

**“God so loved the world
that he gave
his only Son.”**

John 3:16



**Trinity
SUNDAY**

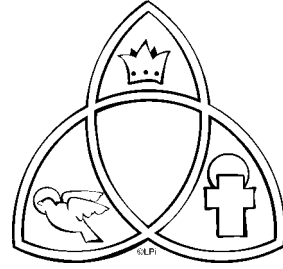
Our Lady of Lourdes

May 18, 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

661-3224

Monday-Friday: 9 AM - 7:30 PM

Saturday: 9 AM - 3 PM

Sunday: 9 AM - 2 PM

email: ParishOffice@ollchurch.org

fax: 661-7143

website: www.ollchurch.org

Our Lady of Lourdes School

587-7200

Monday-Friday: 9 AM - 3 PM

email: lkrol@ollschool.org

Religious Education Office

661-5440

Monday-Friday: 9 AM - Noon

1 PM - 5 PM

7 PM - 9 PM

email: ReligiousEd@ollchurch.org

Parish Outreach Office

661-9262

Monday: 9:30 AM - 7:30 PM

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

S.A.G.E.

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and Enrichment)

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Associate Pastor

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Deacon Jack Meehan

Coordinator of Stewardship

Deacon John Teufel

Sr. Margaret Bickar

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Sr. Nancy Campkin

Director of Religious Education

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Organist

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Religious Education Office

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Parish Office

Mission Statement

As stewards of all that God has given us, the Parish Family of Our Lady of Lourdes serves and ministers to all who come to this place. Regardless of a person's history, ethnicity, gender, orientation, age or race, we commit ourselves to open wide the doors of our Parish to provide a place of welcome and hospitality.

Vision...

so that all may know that they are a vital part of the Body of Christ, we further recommit and challenge ourselves to:

***Live** out our Baptismal call passionately by caring for all of God's people with justice.*

***Grow** in an understanding of God's role in each of our lives.*

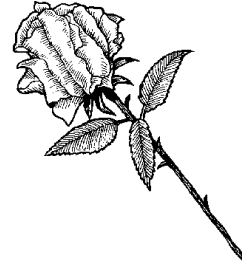
***Respond** to the Gospel in a radical way, inviting and inspiring all to form the Kingdom of God in every moment of life.*

***Acknowledge** we are not complete without the willingness to grow, discern and discover the Spirit who moves and guides us.*

*Our Lady
of Lourdes*

455 Hunter Avenue
West Islip, New York 11795

Mother's Day / Father's Day Mass for parents who have lost a child



Mother's Day and Father's Day can be difficult times for parents who have lost a child. Whether you have lost a child in childhood or adulthood, to stillbirth or miscarriage, this Mass will be celebrated to bring you God's peace and consolation.

We would like to invite *any parent who has lost a child* to a special **Mass on Saturday, June 7 at 10 AM.**

Mass will be followed by hospitality in our Parish Center. Please feel free to invite family or friends with you. For more information, or to let us know you will be able to attend, please call the Parish Office at 661.3224.

Ministry of Family Healing

What comes to mind when you hear the word hope?

Hope is such a powerful word. Without it, we would be lost. We could not survive. Hope is our spiritual oxygen. We are surrounded by many circles of hope breathing life and spirit into our wounded world.

The Ministry of Family Healing invites you to a night of prayer and reflection on the power of hope. Please join us on **Wednesday, May 21 at 7:30 PM in the Parish Center.**

Please call the Religious Education Office at 661.5440 to register. Food and fellowship to follow. Please bring a friend.

Religious Retirement Fund

On May 31/June 1, we will have our special annual collection for the Sisters and Brothers of the Religious Communities who serve us throughout the Dioceses of Rockville Centre and Brooklyn. Many of us have had our lives touched by caring Religious. They have taught us in schools and given quality health care to many of us in hospitals and nursing homes.

Kindly consider a donation or a pledge, as generous as your means will allow, to the Religious Retirement fund. You may use your envelope to place this donation in the mail or drop in the collection basket on the weekend of May 31/June 1.

Congratulations Deacon Tom! Ordained May 17, 2008



*For who is greater,
the one who is at the table
or the one who serves?
Is it not the one at the table?
But I am among you
as one who serves.*

-Luke 22:27 RSU

Our parish celebration for
Deacon Tom will be held on
Sunday, May 18 at the
12:30 PM Mass.
Reception will follow in the
Parish Center.
All are welcome!

