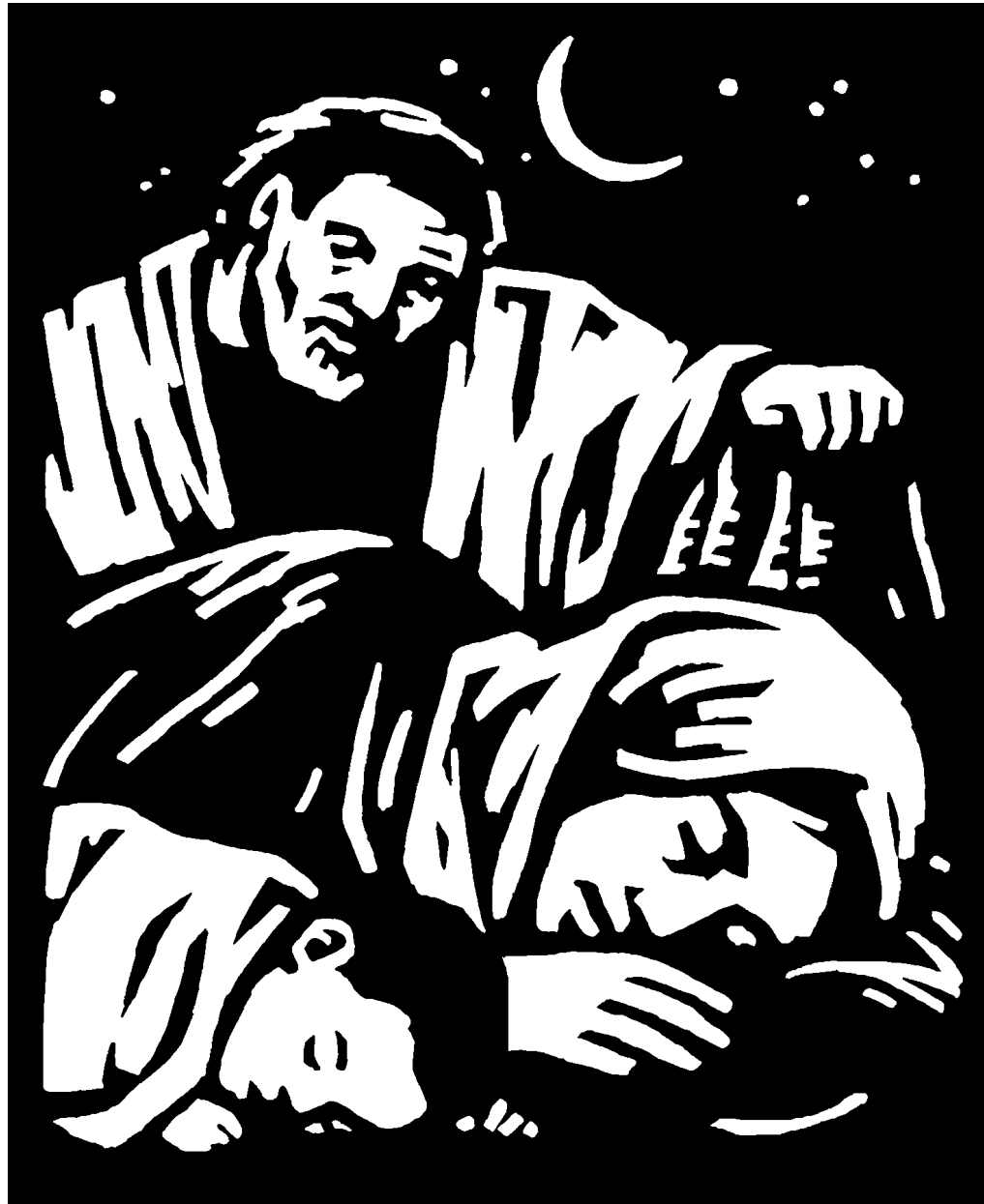


**FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY  
OUR LADY OF LOURDES · DECEMBER 30, 2007**

**“GET UP, AWAKE  
THE CHILD AND  
HIS MOTHER**



**AND FLEE TO EGYPT.”**

**MATTHEW 2:13**



## *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](mailto:ParishOffice@ollchurch.org)

fax: 661-7143

website: [www.ollchurch.org](http://www.ollchurch.org)

