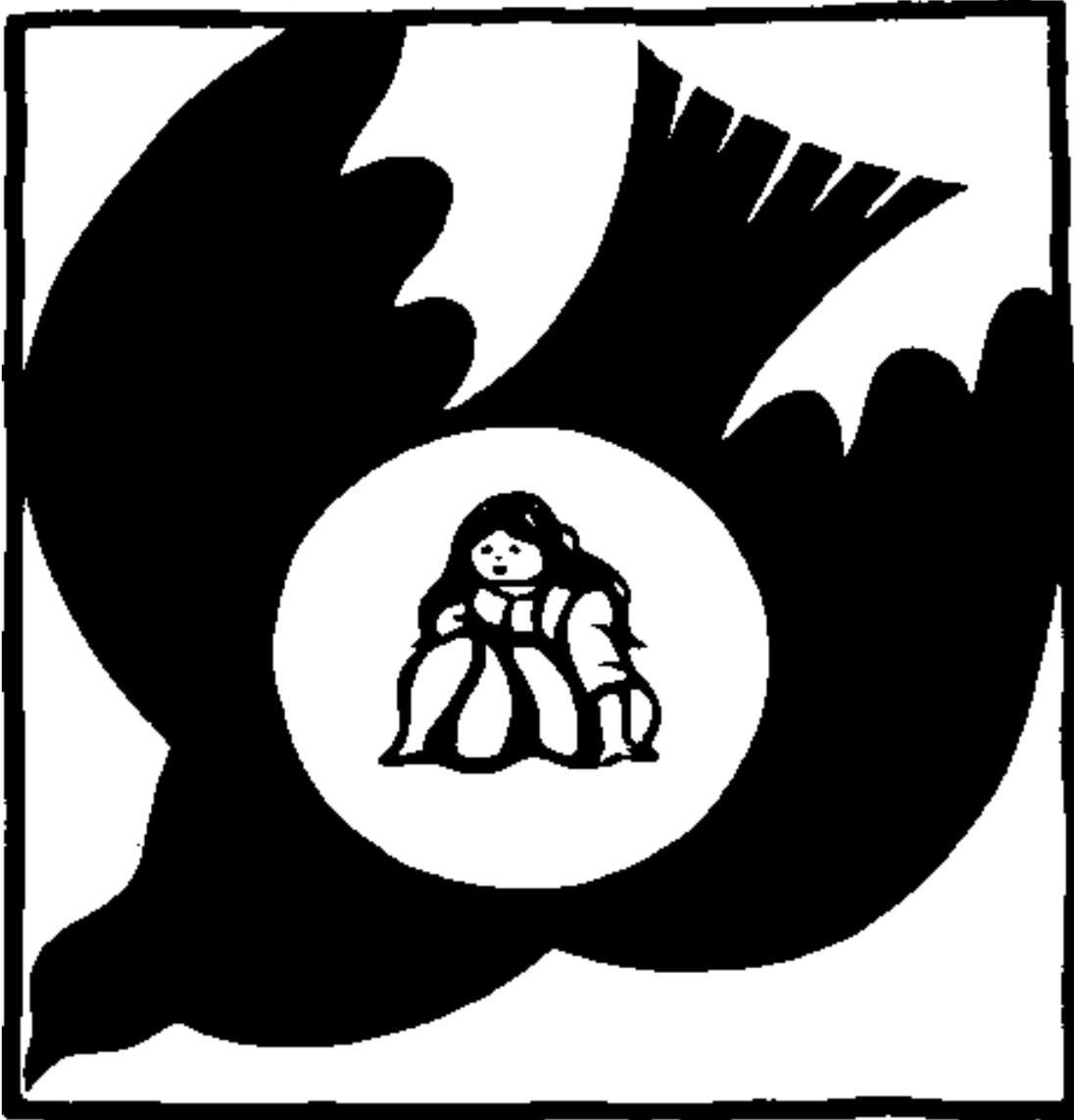


in my name, receives me;

"Whoever receives one child such as this



and whoever receives me, receives not me

but the One who sent me."

Mark 9:37

Our Lady of Lourdes

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time • September 24, 2006

Our Lady of Lourdes

455 Hunter Avenue
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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.

