

**“O God,
be merciful to me,
a sinner.”**

Luke 18:13



Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Our Lady of Lourdes • October 28, 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
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: info@ollschool.org

Religious Education Office

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

Parish Outreach Office

661-9262
Monday-Friday: 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM

S.A.G.E.

661-3224
(Senior Advocates for Growth and Enrichment)
email: Sage@ollchurch.org

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Mary McMahon

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School Office
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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.

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

...this month



Gospel of Matthew

Tuesdays - 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.

Gentle Reminder: Preregistration 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 from 9 AM until 5 PM at 661.5440, option 3 or email to religioused@ollchurch.org. Fee is \$25 and may vary with each class. No fee is required for those who have paid Religious Education Family Fee or Our Lady of Lourdes School tuition.

Be a Life Saver – GIVE BLOOD!

In real life accidents happen. People get diseases and surgery is often required. Any and all of these patients can require blood. 95% of us will use blood at some point in our lives. We do not collect enough blood in this area to meet our needs. People needing blood most urgently are the elderly. The second largest group is children. These people rely on our donations of blood. It often means the difference between life and death. The human body is the only producer of this precious fluid and its only source is you and me, people who care.

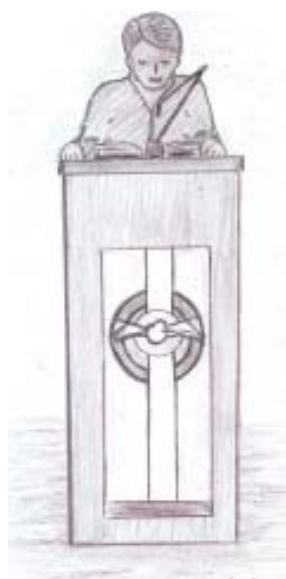
So care enough to give blood on **Friday, November 9 from 3:30 to 8:30 PM in the Parish Center**. To make an appointment, please call Marie at 669-5837. Your gift of blood may mean another day of life for someone, another birthday, another anniversary, another hug, another smile. Love makes it all worthwhile.

Financial Summary

October 21, 2007

Weekly Collection	\$ 15,861.00
Weekly Budget	-\$ 21,000.00
+/- for the week	\$ (5,139.00)

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



When we love...

Renewing our Support for Our Lady of Lourdes

Dear Parishioners:

Each year, our parish uses the weeks at the end of October and beginning of November to celebrate parish stewardship. Stewardship is a way of life, an attitude of generosity and faith that allows us to use our gifts of time, talent, and treasure to do the work of the gospel. Our parish community would not exist without the generosity of our members. Please pay special attention to the message of stewardship on these upcoming weekends.

...we serve.

This Weekend!

Saturday and Sunday, October 27 and 28

Our Parish Annual Report

Our Pastor, Father Mike Vetrano, will speak at all weekend Masses and present the Annual Report from our Finance and Stewardship Committees.

Saturday and Sunday, November 3 and 4

Parish Commitment Weekend

We will be invited, this Sunday, to listen and understand the importance of the stewardship of time, talent, and treasure in our lives. Parishioners will also be invited to make or renew a commitment to support Our Lady of Lourdes. The commitment cards may be put into the collection baskets at this Mass or at Mass over the next several Sundays. In addition, the commitment cards can be dropped off at or mailed to the Parish Office in the Rectory.

Saturday and Sunday, November 10 and 11

Commitment Weekend

Parishioners will be invited to return their commitment cards if they did not do so last weekend. In addition, we will have cards available at the entrances of the Church over the next several weeks for your use. All cards can be returned in the collection baskets at Mass or they can be dropped off at or mailed to the Parish Office in the Rectory.

Fabulous
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Wedding
50's *
with music by the notable
Dominick and the Vel-tones * * * * *



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**.

Nocturnal Adoration

Nocturnal Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament will follow the 5 PM Mass on **Saturday, November 3**, followed by Benediction at 9:50 PM. Please come and pray with us. We will be praying for our families. All are invited and welcome! Bring a friend.



Senior Circle

The Senior Circle meets on the last Monday of each month. The next meeting will be held on **Monday, October 29**, at **12:30 PM** in the **Parish Center**.



The correct date for Thanksgiving Day meal pickup is **Monday, November 19**.
Please watch the bulletin for further details ...

