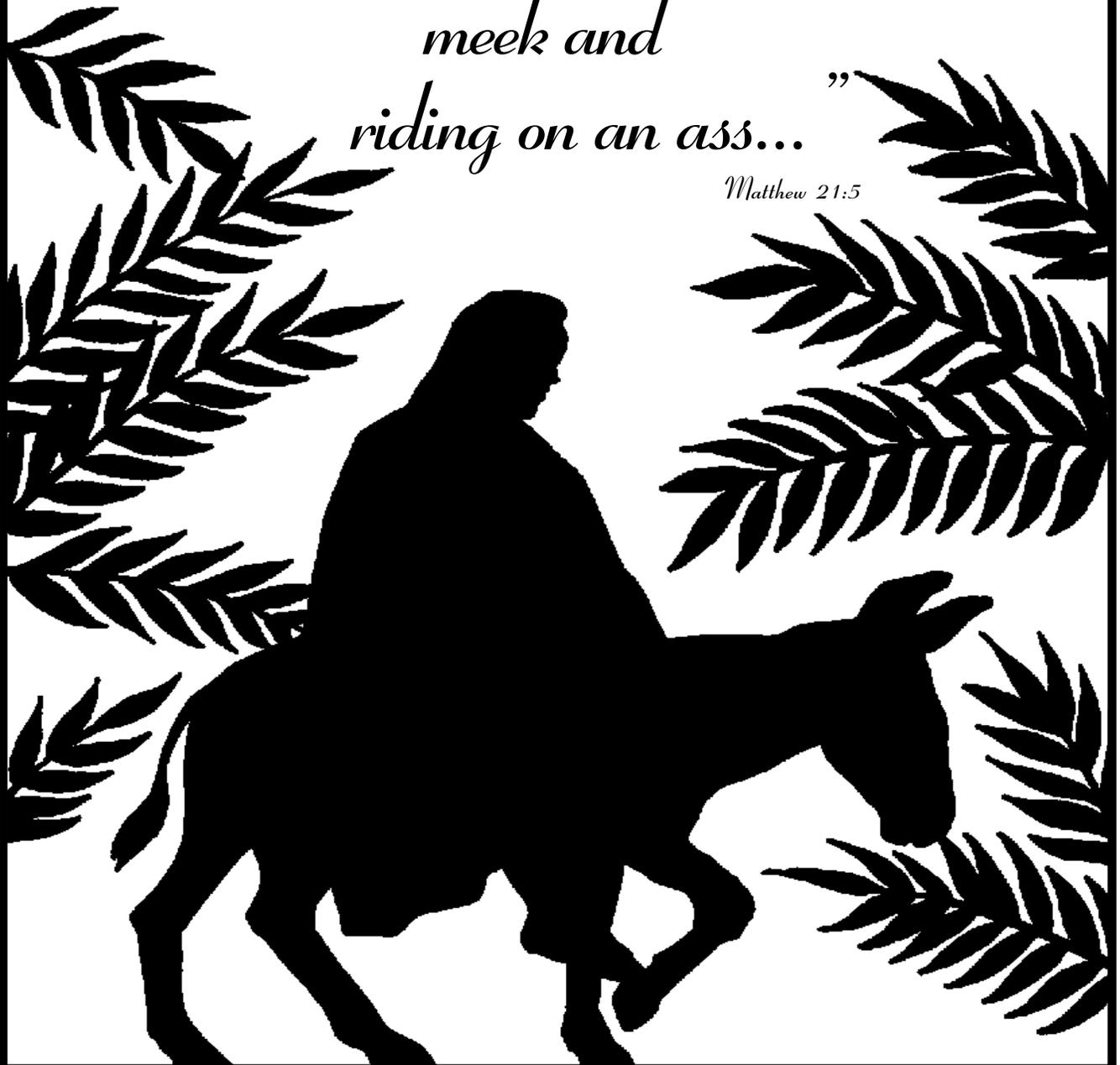
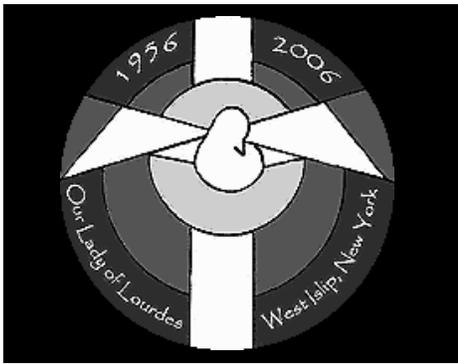


*“Behold,
your king comes to you,
meek and
riding on an ass...”*

Matthew 21:5



*Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion
Our Lady of Lourdes • March 16, 2008*



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

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Monday-Friday: 9 AM - 7:30 PM
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Religious Education Office

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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

Welcome to Our Lady of Lourdes!

