

Our Lady of Lourdes • Second Sunday of Easter • March 30, 2008

*"They devoted themselves*



*to breaking bread  
in their homes."*

*Acts 2:42*



## *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

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### **Religious Education Office**

661-5440

Monday-Friday: 9 AM - Noon

1 PM - 5 PM

7 PM - 9 PM

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### **Parish Outreach Office**

661-9262

Monday: 9:30 AM - 7:30 PM

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

### **S.A.G.E.**

661-3224

(Senior Advocates for Growth  
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### **Rev. Stanislaus Chukwube**

Associate Pastor

### **Rev. Robert Scheckenback**

Associate Pastor

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### **Deacon John DeGuardi**

**Deacon Jack Meehan**

Coordinator of Stewardship

### **Deacon John Teufel**

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### **Sr. Margaret Bickar**

Senior Ministry-SAGE

### **Sr. Nancy Campkin**

Director of Religious Education

### **Jennifer Gallagher**

Childrens' Choir/Women's Chorale

Summer Program Director

### **Carol M. Goetz**

Parish Music Director

### **Louise Jane Krol**

School Principal

### **Sr. Diane Liona**

Director of Religious Education

### **Mary McMahon**

Director of Parish Social Ministry

### **Vita Scorcio**

Ministry Spiritual Director

### **John Sureau**

Coordinator of Worship

### **Sr. Betty Toohig**

Senior Ministry-SAGE

### **Anthony Trombino**

Business Manager

## *Pastoral Council*

Salomon Acosta

Stacie Baltrusitis

Jane Desthers

Stephen Frodell

William Hurley

Anne Kerrigan

Maria Lucie (*co-chair*)

Deacon Jack Meehan

Vita Scorcio

Doreen Spiller

Mary Steck

Fr. Mike Vetrano

Marie Yuliano (*co-chair*)

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## *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

# **Sixth Annual El Salvador Mission Trip 2008: For Students in Grade 8 through College**

**Consider spending a week this summer on a trip that will change your life!**

Listen to some of the reflections of past trip participants:

The whole trip was incredible, but the part that really stuck out to me was the day we spent at the school in our Sister Parish of Tacuba running a vacation bible camp for the kids there. Thanks to the donations of people from OLL parish, every child got to choose their own book to take home to keep. Just seeing the look on a little girl's face as she picked up her "Dora the Explorer" book made me so grateful for everything I had back home.

When I went to El Salvador this summer for my first time, it changed my life.



Each day we visited towns and villages with arms full of donations from the United States. We were able to interact with the villagers and get a sense of who these people really were. Warm welcomes awaited us in each town along with humble gifts of wild flowers. I was amazed to find that many had walked miles to meet with us and thank us. Even more astounding was that all of these miles were walked by men, women and children, some with no shoes! This mission to El Salvador was a life altering experience. It hit me hard after I returned home and went straight to sleep my own room complete with TV, Internet, and stereo and with my warm bed next to my closet filled with the latest \$100 sneakers.



**If you are interested in participating in this life-changing experience, come to an information meeting on Wednesday, April 2, at 7:00 p.m. in Church.**

*Dear Parish Family,*

It is a true sign of deep faith and spirit of community in our parish that so many people came together to make our liturgies so faith-filled, alive and so beautiful!

There are too many to mention by name, but I wish to thank all those who:  
*prepared our worship space, welcomed our parishioners, presided at our liturgies, set our altar, ushered those who came to worship, ministered the Eucharist, read the Word of God, led us in song, praised God with instrument and voice, served at our masses, and most of all, for those who prayed and celebrated with us.*

*Fr. Mike*

## Our Lady of Lourdes Talks!



Thanks to the generosity of *so* many, we have met and even exceeded our goal in the Chapey Challenge/Convent Project!

We have been able to begin our repairs of the convent roof and will soon begin the renovations on Lourdes Hall.

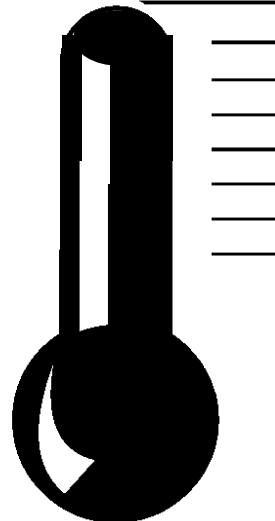
We would like to extend a grateful thank you to Chapey and Sons Funeral Home because without their donation of the LCD HDTV this fundraiser would have not been possible.