### **Our Lady of Lourdes School**

587-7200

Monday-Friday: 9 AM - 3 PM

email: [info@ollschool.org](mailto: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](mailto: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)

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### **Rev. Stanislaus Chukwube**

Associate Pastor

### **Rev. Robert Scheckenback**

Associate Pastor

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### **Deacon Jack Meehan**

Coordinator of Stewardship

### **Deacon John Teufel**

### **Dominic Armano**

Youth Ministry

### **Sr. Margaret Bickar**

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### **Sr. Nancy Campkin**

Director of Religious Education

### **Jennifer Gallagher**

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Summer Program Director

### **Carol M. Goetz**

Parish Music Director

### **Louise Jane Krol**

School Principal

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Director of Religious Education

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## *Pastoral Council*

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Stephen Frodell

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Anne Kerrigan

Maria Lucie (*co-chair*)

Deacon Jack Meehan

Vita Scorcia

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

## Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

### What's it all about?

**IF** you are an adult AND

- ... you were never Baptized
- ... you were Baptized in another faith and would like to become a baptized Catholic
- ... you never received Holy Communion (Eucharist)
- ... you never received your Confirmation

**IF** you are an adult *and* one or all of the circumstances above apply to you

**IF** you feel you would like to become a Baptized Catholic or become more fully initiated into your Catholic faith,

please contact John Sureau, S. Nancy, Fr. Stan or Fr. Bob at the Parish Office.

You can call 661-3224, option #1, and we would be happy to help you!

**Mark your  
calendar!**



## Directed Retreat Week

*All Are Welcome to our Third Annual Directed Retreat Week experience...right here at OLL!*

**Sunday, February 3–Saturday, February 9, 2008**

St. Ignatius Retreat House offers the opportunity for the experience of the Directed Retreat to the people of a parish, in their parish surroundings... as they live out their daily lives.

### *Who can go?*

This “Directed Retreat” is for you! Many people cannot go away for a week or a weekend to experience a directed retreat. This is a wonderful taste of what it is like to have spiritual direction and to be on retreat without leaving your home.

### *How does it work?*

We will meet initially on Sunday afternoon at 2 PM at Our Lady of Lourdes. Our first meeting will last about one hour and you will meet your retreat director/prayer guide. The Prayer Guides are a group of spiritual directors, affiliated with St. Ignatius Retreat Center, Manhasset who have been trained in leading prayers and spiritual exercises in the tradition of St. Ignatius.

After this meeting, each retreatant will meet privately with his/her prayer guide at our parish for approximately one-half hour each day, Monday through Friday. During these meetings, the retreatant and prayer guide will reflect together and will examine different ways to pray, including meditation and praying with scripture. Each retreatant commits to set aside a half hour each day for a prayer period on a scripture passage. On Saturday morning at 9:30 AM, there will be a group closing session at Our Lady of Lourdes.

## Adult Faith Formation

### “MOMS” - Ministry of Mothers Sharing

An opportunity for women to get together to share and nurture each other through the journey of motherhood.

- *Come... women who lead stressful lives.*
- *Come...women who live with many demands of their time and energy.*
- *Come... women who need a place to receive spiritual nurturing.*

Topics will include: spirituality, self-esteem, stress and so much more!

**Thursdays, January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, February 7 and 28, 2008**

**7:30-9:00 PM**

**Room 16**

Presenter is Lyn Quinn, Pastoral Formation Institute

Please sign up as soon as possible-seating is limited! Also, there will be a book purchase required for class.