Ministry of Consolation

We Remember We Celebrate We Believe

All Souls Mass of Remembrance

During this past year at Our Lady of Lourdes, more than 100 Funeral Masses have been celebrated for members of our parish family who have died. Their families will be invited to participate in a special Mass of Remembrance and Communion Breakfast on **Saturday, November 3 at 10:30 AM**. If there is someone you wish to honor, whose Funeral Mass was not celebrated at Our Lady of Lourdes, please contact the Parish Office at 661.3224 so that we may include them on this special day, no later than October 31.

Ministry of Family Healing

We welcome you to the 2007-2008 Ministry of Family Healing nights of prayer and reflection. Our first night will be **Wednesday, November 7 at 7:30 PM in the Parish Center**. The theme for the night will be Grace and Gratitude. Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos to order, confusion to clarity. It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home and a stranger into a friend. Please join us by calling the Religious Education Office at 661-5440 to register and please bring a friend. Food and fellowship to follow. In the spirit of gratitude and thanksgiving, please bring a non perishable food item for our food pantry. Looking forward to seeing you on Wednesday, November 7.

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, Donnie Frank-US Marines, 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.

Operation Holidays

The Rosary Christian Mothers are sponsoring "**Operation Holidays**." Our parish family is asked to join us in this effort by donating items for our troops. Some suggestions are phone cards, travel size toiletries, writing paper/note cards, envelopes, pens/pencils. There are also magazines, paperback books, cards, puzzles, and games. Some food items that make good donations are gum, nuts, hard candy, non-perishable boxed food items such as macaroni and cheese and soups. Or, if you would like to make a monetary donation to help defray the cost of shipping, please contact Doris at 893.5053 or Claire at 669.3178. If you know of someone serving in the armed forces from our parish, and their comrades, who would like to receive a care package this holiday season, please call Doris or Claire so we can include them on our list.

The last weekend for donations is the weekend of November 3/4. There will boxes in the Narthex and at the entrances to the Church. There will also be members of the Rosary Christian Mother to accept any monetary donations or to answer any questions that you may have.



Baptisms

Matthew Thomas Blandino
Michael and Donna

Allison Brigid Jablonski
Edward and Siobhan

Giordana Rose LaFemina
Anthony and Maureen

Julia Alexa Prokopiak
Leon and Tina

Rachel Madison Rubio
Daniel and Denise

Annalee Rose Thorn
Claud and Carleen

Drew William Brust
Amanda



Rest In Peace

Mary A. McGowan, died on October 13 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was October 19. We extend our prayers to her husband James, children James and Stacey and her entire family.

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.

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.

Altar Society

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

Mass Schedule

Monday, October 29

8:00 AM Elizabeth Homann

Tuesday, October 30

8:00 AM Linda Francavilla

Wednesday, October 31

8:00 AM William Hein

5:00 PM John Dell'Orto

Thursday, November 1

All Saints

8:00 AM David Calogero

7:30 PM Francis V. Harnos, Jr.

Friday, November 2

All Souls Day

8:00 AM

Saturday, November 3

8:00 AM Vincent McCarthy, William Rothaug, Frank Bontempo,
Charlotte Grabler, Dec'd mbrs of Delfin & DeRoxas Families,
William Harris, Christopher Loughlin, Victor Gregorio, Paul Clark,
Carmine Maiocco, Richard M. Devlin, Sr.

5:00 PM Barbara McGarrity

Fr. Bob Scheckenback

Sunday, November 4

8:00 AM Joseph Rizzo

Fr. Bob Scheckenback

9:30 AM All Souls of Maggi Family

Fr. Stan Chukwube

11:00 AM Dolores O'Dea

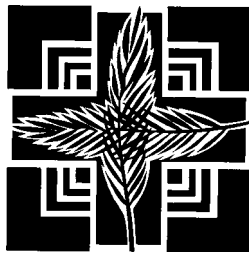
Fr. Mike Vetrano

12:30 PM Jean Sullivan

Fr. Ambrose Cabildo

6:00 PM People of the Parish, Richard & Ann McCabe, Joseph Sullivan,
Dorothy O'Grady, Frances C. Passarella, Linda Viverito,
Mary Kay DuRussel, Paul M. Smith, Mary McGowan,
Lucinda Leonard, Joseph Bedamo, Antoinette Martinico

Fr. Mike Vetrano



All Saints Day

November 1

Thursday

Vigil Mass – 5 PM – Wednesday, October 31

Morning Mass – 8 AM – Thursday, November 1

Special Children and Family Celebration

7:30 PM – Thursday, November 1

including a special Children's Liturgy of the Word with famous saints! Followed by Great All Saints Candy Exchange - Bring your candy from Halloween and share it with others on All Saints' Day!