

**“COME, HAVE YOUR  
BREAKFAST.”**

John 21:12



**OUR LADY OF LOURDES**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**APRIL 22, 2007**



## *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 our Parish Office.*

### **Parish Office**

661-3224

Monday-Friday: 9 AM - 7:30 PM

Saturday: 9 AM - 3 PM

Sunday: 9 AM - 2 PM

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661-5440

Monday-Friday: 9 AM - Noon

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7 PM - 9 PM

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### **Parish Outreach Office**

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Associate Pastor

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Associate Pastor

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Coordinator of Stewardship

### **Deacon John Teufel**

### **Sr. Margaret Bickar**

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Director of Religious Education

### **Regina Ann Cioffi**

School Principal

### **Jennifer Gallagher**

Director of Youth Services

### **Carol M. Goetz**

Parish Music Director

### **Sr. Diane Liona**

Director of Religious Education

### **Mary McMahan**

Director of Parish Social Ministry

### **Vita Scorcia**

Ministry Spiritual Director

### **John Sureau**

Coordinator of Worship

### **Sr. Betty Toohig**

Senior Ministry-SAGE

### **Anthony Trombino**

Business Manager

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Salomon Acosta

Regina Ann Cioffi

Jane Desthers

Stephen Frodell

Jen Gallagher

Anne Kerrigan

Maria Lucie (*co-chair*)

Mary McMahan

Doreen Spiller

Mary Steck

Fr. Mike Vetrano

Marie Yuliano (*co-chair*)

## *Parish Staff*

### **Barbara Catusco**

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

### **Lori Walsh**

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.*

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## *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.*

*Our Lady  
of Lourdes*

455 Hunter Avenue  
West Islip, New York 11795

## Living Liturgy – Easter 2007

### We celebrate and believe in the GREAT 50 DAYS that is Easter!

Easter and the sense of new life, new beginnings and new hope it brings is not over today. Now we continue to celebrate the fifty days of Easter- from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday. The Church tells us that this season should be celebrated in joyful exultation as one feast day, or better as one “Great Sunday.”

### The Six Committee

Come join our Six Committee – as we continue to build and develop our Sunday night Mass! This is a small group that meets only a few times a year and comes up with many great ideas. Are you creative? Maybe not, but are you willing to help? Have an idea or two? Just want to be part of it all?

**Our next meeting is Sunday, April 29 at 5 PM in the Parish Center.**

### Family Liturgy/Children’s Liturgy of the Word

Our Children’s Liturgy of the Word brings the readings to our young people in a very special way... there are many people who work behind the scenes (and in front too) to make this a beautiful celebration for our young people. We are always looking for new parishioners to help with our Sunday celebrations about once a month as well as help to plan some of our annual events – and some new ones, too!

**Our next meeting is on Sunday, April 29 at 10:30 AM in the Parish Center.**

**All are welcome!**

### Summer Evening Prayer

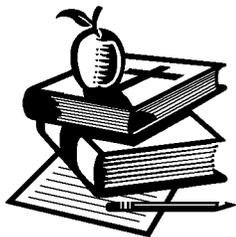
It’s almost summer... and time for Summer Evening Prayer!

OLL’s annual tradition of gathering for Evening Prayer on the “Great Lawn” will continue in 2007, and we need to get working on new ideas, activities and events to make this year’s celebration the best ever!

**Our first meeting to do this is on May 7 at 7 PM in the Library.**

This group only meets a few times in May and June so it’s not a “forever” commitment.

Think about it – maybe this is something for you! All are welcome!

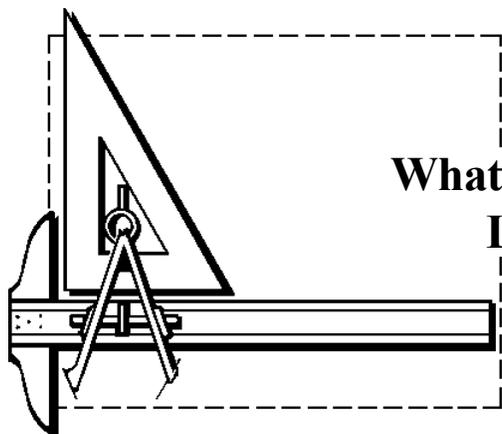


### School Mass

The School Mass for the month of April will be celebrated on **Wednesday, April 25, at 9 AM.** All are invited and welcome!

### Spring Cleaning

Please remember The Rosary Christian Mothers-we are sponsoring a “**White Elephant Sale**” on **Saturday, June 9 from 10:30 AM until 6 PM.** Any gently used or new items would be greatly appreciated. Please call 669.3178 for donations.