*The lucky winner is...*

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hanrahan.

**Congratulations!**

**\$30,000**





## Defensive Driving Class

Only six hours and \$40 can save you hundreds of dollars on your car insurance! New York State allows drivers to save 10% on liability, P.I.P. and collision insurance for three years. For your convenience, the Defensive Driving Class will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes on **Saturday, April 5 from 9 AM until 3 PM in the Parish Center.**

For reservations or information, call Parish Outreach at 661.9262, option 4 or Flo Worysz at 586.6581.

## Adult Faith Formation

*upcoming courses...*

### The Jubilee Year of St. Paul

#### Reading Paul's Letters in the Church of Today

Pope Benedict XVI announced a special Jubilee Year dedicated to St. Paul, saying the church needs modern Christians who will imitate the apostles' missionary energy and spirit of sacrifice. As the Church celebrates the missionary zeal and witness of St. Paul...come, let us gather to explore a modern understanding of Christ's missionary mandate and renew our dedication to carrying it out.

**Tuesdays, April 22, 29 and May 6**

**7:30 PM - 9 PM Parish Center**

*Presenter is Pat Leonard, Instructor- Pastoral Formation Institute*

### Introduction to Computers and the Internet

Come and join us as we learn and also have some "hands on" experience. Computers will be available. We will cover basic introduction to computers and the internet, basics of word processing, email, useful links and so much more!

**Tuesdays, April 1, 8, 22**

**7:30 PM - 9 PM Room 16**

*Presenter is Anthony Buonaspina, Consultant, GRQ Innovations, Inc.*

*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).*

## Religious Education

*...during the Easter Season*

Please pray for our Grade 7 Confirmation Candidates and their families as they begin their decision process to choose their Sponsors...

### **Sponsor/Candidate Enrollment Sunday**

**Sunday, April 13**

#### **6 PM Mass**

All seventh graders in our Parish Family choose a Sponsor in preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please come and join with all the seventh graders of our parish, their families and their newly chosen Sponsor, as we celebrate this commitment. They look to their Parish Family for prayers and support on their faith journey.

*Then there is...*

Our 8th Grade Confirmation Candidates and their Sponsors continue to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation in 9th Grade by participating in "RESCUE" (Religious Education Sponsor/Candidate United Effort)

### **"Rescue Closing"**

**Sunday, May 18**

#### **6 PM Mass**

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

*and... of course*

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

Friday	April 18	7:30 PM - 9:30 PM	Parish Center
Friday	May 16	7:30 PM - 9:30 PM	Parish Center
Friday	June 20	7:30 PM - 9:30 PM	Parish Center

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

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

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

*also...*

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

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

*Reminder...*

### **Important Confirmation Meeting**

All Eighth Grade Parents in OLL Parish Family -

Tuesday, May 6 at 7:30 PM in the cafeteria

or Wednesday, May 7 at 7:30 PM in the cafeteria

or Thursday, May 8 at 10 AM in the cafeteria.

## **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

## *Upcoming Marriages*

*Nidia Tornambene, OLL and*

*John Keaveny, St. Patrick, Huntington*

## **Support Groups**

### **Alcoholics Anonymous:**

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

### **ALANON:**

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

## **Rosary/Novena**

### **Rosary:**

Daily after 8 AM Mass

### **Miraculous Medal Novena:**

Monday after 8 AM Mass

### **Anointing of the Sick**

Throughout the liturgical year.

If needed sooner, please call the Parish Office.

### **Baptism**

Please contact the Parish Office to schedule an appointment.

### **Marriage**

Arranged at least six months in advance, please call the Parish Office.

### **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults(RCIA):**

A process to be embraced by the Catholic Church. For non-Catholics and for Catholics who have never received formal religious education. If interested, please call the Parish Office.



## *Rest In Peace*

*Michael Memoli* died on March 15 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was March 19. We extend our prayers to his wife, Fara, children, brothers and sister.

*Shirley Ann Oliver* died on March 16 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was March 19. We extend our prayers to her daughter, Susan and mother, Louise.

*Marie Sodano* died on March 17 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was March 21. We extend our prayers to her daughters, Cynthia and Debra.