Rev. Stanislaus Chukwube
Associate Pastor

Rev. Robert Scheckenback
Associate Pastor

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Deacon Jules O. A. Gagnon
Parish Outreach

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Religious Education Office
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Parish Office



*Come Celebrate
as a Parish Family
50th Anniversary Jubilee Dinner*

*Friday, November 17, 2006
7:00 PM-Midnight*

Southward Ho Country Club

Price \$100 per person

*Tickets are on sale now in the Parish Office
Seating arrangements will be accommodated*

**Our Lady of Lourdes
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“Golden Jubilee Journal”**

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If you are interested in placing an ad in our *Golden Jubilee Journal*, stop by the Parish Office or call 661.3224. Fill it out and return it with payment to OLL Church no later than October 30.

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

see page 6 for more information...

JOY, COLLABORATION MAKE MINISTRY WORK

Liz O'Connor



Jennifer Gallagher's life in parish ministry began with an invitation.

She was a teenager in a Catholic high school, volunteering to teach younger children in her parish religious education program, when the parish director of religious education singled her out as a good teacher and tapped her to work one-on-one with a little boy whose hearing was impaired. Over two years, she said, "I prepared him for First Communion, and it was the first time I really felt I made a difference in someone's life."

In the more than 20 years since then, Gallagher, 42, has spent her life teaching and sharing her faith in many ways in several parishes on Long Island in New York. She is currently principal of the Catholic school in one parish and director of youth services in the parish next door, combining roles as instructional leader, spiritual leader, manager and fund-raiser at the school while working with young people from grade school through college age as a parish minister and leading one of the parish's adult music groups. This summer she organized what is an annual event there, a vacation Bible school that draws about 350 youngsters and involves some 250 volunteer teenagers.

Gallagher began her professional ministry soon after graduating from a local college, by teaching in a parish school and working part time as a music minister in a parish in the Diocese of Brooklyn. A few years later she was hired as full-time assistant director of religious education in a multi-ethnic parish in Westbury, N.Y., where she now lives, a job she says "brought together the education piece and the faith piece." She gravitated toward youth ministry and continued to teach music part-time in Catholic schools. During those years she began working on her doctorate; her dissertation eventually was on the role of family participation in the academic success of Salvadoran and Mexican-American students.

She learned Spanish, and began what has been one of her most visible projects over the last ten years: each summer she travels with a group of teens and adults to El Salvador to give them the opportunity to experience the life of the poor and a culture other than their own.

"I believe in experiential learning," she said, and she believes the trips are among the most important things she's done. It's one thing to discuss and intellectually understand poverty, but quite another to be among the poor "spending a week walking in their shoes and being part of their lives." And she said, that although the groups do bring supplies and provide ongoing support to their "sister parish" in El Salvador, "It's not about us going to help them-they have a richness to share with us that's all about family and faith, and they do share that with great generosity and hospitality."

The trip "makes Catholic social teaching real," she said, and changes hearts. While immigration is a political football, it's important to understand poverty so dire that "you can understand what would make a father risk his life to come here illegally."

The school where she is now principal, SS. Cyril and Methodius in Deer Park, is racially and ethnically diverse, and she said she believes one of the most important things Catholic schools can do is model a way for people to come together around an explicit expression of faith despite their different backgrounds.

As a parish minister, currently at Our Lady of Lourdes in West Islip, she works with a team that makes a conscious effort to give teenagers real opportunities to be involved in the parish and to remain involved. For example, nearly every parish liturgy involves teens as extraordinary ministers, cantors, musicians, or sacristans.

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Empowering Our Minds and Spirits

We Didn't Start The Fire...

Our parish at "50" looks back on the events in our world and church that shaped our community...

**Monday, October 2 at 8 PM in the Parish Center
Our guest speaker will be Ms. Elizabeth O'Connor**



OLL is thrilled to host Ms. Elizabeth O'Connor, editor of the nationally renowned magazine, *Church*, and former editor of our own *The Long Island Catholic*. Liz will speak about the exciting events that shaped our world, our community, and our parish during the past fifty years. From the exuberance of the fabulous 50's, to the despair of Vietnam; from social protest to the space race; from Elvis Presley to Brittany Spears, the events and icons of the past fifty years that have helped to shape our community.

All are Welcome! Whether we are 15 or 50, Liz O'Connor will engage us with a presentation that is interesting and thought-provoking! Come Join Us!

For Holy Week, Gallagher coordinates teenagers and even some returning college-age students in developing and presenting on Good Friday evening, meditations on the Stations of the Cross for which the young people, in turn, invite parishioners of all ages to take part by speaking about the relevance of the different stations to situations in their personal lives.