## What Might Our Lady Of Lourdes Look Like 5 Years From Now?

*Come to our Town Meeting on May 14 and find out.*

Since last Easter, almost 600 of our parishioners attended more than 40 listening sessions to contribute their ideas about the future of our parish buildings and grounds. The results were compiled by the design team from the University of Detroit Mercy. They brought our ideas together with their expertise in design and architecture to present us a plan for the future.

On May 14 at 7:30 PM, the plan will be presented to our parish.

Join us that evening to:

- Meet the team from Detroit Mercy
- See the results of all our listening sessions
- Hear the plan described in detail
- Discuss the plan with the design team, our pastoral team, and pastoral council.

## Let Them Eat Cake!

### **Senior Circle Annual Cake Sale to benefit Outreach.**

Cakes, cookies and delicious baked goods will be on sale after each Liturgy the **weekend of April 28/29.**

Sweet tooth required! Buy a cake and support Outreach-

## Senior Circle

*Wouldn't you like to join us because...*

We are a spiritual and charitable organization. We are a group of men & women fifty-five & over. We meet on the last Monday of each month throughout the year in the Parish Center at 12:30 PM. Our activities consist of socials, trips, informative speakers, special Christmas celebrations, shows & dinners and, last but not least, you will experience enjoyable and lasting relationships with each other. If you are interested in joining or have any questions, please feel free to call Wilma at 669-4728.

## Adult Faith Formation

*upcoming course...*

### **Acts of the Apostles...The Sequel to the Gospel of Luke**

Take a journey of discovery with the apostles and the early Church community.

The people, places, events shaping the future.

- The birth of the church-uncovering the meaning of Pentecost
- Spreading the Good News-becoming missionaries
- Internal and external struggles-acceptance and rejection inside the new community and in the world.

Take a journey of discovery with the Church in our time.

The people, places, events shaping our time and our future.

- What is the meaning of Pentecost for our time?
- What is our mission today?
- What do the struggles of the early Church teach us for our time?

This course is scheduled to be held on Tuesdays, April 24, May 1, 8, and 15 from 7:30 PM until 9:30 PM in the Parish Center.

Our presenter is Claire Stiglic, MA, former Assistant Director of the Pastoral Formation Institute.

*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, between 9AM – 5 PM and 7PM – 9PM, at 661.5440 x3, or e-mail to: [religioused@ollchurch.org](mailto:religioused@ollchurch.org). Fee: \$25 [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.]*



## **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**

Throughout the past year, our parish family has journeyed with those seeking Baptism, reception and full initiation into the life of the Church. At the Great Vigil we celebrated the Baptism of *Jenna Anderson, Jason Cohen, Jessica Dienstag, and Katharine Farrell*.

We also celebrated the Confirmation of the newly baptized and *Angela Cirulnick, Stephen DeLise, Jr., Roseanne Hicks, Thomas Hicks and Andrea Hofler-James*.

In many ways, their journey has become our journey. Their excitement and enthusiasm has inspired and excited us about our faith journey!

Their journey still continues as they enter The Period of Mystagogy which lasts from Easter Sunday until the completion of the Easter season, fifty days later on Pentecost Sunday completes the initiation process. Those who have just shared in the sacraments of initiation are now called Neophytes. During this period of Easter joy, they reflect on what they have just gone through and look to the future as to how they can now share in the mission of Christ who came to bring salvation and life to the whole world. This period of time reminds the whole church that life in Christ constantly calls us to grow and to look for new ways to live the life of grace, personally and together.

Let's continue to pray for and with them this Easter season!

## Holy Communion 2007

Beginning next weekend, our parish's second graders will be receiving the Eucharist for the first time. Their catechists and families have worked so hard to give them a good foundation about this most beautiful and life giving sacrament! It's probably a good time for each of us to do a little Communion "Check-Up" for ourselves and how we prepare to receive the Eucharist each Sunday!



### *Check Up Point #1: Are you prepared?*

In the midst of our busy lives, are we really taking time to reflect on the beautiful Sacrament of the Eucharist we receive? Do we come to Church on time, or even a little early? Or are we rushing in? Are we looking over the readings before Mass? Are we working to settle down when we come into the Mass?

Pope Benedict in his recent Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation *Sacramentum Caritatis* challenges us, "Participating in the Sunday liturgical assembly with all our brothers and sisters, with whom we form one body in Jesus Christ, is demanded by our Christian conscience and at the same time it forms that conscience. To lose a sense of Sunday as the Lord's Day, a day to be sanctified, is symptomatic of the loss of an authentic sense of Christian freedom, the freedom of the children of God."