A Vocation Prayer

*Loving God, at Baptism we are
invited into a deeper relationship
with you.*

*As we grow in faith and love,
help each of us to discover the
ways in which you want us to use
our many blessings.*

*Teach us to respect the ways in
which your Spirit is manifested
and the gifts needed to bring
Christ's life in us to its fullness.*

*Lead the men in our faith
communities to deepen their
relationship with You by serving
in the vocation of deacon.*

*Bless those generous deacons
who currently serve in so many
capacities and have become such
an important presence in our
church.*

*We ask this through Christ our
Lord.*

Amen.

The Vocation of Deacon

The word "deacon" itself means "servant." Deacons are called to be the sacramental sign of the Servant Christ. Deacons can assist at mass by proclaiming the Gospel and preaching, and by distributing communion. In addition they can preside over funerals, witness marriages and baptize.

Deacons are men who live among those whom they serve; they are members of our communities and our neighbors. It is undeniable that if indeed a man feels called to the vocation of deacon and already has a family, that he would need their support and encouragement. Balancing work in diaconate ministry with family life may be challenging, as each requires a great amount of attention and responsibility.

Deacons are a wonderful example of how a man who is already living the vocation of husband or father, can feel called to serve God and God's people in yet another meaningful way. They are proof that a person can live more than one vocation and that the desire to find new ways to serve continues throughout our lives.

“EMPOWERED BY

Becoming a member of this church community through the RCIA has been a beautiful journey for our family. We didn't realize how much we had clouded our lives. Blocking the Holy Spirit from flowing in us, and through us. Our lives had filled with obligations, responsibilities, and always being busy. Everything we did was through our own willpower and over time what might have given us energy and hope..... left us exhausted and hopeless.

I know now that our love for each other allowed us to let go. We cleared each other's sky and allowed the Holy Spirit to flow within us, through us, onto our daughter and everyone around us.

We heard about Our Lady of Lourdes through a family friend. We met Deacon Jack who baptized our Angelika and he pointed us towards the RCIA..... where we were welcomed with open arms and filled hearts with Sister Nancy and the crew.

We have been transformed, empowered by the Holy Spirit. There is something profoundly different about letting go and allowing love, faith, truth, the Holy Spirit to run through you, counsel you, comfort you and at times carry you.

Your heart feels as if it has breathed in new life. God is on the road with you.
We thank God for filling us with the Holy Spirit, reenergizing us and giving us hope.
-Fernando DeLeon, RCIA

“A couple of years ago, I fell off my roof at home and broke my back. While lying in the hospital feeling sorry for myself, I walked a Eucharistic Minister giving out Holy Communion. We chatted for a bit and then he gave me Communion. My spirits immediately got much better. It was at that point that I realized that when I was better, I would become a Eucharistic Minister.

I regret that I did not register sooner. Always some lame excuse about not having the time and that I would go for the training the next time it was offered. Boy, do I wish I had gone for the training years ago! I now serve at OLL on Sundays and at Consolation Nursing Home during the week. There is nothing I find more rewarding than helping at Mass and distributing Communion to the elderly. They are all so appreciative. However, in the overall picture, they give more to me than I give to them. There are many ministries here at Our Lady of Lourdes. If you have any inkling that one of them might be for you, do not delay as I did. Sign up as soon as you can.”

-Raymond Schmitt, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

THE SPIRIT”

As a candidate within the RCIA process, this was the first step of my journey to follow, explore and fulfill my spiritual needs toward growing closer to God.

My journey here at Our Lady Lourdes has not been alone; along with other candidates and catechumens, we were cared for and guided by our Pastor, Associate Pastors, Director of Worship, spiritual sponsors and particularly embraced by our coordinator, Sr. Nancy. Our weekly meetings began following dismissal after the Sunday 11AM Mass homily when our church community celebrated with the RCIA, helping to strengthen our relationship with God. We gathered as a group discussing the Mass and sharing the teachings and experiences of Jesus and the church. Our spiritual discussions continued Monday evenings with our Parish Priests, Sr. Nancy, sponsors and others involved with parish ministries; developing our spiritual growth and deepening our understanding and belief of Christian values and living.