We are so happy to welcome everyone who has come to worship with us today! Whether you have come a long distance or you live locally, we are thrilled that you have decided to spend some time with us as we worship our Lord together. Please know that your presence today is a real blessing to our parish family. We were really looking forward to seeing you!

There's always so much happening here at OLL. We want you to remember that you are always welcome to come and be with us and participate in our ministries, programs, and activities. If you would like more information about our Parish Family or you are thinking about becoming a member of our parish, please contact the Parish Office at 661.3224 or email jmeehan@ollchurch.org.

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Celebration of the Eucharist

Our parish's Liturgy committee has prepared this worship aid for you that contains the hymns and readings for today's service.

Commemoration of the Lord's Entrance Into Jerusalem

Our celebration begins with the Blessing of the Palms in the back of the All Purpose Room (or outside at our 5 PM Liturgy). We are called to leave our seats and gather together to hear God's Word and begin our procession to the Church.

Sign of the Cross

Blessing of the Branches



Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.

Invitation to Procession

During the procession, all are invited to raise their palms high in a joyful spirit as we celebrate Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem.

Processional Hymn

Hosanna to the Son of David

...Schutte

Refrain



Ho - san - na to the Son of Da - vid! O
blest is he, O blest is he who comes in the name of the

Verses

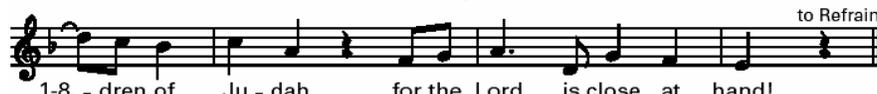
Lord!

1. Re - joice,	daugh - ter of	Zi - on,
2. Re - joice,	all who are	thirst - ing
3. Re - joice,	all who are	long - ing
4. Re - joice,	all who are	search - ing
5. Re - joice,	all who are	hop - ing
6. Re - joice,	all who are	wait - ing
7. Re - joice,	all who are	call - ing
8. Re - joice,	all who are	hun - gry



1. in the One who brings great joy!	} Sing praise, chil -
2. for the streams of liv - ing joy!	
3. to be - hold the face of God!	
4. for the truth of ho - ly light!	
5. for the reign of peace and love!	
6. for the dawn of heav - en's light!	
7. on the name of God on high!	
8. for the taste of liv - ing bread!	

to Refrain



1-8. - dren of Ju - dah, for the Lord is close at hand!

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At the 8 AM Mass, we'll sing..

At the 9:30 AM Mass, we'll sing...

All Glory Laud and Honor

1. All glory, laud, and honor To you, Redeemer King!
To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring.
You are the King of Israel, And David's royal Son,
Now in the Lord's Name coming, Our King and Blessed One.
2. All glory, laud, and honor To you, Redeemer King!
To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring.
The company of angels Are praising you on high;
And mortals, joined with all things Created, make reply.
3. All glory, laud, and honor To you, Redeemer King!
To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring.
The people of the Hebrews With palms before you went:
Our praise and prayers and anthems Before you we present.

Hosanna

...Tuttle

Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!
Lord we lift up your name with hearts full of praise,
Be exalted O Lord my God,
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!
Glory, Glory, glory to the King of Kings!
Glory, glory, glory to the King of Kings!
Lord we lift up your name with hearts full of praise,
Be exalted O Lord my God,
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!
Glory, glory, glory to the King of Kings!
Glory, glory, glory to the King of Kings!
Lord we lift up your name with hearts full of praise,
Be exalted O Lord my God,
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest.

Liturgy of the Word

Reading I

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Despite rejection, Isaiah does not abandon his call.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 22

My God, My God why have you abandoned me?

At the 9:30 A.M. Mass, we'll sing...

Psalm 25

To you, O God, I lift up my soul, lift up my spirit to my Lord, to you I lift up my soul.

Reading II

A reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians.

Jesus made himself lowly and was exalted.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

(All are invited to be seated for the reading of the Passion.)

The Passion

Throughout the Gospel, we will pause, pray and together sing:

Refrain

Love lift-ed on the cross for me: my Lord, my God, my sal -
va - tion. Love lift - ed high to set me free: my
Lord, my God, my sal - va - tion. va - tion. to Verses
va - tion. Final
va - tion.

At the 9:30 A.M. Mass, we'll sing...

“Jesus, Remember Me”

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom. Jesus, remember when you come into your kingdom.