As we seek to be models to those receiving First Holy Communion, let's work to take some time on the Lord's Day – to make this day special and different – and let's prepare well!

## Religious Education

*There is...*

### **"Rescue Closing"**

#### **Sunday, May 20-6 PM Mass**

All 8th graders in our Parish Family, their Sponsors and parents share in celebrating their time together. The eighth graders and their Sponsors have been getting together and doing service for others.

*and... of course*

#### **Grade 6/7/8 Hang Out Nites continue...**

Friday May 18            7:30 PM - 9:30 PM            Parish Center

Friday June 22           7:30 PM - 9:30 PM            Parish Center

Don't forget... there's something for everyone!

All 6th / 7th / 8th graders of our Parish Family... come play volleyball, basketball.

We have Guitar Hero 2, Dance Revolution, music and more... **DON'T MISS IT!**

*also...*

#### **Grades 9/10/11/12**

ALL ARE WELCOME! High School Chaperones help with set-up, participate in activities, refreshments, clean-up, etc., and assist the Adult Chaperones.

*Reminder...*

### **Important Confirmation Meeting**

All Eighth Grade Parents in OLL Parish Family -

**Tuesday, May 8 at 7:30 PM in the cafeteria**

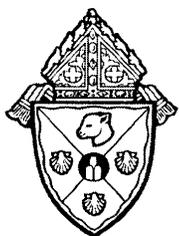
*or*

**Wednesday, May 9 at 7:30 PM in the cafeteria**

*or*

**Thursday, May 10 at 10 AM in the cafeteria.**





# 2007 Catholic Ministries Appeal

*The Hands of Christ-Supporting the Community Around Us*

The key ingredient to the success of our appeal is participation. In order to reach our need we need to have every family participate in the appeal to the best of their ability. If you have not had an opportunity to make a gift to the appeal or have been waiting to make a pledge, please complete the pledge card below and place it in the collection basket.

## Our Parishes

The heart of our Church rests in our local parishes. This is where our faith is developed and nurtured. Last year within our 133 parishes, we celebrated more than 19,000 Baptisms, 19,400 children received their First Communion, 18,177 youngsters were confirmed, and our parish priests performed more than 4,500 marriages.

Because of your generosity, the Catholic Ministries Appeal is able to return twenty percent of the funds raised back to our parishes.

For more information, please call 516.379.5210, extension 2 or email to [www.drvc.org/cma.html](http://www.drvc.org/cma.html).

**PARISH GOAL \$103,000**



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### 2007 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

*Supporting the Community Around Us*

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1,000	100
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**EVERY GIFT COUNTS!**

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

## Parish Pilgrimage 2007

Travel this summer to Montreal and Quebec. Experience a pilgrimage that brings a wonderful fellowship among us. Travel dates are scheduled for July 9 - July 16, 2007.

In Montreal: enjoy Montreal Harbor, the Basilica of Notre Dame, Botanical Gardens, the famous Oratory of St. Joseph.



In Quebec: experience the largest French speaking city in North America. Visit the Basilica of St. Anne de Beaupre, stroll down world known St. Catherine Street and experience the Chateau Frantenac. As we travel, we will have occasions to celebrate Mass with our own Father Bob presiding and Deacon John assisting and our fellow travelers will have the opportunity to serve as Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors.

There are a limited number of places available. If you would like to receive the travel itinerary and make a reservation, please call the Parish Office at 661.3224. Please feel free to come and meet the travelers at our next **meeting on Monday, April 23 at 7:30 PM in the school cafeteria.**

## 5th Annual El Salvador Mission Trip

**June 30-July 5, 2007:**

Join us for a week-long retreat among the poor! This experience, which is especially geared for teens ages 12-18, will enable you to share your faith, culture, and hospitality with the people of our Sister Parish of Tacuba, El Salvador.

We will spend a week walking with the people, learning about their lives, and running a mini-vacation Bible camp for the children there!

The cost of the trip will be approximately \$850. For more information, email [jengallagher@ollchurch.org](mailto:jengallagher@ollchurch.org) or come to our first trip meeting on **Thursday, April 19 at 8 PM in the Parish Center.**

## Sixth Annual OLL Vacation Bible Camp

**Save the dates: July 23-27.**

This year's theme is FLIGHT Camp!! (**F**un-**L**earning-**I**n-**G**od's-**H**oly-**T**ime) and rumor has it that OLL will be visited by all kinds of FLYING things that week!

