

***"No servant can serve
two masters.***

***He will either hate
one and love the
other, or...***



***be devoted to
one and despise
the other."*** Luke 16:12

***Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Our Lady of Lourdes • September 23, 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.

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661-3224

Monday-Friday: 9 AM - 7:30 PM

Saturday: 9 AM - 3 PM

Sunday: 9 AM - 2 PM

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Our Lady of Lourdes School

587-7200

Monday-Friday: 9 AM - 3 PM

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661-5440

Monday-Friday: 9 AM - Noon

1 PM - 5 PM

7 PM - 9 PM

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Monday-Friday: 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM

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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.*

*Our Lady
of Lourdes*

455 Hunter Avenue
West Islip, New York 11795

Adult Faith Formation

...coming in October



Gospel of Matthew

Tuesdays - October 23 November 6, 13, 20, 27

with Fr. Bob

7:30 PM until 9 :30 PM

Parish Center

Invitation to trust in God's presence...challenge to live as true disciples

Matthew's Gospel excites us with the news that Jesus is the fulfillment of God's promise to Israel. During these five weeks, we will explore the Jesus of Matthew's Gospel from the perspective of this year's Sunday readings...our Liturgical Cycle.

Children's Liturgy of the Word/Family Liturgy Committee

Our Lady of Lourdes wants young people and their families to know they are a vital and active member of the Church community! These two exciting ministries work closely together to help that happen.

Children's Liturgy of the Word: Each Sunday at the 9:30 AM Mass, we invite young people from age four to about fourth grade to share God's Word in a special way. Children leave Mass and process to the Parish Center to hear the Sunday readings in a way designed for them. Teams of adults and teenagers work together to plan out each Sunday to include unique homilies, creative activities, music and ideas for parents. We are always looking for new Team members for each of our teams. Each team presents approximately once a month. For more information, contact Mrs. Joanne Maher at 661.5478 or e-mail to jsureau@ollchurch.org.

Family Liturgy: This group meets monthly, along with the members of Children's Liturgy of the Word teams, to create events and opportunities for families to come together for social, spiritual and fun activities. This group helps to plan events like the Blessing of the Animals, Children's Liturgy services, and much, much more! This group meets only about eight times a year after the 9:30 AM Mass.

Honoring Parishioners with the St. Agnes Medal of Service

Bishop Murphy honored lay people from the Diocese of Rockville Centre with the St. Agnes Medal of Service at St. Agnes Cathedral, Rockville Centre, Friday, September 14, 2007. Pastors from 133 parishes were asked to nominate lay people who unselfishly donate their time to their parishes.

Congratulations to Bill Best who was honored with the St. Agnes Medal of Service by Bishop William Murphy! Bill received this award for his work in helping to found Our Lady of Lourdes and for being a trustee for many years.



*Let us pray for the desire to live in humble service to the Lord.
We are Your hands and feet in this world, may we entrust them to do Your will.*

CYO Registration

Registration for CYO Basketball for boys and girls Grades 1-9 will be held on **Wednesday, September 26** and **Thursday, September 27** from **7 - 8:30 PM** in the **All Purpose Room**.

If you have any questions call Dan White at 661.2928.

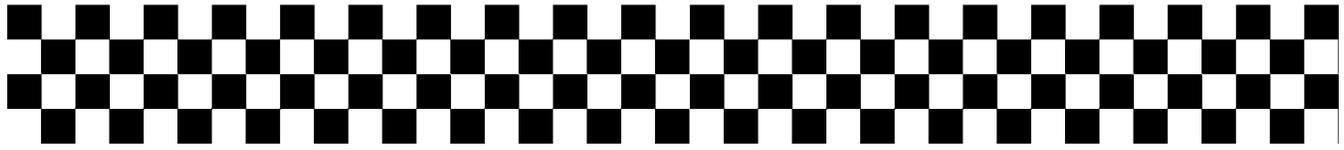
Religious Education

Registration for children in public school **entering Grade 1 in September 2007** to be part of Our Lady of Lourdes Religious Education P.E.P. Program...