Homily

Intercessions

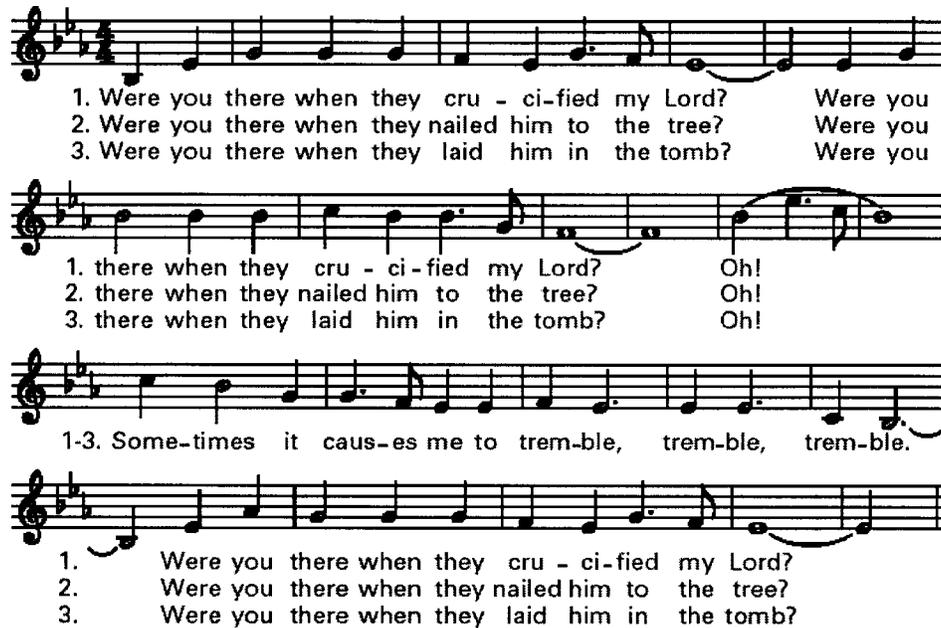
Response: Hear our prayer.

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Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation Hymn

Were You There... Traditional



1. Were you there when they cru - ci-fied my Lord? Were you
2. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? Were you
3. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you

1. there when they cru - ci-fied my Lord? Oh!
2. there when they nailed him to the tree? Oh!
3. there when they laid him in the tomb? Oh!

1-3. Some-times it caus-es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.

1. Were you there when they cru - ci-fied my Lord?
2. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
3. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

At the 9:30 AM. Mass, we'll sing...

“How Can I Keep From Singing?”

1. My life flows on in endless song above earth's lamentation.
I hear the real though far off hymn that hails a new creation.
2. No storm can shake my inmost calm, while to that rock I'm clinging.
Since Love is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?
3. Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing;
It sounds and echoes in my soul; how can I keep from singing?
4. The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing.
All things are mine since I am his; how can I keep from singing?

At "The Six," we'll sing...

Behold the Cross...Hurd

- Behold the cross on which was hung Life's very Lord, God's darling one, Mary's own Babe, so cold and so still, helpless before her on Calvary Hill.
- Nails in his hands, nails in his feet, a traitor kiss upon his cheek, And his pierced heart, broken in two, love crucified for me and for you.
- Eyes that won't see, ears that won't hear, lips that deny the friend once so dear. Slowly he turns and captures your eye, then passes on to Calvary to die.
- Behold the cross of Christ in our midst, all those who bear His wounds in their flesh, Suff'ring for crimes of mercy and peace, signs of the Kingdom on Calvary street
- Behold the cross on which was hung Life's very Lord, God's darling one, Mary's own Babe, so cold and so still, helpless before her on Calvary Hill.

Communion Rite

Communion Hymn

...Foley

Lord, By Your Cross and Resurrection

Lord, by your cross and resurrection you have set us free. You are the Savior of the world.

1. You, Lord Jesus, though in the form of God, you assumed a servant form. We praise you, we thank you, we raise your name on high. Refrain.
2. You, Christ Jesus, emptied yourself for all, never grasping Godliness. We praise you, we thank you, we raise your name on high.
3. Christ, obedient, even to death itself, even death upon a tree. We praise you, we thank you, we raise your name on high.
4. You, Lord Jesus, God has exalted you. At your name each knee will bow. We praise you, we thank you, we raise your name on high.

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At the 9:30 AM Mass, we'll sing...

Behold the Cross (*on the previous page*) and

You Raise Me Up

1. When I am down and oh, my soul's so weary, When troubles come and my heart burdened be,
Then I am still and wait here in the silence Until you come and sit a while with me.