Vacation Bible Camp is for students in nursery - grade 5 and runs daily from 9 AM-12:30 PM. Campers learn through interactive Bible stories, arts and crafts, games, super science center, and lots of those crazy camp songs! Students in sixth grade or older can serve as volunteer counselors.

Camp registration forms will run in the bulletin beginning the first week in June. Be sure to save the dates and plan to join us for a fun week. Up, up, and away!

**Daily Mass**

8 AM

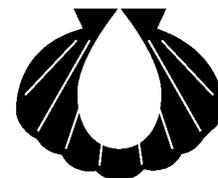
**Weekend Masses**

**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***

*Nicholas Ryan Aprigliano*

George and Jennifer

*Erich Brueckmann III*

Erich and Diane

*Kyle Joseph Calderon*

Raymond and Melissa

*Austin Brian Harvey*

Brian and Amanda

*Nicholas Salvatore Sikorsky*

Richard and Danielle

*Daniel Anthony Turk*

Matthew and Angela

*Sarah Marie Bonamico*

Mark and Jennifer

*Kevin Andrew Cinotti*

Albert and Christina

*Nicholas Dante Friedlander*

Roberto and Tara

*Amanda Joy Kane*

Edward and Michelle

*Jack Joseph Librizzi*

Michael and Kimberly

*Marissa Juliet Romeo*

Peter and Elaine

*Logan David Zimmerly*

David and Linda

**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.

**Rosary/Novena**

**Rosary:**

Daily after 8 AM Mass

**Miraculous Medal Novena:**

Monday after 8 AM Mass

**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.

**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.

# Remembering...

**Monday, April 23**

*St. George, martyr*

**8:00 AM** Clem Forlizzi

**Tuesday, April 24**

*St. Fidelis, priest, martyr*

**8:00 AM** LaRocca & Sweeney Family

**Wednesday, April 25**

*St. Mark, evangelist*

**8:00 AM** Thomas Joseph Vaughan, Jr.

**Thursday, April 26**

**8:00 AM** Michael Reilly

**Friday, April 27**

**8:00 AM** William Peterson

**Saturday, April 28**

**8:00 AM** Florence Crawford, Jo Brogan, Family & Friends of Teresa Wright,  
Thanks to Blessed Mother, Anthony Loffredo, Teresa Paul,  
Jean Maroldo, George Zeitler, Gerry Petzold, Carol Meinhold,  
Helen Presti, Nicholas Capozzi, Ann Horan, Marge Hahnan,  
Felix Rivera (L)

**5:00 PM** Rose & Henry Alfieri

*Fr. Bill Rakowicz*

**Sunday, April 29**

**8:00 AM** Thomas D'Angelo

*Fr. Bob Scheckenback*

**9:30 AM** Edward F. White

*Fr. Mike Vetrano*

**11:00 AM** Michael & Laura Alonge

*Fr. Ed Dowling*

**12:30 PM** Robert Tryon

*Fr. John Asomugha*

**6:00 PM** People of the Parish, Geraldine Baker, Dolores Betsch,  
David Moreale, Rose Ann Diffendale, Joseph Radosti,  
Brandon Keane, Daniel Collins, Geovanna Roche, Josephine Ovadek,  
Jennie Quigley, MaryAnn Casano

*Fr. Bill Rakowicz*



## *Rest In Peace*

*Pasquale Artese*

*Angela Campisi*

*Peter Harman*

*Ida L. Graziano*

**Celebrating Sacraments**



canned fruit  
canned vegetables  
jelly  
peanut butter  
pudding/jello  
soup

## The Bread of Life:

*“Blessed are you Lord, God of all Creation.  
Through your goodness we have this bread to offer,  
which earth has given and human hands have made.  
It will become for us the Bread of Life.”*

It was a rainy, cold Wednesday morning. As I drove my car into the parking lot, I looked into the vestibule outside of the Outreach office and I saw the woman standing there-waiting. It was 9:10-the office doesn’t open until 9:30.

The old car was parked in front of the building. Windows shut against the rain, the car though stationary was bouncing up and down on worn tires. I spied four small heads and could hear laughter coming from inside the car. Umbrella open against the cold wind and biting rain I hurried to the vestibule. The woman held the door for me. I recognized her. Outreach helps her with food when the food stamps aren’t enough to make it through the month.

“I’m desperate today. I have two home from school with coughs and I don’t have any money for cough medicine. I need pampers for the baby.”