# *Remembering...*

## **Monday, March 31**

*Annunciation of the Lord*

**8:00 AM** Robert D. Colin

## **Tuesday, April 1**

**8:00 AM** Rose Monroe

## **Wednesday, April 2**

**8:00 AM** John Lovari

## **Thursday, April 3**

**8:00 AM** Edward DeMatteo

## **Friday, April 4**

*St. Isidore, bishop and doctor*

**8:00 AM** Kay Sullo

## **Saturday, April 5**

**8:00 AM** John Lovari, James Werner, Marie Clancy, In Thanksgiving,  
Mary Riley, Linda Pizzitola, Carlo DiPietro, Joseph Lazzara,  
Vincent McCarthy

**5:00 PM** Francis Durante

## **Sunday, April 6**

**8:00 AM** Dec'd mbrs of Monroe & Shaddock Families

**9:30 AM** Josephine Melchiorre Barbiera

**11:00 AM** James J. Werner & Gertrude Kozireski

**12:30 PM** Josephine Brogan

**6:00 PM** People of the Parish, Linda Francavilla, Margaret Guzzardo,  
Stella Vankowsky, Sally & Angelo Genova, John Gilmartin,  
Joseph Chirichella, Raul Campos, Augustino Riccardi, Richard Conte,  
Nancy Catalano, Michael Memoli, Kim Ecker,  
Constance & Salvatore Filangeri



## **Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Pilgrimage Rome, Florence, Assisi and Milan October 16 - 25, 2008**

Our next information meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, April 15 at 7:30 PM in the Parish Center**. This meeting will focus on Assisi, the home of St. Francis, one of the four places that we will visit.

If you have any questions, or would like additional information, please call Deacon John at 661.3224, extension 132.

### **Night at the Races**

Our Lady of Lourdes School will hold its Second Annual Night at the Races on **Saturday, April 26 from 6:30 PM until 10 PM in the school cafeteria**.

*(Doors will open at 6:15 PM)*

Tickets will be available at the door on a "first come/first served" basis. Admission is \$10 per person and includes hot dogs, soda, coffee and cake.

For more information, or if you would like to help, please call Frank at 587.7988.

*(OLL School families-This is a Mandatory Fundraising Event.)*

Please note: We will not be offering child care.

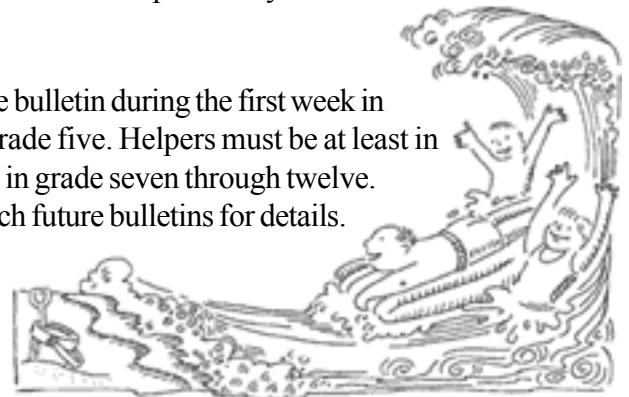
### **OLL Seventh Annual Vacation Bible Camp**

**SURF Camp!! Summer Understanding Real Faith (and Fun!)**

*July 28 - August 1---Save the date!*

We'll hop on our surfboards and catch the waves of faith and fun as we learn about God, hear stories from the Bible, share cool science activities, and make crafts. And of course, we'll end our camp each day with our famous OLL camp sing-along!!

Look for camp registration forms in the bulletin during the first week in June. Campers can be pre-school to grade five. Helpers must be at least in sixth grade, and counselors need to be in grade seven through twelve. Adult volunteers are also needed! Watch future bulletins for details.



## Children's Liturgy of the Word

All are welcome at OLL – particularly the children. We invite everyone with kids from age 4 to about fourth grade – to be part of our Children's Liturgy of the Word at the 9:30 AM Family Mass.

*What's this about....you may be asking?*

During the first part of Mass – the Liturgy of the Word – we send our young people out to learn about the readings in a way that's set for them. The readings are much simpler and there are activities designed to make the readings come to life for the kids and....

*You get a break during Mass!* While your children are at the Children's Liturgy, you can sit back, listen well to the readings and reflect on what they mean to you. After the Intercessions (when we say "Lord hear our prayer"), the children return and stay with you for the remainder of the liturgy.