She says parish ministry is really all about collaboration, and that over the past twenty years she has learned about collaboration and communication from her work with first-rate parish teams. She has been fortunate, she said, in working with pastors who are models of a collaborative style. "They have a generosity of spirit and commitment to the gospel that creates such enthusiasm—they lead by enabling people to work with them and communicate what they believe about God and Jesus and their faith by the way they treat people every day." Like those pastors, other parish ministers, "have to be committed to the gospel in a way that's deep and joyful. If people who work for the Church aren't happy, what does that say about us?"

She thinks parish ministers have to be grounded in theology, but also need training in some discipline that helps them to work with people, whether that be education or social work or some similar area. In addition, if people are going to work as a team, all have to be willing and free to speak their minds and be heard without fear of recrimination.

"Real collaboration is very difficult, but when it happens it's absolutely earth-shattering."

Liz O'Connor is the editor of *Church*, a nationally renowned magazine. She is a parishioner here at OLL and former editor of *The Long Island Catholic*. This article appeared in the Fall edition of *Church*.

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Contract

I/we the undersigned, hereby authorize the O.L.L. Journal Committee to insert my/our ad in the *Golden Jubilee Journal* to be issued in conjunction with the 50th Anniversary Dinner Dance to be held at the "Southward Ho Country Club", Bay Shore, November 17, 2006, for which I/we agree to pay the sum of \$_____.

Signed (Name): _____ Date: _____
 Print Name: _____ Phone: _____
 Address: _____
 Town: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Ad Rates

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BACK COVER*	\$2,000.00	FULL PAGE	\$ 300.00
INSIDE COVERS (2)*	\$1,500.00	HALF PAGE	\$ 175.00
2 PAGE SPREAD	\$1,000.00	QUARTER PAGE	\$ 125.00
GOLD FULL PAGE	\$ 750.00	EIGHTH PAGE	\$ 75.00
SILVER FULL PAGE	\$ 500.00	SPONSOR'S NAME LISTING	\$ 25.00

* Call for availability

Print your ad below *or* attach a copy of camera-ready ad *or* send your digital ad image to:
lori@ollchurch.org

PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR AD AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE - DEADLINE FOR AD IS OCTOBER 30, 2006

Make check payable to: OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

Mail check with ad to: Our Lady of Lourdes Church

Journal Committee

455 Hunter Avenue

West Islip, NY 11795

For more information, please call Mike Abbruscato @ 631.661.3224

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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.

CYO Registration

Registration for CYO Basketball for boys and girls Grades 1-8 will be held on **Monday, September 25** and **Tuesday, September 26** in the **All Purpose Room** from **7 - 8:30 PM**. Questions? Contact Frank Gregorio online at fkgf17@aol.com.

Adult Faith Formation

Do you own a computer...

Are you thinking about buying a computer...

Are you looking to replace a computer...



Introduction to Computers and the Internet ... *Priceless*

Join us on **Tuesday, October 3 from 7:30 PM until 9:30 PM in the Parish Center**. Our presenter is "our resident computer guru," Mr. Anthony Buonasina, consultant with GRQ Innovations, Inc.

Learn everything you wanted to know about computers and more from our computer guru, Anthony Buonasina. Come and learn how to understand the basics, what to look for when purchasing a new computer, and how to protect your computer from viruses and spyware. We will cover what programs you need and don't need, what to do when your computer has been infected with a virus, and how to protect your children on the Internet.

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, 9 AM – 5 PM, 7 PM – 9 PM at 661-5440 or e-mail to religioused@ollchurch.org. Fee: \$10 per presentation.

(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.)

Please take a moment and visit our beautiful church website for the latest information about our Parish Jubilee Celebrations- 50th Anniversary Jubilee Dinner, Empowering Our Minds and Spirit, the recent mission trip to El Salvador, and other happenings in our parish. www.ollchurch.org

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



Rest In Peace

Matilda Lotito

Emilio Ceribelli

Dominic Carrano

Eleanor Kuchler

Upcoming Marriages

Susan Giordano, OLL and

Robert Harris, St. Anthony of Padua, Rocky Point

Renee Russo, Ss. Cyril & Methodius and

Michael Cassiano, OLL

Elizabeth Contessa, OLL and

Joseph DeGennaro, St. Joseph's, Babylon

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 25

8:00 AM John & Kathleen Sullivan (*living*)
1st Wedding Anniversary

Tuesday, September 26

St. Cosmas and Damian, martyrs

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

Wednesday, September 27

St. Vincent de Paul, priest

8:00 AM Frank DeLeo and Michael DeLeo

Thursday, September 28

St. Wenceslaus, martyr

8:00 AM Mary Stango

Friday, September 29

Ss. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, archangels

8:00 AM Tom Malcolm

Saturday, September 30

8:00 AM Jennie Fabozzi (1st anniv.), Mary O'Connor, Winifred Yasinovsky,
Josephine and Mike Ferrante, John Maurice, Marge Mineri,
Kevin Clyde, Joan F. Goode, Charles Williams, Sr.