### Old Testament

#### *Our History...Our Roots..*

This five week journey will bring us back to our heritage. As Christians, our faith is deepened when we take this journey which brings us to the beginnings of our faith story.

How are, as followers of Christ, rooted in the Old Testament scriptures? Come to know more about our roots and traditions through learning, prayer and sharing.

**Tuesdays, January 8, 15, 22, 29, February 5, 2008**

**7:30-9:30 PM**

**Parish Center**

Presenters are Fr. Bob Scheckenback and Deacon Kevin McCormick

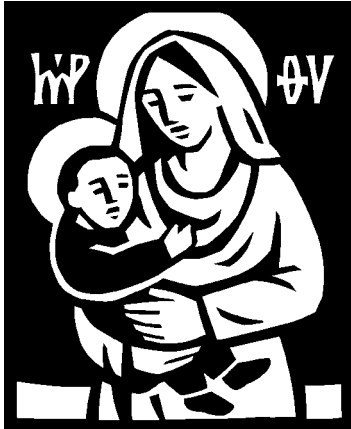
*Pre-Registration is necessary and helpful. This will enable us to have enough reading material and refreshments for all those attending. Please call the Religious Education Office, Monday-Friday, between 9AM – 5 PM at 661.5440 x3, or e-mail to: [religioused@ollchurch.org](mailto:religioused@ollchurch.org). 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.]*

# Christmas

## Flower Offering

*George Q. Khoury  
M/M Vincent McGuire  
Walter P. Sokol, Sr.  
Marie McManus  
Rick Munkwitz  
Anna Teroskiewicz  
Marie Furfaro  
Yvonne Romeo  
John McKeefery  
Anthony DiMino  
Rosemary & Charles Clancy  
Helen & Rocco Marrone  
M/M Walter Minewiser  
M/M Michael Montesanto  
Viola & Cosmo Buonaspina  
William Schlageter  
Philip DeVirgilis  
Catherine & Declan Flynn  
Dec'd mbrs of Melton Family  
Joseph DiMola III  
Frank W. Troiano*

*Julia & Daniel Colasuonno  
Margaret & Joseph Colasuonno  
Catherine & George Muldowney  
Matthew & Patricia Conaughton  
Gene Langan  
Dec'd mbrs of Gagliano &  
Pizzella Families  
Salerno & D'Angelo Families  
Robert Fitzgerald  
M/M Mark Grabow  
M/M Ted Scoria  
William L. LeComte  
Agnes & James McNamara  
O'Hara & Timmer Families  
James & Lydia Olsen  
Sylvester Bonacci  
M/M Robert Petersen  
Lang & Ruddlinger Family  
Jerry DiCanio  
Jennie & Joe Geraghty  
William F. Adams  
John & Mark Nardone  
Mary Randazzo  
Eugene J. Spano  
Kolkmeier/Kirwan Family  
John Andonlino  
Fred Andonlino  
Frank C. Kruger  
Robert Schlosser  
Tammy  
Angelo & Rose Paolino  
M/M Thomas Keogh  
M/M Anthony D'Auria  
M/M Steven Troiano  
Fred Totans  
Ellen Finn  
M/M Charles E. Ecker  
Nelson & Kreuzburg Families  
Winifred Macher  
Our Parents*



## **Solemnity of Mary**

*Holy Day of Obligation*

**Monday, December 31** – New Year’s Eve  
**5 PM** (*vigil*)

**Tuesday, January 1** - New Year’s Day  
**8 AM and 11 AM**

## **Christmas Poster Contest 2007**

“The Holy Name Society of Our Lady of Lourdes would like to thank Ms. Louise Krol, principal and Mr. Vinny Montella, Art teacher and the students of OLL School for their participation in the annual 2007 Christmas Theme Poster Contest - Christmas Is Jesus’ Birthday, sponsored on behalf of the Diocesan Union of Holy Name Societies of Rockville Centre.