This Lent, we've been looking at how the change we go through in our lives can be good! It's not to say that the change in our lives has been easy – but perhaps knowing Jesus makes it a little easier! Maybe this Easter Season will be the time for you and your family to come back and join us – particularly at this beautiful liturgy. Come and pray with us!

## Music Ministry

### Come, Sing a New Song...

Get involved in the OLL Music Ministry. If you've always wanted to sing with a choir or play with a music group, now is the perfect time to join.

- The **Adult Choir** rehearses on Thursday nights 8-10 PM and sings weekly at 11 AM Mass. Adults who are proficient in playing a musical instrument and are interested in playing with the choir at the 11 AM Mass, are also invited to join us.
- The **Contemporary Group**, grade 8 through college age and young adult, rehearses on Sunday afternoons 4:30-6 PM and sings at "The Six." Students, we'd love to have you come and sing with us - bring a friend or two. Also, if you're proficient at a musical instrument, you're welcome to join our group.
- Our **Youth Choir**, grades 2-8, rehearses on Thursday nights 7-7:45 PM and sings weekly at 9:30 AM Mass.
- **Women's Chorale** rehearses once a month and sings at 11 AM Mass on the first Sunday of the month.
- There are also opportunities to sing with many of our groups during holiday seasons. Our "**Holiday Choir**" requires a limited commitment to a small number of rehearsals before Christmas or Easter.

If you have any questions regarding the Adult Choir, Contemporary Group or Holiday Choir, please contact Carol Goetz at 661.3224 or [music@ollchurch.org](mailto:music@ollchurch.org)

If you have any questions about the Youth Choir or Women's Chorale, please contact Jennifer Gallagher at 661.3224 or [jengallagher@ollchurch.org](mailto:jengallagher@ollchurch.org).

# 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 18, 2008**

Amount Collected	\$63,115
Number of Pledges	236
Average Pledge	\$267

## 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.

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL • DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE  
 PO BOX 4000 • ROCKVILLE CENTRE, NEW YORK 11571-4000 • [www.drvc.org/cma.html](http://www.drvc.org/cma.html)



**2008 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL**  
*Supporting the Community Around Us*

TO PROVIDE FUNDS I/WE AGREE TO MAKE A GIFT OF:

PLEDGE \$ \_\_\_\_\_ INITIAL PAYMENT \$ \_\_\_\_\_ BALANCE \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*If you would like to charge your contribution to your credit card, please check here and see reverse side of this form.*

SIGNATURE OF DONOR \_\_\_\_\_

PARISH OF DONOR \_\_\_\_\_

**A GUIDE TO GIVING**

PLEDGE	10 PAYMENTS
\$ 1,000	\$ 100
\$ 500	\$ 50
\$ 350	\$ 35
\$ 250	\$ 25
Other \$ _____	

**EVERY GIFT COUNTS!**

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

FOR GIFTS OF SECURITIES, PLEASE CALL THE APPEAL OFFICE FOR INSTRUCTIONS. 516.379.5210, EXT. 2  
 MATCHING GIFTS: IF YOU QUALIFY FOR A MATCHING GIFT FROM YOUR EMPLOYER, PLEASE FORWARD TO THE CMA OFFICE.

## Financial Summary

### March 16, 2008-Palm Sunday

Weekly Collection	\$ 19,684.00
Weekly Budget	-\$ 21,000.00
+/- for the week	\$ (1,316.00)

### March 23, 2008-Easter Sunday

Easter Collection	\$ 40,723.00
Ministry Collection	+\$ 7,634.00
	\$ 48,357.00
Easter/Ministry 2007	-\$ 49,348.50
	(991.50)

*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.

## Daytime Eucharistic Devotion

The afternoon adoration for the month of April will be on **Wednesday, April 9 from 1-3 PM**. All are invited and welcome! We will be praying for the safety of our troops overseas and the welfare of their families.



## 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.

## Holy Name Society

The Holy Name Society meets on the second Sunday of each month. The next meeting will be on **Sunday, April 13**. We will begin with the **Rosary at 7:40 AM in the Church** and the **meeting will follow the 8 AM Mass at 9 AM in Room 16**. If you have any questions or would like more information, please call the Parish Office at 661.3224.

## 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**.

## Rosary Christian Mothers

The Rosary Christian Mothers meet on the first Monday evening of each month. Our next meeting is scheduled for **Monday, April 7 in the Parish Center**. If you have any questions or would like more information, please call the Parish Office at 661.3224.