You raise me up so I can stand on mountains. You raise me up to walk on stormy seas.
I am strong when I am on your shoulders. You raise me up to more than I can be.

2. There is no life without its hunger; Each restless heart beats so imperfectly.
But when you come and I am filled with wonder, Sometimes I think I glimpse eternity.

Your Only Son/Lamb of God

...Paris

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God; I love the holy Lamb of God. O wash me in his precious blood. My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

Prayer after Communion

Concluding Rite

Closing Hymn

Jesus Remember Me

...Taize

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

At the 9:30 AM Mass, we'll sing ...

“Steal Away”

Steal away, steal away, steal away to Jesus.
Steal away, steal away home, I ain't got long to stay here

Monday of Holy Week

Mass **8 AM**

Daily Readings:

Isaiah 42:1-7 / Psalm 27 / John 12:1-11

Individual Confessions

Today, the Sacrament of Penance will be available in all the churches of the Diocese of Rockville Centre between the hours of 3 PM and 9 PM. Anyone who wishes to take advantage of this opportunity to go to confession, especially anyone who has been away from the sacraments, is most welcome on this Diocesan Day of Reconciliation. Churches throughout the Diocese of Rockville Centre, including OLL, will be open from 3 PM until 9 PM for individual confessions.

3:00 PM to 3:45 PM	<i>Fr. Mike</i>
3:45 PM to 4:30 PM	<i>Fr. John</i>
4:30 PM to 5:15 PM	<i>Fr. Bob</i>
5:15 PM to 6:00 PM	<i>Fr. Mike</i>
6:00 PM to 6:30 PM	<i>Fr. Stan</i>
6:30 PM to 7:00 PM	<i>Fr. Bob</i>
7:00 PM to 7:30 PM	<i>Fr. John</i>
7:30 PM to 8:15 PM	<i>Fr. Stan</i>
8:15 PM to 9:00 PM	<i>Fr. Bob and Fr. John</i>

Family Reconciliation Prayer Service

7:30 PM Parish Center

Helping our families and young people understand the sacrament of reconciliation

Families of all shapes and sizes are welcome to gather at 7:30 PM in the Parish Center. This service will help each of us to learn about the importance of this sacrament and how to celebrate it in our lives. After the service, we will proceed to the Church for individual reconciliation.



Tuesday of Holy Week

Mass **8 AM**

Daily Readings:

Isaiah 49:1-6 / Psalm 71 / John 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday of Holy Week

Mass **8 AM**

Daily Readings:

Isaiah 50:4-9 / Psalm 69 / Matthew 26:14-25

Holy Thursday

Service and Eucharist: Our Call to Life!

Morning Prayer

8 AM

The Church comes together on this morning to seek God's blessing and to give praise to the Lord! Come and pray as we prepare to enter the Triduum together.

Chrism Mass

11 AM

Celebrant: Bishop William Murphy

Celebrate with Bishop William Murphy at this beautiful and holy Mass at St. Agnes Cathedral. The oils blessed at this Mass will be presented to the parish at the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper and used throughout the year.

Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 61:1-9 / Psalm 89 / Revelation 1:5-8 / Luke 4:16-21

Children's Holy Thursday Prayer Service

4 PM

Presider: Deacon John DeGuardi

We invite our Parish's youngest members and their families to remember Jesus' loving service to his disciples. As part of this beautiful service, parents and members of our parish family will wash the feet of the children – a reminder of Jesus' love for his disciples and a parent's love for their child! Please come – regardless of age or family size – and pray with us!

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

Mass

7:30 PM

Presider: Fr. Bob Scheckenback



This Mass recalls for us the institution of the Sacraments of Eucharist and Holy Orders. It is a wonderful way to begin the Triduum together. During the Mass, the priests of our parish will wash the feet of a number of the members of our parish community. The Washing of the Feet, the Mandatum, is a reminder that each of us - clergy, religious and lay people, young and old – is called to be a servant to one another. It is also a reminder to us of how special our priests are to our parish and our lives. At the end of Mass,

we will process around the parish – led by some of the third graders who received the Eucharist for the first time last year – and place the Eucharist in the Father John Brendel Parish Center. All are invited to come and pray before the Blessed Sacrament until Midnight when we celebrate Night Prayer.

Good Friday

Ours Were the Sufferings He Bore

Morning Prayer

8 AM

On this holy and solemn morning, we come together to hear God's Word, pray the psalms and unite as we prepare to recall the death of Jesus this day.