5:00 PM Barbara McGarrity
Fr. Stan Chukwube

Sunday, October 1

8:00 AM William Petersen
Fr. Stan Chukwube

9:30 AM Dr. Debra Viti
Fr. Mike Vetrano

11:00 AM Angelina and Diego Tucci
Fr. Bob Scheckenback

12:30 PM Lydia Ann Olsen
Fr. Ed Dowling

6:00 PM People of the Parish, Thomas King, Eileen Okurowski,
John Dell'Orto, Lawrence Zurlo, Harriet Kuzneski, Robert Modica,
Armand Marano, Amelia Gagliardo, Katherine Woodburn, Dorothy Mienke
Fr. Bob Scheckenback

2006 Catholic Ministries Appeal

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



Parish Status as of September 12, 2006

Parish Goal	\$118,600
Pledged Amount	\$ 93,837
# of Pledges	406
Average Pledge	\$ 231

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

September 17, 2006

Weekly Collection	\$ 14,756.00
Weekly Budget	-\$ 21,000.00
+/- for the week	\$ (6,244.00)

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



Super Raffle

1st prize - #75
2nd prize - #59
3rd prize - #179

Nightly Raffles

9/13 - 46159
9/14 - 50245
9/15 - 29331
9/16 - 13788
9/17 - 18218

Fr. Ron

We are pleased to be able to provide you with recent columns by Fr. Ronald Rohlheiser. Fr. Ron is a Roman Catholic priest and member of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate and is president of the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio, Texas. He has written numerous books and articles. Read each week, as we try to bring the Gospel to Life in our spiritual journey! Be sure to find his column this week in our bulletin on page 11.

Acknowledging our own Complexity - September 11, 2005

As a seminarian, I was introduced to the writings of Thomas Aquinas. I was nineteen years old, young for philosophy, and his abstract language befuddled me for a time. But slowly some of what he was saying began to break through and it felt like I was being introduced to myself. I'd always been deeply restless, in every sense of that word, and the grip of that restlessness and its concomitant complexities worried me, leaving me wondering sometimes whether I was normal. What Aquinas taught me was that everyone feels that way. Fierce restlessness is normal because, as he puts it, "the adequate object of the human intellect and will is Being itself." What that means is that only one thing can fill in our restlessness, full union with everything and everybody - God, others, the world.

To be satisfied we would have to drink in every experience in the whole world, know everything perfectly, be known by everyone, be in union with God, and, in essence, be making love to the whole world. Anything less leaves us wanting more. And we feel this way not because we're over-sexed and greedy but simply because we're normal human beings, half-divine, half-animal, eternal souls, yearning bodies, torn in different directions, lured by greatness, suffocating in dust.

Later I began to read Karl Rahner and he, drawing upon Augustine ("You have made us for yourself, Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you!") taught me that we're not restful beings who occasionally get restless, but rather restless beings who occasionally find some rest. In this life, our normal default is not restful, but restless. Knowing this added another little chip to my self-understanding.

Henri Nouwen added a further insight. For him, our biggest moral battle is not the struggle to choose the good, but the struggle to not choose everything else at the same time. We want the good, but we want everything else alongside it.

Reflecting on his own experience, he summarizes the struggle this way: I'd like to be a great saint, but I also want to taste every sensation that sinners get to experience; I'd like to spend time alone in solitude, but I'd also want to be with friends and not miss out on anything; and I'd like to have a simple lifestyle and serve the poor, but I also want a comfortable, well-equipped apartment. Every choice is a painful renunciation and so even choosing what's good is a complex, trying business.

And it's helpful to recognize and acknowledge this, not so that we can rationalize our moral lapses, but so that we don't falsely idealize innocence so as to make it impossible to imitate Jesus and the saints. What's meant by that?

Sentimentality is the false glorification of innocence. And we do that all the time in name of holiness. One of the ways we do this is by refusing to admit complexity and sexuality into holiness. For most of us, for example, it's impossible to see persons we regard as truly holy - Jesus, Mary, Therese of Lisieux, Mother Theresa, John Paul II - as morally complex, sexually struggling, emotionally lonely, chronically tempted, human beings. And this makes them impossible to imitate. They're admired but not imitated because they're over-idealized and seen as different, without sex, without complexity, without the congenital temptations that beset the rest of us. Sadly, this undercuts their real witness. Because of false idealization, what their lives really said becomes so encrusted with over-pious sentimentality that, to the full-blooded, their moral achievement has little to say. They're seen as creatures of a different kind.