Family Names A – L	Monday, September 24	10 AM or 7:30 PM
Family Names M – Z	Wednesday, September 26	10 AM or 7:30 PM

Meetings will be held in the Parish Center (*room opposite the playground*) and will begin promptly at the times designated. Please bring the child's Baptismal Certificate. There is a "Family Fee" of \$115 for families new to the program.

A Story from the Feast



Dear Father Mike,

My name is Denise. I moved to West Islip last January and have been attending OLL regularly since I moved. I was very excited about the carnival this weekend as I have a 2-year-old son and several nieces and nephews who love carnivals.

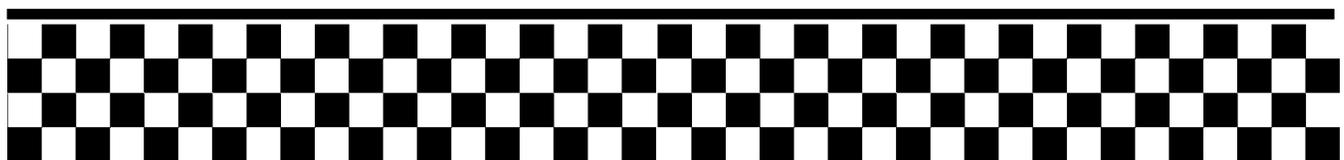
Last night I took my son and 2 of my nieces to the carnival. We stayed until it closed and were very tired as we walked to the car. At the car I noticed that I could not find my purse. It had my license, some credit cards and a new camera in it. I ran back to the fairgrounds and searched everywhere. Several people helped me look around and took my name and phone number in case it was found. I was so heartbroken that it was missing. It made me sad that someone could have possibly stolen my belongings at a church function. I know that it is a little naive of me, but I would like to think that church is a place where we are safe from the bad things that can happen in the world.

I called the Parish office this morning to ask if anyone had found the purse. No one had turned it in. The receptionist told me to say a prayer to St. Anthony and that she would check around to see if anyone found it anywhere. The only prayer I knew to St. Anthony I learned when I was 5, but I figured it was worth a try, plus, I'm trying to teach my son some prayers. We sat on his bed and prayed "St. Anthony, St. Anthony, Something is lost and can't be found. St. Anthony, St. Anthony, please look around."

About 2 hours later there was a knock on my door, two teenage boys (Steven and Mike) were looking for me. They and their friends were also at the carnival last night and they had found a purse lying on the sidewalk close to where we had parked. They had seen me run back into the fairgrounds but could not find me. They brought the purse home and tried to call me, but my number is unlisted. As soon as they were able to, they asked Steven's mom to drive them to my house so they could return my purse. It wasn't stolen, it was lost. Two very honest boys returned it and my faith that there is still good in people. My son and I said a quick thank you to St. Anthony.

I'm not exactly sure why I felt the need to write to you to tell you this. I just wanted to share my story and my gratitude with someone. I have found in the past 9 months that the parishioners of your parish are very welcoming and very giving. At the Easter Sunday Sunrise Mass, three complete strangers offered my husband, my son and I blankets to keep warm when they noticed that we came unprepared for how cold it would be this year on the beach. An usher at the 9:30 mass (I think his name is Vinnie) has befriended my son and he looks forward to going every week to see his "guy." Thank you for giving me the opportunity to share my story. I hope you have a wonderful day!

*Sincerely,
Denise*



Our Lady of Lourdes



Italian Family Feast 2007

Super Raffle Winners!



\$7,000

#36

\$2,000

30

\$1,000

131



**Thank you
Feast Sponsors!**

Atlantic Auto Mall
Boyd-Spencer Funeral Home
Chapey and Sons Funeral Home

**Nightly Raffle
Winners**

Wednesday #52429
Thursday #05590
Friday #53218
Saturday #68001
Sunday #46058



Support Groups

Alcoholics Anonymous:

Monday and Tuesday at
8 PM and Saturday at 2PM
and 7 PM in Lourdes Hall-
convent lower level.

ALANON:

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



Rest In Peace

Joseph Sullivan,

died on September 11 and celebration of the
Mass of Christian Burial was September 15.

We extend our prayers to his wife, Francine and
their children, Joseph, Felicia and Jessica.