As I sat through the Triduum, my experience was profound, as I had a new vision on the love that Christ had for us, a love so deep that Christ sacrificed himself on the cross for our sins. Then, during the Easter Vigil, the most beautiful ceremony of the entire liturgical year, I was able to renew my Baptismal vow and celebrate my confirmation and Eucharist with our entire church community. This gives me the strength to continue the journey I have begun.

-Bridget Ray, RCIA

I am currently involved with 'The Six' Mass on Sunday by accompanying the choir on flute. In the past, I have helped out at different Masses at the request of Sr. Nancy and Sr. Diane. Then Sr. Nancy asked me if I would take part at 'The Six' on a more permanent basis. I enjoy playing my flute at Mass. Not only do I feel like I am an important part of Mass, but I get community service hours which I can use to get a seal on my diploma when I graduate. It benefits both the church and myself. So if you enjoy singing or playing an instrument, please give some thought into joining a group to play in. It is a warm and welcoming environment and really is a lot of fun!

-Jeanette Florio, Musician, Contemporary Music Group

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

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.

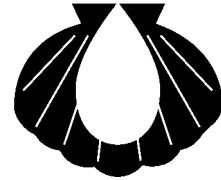
Marriage

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.

Baptisms



Maximus Cosmas Panagos

Cosmas and Annemarie

Thomas Joseph Jimenez

Misael and Margaret

Upcoming Marriages

Christine Winter, OLL and

Joshua Amatuegwu

Remembering...

Monday, May 19

8:00 AM James Finlay

Tuesday, May 20

St. Bernardine of Siena, priest

8:00 AM Diana Zotto

Wednesday, May 21

St. Christopher Magallanes, priest, martyr

8:00 AM Molly Sweeney

Thursday, May 22

St. Rita of Cascia, religious

8:00 AM Frank Barba

Friday, May 23

8:00 AM Matteo Abrignano

Saturday, May 24

8:00 AM Peter Schreiner, Vincent McCarthy,
In Honor of Blessed Mother, Phyllis Conforte,
Helen Perez, Michael Davis, Judith Dell'osso,
Oning DeRoxas

5:00 PM John Lovari

Fr. Stan Chukwube

Sunday, May 25

8:00 AM Mary P. Colin

Fr. Ambrose Cabildo

9:30 AM All Souls of Maggi Family

Fr. Bob Scheckenback

11:00 AM Catherine M. Peterson

Fr. John Asomugha

12:30 PM Nora Frances Olsen

Fr. Stan Chukwube

6:00 PM People of the Parish, Nancy Catalano, Salvatore Taormina,
Kim Ecker, Mary Quinn, James B. Dukes, Kevin Kelly,
John Luger, Michael Guardino, Vincent Pepe, Eleanor Bartolli,
Mafelda Monaco

Fr. John Asomugha

Rest In Peace

Walter Gizze died on May 8 and
celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was
May 12. We extend our prayers to his wife
Jeannette, daughter Joanne, and son Walter.



Living Liturgy – Summer 2008

Many times people are overwhelmed or fear they are too busy to get involved in parish life. The summer is a great time to explore some more and see if a particular ministry is for you! Each week we're including a brief description of some ministries and ways you can get involved. Think about it...and know how much we need and want you to be part of our parish's liturgies and prayer services.

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist



Extraordinary Ministers distribute communion at Sunday liturgy, weekday Masses and during holy days of obligation. Some ministers also choose to bring Communion to the Sick in our parish community.

What's the commitment?

There is a training offered by the Diocese of Rockville Centre in the Fall and a follow up training here at OLL. We try to schedule you based on the Mass you most frequently attend. Ministers sign up to serve on holidays, holy days and special occasions. We also offer opportunities for reflection and prayer that all are invited to and requested to be a part of throughout the year.

I want more information...

Ask one of our Extraordinary Ministers you might see at Mass, call the Parish Office at 661.3224, x. 135 or e-mail to jsureau@ollchurch.org.



Altar Servers

Have you ever wondered how Masses come together each week? How it seems that things just happen naturally! It's usually because of the altar servers. We need many young people in our parish to step up and serve as many of our servers have graduated and are moving on to other ministries. Altar servers help to make our Masses and prayer services so great! Also, altar servers go on trips (like Splish Splash, Islanders games, and more) and do a lot of other fun things. We are always looking for new altar servers and are in need of servers at many of our parish Masses. Training will begin later this month and you will begin serving in the Summer of 2008!