As I open the door to the main building, I hear the words from the Canon of the Mass:

*“Bless and approve our offering;  
Make it acceptable to you,  
An offering in Spirit and in truth.  
Let it become for us the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ  
Your Son, our Lord.*

I wonder if our offering to this mother will be blessed. I wonder what this young mother’s truth is this day. She is tired, overwhelmed, and struggling. That is her truth. I hope, no actually, I pray what little we can offer her today will be some consolation for all she carries alone.

I suggest she bring the kids into the office-but she refuses. She needs this 10 or 15 minute respite. She comes into the office and starts to cry. My offering to her is sacred space-the room to cry until her tears stop.

I hear the words of the Canon again:

*“he gave you thanks and praise. He broke the bread and gave it to his disciples,  
and said: Take this, all of you and eat it: This is my body which will be given up for you.”*

I ask, “How can we help you?” She tells me again, I need cough medicine for the kids and pampers, and do you have any cookies? The kids would really like cookies.” I laugh to myself imagining the bread of life for kids probably would be cookies! I offer her scrip to CVS for cough medicine and pampers, she takes some bags of food....and yes, we did have cookies!

As she leaves Outreach, words from the Liturgy come through again:

*Deliver us Lord, from every evil,  
And grant us peace in our day.  
Keep us free from sin  
And protect us from all anxiety”*

I offer this blessing on our client and her children-keep them safe and let them know peace.

—Mary McMahon

Director of Parish Social Ministry

## Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Angela Mac Dermott*.  
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.

“And the prayer  
offered in  
faith will make the  
sick person well.”  
James 5:15

## Pray for Our Sick

Please remember to keep in your thoughts and prayers ...

*Pat Bonavita, Thomas Brennan, Baby Drew Brust, Christian Bullock, Lynn Castellano,  
Regina Cranor, Joseph Cristallo, Jason Fisher, Adam Ippolito, Brigid Kinney,  
Evelyn Lang, Richard Lang, Anthony Lombardo, Mike Lorento, Diego Marino,  
Michele McCann, Peter McCann, Sr., Bryan Monahan, John O’Grady, Frieda Perry,  
Gene Perry, Louise Posanti, Joe Radosti, Delphine Reynolds, Dorothy Schiavone,  
Dorothy Sullivan, Loretta Vitale, Maureen Wright*

## 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.**



## Third Sunday of Easter

For years, I battled with rabbits in my backyard. They seemed to find it a particularly comfortable place to live; lots of tasty plants on which to munch and plenty of space to dig burrows for new little bunnies. No matter how many holes in my fence that I blocked, they found another way in. It was then that I realized God doesn't give up on me; no matter how I try to block him out at times, he always finds another way in to my heart!

Jesus has appeared again after the Resurrection, this time to Peter, Thomas, and three other disciples as they fished rather unsuccessfully. Again, they did not recognize him until he told them to fish from the other side of the boat. This reminded Peter of his first meeting with Jesus, and he now recognized him. Jesus then offers Peter three chances to declare his love for him, redemption for Peter's three denials on the day of the crucifixion.

When Jesus offered Peter three chances to declare his love for him, he demonstrated the power and effects of the sacrament of reconciliation. We are taught that those who receive this sacrament with an open and contrite heart and religious disposition will receive peace and serenity of conscience with strong spiritual consolation (CCC 1468). No matter how many times you may have turned from God, you will always be allowed to turn back!

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### Readings for the Week of April 22, 2007

<b>Sunday:</b>	Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19 <i>or</i> 21:1-14
<b>Monday:</b>	Acts 6:8-15/Jn 6:22-29
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Acts 7:51-8:1a/Jn 6:30-35
<b>Wednesday:</b>	1 Pt 5:5b-14/Mk 16:15-20
<b>Thursday:</b>	Acts 8:26-40/Jn 6:44-51
<b>Friday:</b>	Acts 9:1-20/Jn 6:52-59
<b>Saturday:</b>	Acts 9:31-42/Jn 6:60-69
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	Acts 13:14, 43-52/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30

## Financial Summary

**April 15, 2007**

Weekly Collection	\$ 16,568.00
Weekly Budget	-\$ 21,000.00
+/- for the week	\$ (4,432.00)

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

## 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:

**Bryan R. Dempsey**-*US Marines*

**Frederick Wm. Ellis**-*US Army*

**John Finn**-*US Army*

**Armand J. LeComte**-*US Marines*

**Michael Mallimo**-*US Army*

**Peter Provenzano**-*US Army*

...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 D'Arienzo family in gratitude for the safe return of their son from active duty.

**Daniel D'Arienzo** -*US Army* has returned to the United States safe and sound. Thank you, Daniel, for your generous service to our country! The D'Arienzo family would like to thank Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Family for all of their prayers.