## Nocturnal Adoration

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

## Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Janet Loehr*. 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 Sacrament of the Sick.

## Pray for Our Sick

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

*Connie Altadonna, Susan Aviza, 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, Jason Fisher, Susan Gigante, Samantha Hil, Vincent Iacopelli, Kathleen Kerrigan, Richard Lang, Nancy Letsch, Anthony Lombardo, Diego Marino, Michele McCann, Peter McCann, Sr., David McCarthy, Bryan Monahan, Jimmy Murphy, Ginger O'Keefe, Peter O'Leary, Joseph Ortiz, Arthur Petrino, Joanne Popper, Louise Posanti, Joe Radosti, Patricia Salimbene, Dorothy Schiavone, Derek Stahl, Diana Marie Taveras, Jean Virgilio, Loretta Vitale*

## Our Lady of Lourdes on the Web

Check out our parish web site at [www.ollchurch.org](http://www.ollchurch.org). Visit our website and learn even more about what is happening here at Our Lady of Lourdes! It's been updated and adapted for the Lenten and Easter seasons.



Flower Offering 2008

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*M/M David Hannigan, Jr.  
Tonieta J. Drozd  
Dec'd Family Members  
John & Francis Miglino  
Carmela & Vincent Vieni  
Joseph Sullivan  
Jennifer Gordon  
M/M Joseph Bono  
Pasquale Amabile  
Frances Mocarone  
Robert J. Boyd  
Joseph Manno, Sr.  
M/M Gerard Fogarty  
Mary Belcher  
M/M John Seylar  
Dec'd mbrs of Herrera & DeLeon Families  
Maryann Borsella  
Anthony Borsella  
John McKeefery  
Anthony DiMino  
Frank Meyer  
Cassy J. Aitken  
Thomas J. Ahern  
Stephen & Theresa Duggan  
Winnie Mikoljon  
Mrs. Frances Killane  
Daniel, Mike & Mickey Salegna  
Ann Harnos  
Lillian Daly  
Richard & Lillian Wilkinson  
Richard Heelan  
Catherine & George Muldowney  
LaGiglia Family  
Evelyn Albert*

*Stephen DiTata  
Mannino Family  
Walter & Anna K.  
M/M Raymond Mascolo  
Tom Hespeler  
Thomas G. Brando  
George Wild  
Victor Alaron, Sr.  
Mrs. Claire Hopkins  
M/M Mirko Lazarich  
Dec'd Family Members  
John Lovari  
M/M Noel MacDermott  
Alphonse Charron  
John Scibetta  
Birger Fredriksen  
George Jorgensen  
Carter, Willmer, Nelson & Kreuzburg Families  
Frank Gill  
Carmine Guastella  
Mary Randazzo  
Ann & John Greenhalgh  
M/M Steven Troiano  
Irene Gries (Oma)  
M/M Richard Appey  
M/M Salvatore DiMaio  
M/M Jack Spiller  
Al Minkoff  
M/M Kevin Brosnan  
M/M Keith O'Connor  
Catherine & Richard Bermingham  
Jessie & Edward Muller  
William Martino  
Roger & Doreen Linguiti  
Joseph & Sally Daniele  
Alberta Firth  
Mary & Bill Phillips  
William F. Adams  
M/M Michael Russo  
M/M Vincent Mondelli  
Melchora & Basilio Aquino  
James Smith  
Sally Genova  
Mom, Dad & Twins  
Eugene J. Spano*





## Food Pantry Needs

- detergent
- kleenex
- paper towels
- personal feminine products
- shampoo
- soap
- toilet tissue
- toothbrush
- toothpaste

## Parish Outreach

Office telephone: 661-9262, option 4

Office hours:

Monday: 9:30 AM - 7:30 PM

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

## Attention Seniors

If you or someone you know is blind or suffering from a visual impairment, please contact Catholic Charities at 631.789.5218. Catholic Charities is offering free services including orientation and mobility instruction as well as rehabilitation training to help people function independently and safely in their home and neighborhoods.

## Social Action Food Baskets

Every time you come to Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes, please check out our parish shopping list located in our weekly bulletin. Listed are some of the items needed for our parish's food pantry. Our food pantry services those in need within our own parish and in local organizations and parishes in our region including Our Lady of Miraculous Medal, Wyandanch, St. Anne's in Brentwood and PRONTO. Your food donation – whenever you come – is a big help!