What's the commitment?

There are five or six altar server training sessions before you can actually serve. Being an altar server is a lot of work, so we want to make sure you're prepared. For Sunday Masses, we try to schedule you based on the Mass you most frequently attend. Servers sign up for Masses on holidays, holy days and special occasions. Servers can volunteer to serve at weddings and funerals, too.

I want more information...

Contact Mrs. Kate Newman at bounceusa@ollchurch.org or call John Sureau at 661.3224, x. 135 or e-mail to jsureau@ollchurch.org.

mark your calendar...

24th Annual OLL Golf Classic

Timber Point Country Club
Thursday, June 19 at 2:30 PM



This year's honorees are
Sister Nancy and Sister Diane
Co-Directors OLL Religious Education

- Singles, twosomes and foursomes are welcome
- Sponsorships ranging from \$50 to \$1,500 are now available
- Awards and prizes throughout the day
(including a live auction with professional auctioneer)
- Includes barbeque lunch and gourmet dinner
- \$175 for golf and dinner or \$75 for dinner only
- All skill levels are welcome

Please call Joe Macina at 647.7440 or Frank Antonawich at 587.7988 or the school office at 587.7200 for further information.

Last year's event was a great success and a key fundraiser for the school.

Don't miss it...sign up today!

Around Our Parish

Religious Education

Our eighth grade Confirmation Candidates and their Sponsors continue to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation in ninth 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 Nite...

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.

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-Bridget Ray, received into the Church, First Eucharist and Confirmation at the Great Vigil, 2008

RCIA-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. Bob or Fr. Stan at the Parish Office, 661-3224 #1, and we would be happy to help you.



Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Car Raffle

Our friends at Atlantic Hyundai are donating a three year lease for a 2009 Hyundai Sonata. Raffle tickets are \$50 each - buy two and get one free. Raffle will be drawn at the 24th Annual OLL Golf Classic, June 19, 2008 at the Timber Point Golf Club in Great River. Winner need not be present. Winner is responsible for tax, title, and tags.

Tickets are available at the Parish Office, Our Lady of Lourdes School, or see Dan Toomey of Atlantic Hyundai located on the Sunrise Highway Service Road in West Islip.

**This
weekend!**

The car will be on display outside OLL Church the weekend of May 17/18 and at the 24th Annual OLL Golf Classic at Timber Point on June 19.

Come and see what can be yours!

Pastoral Council Accepting Nominees

Our Pastoral Council is currently accepting nominations for new members to fill several open seats. A person who wishes to serve on the pastoral council must be a parishioner who desires to offer their time and insight to help the pastor and pastoral team form the vision and future of the parish. Pastoral Council members must have an interest and investment in the parish. Practically, this means that a nominee for the pastoral council must be a person who:

- Worships weekly in the parish and takes full part in the spiritual life of the community
- Offers their time and talent in service or ministry to this community
- Supports the parish financially in a manner appropriate to their means

Parishioners may nominate either themselves or another parishioner for the council. Applicants will be reviewed by the pastoral council nominating committee and if willing and qualified will be asked to complete a profile.

- Parishioners are appointed to the council by the current council in consultation with the pastor and pastoral team in a process of discernment. The goal of this process is to insure that the council represents the diversity of Our Lady of Lourdes and has the gifts and interests necessary to our present goals.
- To nominate oneself, or another, for membership on the council begin by sending a letter or email to pastoralcouncil@ollchurch.org or by postal mail to Pastoral Council, c/o Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 455 Hunter Avenue, West Islip, NY 11795. All letters of nomination will be acknowledged and must include your name and return address.



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The Most Holy Trinity

Scientists at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York released a study about a year ago in which they were sure they could identify the particular part of the brain that controls the feeling of love. A small area called the caudate becomes very active when thoughts of love occur during an MRI brain scan. The doctors' conclusions were that love isn't an emotion; it is a drive, similar to hunger or thirst. If only they had looked in their subjects' hearts.

"For God so loved the world?" The very first few words of today's Gospel reading from John are usually enough for most people to finish the passage from memory. But take a moment and study those six words; realize how much God loves us, and then think about how great that love is when God is willing to allow his only son to die for us and our sins.