Children's Good Friday Prayer Service

12 Noon

Presider: Fr. Bob Scheckenback

Once again, the children of our parish lead us in prayer as we recall Jesus' death and are reminded of his great love for us! During this service, we'll listen to the story of the Passion as led by our parish's third graders. We'll receive Holy Communion. Then, we will come forward and touch (or venerate) the cross. Children, who have been part of our Children's Liturgy of the Word, are asked to bring back their hearts that have been filled throughout this Lent.

Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

3 PM

Presider: Fr. Stan Chukwube

This solemn service brings us to the Passion of Jesus through the Word. We'll listen to some of the most profound readings of the Church year. We pray for the Church, the world and for ourselves. We'll gather around the Table to receive the Eucharist. Finally, we will bring forth the cross and venerate it. Let's pray that this service can bring each of us to a greater reality of Jesus' love for every one of us.

Following this service, all are invited to remain in the Church for times of prayer and reflection. The cross will be placed in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

Living Stations of the Cross

7:30 PM

Presider: Tom Lucie

Ours Were the Sufferings He Bore

Our parish's youth and music ministries come together and lead us in this most powerful and beautiful service. We'll pray through song and Word. We will hear the reflections of our brothers and sisters in the parish as they seek to unite their journey and ours with the cross of Christ. Please come and pray for them!



Holy Saturday

The Cross - A Reason to Hope!

Morning Prayer

8 AM

On this holy and solemn morning, we come together to hear God's Word, pray the psalms and unite as we wait in joyful hope for the celebration of Resurrection.

Reconciliation

9:30 AM - 11 AM

Easter Egg Hunt

11 AM

Easter Egg Hunt will take place on the "Great Lawn." (*inclement weather we will gather in the Parish Center.*)

Blessing of the Easter Foods

12 Noon

Presider: Deacon John DeGuardi

We invite all to bring their food for this special prayer service and blessing in the Church.

The Great Vigil

7:30 PM

Presider: Fr. Mike Vetrano

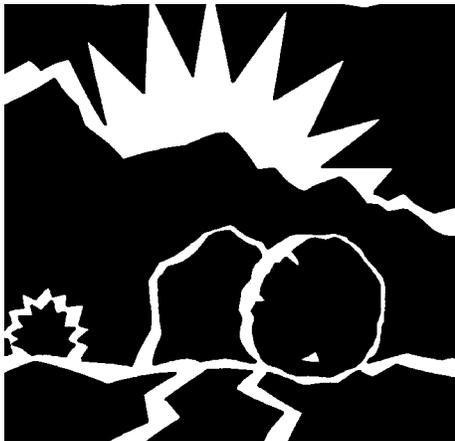
We will gather together at 7:30 PM outside of the Narthex and bless the new fire and Paschal Candle. We will be led by the light of the Paschal candle (*the symbol of the Risen Christ*) into the darkened Church spreading among us the Light of Christ. (If you do not wish to be part of the procession, we ask that you remain in the Church so you can participate by hearing.)

The Easter Vigil is one of the most beautiful ceremonies of the entire liturgical year. During the Vigil, we celebrate the Paschal Mystery – Jesus Christ has gone through death to new life – in a most prayerful and spirit-filled way! The Easter Vigil is much more than just "Easter Mass" – it is the heart of who we are as the people of God. We are renewed because we hear God's Word, renew our Baptismal vows, celebrate the Easter sacraments with women and men of the R.C.I.A., process to the font, and share in the gift of the Eucharist. Come and pray with our parish family.



Following the Great Vigil – we'll have light refreshments in the Parish Center as we celebrate with those who have been baptized and confirmed.

Easter Sunday



6:30 AM*	Easter Sunrise Mass-People of the Parish <i>Fr. Stan Chukwube</i>
8:00 AM	Colin & Yankel Family and Kay Sullo <i>Fr. John Asomugha</i>
9:30 AM	John Varley <i>Fr. Bob Scheckenback</i>
9:30 AM (cafeteria)	People of the Parish <i>Fr. Stan Chukwube</i>
11:00 AM	Ralph Marotta <i>Fr. Mike Vetrano</i>
11:00 AM (cafeteria)	People of the Parish <i>Fr. John Asomugha</i>
12:30 PM	Danny, Mickey & Mike Salegna <i>Fr. Bob Scheckenback</i>

No 6:00 PM on Easter Sunday.

* We will gather at Our Lady of Lourdes at 6 AM and caravan to Captree Overlook for this special celebration of the Eucharist! If the weather is not in our favor, we will gather in the Church for Mass – so come rain or shine! (Please bring your own chair for the beach.)

Additional Parking

Remember we are fortunate to be able to use the parking lot of Manetuck Elementary School during busy feast days like Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. You can enter the driveway off of Hunter Avenue - the driveway entrance is on the west side of the Rectory. This will save you some time and stress during the holy days.