Upcoming Marriages

*Colleen Quigley, St. Patrick's, Smithtown and
Scott Morgan, OLL*

Daily Mass

8 AM

Weekend Masses

Saturday: 5 PM

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

Reconciliation

Saturday: 4 PM - 4:45 PM

Rosary/Novena

Rosary:

Daily after 8 AM Mass

Miraculous Medal Novena:

Monday after 8 AM Mass

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.

Mass Schedule

Monday, September 24

8:00 AM Peter Reehil

Tuesday, September 25

8:00 AM Teresa Ambrosino

Wednesday, September 26

St. Cosmas and Damian, martyrs

8:00 AM William Basso

Thursday, September 27

St. Vincent de Paul, priest

8:00 AM Joseph Robert DeSantis &
Robert Joseph Kelly

Friday, September 28

Ss. Wenceslaus, martyr

8:00 AM Laura & Ventura Cafaro

Saturday, September 29

8:00 AM Robert Turner, To the Sacred Heart of Jesus for Intention,
Emma Monte, Lorene Dellefemina, Carol Scheid, Joan Stetzner,
Berna Gutierrez-Orea, Edward Marczak

5:00 PM Troops in Iraq & Afghanistan
Fr. Ambrose Cabildo

Sunday, September 30

8:00 AM William Petersen
Fr. Ed Dowling

9:30 AM George A. Wild
Fr. Mike Vetrano

11:00 AM Tony Squeo
Fr. Stan Chukwube

12:30 PM Tom Malcolm
Fr. Mike Vetrano

6:00 PM People of the Parish, Anna & Alberto Genna, Marie Barraga,
Edith & Albert Peterson, Walter Doherty, Peter Santoro, Anna Cortina,
Joseph Buccola, Marie Schauer, Thanksgiving to Blessed Trinity,
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, St. Anne and St. Jude, Joseph Sullivan
Fr. Bob Scheckenback

Donations

Outreach has received donations in memory of Joseph Sullivan and Joseph Troiano. Thank you.

Parish Reading Circle

Social Action is forming a Parish Reading Circle in the Fall. Our first book selection is “*Left To Tell*” by Immaculee Ilibagiza and will be available for purchase starting in September.

...look in future bulletins for more details.

It's not too early to save the date...

Saturday, November 10

Fabulous Fifties Football Wedding Reception!

Parish Outreach invites you to the Fabulous Fifties Football Wedding Reception at 7:30 PM in the OLL School cafeteria. Music will be provided by *Dominick and the Vel-tones*-which includes OLL's own Dominick Lettieri.

Tickets will be \$25 per person and will include food and soda.

Proceeds will benefit the efforts of Outreach.

Outreach Update

First, I would like to express my deepest gratitude to all who contributed to the food pantry throughout the summer months. We were able to provide food to many people during the months of July and August. Our numbers continued to rise in July and August. In fact, in August, Outreach serviced 166 people-that is with the office being closed for 5 days.

Second-Outreach received school supplies in abundance. Everyone who came with need-received supplies for their children. In addition, your generosity enabled children in other communities to return to school with supplies. One of the communities we assisted is St. Jude's Parish in Mastic Beach. I know of that community firsthand, as my grandparents had a summer bungalow in Mastic Beach. I hope that all who contributed would support my decision to donate our excess to St. Jude's. A similar donation will be sent to Miraculous Medal in Wyandanch.

Finally, I received an anonymous donation of cash. I explained to the donor that the funds would be used to purchase gift cards to Payless Shoes. These would be offered to families for new sneakers for their children returning to school. Outreach received a Thank-You letter which reads in part, "...it feels so good to wear new shoes."

We, in Outreach continue to offer prayers of gratitude for all who so generously donate each week. For all of you and for those who donate monetarily and wish to remain anonymous-we offer our sincere thanks.

-Mary McMahon

Director of Parish Social Ministry

Back in the days of my youth...

I would frequently end my late nights in and around the area of Mott Street in New York. Regardless of the hour restaurants were open and people could be found milling in the streets. In truth, these late nights were early mornings! I would walk around the outskirts of a small park to reach Mott Street and I was always fascinated by the two or three people who were ‘praying’ using very slow movements. I didn’t know what they were doing-but I would always watch, curious.