And through that death and resurrection God gives to us the completion of the Holy Trinity, the most central mystery of the Christian faith and Christian life (CCC 261). God truly wants only happiness for us; his love is not an exclusionary love meant for only a few, but for us all. Today, remember the gift of the Holy Spirit, the gift of God's only son, and the gift of God's love, all three in one.

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Readings for the Week of May 18, 2008

Sunday: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/2 Cor 13:11-13/Jn 3:16-18
Monday: Jas 3:13-18/Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday: Jas 4:1-10/Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday: Jas 4:13-17/Mk 9:38-40
Thursday: Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:41-50
Friday: Jas 5:9-12/Mk 10:1-12
Saturday: Jas 5:13-20/Mk 10:13-16
Next Sunday: Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a/1 Cor 10:16-17/Jn 6:51-58

SAGE

The SAGE Group (Senior Advocates for Growth and Enrichment) will meet on **Tuesday, May 20**, in the **Parish Center at 9 AM**.

Senior Circle

The Senior Circle meets on the last Monday of each month, however, our next meeting will be held on **Monday, May 19**, at **12:30 PM in the Parish Center**.

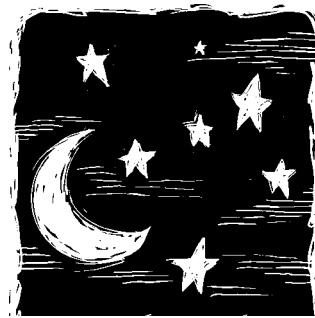
Summer Evening Prayer

OLL always celebrates summer with a great spirit of prayer and excitement...but it doesn't come without some good planning and hard work. This year, as always, we are looking for volunteers to be part of our planning committee.

Would you be interested? Would you be willing to think about it? There are about 3 or 4 meetings and then presence at Evening Prayer when you're able.

Could this be the year for you?

If so, call John Sureau at 631.661.3224, x. 135 or e-mail to jsureau@ollchurch.org.



OLL Seventh Annual Vacation Bible Camp

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

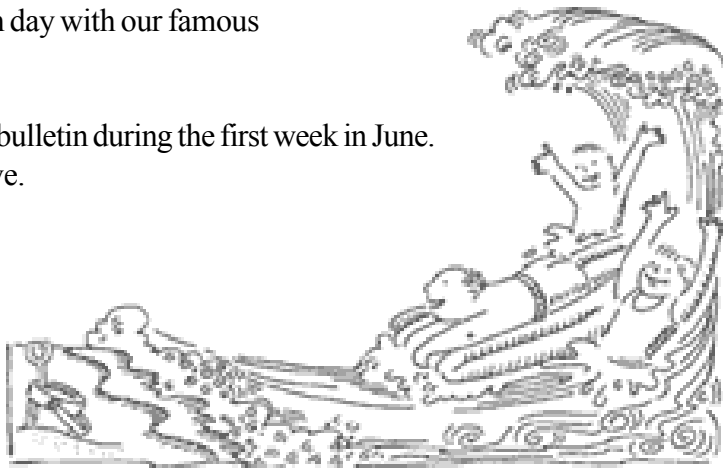
July 28 - August 1---Save the date!

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.



Financial Summary

May 11, 2008

Weekly Collection	\$ 17,027.50
Weekly Budget	-\$ 21,000.00
+/- for the week	\$ (3,972.50)

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

2008 Catholic Ministries Appeal

Hands of Christ-Supporting the Community Around Us

OLL CMA

May 6, 2008

Amount Pledged	\$88,345
Number of Pledges	367
Average Pledge	\$241

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



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.

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

Please Note:

In order to service our clients better, Parish Outreach now has extended hours on Mondays, until 7:30 PM.



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

Collection for Fr. Stan

Fr. Stan has been a faithful presence, ministering to the people of Our Lady of Lourdes for several years. In tribute to Fr. Stan, a collection bin will be located in the Church lobby for the remaining weeks of May to collect: childrens' vitamins, childrens' band aids and childrens' toothbrushes. These, in addition to other items, will be sent to Nigeria.

If you are interested in donating, or have any questions, please contact Kelsey Herron at 243.2520.

Donations

Outreach has received donations in memory of:

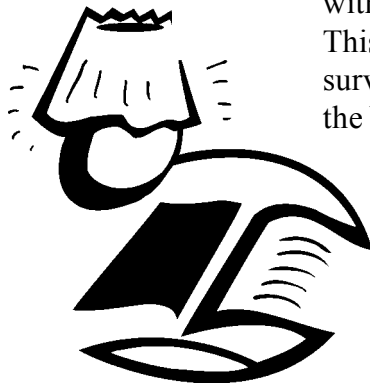
Sister Alice, Pearl Gizewski, Mary Mirabella, Jennie Zappoli, Helen Nogaj, Harry Cerbin.