I remember as a boy, sitting in church in our outback community and being told by a wonderful, well-meaning priest that he was pleased to be with us because we were "simple farm-folk whose lives, thank God, weren't so complicated like those of big city people!" I was young then, naive, thought this a compliment, and then felt myself abnormal, sitting as I was with my private struggles among folks whose lives, we had just been told, were simple, uncomplicated, and free of the punishing restlessness that haunted mine.

But holiness is not to be confused with being uncomplicated or sexless. It's about the proper ordering of things.

Therese of Lisieux recounts an incident from her childhood. One of her older sisters was getting rid of her toys and brought them in and asked the two youngest children in the family, Therese and her sister, Celine, to each choose one, before she disposed of the rest. Celine, for her part, chose a colorful ball. Therese looked at the basket and simply said: "I choose them all! I want them all!"

And we do too! That's the real struggle on the road to God and community. We want it all. But that yearning is not a sign of pathology. It's a sign that we're emotionally alive, normal, healthy, and still firing on all the cylinders that God gave us.

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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Irish tenor Ronan Tynan, who became a United States citizen in 2006, spends much of his time caring for his mother who has Alzheimer's disease. But don't expect Ronan to ask for pity; having overcome the amputation of both his legs, he is not only an internationally renowned singer but a doctor as well. He explains that those afflicted with Alzheimer's are simply being returned by God to the innocence of childhood.

What a wonderful explanation of the glory of heaven Jesus gives us in today's Gospel reading from Mark! Receiving the grace of God is no more difficult than taking a child into our lives. For, as Jesus explains, when we do this, we are in reality receiving Jesus and receiving Jesus is receiving God the Father. Look on the face of a child; you will see innocence and love. Are you looking at the face of God as well?

Parents and those who care for our children have a sacred duty to regard these children as children of God, and in doing so should remember to give them the proper respect as human persons. (CCC 2222) In creating a home and providing a spiritually nourishing environment for our children, we are then able to educate them in love and thus fulfill God's greatest commandment. In doing so, they will one day accept another child in the name of Jesus.

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Readings for the Week of September 24, 2006

Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/ Jas 3:16-4:3/ Mk 9:30-37
Monday: Prv 3:27-34/ Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/ Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9/ Lk 9:1-6
Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11/ Lk 9:7-9
Friday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/ Jn 1:47-51
Saturday: Eccl 11:9-12:8/ Lk 9:43b-45
Next Sunday: Nm 11:25-29/ Jas 5:1-6/ Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Nancy Trujillo*.

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, Regina Cranor, Joseph Cristallo, Jason Fisher, Cathy Gallagher, Anthony Lombardo, Mike Lorento, Benjy Margulies, Diego Marino, Michele McCann, Peter McCann, Sr., Brian Monahan, Joseph Parro, Rudolph Parson, Susan Percoco, Freda Perry, Gene Perry, Robert Petersen, Joe Radosti, Rose Serragano, Dorothy Sullivan, Janet Taino, 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

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

S.A.G.E.

661-3224

(Senior Advocates for Growth
and Enrichment)

email: Sage@ollchurch.org

Living Liturgy

Liturgy Committee

Our next Liturgy Committee meeting is **Monday, September 25 at 7:30 PM in the Library**. If you're interested in joining the Liturgy Committee – please e-mail to jsureau@ollchurch.org or call the Parish Office at 661.3224, x135.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Are you interested in serving as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion at Mass or in bringing Communion to the sick? If so, the next diocesan led training takes place on October 21 followed by practice here at OLL. If you're interested in becoming an Extraordinary Minister please e-mail to jsureau@ollchurch.org or call the Parish Office at 661.3224, x135.

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.

OLL Youth Choir

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.

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.

Social Action Alerts

Social Action Meeting – All Are Welcome!

Our next Social Action Meeting is **Wednesday, September 27 at 7 PM in the Faculty Room** (*across from the school library*.) We are always looking for new members who seek to build up a community of peace and justice both here, throughout Long Island, our country and the world! If you have any ideas or suggestions for the Social Action Group, please contact us by e-mail at jsureau@ollchurch.org or call the Parish Office at 661.3224, x135.