Remembering...

Altar Bread & Wine

Domenica Prudente

Monday, March 17

8:00 AM Patrick O'Regan

Tuesday, March 18

8:00 AM John Lovari

Wednesday, March 19

8:00 AM In Memory of Angelone Family

Thursday, March 20

8:00 AM Morning Prayer

7:30 PM Thomas Dowling

Friday, March 21

8:00 AM Morning Prayer

Saturday, March 22

8:00 AM Morning Prayer

7:30 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, March 23

6:30 AM Easter Sunrise Mass

8:00 AM Colin & Yankel Family and Kay Sullo

9:30 AM John Varley

cafeteria People of the Parish

11:00 AM Ralph Marotta

cafeteria People of the Parish

12:30 PM Danny, Mickey & Mike Salegna

6:00 PM No 6 PM Mass Scheduled

Upcoming Marriages

Christine Carriere, St. Rose of Lima, Massapequa
and Michael Caton, OLL

Nidia Tornambene, OLL and

John Keaveny, St. Patrick, Huntington

Rest In Peace

Joseph Chirichella died on March 3
and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was March 6. We extend our
prayers to his children, grandchildren and entire family.

Frances Ventura died on March 6
and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was March 10. We extend our
prayers to her children, grandchildren and entire family.



HELP US RAISE \$30,000 THIS SPRING..



Our Convent and Sisters need your help this spring! Home to Sisters Nancy and Diane and five other members of the Sisters of St. Joseph, our Convent is desperately in need of roof repairs.

Our Convent has not only been a home to our Sisters for more than 40 years, it also serves the many ministries and members of our community.

...BY TAKING THE "CHAPEY CHALLENGE."

Our friends at Chapey and Sons Funeral Home have donated a 37" wide screen LCD HDTV to be raffled off in appreciation for all those who help our Convent Project.



Our prize winning **drawing** will be held *following the 8 AM Mass* on **Wednesday, March 19, St. Joseph's Day.**



Here is how it works: For each \$25 donation to the project, your name will be entered into the drawing for the HDTV. For each \$100 donated, you will receive 5 entries in the "Chapey Challenge."

CHAPEY CHALLENGE/CONVENT PROJECT

Yes, I want to help our Convent Project.

Here is my donation of \$ _____ to support our Sisters and our Convent at Our Lady of Lourdes. Drawing will be held on March 19, St. Joseph's Day.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

The blue donation/entry envelopes for the Chapey Challenge/Convent Project will be located in the Church vestibules or the tear-off above. You may drop off your donation/entry at the Parish Office, drop your donation/entry in the collection basket or you can mail your entry to:

Convent Project, Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 455 Hunter Avenue, West Islip, NY 11795.

You may make copies of this form, but...there is no need to make multiple copies—we will enter you in the contest the correct number of times according to your donation.

2008 Catholic Ministries Appeal

Hands of Christ-Supporting the Community Around Us

Can you help those in need?

One of our goals is to have every family participate in this Appeal by responding with a YES. We are hopeful that every family in our parish and diocese has responded to this call for sacrifice. Our goal has been based on every family making an equal sacrifice, not an equal gift. Look at what God has given to you and your family and consider the gift you can give to help those in need here on Long Island. Only you can decide what that gift will be. If you have not yet responded, please consider what you can do to the best of your ability to help our parish reach those in need.

March 9, 2008

Amount Collected	\$47,405.00
Number of Pledges	193
Average Pledge	\$246.00

Thank you to all those who have responded!

Our Lady of Lourdes and the Diocese of Rockville Centre would like to thank all those who have made a sacrifice by making a gift to the *2008 Catholic Ministries Appeal*. 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.

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\$ 350	\$ 35
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 Thank you for your support

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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.



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 ...

*Connie Altadonna, Stacie Baltrusitis, Deacon Dick Barry, Pat Bonavita,
Thomas Brennan, Baby Drew Brust, Howard Campkin, Lynn Castellano,
Morgan Courtney, Regina Cranor, Joseph Cristallo, Karen DellaVecchia, TJ Devlin,
Josephine DiBenedetto, Kim Ecker, Jason Fisher, Susan Gigante, Samantha Hil,
Vincent Iacopelli, Wade Kromhout, Richard Lang, Nancy Letsch, Anthony Lombardo,
Diego Marino, Michele McCann, Peter McCann, Sr., David McCarthy, Bryan Monahan,
Jimmy Murphy, Joseph Ortiz, Arthur Petrino, Joanne Popper, Joe Radosti,
Patricia Salimbene, Dorothy Schiavone, Derek Stahl, Diana Marie Taveras,
Jean Virgilio, Loretta Vitale*

SAGE

The SAGE Group (Senior Advocates for Growth and Enrichment) will meet
on **Tuesday, March 18**, in the **Parish Center at 9 AM**.