Gentle Reminder: We no longer accept clothing donations.
Please do not leave them on the premises.

Social Action

Reading Circle

The purest acts of Justice come from an enlightened mind and heart~!



The Social Action Committee invites you to join us as we journey with the book: **"Left To Tell"** by Immaculee Ilibagiza.

This is a most powerful story of hope and forgiveness written by a survivor of the genocide in Rawanda. *"Left to Tell"* is available in the West Islip Library or to purchase at Barnes & Noble.

Our 'Reading Circle' will meet again on **Thursday, May 29 at 7:30 PM in the Parish Center.**

If you plan to join us, please call Outreach at 661.9262, x.4 to register.

Dealing with Hurt and Disappointment

by Ron Rolheiser, OMI

All of us know the humiliation of being rejected, over-looked, ignored, left for another. As well, we know what it feels like to be unable to actualize our persons, our talents, and our dreams in the way that we would like. And there are times too when we compromise ourselves, betray what's best in us, sin.

Our lives forever fall short of our dignity, our dreams, and our ideals, just as our capacity for self-expression forever falls short of our inner riches. Inside each of us, there's always a frustrated artist, musician, poet, writer, athlete, politician, lover, and saint. It's never a question of "Are we hurt?", but only of "Where are we hurting?"

And so we all carry a lot of disappointment, frustration, and sadness inside. What we feel in that, really, is wounded pride, but that's no small, or ungodly, thing. In making us, God gave us a great dignity and we sense that dignity. Our hearts, minds, and dreams are huge, wonderful, and incurably restless. In them, we intuit the divine, its hugeness and its mystery. So we don't easily absorb limits, humiliations, indignities, rejections, and disappointments. And we don't easily absorb sin either. We hurt and that does something to us.

When we turn away in coldness from someone or something we once loved, perhaps even from God and religion, we usually do so out of hurt, wounded pride, out of the need to protect ourselves and keep our dignity intact.

While that's understandable, it isn't life giving. What is?

What can we do with wounded pride? With disappointment? With jealousy? With the sense of having been wronged? What can we do with all those feelings that invite us to become cold, bitter, angry, and cynical? What can we do when we've sinned and betrayed our own dignity and dreams?

The natural temptation is to deny, to lie, to pretend that none of this is happening inside us. And so when we're asked how we are, we generally say we're fine, even when our hearts are bleeding, our jealousy is raging, our faces are tense, our eyes are sad, our dignity is compromised, our fists are clenched.

Whenever we deny that we're wounded, we prepare the perfect breeding ground for bitterness, anger, cynicism, coldness, and rage. When we don't recognize and accept our wounds and frustrations, we easily grow cold, grow hard, and toughen our skins, minds, and hearts. We turn away in bitterness from what's soft and life giving to what's hard so as to put a protective shell over our wounded pride. It seems the only way to preserve ourselves.

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But there's another option - grieving, mourning, tears. We can mourn our losses and cry the kind of tears that rip open our feelings of security and safety and bring us face to face with the painful truth that we are broken, not whole, disappointed, and unable to actualize our dreams. When we grieve, we soften, rather than harden, our hearts in the face of loss and humiliation.

Some months ago, I went a wake service for a friend. For his vigil service, his family had prepared a wonderful collage of photographs of him in various, mostly happy, poses. One photo, in particular, triggered a strong reaction in me. It was a picture of the deceased man holding his grandchild and beaming with a pride, joy, and happiness that can only come from holding your own grandchild. I was unexpectedly stung to the quick, knowing that as a celibate I would never know that particular deep, holy, unadulterated joy, that there would never be a photo of me looking like that, that my face would never radiate that particular kind of happiness and pride, and that one of the deepest, holiest experiences given in this life would never be mine.

I was suddenly very sad and as I walked out of church, mostly ignoring friends around me, everything inside of me was drawn towards coldness, bitterness, anger at my loss, jealousy of others, and frustration at my choices in life. I also felt fiercely restless. I tried eating, phoning friends, taking a walk, but nothing helped until I finally sat down to pray. Tears began to flow and I began a free-fall, literally, into my own chaos, brokenness, inadequacies, restlessness, and pathologies. It's not pleasant, but scary, to enter into your own brokenness, into all those places that you've denied exist inside of you.