## 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:

**"Pleasure and Pain."**

Don't forget to tune in!

Visit "Religion & Rock" on the web, [www.religionandrock.com](http://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.

## Here Politics and Faith Meet: Long Islanders Seeking Justice

How Catholic citizens “work for a just ordering of society” as called for in Pope Benedict XVI’s encyclical, *Deus Caritas Est* (God is Love)

### *Finding True Nourishment Through the Fight for Justice*

Source: Pathway to the Holy, by Richard Koubek and Connie Loos, published by Catholic Charities, Diocese of Rockville Centre, Lent, 2004

*The Church cannot and must not take upon herself the political battle to bring about the most just society possible.... Yet at the same time, she cannot and must not remain on the sidelines in the fight for justice....*

*The promotion of justice ... is something which concerns the Church deeply.*

-Pope Benedict XVI, *Deus Caritas Est*.

On a beautiful Ash Wednesday in 2003 tomato pickers from Immokalee, Florida engaged in a hunger strike in front of Taco Bell’s headquarters in Irvine, California, to protest their low wages. Out of concern for the fasters’ health, Cardinal Roger Mahoney of Los Angeles and other clergy invited the workers and their supporters to break their fast, which they agreed to do as part of an Ash Wednesday service.

More than three thousand miles away in southwest Florida, immigrant workers gathered at 4:30AM that Ash Wednesday to begin their day picking tomatoes for as little as 40 cents for each 32 pound bucket. At this rate, workers must pick and haul two tons of tomatoes to earn \$50. This is the same wage that workers received more than 20 years ago!

With help from a Catholic Campaign for Human Development grant, in the 1990s the workers formed the Coalition of Immokalee Workers (CIW) to dialogue with growers on wages and working conditions. After the growers refused to meet with them, the workers organized a national boycott of Taco Bell which purchases Immokalee tomatoes. Here on Long Island, many Christians participating in a Catholic Charities’ Lenten reflection wrote to Taco Bell corporate leaders and brought petitions on behalf of the workers to their local Taco Bell restaurant. In 2005, they celebrated a great victory when an agreement was reached to increase the pay of the Immokalee tomato pickers. But the struggle for justice goes on. In December, 2006, the Catholic bishops of Florida released a pastoral letter, *Honoring the Dignity of Work: A Call for Solidarity with Florida’s Farmworkers*, that calls for specific actions to support justice for these “vulnerable workers.”

*Do you want to work for justice? Contact Dr. Richard Koubek at Catholic Charities’ Public Policy Education Network, 516.733.7077 or by e-mail: [Koubek.richard@catholiccharities.cc](mailto:Koubek.richard@catholiccharities.cc)*

## Gennesaret Retreat

A unique opportunity for persons facing serious illness. The weekend retreat takes place on **May 4 - 6 at Montfort Spiritual Center, Bay Shore**. Several OLL parishioners have enjoyed this retreat in the past. There is no cost for the retreat. Volunteer health care professionals are available for the entire weekend. There are a limited number of places and the retreat fills up very quickly since it is so popular.

Please call Collette Fanelli at 665.7052

## Maria Regina Residence

Maria Regina Residence is a skilled long term care facility located on the property of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Brentwood. It provides Adult Day Health Services offering a wonderful day program including transportation and meals, as well as a loving atmosphere provided by an inclusive staff. If interested, or for further information, please contact Veronica Anderson, Director at 631.299.3045.

## Pastoral Formation Institute

The Pastoral Formation Institute offers an exciting, integrated approach to discipleship through instruction, prayer, faith sharing and the development of leadership skills. Weekly sessions prepare the lay Catholic adult to enter more fully into the life of the Church. In addition to weekly sessions, formation weekends at the Seminary enrich the PFI process.

*Upcoming PFI Information Meetings are as follows:*

**Wednesday, April 25 at 7:30 PM at Holy Spirit Church, New Hyde Park.**

For more information call Kathy Singleton at 516.354.2363 or email [kvsing@aol.com](mailto:kvsing@aol.com).

**Monday, April 30 at 7:30 PM at Our Lady of Assumption Parish, Copiague.**

For more information call 631.842.5211.

## World's Biggest Tag Sale

**Church of the Blessed Sacrament, Valley Stream** is having the World's Biggest Tag Sale on **Saturday, April 28 from 10 AM until 4 PM, rain or shine**. There will be refreshments, raffles, antiques, toys, tools, and bargains galore! All proceeds go to support the ministries of Blessed Sacrament Parish.

## Diocesan Choir Concert

To mark its 50th Anniversary of service, Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Rockville Centre will host a Diocesan Choir concert at St. Joseph Church, Garden City on May 11 at 8 PM.