St. Patrick's Day Senior Singles Social Night

Saturday, March 29 after the 5 PM Mass in the Parish Center . There will be corned beef
dinner, beverage and dessert. You can also enjoy the entertainment and dancing-all for only
\$12. If interested, please call Rosemary Dowling at 661-5752 or 516-459-7225.

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**.

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.



Palm Sunday

Perhaps nothing hurts more in this world than the sting of betrayal. We place our trust and confidence in others, only to learn at some point that they have turned their backs on us, most often to better themselves in some way. It may be as simple as a shared secret between friends revealed to others, or as difficult as a spouse having become unfaithful to his or her wedding vows. Betrayal is pain, and is almost irreversible.

In today's Gospel reading from Matthew, we can learn an important lesson regarding betrayal. Jesus calmly tells his disciples as they prepare the Passover meal that one of them will betray him. We do not know the motivation of Judas' act, but can learn from Jesus' acceptance that even among those closest to us, there is a potential for betrayal, but it is all part of a grander plan. We pray for trust in others, but also to accept God's will.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us that the very time of Christ's Passion is when the ugliness of betrayal most manifests itself. From Judas to the once-faithful crowds calling for his death to Peter's denial and the other disciples fleeing in fear, betrayal is everywhere. And yet the resurrection to come will ultimately forgive these sins (CCC 1851). To live as Christ, we too must learn to forgive those who may have betrayed us.

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Readings for the Week of March 16, 2008

- Sunday:** Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14--27:66
or 27:11-54
- Monday:** Is 42:1-7/Jn 12:1-11
- Tuesday:** Is 49:1-6/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
- Wednesday:** Is 50:4-9a/Mt 26:14-25
- Thursday:** *Chrism Mass:* Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21
- Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper:** Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15
- Friday:** Is 52:13-53:12/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1-19:42
- Saturday:** *Vigil:* Gn 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Gn 22:1-18
or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ex 14:15-15:1/Is 54:5-14/Is 55:1-11
Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Rom 6:3-11/Mt 28:1-10
- Next Sunday:** Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4
or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9
or Mt 28:1-10

Financial Summary

March 9, 2008

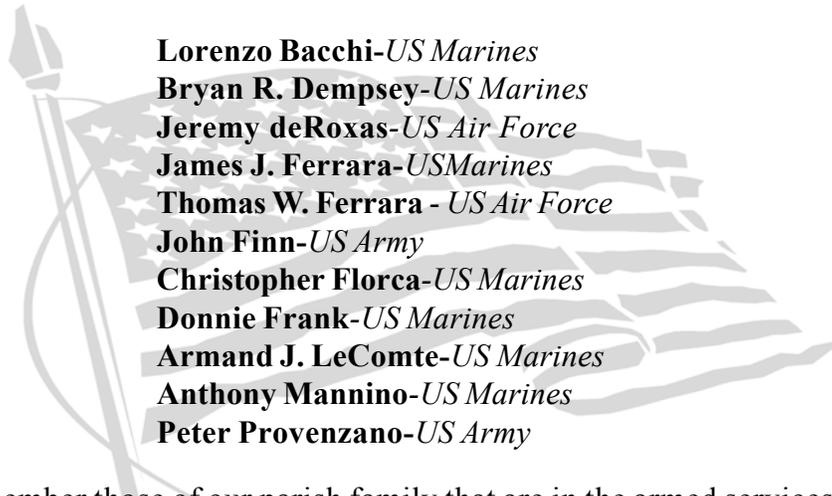
Weekly Collection	\$ 18,768.00
Weekly Budget	-\$ 21,000.00
+/- for the week	\$ (2,232.00)

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:



Lorenzo Bacchi-US Marines
Bryan R. Dempsey-US Marines
Jeremy deRoxas-US Air Force
James J. Ferrara-US Marines
Thomas W. Ferrara - US Air Force
John Finn-US Army
Christopher Florca-US Marines
Donnie Frank-US Marines
Armand J. LeComte-US Marines
Anthony Mannino-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. Listen on Saturdays at 11 PM on *Sirius Satellite Radio, Channel 159, or the Catholic Channel.*

This week's theme is: **"Traditions."**

You can visit us anytime to listen or download a show at www.religionandrock.com.

For more information about our television shows go to www.TelecareTV.org.