I felt scared, but strangely at peace, and the feelings I had then, while still painful, were no longer cold or hard because when we cry we learn that salvation lies not in our capacity to be strong enough never to be broken, but in the opposite, namely, in a surrender in helplessness to a God who can fill in all those places where we are helpless, lost, jealous, restless, and broken.

"The person who doesn't have a softening of the heart, will eventually have a softening of the head." Chesterton said that. He's right.

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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 Sacrament of the Sick.

Pray for Our Sick


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

*Laura Abela, Connie Altadonna, Susan Aviza, Deacon Dick Barry, Pat Bonavita,
Howard Campkin, Lynn Castellano, Regina Cranor, Joseph Cristallo,
Karen DellaVecchia, TJ Devlin, Josephine DiBenedetto, Jason Fisher, Anne Foote,
Susan Gigante, Samantha Hil, Kathleen Kerrigan, Richard Lang, Nancy Letsch,
Anthony Lombardo, Rose Lucio, Michele McCann, Peter McCann, Sr., David McCarthy,
Dorothy Meloni, Bryan Monahan, Jimmy Murphy, Joseph Ortiz, Rocco Panaro,
Arthur Petrino, Joanne Popper, Joe Radosti, Martha Reichel, Patricia Salimbene,
Dorothy Schiavone, Derek Stahl, Alison Stemkowski, Diana Marie Taveras,
Baby John Tramazzo, Jean Virgilio, Pat Wallace, Flo Worysz*

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.

Pumped-up Praise Music

Free admission concert - Piano/organ/vocal concert by Terence Purtell. Terence Purtell, music director at Our Lady of Grace Church, West Babylon plays Gerschwin's Rhapsody in Blue, along with a bombastic Middle Eastern rhapsody for the organ. Also premiered will be some scripturally- based progressive hardcore pieces . The concert is on **Friday, May 30 at 7:30 PM.**

Dominican Village

Please join us for an Open House on Tuesday, May 20 from 2 PM until 4 PM. Dominican Village is an independent retirement community that offers assisted living and respite care, outstanding programs, all-inclusive services and bountiful amenities. For more information, or to schedule a tour at your convenience, call 631.842.6091.

All Years' Reunion

Sts. Philip & James School, St. James is having an "All Years' Reunion" on **Sunday, June 8 at 12 PM.** We will begin with Mass followed by a reception in the school auditorium and tours of the school. Please call Mary (McGunnigle)Specht at 631.751.8577 or Mary Monte (retired principal) at 631.981.3155.

The Rosary-Mysteries of Light

Each Tuesday in May - **May 20 and 27** - there will be Reconciliation, Conference, Rosary and Eucharist at the Montfort Spiritual Center, Bay Shore. Reconciliation will be from 6:30 PM until 7:15 PM, Conference and Rosary will be at 7:15 PM and Eucharist at 8:15 PM. There is no registration, but a free will offering. If you have any questions, please call the Montfort Spiritual Center at 631.666.7500.

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.*

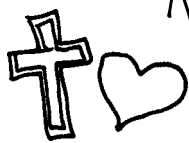
This week's theme is: **"Prayer."** You can visit us anytime to listen or download a show at www.religionandrock.com. For more information about our television shows go to www.TelecareTV.org.

Sharing the Gospel

God sent his only Son to save the world. Because you believe in his Son, Jesus, you will have eternal life in heaven. You are a child of God. God wants you to serve by helping your family and friends. When you clean up your room, take care of your baby sister, or pull weeds for your neighbor, God wants you to say, "Lord, I am doing this for you."



Mission for the Week



When I wash my hands, I will remember that Jesus washed away my sins in baptism.



Puzzle

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

God	gave	eternal
loved	believes	Son
world	perish	save

oGd	<u>G</u> <u>o</u> <u>d</u>
presih	_____
noS	_____
levod	_____
geva	_____
eetrnla	_____
wrodl	_____
bleevise	_____
vase	_____

Prayer



God, teach me to use my eyes, voice, and hands to help others.

Something to Draw



Draw yourself helping your father wash his car with a bucket of soapy water.