Many years later, I was working in a hospital in South Florida which opened a holistic health wing. It was then that I learned that the people in the park were practicing the ancient rituals of Tai Chi-a slow, graceful, rhythmic form of exercise which creates inner harmony and balance. I signed up for the classes and learned very quickly that while seemingly slow, Tai Chi demands concentration and intent, and is actually a very good workout without causing any physical stress or strain.

I am delighted to tell everyone that Outreach will be hosting weekly Tai Chi classes for all those interested in this ancient form of slow, graceful, rhythmic exercise. The gifts of practicing Tai Chi are many-a sense of inner peace, mental clarity, focus and concentration. Given the pace at which we all live-the hectic schedules we all keep-Tai Chi is truly a timely blessing.

Classes will be taught by Mariah-Ann Coffey who is an experienced and certified Tai Chi Instructor. Mariah has taught in Adult Education programs, in Community Centers, Assisted Living facilities and privately for over two decades. We are blessed that Mariah has offered her time to Our Lady of Lourdes.

Classes will begin **Wednesday, September 26 from 12 noon - 1 PM in the Parish Center.** The fee for each class will be a “free-will” offering. I would encourage anyone who is curious, or interested, to join us-as I can promise this hour will offer a respite to those involved in very busy lives. For more information, please call Mary in the Outreach Office.

*-Mary McMahon
Director of Parish Social Ministry*



Green Alert: Green Friday

October 5 Social Action will be hosting “*An Inconvenient Truth*” for adults. “*An Inconvenient Truth*” offers a passionate and inspirational look at one man's fervent crusade to halt global warming's deadly progress in its tracks by exposing the myths and misconceptions that surround it. That man is former Vice President Al Gore.

...and there will be “*Happy Feet*” and popcorn for the children.

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**.

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:

Brian Barthel-*US Air Force*

Bryan R. Dempsey-*US Marines*

Frederick Wm. Ellis-*US Army*

James J. Ferrara-*US Marines*

John Finn-*US Army*

Armand J. LeComte-*US Marines*

Michael Mallimo-*US Army*

Nathan Provast-*US Marines*

Peter Provenzano-*US Army*

...and remember those of our parish family that are in the armed services, listed in our Parish Book of Intentions.

Religion & Rock

Tune into "Religion & Rock" with Msgr. 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: "**Boredom.**" Don't forget to tune in! Visit "Religion & Rock" on the web, www.religionandrock.com. Also watch "Good News with Father Jim" on TELECARE, channel 29, on Mondays and Fridays at 9:45 AM; Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays at 7:45 PM; Sundays at 8 PM.

SAGE

The SAGE Group (Senior Advocates for Growth and Enrichment) will meet on **Tuesday, September 25**, in the **Parish Center at 9 AM**.

Senior Circle

The Senior Circle meets on the last Monday of each month. The next meeting will be held on **Monday, September 24 at 12:30 PM in the Parish Center**.

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.



Pastoral Care of Our 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.
- would like to receive the sacred anointing.

Pray for Our Sick

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

Cathy Badalmenti, Pat Bonavita, Carol Brander, Thomas Brennan, Baby Drew Brust, Howard Campkin, Lynn Castellano, Thomas Courtney, Regina Cranor, Joseph Cristallo, Karen DellaVecchia, TJ Devlin, Josephine DiBenedetto, Anthony Ferrante, Jason Fisher, John Green, Marie Harris, Samantha Hil, Ed Hill, Adam Ippolito, Wade Kromhout, Evelyn Lang, Richard Lang, Nancy Letsch, Anthony Lombardo, Mike Lorento, Diego Marino, Michele McCann, Peter McCann, Sr., Bryan Monahan, Jimmy Murphy, Joseph Ortiz, Arthur Petrino, Baby Conner Pietras, Louis A. Prudenti, Joe Radosti, Delphine Reynolds, Dorothy Schiavone, Joe Shields, Derek Stahl, Dorothy Sullivan, Loretta Vitale

found 
to be
honest

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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

I have a friend who wanted to be a police officer. Part of the application process involved his participating in a written and psychological battery of questions. The pattern of the questions was such that they would repeat themselves every 10 or so, only in different form; the reason for this was to see if the applicant was consistent in his or her responses. In my friend's case, only three of 35 applicants were found to be honest enough to continue.