One poster from each grade was selected and submitted to represent OLL school in the judging among the other parish school’s from Nassau and Suffolk counties in the Diocesan Union Contest held at Christ The King Parish in Commack, Saturday December 15. Of the wonderful and talented posters submitted, *Katherine Moeller* of OLL school received a Third Place ribbon for the seventh grade category and *Ashley Danielle Acompora* received Honorable Mention for the sixth grade.”

Congratulations to our budding artists!

## **Night at the Races**

Our Lady of Lourdes School will present a Night at the Races on Saturday, January 19, 2008 at 7PM – 10PM. Races will be held in the cafeteria, child care will be available in the All-Purpose Room.

“ALL ARE WELCOME”

NOTE: OLL School Families-this is a Mandatory Fundraising Event.

*details to follow...*

## **Attention College Students**

We don’t want to lose you! Keep in touch with us and we’ll keep you up to date about all that is happening here at OLL. Email us your name, the school you are attending and your email address. We will send you updates and notices of what’s going on at OLL. Please email to [jsureau@ollchurch.org](mailto:jsureau@ollchurch.org).

## 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*

*Charles G. Kurbs* died on December 12 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was December 17. We extend our prayers to his wife, Elaine and daughter Christine.

*Edmund P. Dolan* died on December 13 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was December 17. We extend our prayers to his sister Karen and 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.

## *Upcoming Marriages*

*Catherine Mangiaracina*, OLL and

*George Powers, Jr.*,

Ss. Philip & James, St. James



## *Mass Schedule*

### **Monday, December 31**

**8:00 AM** Antoinette Fogel

**5:00 PM** Louis Ruocco  
(vigil)

### *Altar Bread and Wine*

*Baby & Richard Joseph Shaddock*

### **Tuesday, January 1, 2008**

*Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God*

**8:00 AM** Chris Hansen

**11:00 AM** Bernardo Pistone (birthday)

### **Wednesday, January 2**

*St. Basil the Great, bishop, doctor*

**8:00 AM** Frank & Jean Triolo

### **Thursday, January 3**

*Holy Name of Jesus*

**8:00 AM** Peter Venizelos

### **Friday, January 4**

*St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, religious*

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

### **Saturday, January 5**

**8:00 AM** Anthony Sorresso, Adam Ippolito, Michelle Kern,  
Leonard & Rogelio Reyes Vincencio,  
Isabel & Eulogio Leon, Maria V. LaCarrubba (L)

**5:00 PM** Anthony & Josephine Paladino

### **Sunday, January 6**

**8:00 AM** Thomas Wepler

**9:30 AM** Dolores Haggerty

**11:00 AM** Thomas Coletto

**12:30 PM** Muriel Veronica Olsen

**6:00 PM** People of the Parish, Rosemary Hogan, Mary T. Cerrato,  
William Maher, Gerald F. Russell, Louis Gambardella, Misir Nina,  
Jane & John Aspromanti, Jean Claire Stout, Richard Matier

## Parish Outreach

### Outreach Office Hours

Monday through Friday from 9:30 AM until 3:30 PM.  
For information/assistance call 661.9262.



canned pasta, ravioli, etc.  
chili  
macaroni & cheese  
pasta  
tomato sauce

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

## Tai Chi

In September, Outreach started offering Tai Chi classes each Wednesday from Noon-1PM in the Parish Center. The offering for Tai Chi is a free-will donation. There has been a consistent turn-out each week, and the response from participants has been positive.

Starting in January, we will be adding a meditation period to the end of each class. If you are interested in either the Tai Chi class or the meditation time-please join us. Meditation will start Wednesday, January 9 at approximately 1 PM. Meditation sessions will be approximately twenty minutes.

We ask that if you participate only in the meditation session-to please remove your shoes before entering the Parish Center and to enter quietly.

## MICAH: A Campaign to End LI Poverty

*(Mobilized Interfaith Coalition Against Hunger)*

“Do justice, love mercy, walk humbly with your God.”