The Diocesan Choir's dedicated and talented singers are from parishes throughout Long Island. Refreshments generously donated by Peconic Bay Vineyards and Tin Alley Grill will be served following the concert. Tickets are \$25 and all proceeds will benefit Catholic Charities' numerous programs. For information or to purchase tickets, call 516.733.7028

## Health Care Cuts

This year's state budget battle is turning into the toughest in recent memory. The proposed cuts at the state level are tremendous. The planned cuts determine that every one of New York State's 229 not-for-profit hospitals would lose critically needed funding. The impact on Good Samaritan Hospital alone would be over \$2 million dollars. Cutting health care providers undermines the hospital's ability to invest in life-saving advances, the health care workforce and the public's health. Please stop by the Outreach office to pick-up a copy of a letter to Governor Spitzer asking him to reconsider these health care cuts, or contact Governor Spitzer via e-mail:

<http://www.ny.gov/governor/contact/index.html>. Thank you.

## Saint Anthony's Golf Classic

Saint Anthony's High School Golf Classic will take place on **Monday, May 7 at the Tam O'Shanter and Old Westbury Country Clubs**. All proceeds will go directly to Saint Anthony's Endowment. Foursomes and individual starts are still available, as are many levels of sponsorship opportunities.

If you are interested in playing or supporting this important fund-raiser, please contact Tony Trombino at 661.3224.

## Divorced or Separated Catholics

New member orientation will be held on Tuesday, April 24 at 7:30 PM at St. Frances de Chantal Church, Wantagh, room #4. Bring proof of single status to join. Refreshments will be served after the meeting. For further information, call 516.897.2721.

## Upcoming Events

A musical evening of class and style featuring renowned **Irish tenor, Anthony Kearns and the Hibernian Festival Singers will be held on Saturday, April 28 at 8 PM at St. Patrick's Church, Bay Shore**. Tickets are \$45 per person and can be purchased by calling 631.665.1371

## Needed

### Social Workers for Catholic Charities Mental Health Clinics

Two full time social workers are needed for our Bay Shore clinic and one Senior Social Worker is needed for our Freeport clinic. All positions require LCSW. Must have Medicaid/Medicare provider numbers. Bilingual/Spanish helpful. Excellent benefits. Interested applicants can send resume online to [larke.eppie@catholiccharities.cc](mailto:larke.eppie@catholiccharities.cc) or fax to 631.758.0779.

## For Your Information

All 9/11 workers and volunteers who did rescue, recovery or cleanup work... If you are not currently sick, the possibility exists that you may become sick in the future because of having been exposed to toxic air after 9/11. Therefore, you must register with the Worker's Compensation Board by August 14, 2007 to protect your right to file a claim if you do become sick. For registration form and instructions, please call 1.866.WTC.2556.

## School Reunions

**Our Lady of Peace School, Lynbrook** is celebrating its 50th anniversary with a reunion on Saturday, May 19 at 8 PM at the school. A fun evening gathering old friends and classmates is being planned. If you attended OLP or sent your children to OLP, please come and share in the celebration. Tickets are \$30 per person. For further information, please contact Jennifer at 516.887.6768 or Kristan at 516.599.3847.

**Presentation of the BVM School, Jamaica** will close in June 2007. This will conclude 120 years of Catholic education to generations of students. It is with sadness that we extend this invitation to all: graduates, parents, teachers, and staff to a closing Mass on Saturday, May 5 at 10:30 AM with a luncheon to follow at noon. Please respond to this invitation by calling 718.739.2003.

The graduates of **Queen of the Rosary Academy, Class of '57**, will celebrate their **50th Anniversary Reunion in September 2007**. For more information contact Debbie at 516.764.4331.

**St. Agnes Academic High School, College Point** will be hosting a "**Homecoming for all Alumni**" on **Saturday, May 5 from 1 PM until 5 PM**. For further information please call 718.353.6276, extension 30.

## Balance Screening Workshop

A free **Balance Screening Workshop** sponsored by *Panetta Physical Therapy Training and Wellness* will be held at St. Patrick's, Bay Shore, Msgr. Purick Hall on **Wednesday, May 16 from 10 AM until 12 Noon**. All are welcome, however, to accommodate all participants attending the free workshop, preregistration would be helpful. For pre-registration please call Catherine at 631.665.7216.