Are you a faithful steward of all that God has given you? We would do well to remember that our gifts are not necessarily our material possessions. Many are given the gifts of compassion, honesty, selflessness and generosity. If our hearts are truly filled with the love of God, we will give freely when we can to whomever we can, whether we share our materials possessions, our talents, or our time.

According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, the Gospel of the Beatitudes inspired and continues to maintain the church's tradition of love for the poor. (CCC 2444) In fact, we should be motivated to work in order to help the poor, not only to relieve physical poverty, but also to relieve cultural and religious poverty. When called to account for our earthly responsibilities, how will we honestly answer?

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Readings for the Week of September 23, 2007

Sunday: Am 8:4-7/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13
or 16:10-13

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Hg 2:1-9/Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14
or Rv 12:7-12a/Jn 1:47-51

Next Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7/1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31

Financial Summary

September 16, 2007

Weekly Collection	\$ 17,756.00
Weekly Budget	-\$ 21,000.00
+/- for the week	\$ (3,244.00)

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

Prayer for Autumn

Heavenly Father,
you made not only the stars of the heavens,
but you made the seasons the earth.
In every autumn, there are endings and beginnings.
There is the end of vacations,
and the beginning of school.
Cool green leaves fall from their branches,
and become dappled yellows, bright oranges and
deep reds.
Help me, when things end that I wish had continued,
to see that in you, there are no real endings.
In you, there are only changes, and new beginnings.
Give me the grace to know,
that even death itself is not the end,
but only a change
from one beautiful thing into another.
Amen.



New Cell Phone Technology

By Joanna Flora, M.A.
Consultant to the
VIRTUS® Programs

Most parents would agree that one of their primary responsibilities as a parent is protecting their children. As important as this obligation is, it is also one of the most challenging. At every stage of development, children encounter numerous situations which have the potential to result in adverse outcomes. During the teenage years, children are particularly vulnerable to dangerous situations as they attempt to become more independent. They are socializing with friends, partaking in extracurricular activities, and maybe even beginning to date. These types of activities often take place in the absence of parental supervision. However, there is a way for parents to maintain the ability to protect their children in these situations.

With advances in cell phone technology, parents can get a little extra help in monitoring and protecting their children when they are away from home. Since the end of 2005, all cell phone carriers were required to provide the ability to trace cell phone calls to a location within 100 meters (a post-911 requirement). Cell phone companies accomplish this with relatively little effort. It goes something like this: when a person carries a cell phone that is turned on, the cellular network is constantly scanning to determine where the phone is so that it can route calls to the appropriate cell location. Through a process called triangulation, the cell provider examines the signal strength of three of these cells and can thus determine where the cell phone is located. However, this information is not readily available to anyone except the carrier and in some circumstances, law enforcement or other government officials.

Cell phone companies have attempted to capitalize on recent advances in technology by offering a similar type of tracking service to the consumer. Now certain cell phones come equipped with GPS-like (global positioning systems) equipment. This new concept allows a cell provider to determine the specific location of a cell phone with relative ease. GPS devices passively receive data from geosynchronous satellites to enable precise locations to be determined, often within a matter of feet. In another technological advance, this GPS-like technology is also being installed in cars, allowing parents to track their teen's driving behavior, speed, and whereabouts.

Several cell phone providers now offer variations of GPS technology as a service to their subscribers. One of the first

companies to offer the service has a plan with two features. The first, allows a parent to determine the location of their child's mobile phone from the Internet or from their own mobile phone. The child's location information will be displayed as an address as well as on a detailed map. The second feature is optional and allows the user to designate defined geographic areas around specific locations, such as school, home, a friend's home, or even a soccer field. If the child enters or leaves the area with their phone, the parent is notified by text message. In some cases, the child may also be notified by a text message each time his or her location is provided to the parent or guardian.

To use these services, cell phone companies usually require a family share plan or account. Also, all parties must acknowledge and agree to the service (thereby attempting to eliminate abuse of the service). The child's phone must be equipped with the GPS technology to allow it to be tracked. The service price is different across providers but seems to cost about \$10-15 per month in addition to the cost of the monthly plan.