*Micah 6:8*

### A Moral Call to Create Affordable Housing

With the average home selling at an unaffordable \$450,000, many Long Islanders financed their home purchase with subprime mortgages. The rush to “easy-credit” eventually caused a dramatic rise in home foreclosures and an “implosion” of the home-mortgage industry which threatened the very stability of the US economy. This financial crisis emphasized the fact that the creation of more affordable housing is in everyone’s best interests.

To learn more about the MICAH campaign, contact Dr. Richard Koubek at Catholic Charities at [Koubek.richard@catholiccharities.cc](mailto:Koubek.richard@catholiccharities.cc)

## Nocturnal Adoration

Nocturnal Adoration will follow the 5 PM Mass on Saturday, January 5, followed by Benediction at 9:50 PM. Please come and pray with us. All are invited and welcome! Bring a friend.



## 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**.

## OLL on the Web

Check out our parish web site at [www.ollchurch.org](http://www.ollchurch.org) and learn even more about what is happening here at Our Lady of Lourdes!



## Saint Bernard League

If you're in need of help when it snows, members of our parish community will come to your home and shovel you out! If you think you can use this help, call the Parish Office at 661.3224 or e-mail to [jsureau@ollchurch.org](mailto:jsureau@ollchurch.org) today so we can begin to match people up now.

PLEASE: Sign up again this year even if you signed up last year.

### *We also need Saint Bernards...*

Can you and/or your family shovel, snow blow or clear out another family or two in need within our parish community? If you can help with this call the Parish Office at 661.3224, x. 135 or e-mail to [jsureau@ollchurch.org](mailto:jsureau@ollchurch.org).

This is a great way to help those in need (tremendous community service!)



## Feast of the Holy Family

A retired gentleman in our parish's small-faith group tells anyone who will listen that he has a difficulty reading and writing. He dropped out of high school to work to support his family; soon, he was working two jobs to support a wife and children. What he may lack in communication skills is more than replaced by his lifelong Catholic faith; because he gave his family that exposure, one of his sons is the director of communications for a large Catholic charity.

Joseph gives us the perfect example of a father's duty to his family. A faith-filled man, he heeds the warning to take his wife and child and flee to Egypt, and again listens as he is told when it is safe to return. As children of God, we are given the same loving care by the Father who warns of dangers and promises us safety in our lives if we only entrust ourselves to him.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us that the family is the original cell of social life. This means that a strong family is the proper initiation to a life in society; it also promotes strong moral values and a strident foundation for faith (CCC 2207). On this feast of the Holy Family, rededicate your efforts to building, maintaining and protecting a loving, faith-filled family in recognition of the example given by Joseph.

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### Readings for the Week of December 30, 2007

<b>Sunday:</b>	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-21 <i>or</i> 3:12-17/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
<b>Monday:</b>	1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
<b>Wednesday:</b>	1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28
<b>Thursday:</b>	1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Jn 1:29-34
<b>Friday:</b>	1 Jn 3:7-10/Jn 1:35-42
<b>Saturday:</b>	1 Jn 3:11-21/Jn 1:43-51
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

## Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Monenna Kennedy*.  
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 ...

*Stacie Baltrusitis, Deacon Dick Barry, Pat Bonavita, Thomas Brennan,  
Baby Drew Brust, Howard Campkin, Lynn Castellano, Laura Christman,  
Regina Cranor, Joseph Cristallo, Karen DellaVecchia, TJ Devlin,  
Josephine DiBenedetto, Daniel V. DiMonda, Joann Fasano, Jason Fisher,  
Samantha Hil, Wade Kromhout, Evelyn Lang, Richard Lang, Nancy Letsch,  
Anthony Lombardo, Mike Lorento, Denise Mannino, Diego Marino,  
Rosemarie Marmo, Charles Matushefske, Michele McCann, Peter McCann, Sr.,  
Joseph Menite, Bryan Monahan, Jimmy Murphy, Joseph Ortiz, Maria Pereira,  
Mary Petersen, Arthur Petrino, Baby Conner Pietras, Louise Posanti, Joe Radosti,  
Delphine Reynolds, Felix Rivera, Dorothy Schiavone, Derek Stahl, Linda Stasio,  
Dorothy Sullivan, Loretta Vitale*

## Against An Infinite Horizon

by Ron Rolheiser, OMI

Does belief in life after death have an impact on how we live our lives right now? Should it?