## On Hearing the Voice That Soothes

*Fr. Ron Rolheiser, OMI*

Inside each of us there is a deep, congenital restlessness. We are not restful beings who sometimes get restless, but restless beings who occasionally experience rest. Karl Rahner, I believe, had it right when he said that we do not have souls that get restless, but that our souls themselves are lonely caverns thirsting for the infinite, deep wells of restlessness that make us ache to sleep with the whole world and all that is beyond.

Because of this we can find it difficult to concentrate during the day and to sleep at night. We go through life feeling like we are missing out on something, that life is more exciting and fulfilling for others than it is for us. Our achievements rarely satisfy us because we are always aware of what we haven't achieved, of missed chances and failed possibilities. Always too, it seems, that we are inadequate to the task, that we cannot not disappoint those we love.

We are always a bit dissatisfied. As Henri Nouwen puts it, in this life, it seems that there is no such a thing as a clear-cut, pure joy, but that even our happiest moments come with a shadow, a fear, a jealousy, a restlessness. Inside us, no matter what our age, we are always somewhat lost and full of a sadness that we don't quite know what to do with. Thoreau was right, we do live lives of quiet desperation. What are we meant to do with that?

An analogy might help us here: We can learn something valuable, I believe, by comparing these feelings to what a baby feels, at a certain moment, in the presence of a baby-sitter in the absence of its mother. As many a frustrated baby-sitter has learned, there can come a moment, usually later in the evening, when the baby grows tired of being titillated by flashy toys, extra sweets, and the continued cooing of the baby-sitter. The baby becomes irritated, cranky, weepy, and finally disconsolate. At point nothing will soothe its aches, except the voice and the touch of the mother herself. The baby needs to hear the mother's voice and only the mother's voice, no attempt by the baby-sitter to replace the mother or even to imitate the mother are of much avail. The baby will not be fooled, there comes a moment when only the mother can soothe and comfort. The baby's disquiet will disappear only when she again hears the mother lovingly call her name.

It's no different for us really, as adults, in trying to come to grips with our congenital restlessness. We can

distract ourselves for awhile, be titillated by flashy toys, be soothed and lulled by sympathetic voices, and momentarily even be content in the absence of our real mother. But there will come a time, usually a little later on in the proceedings when we are a bit more tired and cranky, when these things will soothe no more. We will begin to miss, in the very depths of our souls, the one voice and one presence that can ultimately bring us rest.

Of course that one voice that can soothe, that one voice that we search for among all the others, is the voice of God, the primordial Mother. Ultimately we reach a point in life when there is an ache and a sadness inside us that no one can still and comfort, other than the one who ultimately brought us to birth. Like the baby frustrated with its baby-sitter, we too need to hear our mother lovingly pronounce our names.

The Gospel of John opens very differently than the other Gospels. There are no infancy narratives. Right at the beginning we already meet the adult Christ and the first words he speaks are a question: "What are you searching for?" John's whole Gospel tries to answer that, but the full answer is given only at the very end, by Jesus himself.

What are we ultimately searching for? On the morning of the resurrection, Mary Magdala meets the newly-risen Jesus, but she doesn't recognize him. He approaches her and asks (in words that repeat his question at the opening of the Gospel): "What are you searching for?" She explains that she is searching for the body, the dead body, of Jesus. He says just one word to her in response: "Mary". He calls her by name and, in that, she not only recognizes him, but she hears precisely what a disconsolate baby cannot hear in the voice of her baby-sitter, the voice of the mother, lovingly pronouncing her name.

In Jesus' response to Mary Magdala, we learn the answer to life's most fundamental question: What do we ache for? Ultimately all our aching is for one thing, to hear God, lovingly and individually, call us by name. There comes a moment in the night for each of us when nothing will console us other than this, hearing our names pronounced by the mouth of God.

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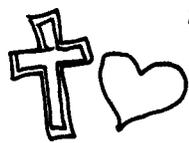
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# Sharing the Gospel

After Jesus rose from the dead, he must have looked very different. Jesus helped his apostles catch a lot of fish, just as he had done before. Jesus invited his friends to eat with him, and he still broke his bread to share it in the same way he always had. The disciples still recognized Jesus by the things he did.



## Mission for the Week



Invite a friend over to eat dinner with your family, so you can share food just like Jesus did.

## Puzzle

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

FISHING  
CATCH  
BOAT

JUMPED  
DRAGGED  
BREAD

CHARCOAL  
APPEARED  
RAISED

J E S U L B R E A D T  
R C A T C H A R T R O  
I H S D P L E A S A L  
N A G F I S H I N G H  
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## Prayer



Dear God,  
help me  
to always  
recognize Jesus.

## Something to Draw



Draw a picture of  
Jesus cooking fish  
for his friends.