NYSCATHOLIC.ORG

We would like everyone in our parish to visit the New York State Catholic Conference's website at www.nyscatholic.org and register today. By doing this, you'll receive regular e-mail updates about important issues and learn ways you can make a real difference in the life of the Church and the world.

Pantry Needs

canned fruit
canned vegetables
jelly
peanut butter
pudding/jello



Feast of St. Francis

Blessing of the Animals

Tuesday, October 3 – 5 PM

The Feast of St. Francis will be celebrated with our annual blessing of the animals! This year's we'll gather at 5 PM in the All Purpose Room for a beautiful prayer service followed by food and fun for all (including our four-legged friends, those that crawl, those that swim and even those that fly!).

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.**

Senior Circle

The Senior Circle meets on the last Monday of each month. The next meeting will be held on **Monday, September 25 at 12:30 PM in the Parish Center.**

Both Sides of the Atlantic

A selection of oil and watercolor paintings of the works of Deacon John, who is on the faculty at St. Joseph's College, are presently on exhibit at St. Joseph's College in Patchogue. The paintings are recent landscapes from on location experiences. Landscape locations include Italy, Canada, El Salvador, and more. *You are cordially invited to be present for a personal tour and reception in the Board Room at St. Joseph's College on Sunday, September 24 from 2 PM until 4 PM.*

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.

Catholic Brownie Religious Awards

The *Ave Maria* and *Family of God* Religious Medals are available for all Catholic Brownie Girl Scouts. Working with a parent or guardian, the Brownie can learn about Mary, the Mother of God, her family and do things to help people. She then receives a special medal in recognition of her work. For information, call the Diocesan Catholic Scouting Office at 516.678.5800, ext. 245.

2006 Dominican Gala

Dominican Sisters of Amityville celebrate 153 years of service. Many of you know the Dominican Sisters of Amityville through their ministry in schools, health facilities, parish affiliations, etc. This year they celebrate 153 years of service. **The 2006 Dominican Gala** commemorates their years of service and will be held on **Friday evening, October 27** at the **Garden City Hotel**. All proceeds benefit the many ministries of the Dominican Sisters of Amityville. For further information about raffles, commemorative program and more, contact Sr. Eileen Nolan, OP at 631.842.6000 ext. 238.

Married Couples

Fall is a beautiful season full of color and crisp fresh air. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is like autumn because it's a weekend full of fresh crisp air, new beginnings and a time to rejoice in the beauty of your marriage and family. The next weekend is scheduled for November 3-5 at the Melville Marriott. Registration is limited. For more information or to register call 1.866.499.6354.

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.

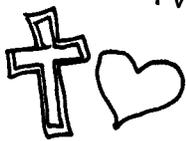
Next Sunday's theme is: **"Doing & Being."** Don't forget to tune in!

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.

Do you ever fight with your friends? The disciples did. In today's Gospel reading, they were fighting over who was the most important. All twelve of them wanted to be number one - the best disciple. Then Jesus told them a secret. The best disciple is the one who helps other people.



Mission for the Week



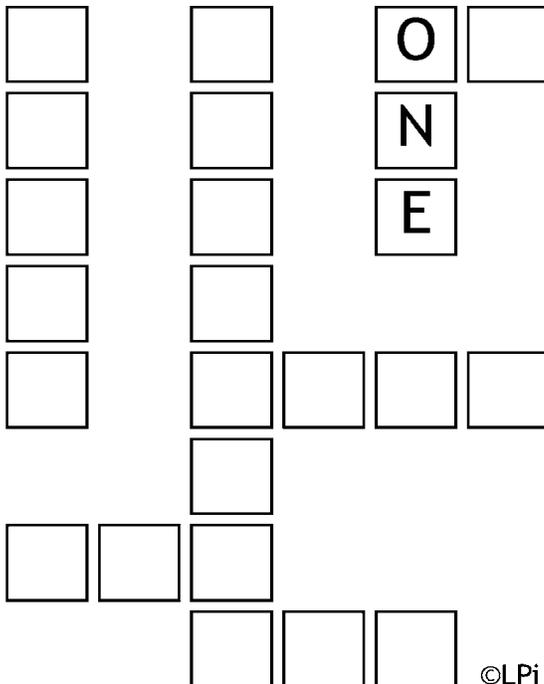
Ask your family members how you can help each of them this week. When you help them with a cheerful heart, God smiles.



Empty Squares

Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:

Which one of them was the greatest?



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Dear God,

when I am
tempted
to fight with
my friends,
show me ways
to help them
instead.