Several years ago I watched a panel of theologians discuss this question on national television and was surprised by their conclusions: All of them, theologians who professed to believe in God, without a dissenting voice, stated that it shouldn't make any difference whatsoever whether or not there is life after death in terms of how we actually live our lives. Belief in life after death, they said, shouldn't affect really our daily lives.

I have problems with that: First of all, it isn't true, whatever our protests to the contrary. If we say that belief in an afterlife does not (and should not) affect how we live our lives, we're simply out of touch with some of the deeper things that motivate us. It makes a huge difference, unconsciously, as to how restless or peaceful we are. When we no longer believe in a life hereafter we will, one way or the other, put unfair, restless pressure on this life.

There is a tendency today, both in church circles and in everyday life, to deny this. This, I suspect, is based on an over-reaction to the old punishment-reward system, which played too big a part in the religion of our youth. For too many of us, the idea was that we were supposed to live good lives so that, when we die, we'd go to heaven and not to hell. Part of that view too, over-simplified in the critique of religion made by Karl Marx ("Religion is the opium of the people"), was the idea that, if we believe in life after death, we were more likely to be unhealthily passive and not fully creative in this life.

Our instincts are right in wanting to reject this. However in our proclivity to be more liberal and open-minded, we generally lose sight of something else: Belief in life after death is important, not because it can affect our present lives with fears of hellfire or with the promise of a heaven that can be a soothing narcotic when life can't deliver what we want, but because only the infinite can provide the proper horizon against which to view the finite.

Our lives are better understood, and more peacefully lived, when they are viewed against the horizon of eternity, against an afterlife.

Whether we believe in life after death consciously and unconsciously colours how we feel minute to minute inside our daily lives. If, for example, we don't believe

in life after death and don't view our lives against the horizon of the eternal, how do we keep the demons of restlessness, disappointment, sadness, jealousy, self-pity, and cynicism at bay?

If this life alone has to carry everything, how tragic then to be poor, to lack opportunity, to not be healthy, to not have a perfect body, to lack the talent to adequately express ourselves; how tragic then to not regularly experience ecstasy in love, to not find a perfect soulmate, to have to sleep alone; how permanently tragic then to have been the victim of some accident, to have been abused, to be wounded, less than whole; how tragic then to be in a marriage that cannot fully take our loneliness away; how tragic then to be caught up in duty, in circumstance, in family, in history in a way that limits our freedom; how tragic then to not have a job that is fully satisfying, to not have a career that properly honours our gifts; how tragic then to find ourselves aging, losing our physical beauty and becoming marginalized; how tragic then to have to face death with our lives still incomplete; how tragic then to have to miss out on any of life's pleasures; how tragic then to find ourselves always in lives too small for us, small-time, small-town, unknown, our dreams reduced to ashes, nostalgia, jealousy, frustration; how tragic then to contemplate what might have been, to have made wrong choices; how tragic then simply to be alone on a Friday night; how tragic then to have to spend a holiday without someone special to share it with; how tragic then to live in a body, a family, a marriage, a home, a world, and a life which can never give us the full symphony nor ever take away our deepest restlessness and longing.

There is no other horizon, outside of eternity and afterlife, against which we can view the human condition in a way that doesn't produce undue restlessness, disappointment, sadness, and cynicism.

Belief in a life after this one isn't meant to make us live in fear of hellfire or in the infantile hope that if we're good we'll get a reward for it after we die. Belief in life after death is meant to give us proper vision so that we can, precisely, enjoy the real joys of this life without perpetually crucifying ourselves because of them, and we, aren't perfect.