Although some may consider this system a violation of the child's privacy, in most cases, the wireless phone is owned and paid for by the parent. Since most children are happy to have a cell phone at all, this feature could simply be a condition of having the cell phone. Parents may also wish to let their children know that this is not an attempt to track their every move. Instead, it is a way for parents and children to keep the lines of communication open, perhaps even allowing more freedom or independence, since parents would feel more at ease that their children's whereabouts are known. With recent public awareness regarding kidnapping and sexual assault, parents and children alike should understand the need for the activation of this feature on their cell phones. If the unexpected does happen, parents will likely be able to locate their children more quickly and avoid unnecessary dangers. Likewise, if children should find themselves in danger, they will be able to quickly get in touch with parents, another responsible adult, or emergency personnel. This latter feature simply requires the cell phone to be programmed with important numbers which may be speed dialed with the touch of one button.

Of course, in order for the system to work, the child must leave their phone on at all times (this may be subject to certain restrictions at school, etc.). This in itself may pose a problem for a non-compliant child or one who fails to keep the battery charged. However again, if the parent emphasizes that it is for the child's protection (and they don't abuse the service) then compliance will not likely be an issue and protection will be increased. It should also be mentioned that this service is not a substitute for adult supervision or hands-on parenting. Instead, it should be used by parents who desire to have the peace of mind of knowing where their children are and that they are protected.

Extend Your Sunday Worship

Stand up for Life

October is Respect Life Month

Sunday, October 7 from 2 PM until 3:30 PM (rain or shine) on Route 110 and Route 25 in Huntington. Signs will be distributed at the site. You will be participating in one of 1200 similar events in the United States and Canada.

Contemplative Outreach of Long Island/Queens

Contemplative Outreach of Long Island/Queens will be hosting a Welcoming Prayer Retreat on October 26-28 at Our Lady of Grace Retreat House in Manhasset. For further information, please call Diane Garretson at 631.587.0966

What God arranges for us to experience at each moment is the best and holiest thing that could happen to us.

-Jean-Pierre de Caussard

Help Feed the Hungry

The Mercy Inn Soup Kitchen of Wyandanch is in need of a volunteer to help prepare and cook food on Wednesdays. The hours are 8:30 AM until 1:45 PM. If you can help, call Kathy at 631.422.1420.

Spiritual Care Companion Program

Are you looking for an avenue to volunteer your time with others? Come and learn more about sharing your gift of time and presence as a Spiritual Care Companion with those that are hospitalized or living in the nursing home. spiritual Care Companions will attend a free six-week training program from early October through mid November covering such topics as: -goals of ministry to the sick, -how to be a good listener and serve as a spiritual companion, -how to respond to crisis and grief. For more information, please call Mary T. O'Neill at 631.474.5663 or Peg Nixdorf at 631.587.1600.

Fall Craft Fair

St. Brigid/Our Lady of Hope Regional School is having a Fall Craft Festival on Saturday, September 29 from 10 AM until 5 PM. Join us as we celebrate our village 75th anniversary. There will be music, craft vendors, bake sale rides and so much more! For vendor information call 516.984.7617.

Voices That Blend

This free-to-the-public performance features Terence Purtell conducting the chorus "Voices That Blend" and an ensemble of excellent instrumentalists in their rendition of Andrew Lloyd Webber's Requiem on Friday, September 28 at 7 PM at Our Lady of Grace, West Babylon. This free-admission concert is sponsored by Andrew J. Koslosky and The Josephine Foundation, a charity that promotes the arts. For more information, contact Terence at screamopiano@yahoo.com or 631.487.3632.

Financial Planning Workshop

Be prepared. New laws, new retirement trends and the explosion of the baby-boomer retirees will greatly impact our future. See why and how you can protect yourself in an educational workshop on Thursday, October 4 at St. Patrick church from 7:30 PM until 9:30 PM. For registration and/or information, please call Catherine Dennis at St. Pat's Outreach at 631.665.7216.

