become most acutely aware of that greatest feeling, the love which grows through our faith.

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Readings for the Week of September 10, 2006

Sunday:	Is 35:4-7a/ Jas 2:1-5/ Mk 7:31-37
Monday:	1 Cor 5:1-8/ Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday:	1 Cor 6:1-11/ Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday:	1 Cor 7:25-31/ Lk 6:20-26
Thursday:	Nm 21:4b-9/ Phil 2:6-11/ Jn 3:13-17
Friday:	1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/ Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Saturday:	1 Cor 10:14-22/ Lk 6:43-49
Next Sunday:	Is 50:5-9a/ Jas 2:14-18/ Mk 8:27-35

Altar Society

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

Communion Calls

Communion brought to those who are homebound.
Contact the Parish Office at 661.3224.



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 ...

*Pat Bonavita, Patrick Bowers, Carol Brander, Thomas Brennan, Jo Brogan,
Christian Bullock, Brendan Caselli, Regina Cranor, Joseph Cristallo, Fortunata
Durkin, Rose Fabozzi, Jason Fisher, Anne Foote, Daniel Guido,
Anthony Lombardo, Mike Lorento, Benjy Margulies, Diego Marino,
Peter McCann, Sr., Freda Perry, Gene Perry, Joe Radosti, Rose Serragano,
Bunny Vilim, Loretta Vitale*

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

Our Lady of Lourdes School

587-7200
Monday-Friday: 9 AM - 3 PM
email: rcioffi@ollschool.org

Religious Education Office

661-5440
Monday-Friday: 9 AM - Noon
1 PM - 5 PM
7 PM - 9 PM
email: ReligiousEd@ollchurch.org

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS OPEN HOUSES

You are invited to explore the benefits
of a Catholic High School Education

Please feel free to visit our schools during the times and dates listed below.

DATE:	TIME:	SCHOOL:
SEPTEMBER 2006		
SUNDAY 17	10:00 AM – 1:00 PM	ST. ANTHONY'S HS
SATURDAY 23	11:00 AM – 1:30 PM	OUR LADY OF MERCY ACADEMY
SUNDAY 24	1:00 PM – 4:00 PM	ST. DOMINIC H.S.
OCTOBER 2006		
SUNDAY 1	12:00 PM – 2:30 PM	HOLY TRINITY H.S.
	2:00 PM – 4:30 PM	ST. MARY'S COLLEGE PREP. H.S.
SATURDAY 14	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	SACRED HEART ACADEMY
	10:00 AM – 1:00 PM	KELLENBERG MEMORIAL H.S.
	2:00 PM - 4:00 PM	CHAMINADE H.S.
SUNDAY 15	10:30 AM – 2:00 PM	ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST DIOC. H.S.
SATURDAY 21	12:00 PM – 2:00 PM	ACADEMY OF ST. JOSEPH
SUNDAY 22	10:00 AM – 1:00 PM	McGANN-MERCY DIOC. H.S.

Parish Outreach

Outreach Office Hours

Monday through Friday from 9:30 AM until 3:30 PM.

For information/assistance call 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.

Our pantry is running low on the following items...
cereal, coffee, soup, and tea.

Pantry Needs

detergent
kleenex
paper towels
personal feminine products
shampoo
soap
toilet tissue
toothbrush
toothpaste

Atlantic City Bus Trip

Come join the **Senior Circle** for a day of fun on **Tuesday, September 19** to the **Tropicana Casino**. The cost is \$20 and you get back \$5.

The bus leaves from OLL parking lot at **9:30 AM sharp**. For information or reservations, call Vera at 587.1553.

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:



Daniel D'Arienzo-*US Army*

John Finn-*US Army*

Paul McEvoy-*US Army*

Michael Mallimo-*US Army*

Peter Provenzano-*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.

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.

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**.

CSJ 150th Anniversary Celebrations

The Sisters of St. Joseph of Brentwood, NY invite everyone to join us at the following event as we conclude our year of celebration marking 150 years of service in the Dioceses of Brooklyn and Rockville Centre.

On Thursday, October 26 we will have our Gala Dinner Dance at the Garden City Hotel. For further information, contact S. Mary Ann Crimmins at 631.273.1187 ext. 25 or email to mcrimminscsj@aol.com.

Gennesaret Retreat

Gennesaret Retreat, especially designed *for persons who live with a serious illness*, will be held at the **Montfort Spiritual Center in Bay Shore on September 15, 16, and 17**. To register or receive more information about this weekend, please call Colette Fanelli at 631.665.7052 or Sister Sally Ryan at 516.678.5800, ext. 540.

Saint of 9/11

The world came to know Father Mychal Judge, a Chaplain of the Fire Department of New York City, in death as a symbol of courage and sacrifice. The film “**Saint of 9/11**” presents the turbulent, restless, spiritual and remarkable journey of Father Mychal Judge on **Tuesday, September 12 at 7:30 PM in the McGann Conference Center at St. Joseph’s College in Patchogue**.

Girl Scout Pray and Play Day

Brownies through Senior Girl Scouts are invited to the **Girl Scout Pray and Play Day on Saturday, October 7** at the **Shrine of Our Lady of the Island in Eastport**. The program of crafts, fun and prayer will **begin at 9:30 AM and conclude with Mass at 3:30 PM**.

For information, call the Diocesan Catholic Scouting Office at 516.678.5800, extension 245.

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.

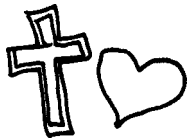
Next Sunday’s theme is: “**Excitement!**” Don’t forget to tune in!

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

Expand your knowledge...

Advance your career. Attend a course at St. Anthony’s High School offered by St. Joseph’s College for adults returning to college. The course, “Process of Management,” will be offered on Tuesday evenings beginning September 12 from 6:30 PM until 9:30 PM. For more information, please call 431.447.3250 or email suffolkap@sjcny.edu.

Imagine what it would be like to be deaf - unable to hear music, voices or anything. In today's Gospel reading, Jesus did something amazing. Jesus healed a deaf man, so that for the first time he could hear and talk clearly. What would you listen to? What would you say?



Mission for the Week

Go to the library and find out how to say "Jesus loves you" in sign language. On the way home, pretend you cannot hear or speak.



Word Search

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

GALILEE

DEAF

TALK

TOUCH

FINGERS

EARS

SPIT

TONGUE

AMAZED

O	D	L	A	D	H	M	A	C	D
F	T	O	N	G	U	E	R	O	G
N	A	D	W	A	B	G	I	S	N
H	L	I	N	L	M	D	E	A	F
J	K	S	P	I	T	S	A	U	I
L	E	O	H	L	V	I	R	E	N
A	M	A	Z	E	D	K	S	O	G
W	H	F	B	E	O	B	T	I	E
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Dear God,

You are so amazing.
Thank you for healing the deaf man. Help me to use my ears and my voice to praise you.

Amen.