## SAGE

The SAGE Group (Senior Advocates for Growth and Enrichment) will meet on **Tuesday, April 1**, 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, March 31**, at **12:30 PM in the Parish Center**.



## Second Sunday of Easter

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My niece was given a writing assignment her first day of public high school. She was asked to do a paper on the following question: Did God create faith and give it to humankind, or did humankind create God and faith? We're not sure if the teacher had some ulterior motive for posing such a question, but we were very thankful for our niece's answer: Faith is a gift freely given from God, and in return it never is doubted.

Today's Gospel reading focuses on Thomas doubting the resurrection until he can physically see the nail holes and the lanced side of Jesus. While one may wonder about the seeming lack of faith of Thomas, he is a somewhat more sympathetic person. After the crucifixion, he was so distraught that he withdrew by himself, away from the others. At times, our faith can be shaken so strongly that we, too, withdraw into doubt and fear.

We should probably realize that when Thomas withdrew by himself, he spent a great deal of time in prayer, asking for forgiveness and strength to believe in the promise of the resurrection. And when he was told of it, his faith let him go back to be convinced. This type of prayer is known as filial boldness (CCC 2610): "Whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you will receive it, and you will."

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### Readings for the Week of March 30, 2008

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<b>Sunday:</b>	Acts 2:42-47/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31
<b>Monday:</b>	Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Acts 4:32-37/Jn 3:7b-15
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3:16-21
<b>Thursday:</b>	Acts 5:27-33/Jn 3:31-36
<b>Friday:</b>	Acts 5:34-42/Jn 6:1-15
<b>Saturday:</b>	Acts 6:1-7/Jn 6:16-21
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	Acts 2:14, 22-33/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35

## Gennesaret Retreat

A unique opportunity for persons facing serious illness. The weekend retreat takes place on **May 2-4 at Montfort Spiritual Center, Bay Shore**. The retreat offers a respite, a quiet time, an oasis, to enable one to continue the journey. The retreat focuses on God's love, His forgiveness, and His faithfulness. To register or receive more information about this weekend, please call Collette Fanelli at 631.665.7052

## Seton Hall Legacy Event

Tickets are now on sale for the 3rd Annual Seton Hall Legacy Event being held Saturday, April 19 at 6 PM at the Timber Point Country Club in Great River. This year's Legacy Award Recipients are Sister Mary Louise Brink SC former principal of Seton Hall and John Schmitt, Jr., All Pro Center of the Super Bowl Champion New York Jets. Tickets for the event are available for \$75 per person. For further information and reservations, please call Adam at 718.424.1813 or email to [aszczepanski@schalifax.org](mailto:aszczepanski@schalifax.org).

## From Ireland to Long Island

On Sunday, March 30, Bishop Philip Boyce, Bishop of Raphoe, County Donegal, Ireland will host a social evening of Irish music and culture in Cannon's Blackthorn, 49 North Village Avenue, Rockville Centre from 4:30 PM until 9 PM. Bishop Boyce will be visiting Long Island to attend this year's St. Patrick's Day celebrations in Rockville Centre and is looking forward to meeting many of Ireland's sons and daughters that live on Long Island.

## An Evening of Christian Musical Praise

In recognition of the 100th Anniversary of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and in celebration of our ecumenical solidarity, the faith communities of The United Methodist Church of Babylon and St. Joseph RC Church cordially invite you to An Evening of Christian Musical Praise on Sunday, April 6 at 7 PM at St. Joseph Church, 39 N. Carl Avenue, Babylon. Admission for this Hymn-Sing is free, and all are welcome. A free-will offering will be received to benefit The United Methodist Church's Habitat for Humanity projects and the rebuilding program at Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church in Wyandanch. For further information, call St. Joseph's at 669.0068.

## 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: **"Being Joyful."**

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# El Salvador Mission News

On March 24, 1980, a great man and leader of the Salvadoran people was assassinated while celebrating mass. Archbishop Oscar Romero used his life to speak out on behalf of the poor and marginalized of our society. In this, his anniversary month, we remember the work he did on behalf of those who did not have a voice to speak for themselves and we reflect on his challenge to all of us to continue living

## OSCAR ROMERO 1917-1980

By: Karli Niehoff

Many people are not familiar with the life of Archbishop Oscar Romero. As archbishop of El Salvador, he witnessed ongoing violations of human rights and started to speak out on behalf of the poor and the victims of the country's civil war that was occurring at the time. He fought the devil face to face, by fighting fear. He stood up on behalf of the people in poverty, even though many in the church believed he should not get involved. He knew this was a rash move but felt this was his calling. Chosen as archbishop for his conservatism, once in office he favored a nonviolent form of liberation theology, a position which led to led him on a path similar to Mahatma Gandhi and Martin Luther King Jr. On March 24, 1980, he was assassinated by a single gunshot while celebrating mass. In 1997, a cause for beatification and canonization into sainthood was opened for Romero, and Pope John Paul II bestowed upon him the title of Servant of God.