11th Annual Baby/Child Equipment & Toy Sale

Saturday, October 13 from 9 AM - 1 PM (rain or shine)

Our Lady of Queen of Martyrs Church, Centerport

Vendors Wanted: Do you want to reclaim space in your home but don't want to have a garage sale? Do you have baby or child related items such as strollers, car seats, cribs, toys that you no longer need? Be a vendor at our group Baby/Child Equipment & Toy Sale! We'll help you free up that space while you make some money. We'll do all of the advertising and bring in the customers, all you have to do is price and sell your items. There is a fee of \$10 to reserve your table plus OLQM Parish Outreach receives 10% commission of your total sales.

Donations Wanted: Do you want to clean out your basement and attic, but don't want to be a vendor at the sale? You can donate your gently used baby/child equipment and toys to us. Items for donation can be dropped off in the Community Room on Friday, October 12 from noon until 7 PM. No clothing please. For information please call 631.4787.3142 or email to olqmbabysale@hotmail.com. All proceeds benefit OLQM Parish Outreach.

Free Help for Job Helpers

Established, nonsectarian guidance program for anyone seeking employment-new college grads, first-time job hunters, returnees, recently terminated. Experienced counselors help you sharpen your search skills. Consecutive Monday evening sessions cover career assessment, planning and researching, resume writing, networking and interviewing. First session is Monday, October 1 at 7 PM. Advanced registration is required. Call 631.754.9045

Education of a Lifetime

A Catholic High School education offers young people a challenging, value-centered liberal arts education. It also affords each student an opportunity to test abilities, add skills, build confidence and develop an understanding of faith, while preparing for college and for life. Learn more about each school by attending its Open House. For more information, contact the individual High School or the Catholic Secondary School Administration at 516.739.5030.

Open House Schedule

Sunday, September 16	10 AM - 1 PM	St. Anthony's High School
Saturday, September 22	11 AM - 1:30 PM	Our Lady of Mercy Academy
Sunday, September 23	1 PM - 4 PM	St. Dominic High School
Sunday, September 30	12 PM - 2:30 PM	Holy Trinity High School
	2 PM - 4:30 PM	St. Mary's College Prep. High School
Saturday, October 13	9:30 AM - 12 PM	Sacred Heart Academy
	10 AM - 1 PM	Kellenberg Memorial H. S.
	2 PM - 4 PM	Chaminade H. S.
Sunday, October 14	10:30 AM - 2 PM	St. John the Baptist D.H.S.
Saturday, October 20	12 PM - 2 PM	Academy of St. Joseph
Sunday, October 21	10 AM - 1 PM	McGann-Mercy D.H. S.

The Catholic High School Entrance Exam is scheduled for Saturday, October 27 and will be held at several locations. Applications for the Catholic High School entrance exam are available at the Religious Education Office and the OLL School Office. If you have any questions, please call the Religious Education Office at 661.5440, option #3 or the OLL School Office at 661.7200, option #2.

Sisters of St. Joseph

Are you looking for a way to deepen your relationship with God and with others of like mind? The Sisters of St. Joseph of Brentwood, New York invite you to consider joining the CSJ Associates:

“Catholic women and men who associate themselves with the Sisters of St. Joseph in their mission to bring about the reign of God as they strive to live simply and work for a more just and peaceful world.”

For further information contact the co-directors: S. Phyllis Esposito, CSJ at 631.589.0540 or Liz Tully at etully2003@optonline.net.

Bible Study

A Bible study course on the major prophets will be presented by Monsignor Joseph Curley, Pastor at The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church in the Church Hall, Crown Acres Road, Centereach for five weeks beginning Tuesday, September 25 at 9:30 AM and 7:30 PM. All are invited. Please bring a Bible. For information, call 631.585.8760.

Jesus' Sensitivity

Fr. Ron Rolheiser, OMI

Michael Buckley, the American Jesuit, once did a fascinating study of Jesus and Socrates, comparing them in terms of human excellence. The result? In many aspects, Jesus appears to be the weaker of the two men.

This, of course, must be properly understood. Weakness here does not refer to moral weakness, but to something else. What?