The Agony in the Garden-The Place of Transformation

Fr. Ron Rolheiser, OMI

“There is only one way to put an end to evil, and that is to do good for evil.” That cryptic phrase from Leo Tolstoy can serve as a key to help understand the real drama that Jesus underwent in Gethsemane.

The blood he sweated there, as lover, was not just the blood of the romantic lover, the obsessive pain of elusive love, the bitter pain of love gone sour, or the crushing pain of having to give up romance for fidelity. Jesus suffered these in Gethsemane, but there was something more. He also had to sweat the blood of the lover who is willing to absorb the tension inside a community so as to transform it and take it away. In the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus sweats the blood of the lamb who takes away the sins of the world.

Jesus is the lamb who takes away the sins of the world. That’s the central piece in the Christian notion of salvation and it’s also the ultimate icon inside of our faith. It has a variety of expressions, but always the same meaning: “Jesus’ suffering takes away our sins.” “We are washed in the blood of the lamb.” “By his stripes we are healed.” “Jesus’ sufferings reconcile us to God.” But how are we washed-clean and reconciled through the blood of Jesus?

Scripture expresses this in metaphors and we must be careful, precisely, to not turn metaphor into literal understanding here. Jesus did not die to appease a God whose anger at humanity could not be placated by anything humans could do. God didn’t need to see Jesus suffer horrific pain and humiliation in order to forgive us for sin. God doesn’t have to be appeased; though, granted, that’s what the metaphors and icons of the “lamb of God” can suggest.

Jesus took away sin, not by placating some anger in God, but by absorbing and transforming sin. How?

In ancient times, there were “scapegoat” rituals, liturgies intended to take tension out of a community. When tensions within ran high, communities would gather and symbolically invest those tensions onto a goat or a sheep which they would then drive out into the wilderness to die. The idea was that this animal, the “scapegoat”, took the tension and sin out of the community by leaving the community and dying.

Jesus does this, but in a radically different way. He takes the sin and tension out of the community, not by dying and going away, but by absorbing and transforming

it into something else. How does he do this?

Perhaps an image (sadly, more mechanical than organic) might be helpful: Jesus took away our sins in the same way as a filter purifies water. A filter takes in impure water, holds the impurities inside of itself, and gives back only the pure water. It transforms rather than transmits.

We see this in Jesus: Like the ultimate cleansing-filter he purifies life itself. He takes in hatred, holds it, transforms it, and gives back love; he takes in bitterness, holds it, transforms it, and gives back graciousness; he takes in curses, holds them, transforms them, and gives back blessing; he takes in chaos, holds it, transforms it, and gives back order; he takes in fear, holds it, transforms it, and gives back freedom; he takes in jealousy, holds it, transforms it, and gives back affirmation; and he takes in satan and murder, holds them, transforms them, and gives back only God and forgiveness. Jesus takes away the sins of the world in the same way a water-filter takes impurities out of water, by absorbing and holding all that isn’t clean and giving back only what is.

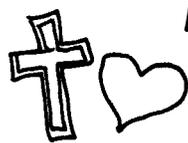
This isn’t easy. To do this, without resentment, means sweating blood, a lover’s blood. Jesus walked into the Garden of Gethsemane as the archetypal lover, but also as one tempted, just as we are, towards bitterness, fear, resentment, and self-protection. He was haunted by all the same proclivities that beset us. But, and this is the point, in Gethsemane, he transformed rather than transmitted those temptations. He didn’t simply give back in kind, letting the energy simply flow through him. He purified the energy and took the tension and sin out of it by absorbing them. It cost him his blood, his life, and his reputation. He had to sweat blood, but he emerged from the Garden the truly generative lover who, at the price of giving away everything, gives back peace for tension and forgiveness for sin, absorbing in his own person the tension and sin so as to take them out of the community. The giving over of that kind of blood really does wash away sin.

And, in doing this, Jesus doesn’t want admirers, but followers. The Garden of Gethsemane invites us, everyone of us, to step in, and to step up. It invites us to sweat a lover’s blood so as to help absorb, purify, and transform tension and sin rather than simply transmit them.

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Sharing the Gospel

When a famous person comes to town, everyone comes out to greet him. In today's Gospel everyone came to sing praises to Jesus. They even threw their capes on the ground as a welcome carpet for him. However, the next day these same people hollered, "Crucify him." Jesus does not want you to be his friend one day and turn your back on him the next day. He wants you to be his friend forever.



Mission for the Week

I will play my friend's favorite game and help him with a chore today.

Puzzle

Help Jesus get to Jerusalem.



Prayer



Lord,
help me be a
good friend to
others.

Something to Draw



Draw people
throwing capes on
the ground in
front of Jesus and
the donkey.