To me, Oscar Romero was truly an inspirational figure and whenever someone mentions a work of God, I think of him. On our trip we watched the movie "Romero" about his life and I was touched. I saw how he helped people. I saw his love in his eyes and how he changed. He is a great role model of following Christ. He taught a lesson that will live with us forever, to do the right thing. He inspired me to be enthusiastic about following God and serving the poor and his message will forever be in my heart.

### The Prayer of Oscar Romero

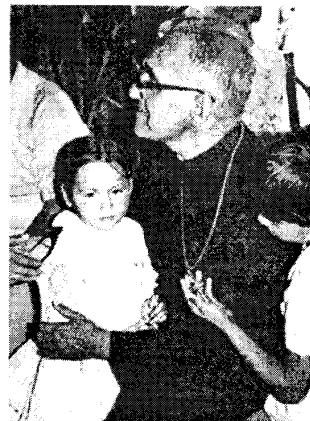
This is what we are about: We plant seeds that one day will grow. We water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise.

We lay foundations that will need further development. We provide yeast that produces effects far beyond our capability.

We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that. This enables us to do something, and to do it very well. It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the lord's grace to enter and do the rest.

We may never see the end results, but that is the difference between the master builder and the worker. We are workers, not master builders; ministers, not messiahs. We are prophets of a future not our own.

Amen



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# Sharing the Gospel

Jesus gave the power to forgive sins through his apostles. Today the priests are his apostles. They remind us of how God forgives our sins. You have the power to forgive those who hurt you. It is your choice to forgive as Jesus has forgiven you. It is healthy for you to forgive. Anger makes your body tense and your muscles ache. When you forgive others, God sends his love to fill your body and soul with peace.

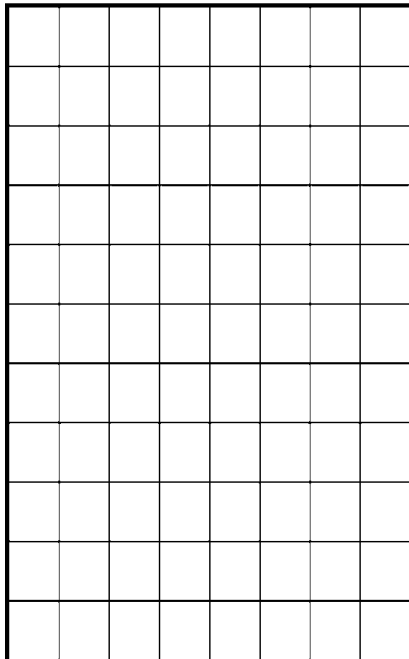
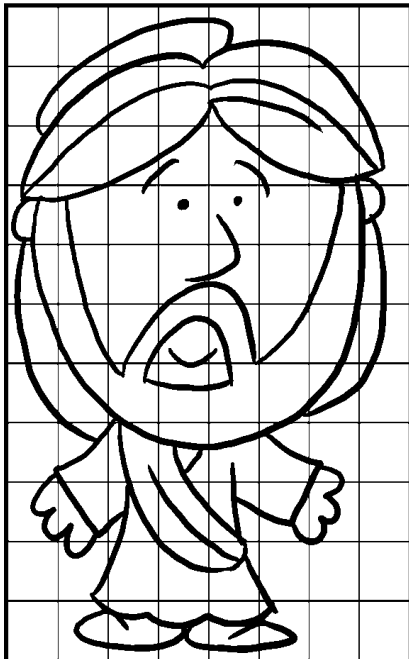


## Mission for the Week

I will pray for those who hurt me and forgive them.

### Puzzle

Copy the picture square by square.



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### Prayer



Lord,  
help me forgive  
those who  
hurt me.

### Something to Draw



Draw yourself  
forgiving a friend  
who broke your  
baseball bat.