Here are Buckley's words:

There is a classic comparison running through contemporary philosophy between Socrates and Jesus, a judgement between them in human excellence. Socrates went to his death with calmness and poise. He accepted the judgement of the court, discoursed on the alternatives suggested by death and the dialectical indications of immortality, found no cause for fear, drank the poison and died. Jesus - how much to the contrary. Jesus was almost hysterical with terror and fear, "with loud cries and tears to him who was able to save him from death." He looked repeatedly to his friends for comfort and prayed for an escape from death, and he found neither. Finally he established control over himself and moved into his death in silence and lonely isolation, even into the terrible interior suffering of the hidden divinity, the absence of God.

I once thought that this was because Socrates and Jesus suffered different deaths, the one so much more terrible than the other; the pain and agony of the cross so overshadowing the release of the hemlock. But now I think that this explanation, though correct as far as it runs, is superficial and secondary. Now I believe that Jesus was a more profoundly weak man than Socrates, more liable to physical pain and weariness, more sensitive to human rejection and contempt, more affected by love and hate. Socrates never wept over Athens. Socrates never expressed sorrow and pain over the betrayal of friends. He was possessed and integral, never overextended, convinced that the just person could never suffer genuine hurt. And for this reason, Socrates - one of the greatest and most heroic people who has ever existed, a paradigm of what humanity can achieve within the individual - was a philosopher. And for the same reason, Jesus of Nazareth was a priest - ambiguous, suffering, mysterious, and salvific.

In what way precisely was Jesus a weaker man than Socrates?

In his incapacity to protect himself against pain, in his vulnerability, and in the interior anguish and exterior humiliation that this congenital, moral trait inevitably produces. In contemporary language, Socrates was simply set together better as a human being than Jesus was, at least in terms of how we normally judge this.

In Socrates there was, certainly in the face of opposition and death, a poise, an ease, an interior peace, and an attractive calm that was absent in Jesus. Socrates was "cool" in a way that Jesus wasn't. Socrates always looked attractive. Jesus didn't. Jesus sweated blood (no glamour there), shed tears that he was unable to hide, and was stripped naked and humiliated in front of his loved ones. You don't look attractive when that happens and you can't hide the pain of that from others.

And yet, that's exactly what we most want to do. In our world there's a powerful, omnipresent pressure (put forth even in the name of religion, humanity, and maturity) to protect ourselves against pain and humiliation, to never, never be vulnerable enough so as to risk falling flat on our faces. At all cost, no matter what other kinds of pain we must endure, we don't want to be caught needy, being the one who has to ask, the one who has to beg, the one who's embarrassed, the one who doesn't look good.

And so we try to arrange ourselves, our lives, and our relationships in such a way so as not to be too affected by things, so as avoid the tension of interior anguish, and so as to never risk not looking good. The attractive persona ("cool") of Socrates more than the humble, all-too human, tears of Jesus is our ideal.

But, and this is the point, by protecting ourselves in this way we don't ever become vulnerable enough to enter into an intimacy with others and the world that is salvific and priestly. We never save anyone, even though we look good. What's meant by that?

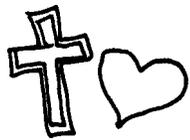
To love is to care. But as soon as we begin to do that, we open yourself to weakness, sensitivity, and humiliation. Why?

Because to be sensitive is to know that it's better to be sad than bitter, better to be hurting than hard, better to shed tears than be indifferent, better to taste death than never risk living, better to feel rejection than never to have loved, better to groan in interior anguish than to prematurely resolve tension, and better, for the sake of love, family, faith, and commitment, to sometimes look the fool, the needy one, the simpleton, than to always successfully hide what's most true inside us so as to be the one who never has a hair, a feeling, or an opinion that's out of place.

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Sharing the Gospel

Jesus wants you to be honest. When you tell lies, your friends will not be able to trust you. Tell the truth. If you find a wallet, bring it to the police station. If you see someone drop some money, pick it up and give it back to them. If someone left a jacket or toy on the playground, don't take it. Turn it in to "lost and found." When you are honest with small things, people will see that you can be trusted with bigger things, too.



Mission for the Week

Ask your parents to tell you ways that they choose to be honest with their work, their money, and with God.

Puzzle

Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:

You cannot serve God and money.

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Prayer



Dear God,
help me to
be honest.

Something to Draw



Draw a picture of yourself giving money back to someone who dropped it.