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## Financial Summary

### December 16, 2007

Weekly Collection	\$ 17,869.00
Weekly Budget	-\$ 21,000.00
+/- for the week	\$ (3,131.00)

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

Due to change in bulletin deadlines, the weekly collection for December 23 will be published in a future bulletin.

## 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:



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

## Did you know?

Every Catholic household in the Diocese of Rockville Centre is entitled to receive a subscription to The Long Island Catholic, the diocesan newspaper. To add or change an address call 516.594.1000, extension 32.

The parish pays for subscriptions for our parishioners, with discounts based on the number of subscriptions. Next Sunday, January 6, there will be a special collection. If you are able, please contribute \$20 to the parish in your Long Island Catholic Sunday envelope to help defray the cost of those subscriptions to the parish.

If you are not already getting the paper, write your name and address on the back of the envelope and we'll add you to the subscription list.

## HandCrafting Justice

*Can you help support the Sisters of the Good Shepherd?*

HandCrafting Justice is a non-profit, Fair Trade project of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd. We partner with women struggling with poverty and injustice in 18 developing countries. You can help support our mission by:

- visiting our website at [www.handcraftingjustice.org](http://www.handcraftingjustice.org) and shop for fair trade goods
- contact us about volunteer opportunities
- donate to the continuation of our mission.

Please feel free to call us at 718.204.0909 for more information.

## Wanted:

*Our Lady of Consolation Nursing and Rehabilitative Care Center seeks compassionate volunteers...*

willing to volunteer their time as transporters, Eucharistic Ministers, office assistants, gift shop assistants and patient volunteers. Interested individuals must be at least 14 years of age.

Volunteers are needed mornings, afternoons, evenings and weekends. If you have any questions or are interested in becoming a volunteer, please contact Brooke Jankow at 631.587.1600, extension 8231.

## Religion & Rock

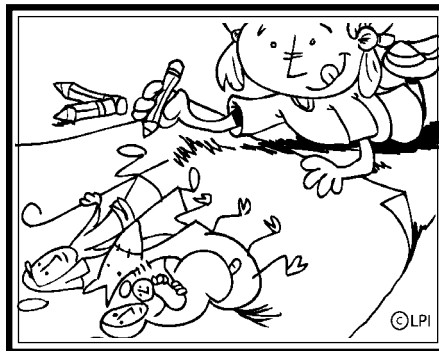
Tune into "Religion & Rock" with Msgr. Jim Vlaun on Sunday from 7 AM to 8 AM on WBAB 102.3 FM or 95.3 on the East End of Long Island. Listen on Saturdays at 11 PM on *Sirius Satellite Radio, Channel 159, or the Catholic Channel*. This week's theme is: "**New Beginnings.**" You can visit us anytime to listen or download a show at [www.religionandrock.com](http://www.religionandrock.com).

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# Sharing the Gospel

Joseph was a good father and a good husband. He did everything he could to keep Mary and the baby Jesus safe. Herod heard that a baby king was born. He was jealous. He wanted to be the only king. Joseph moved here and there to hide Jesus so Herod's men could not hurt his family. God loves you, too. Your parents protect you. Police and firemen keep you safe, too.



## Mission for the Week

I will look left, right, and left again when I cross a street.

### Puzzle

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

lited  
Joseph  
Mary

engaged  
traveled  
baby

sheep  
Savior  
angels

lstedi      l i s t e d

byab      \_\_\_\_\_

Jephos      \_\_\_\_\_

shepe      \_\_\_\_\_

Mrya      \_\_\_\_\_

Siorav      \_\_\_\_\_

enagedg      \_\_\_\_\_

anlsge      \_\_\_\_\_

traledve      \_\_\_\_\_

### Prayer



Lord, help keep me safe from the paths of evil.

### Something to Draw



Draw Joseph and Mary hiding the baby Jesus from Herod and his men.