



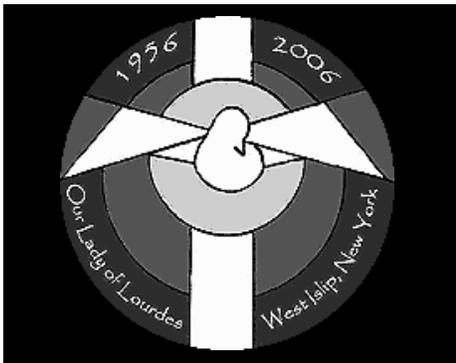
*“Go and LEARN  
the MEANING of the words,  
‘I desire MERCY, not sacrifice.’  
I did not come  
to CALL the righteous  
but SINNERS.”*

*Matthew 9:13*

**Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Our Lady of Lourdes

June 8, 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](mailto:ParishOffice@ollchurch.org)

fax: 661-7143

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

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

587-7200

Monday-Friday: 9 AM - 3 PM

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

### **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  
and Enrichment)

email: [Sage@ollchurch.org](mailto:Sage@ollchurch.org)

### **Rev. Stanislaus Chukwube**

Associate Pastor

### **Rev. Robert Scheckenback**

Associate Pastor

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### **Deacon John DeGuardi**

**Deacon Tom Lucie**

**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 McMahan**

Director of Parish Social Ministry

**Vita Scorgia**

Ministry Spiritual Director

**John Sureau**

Coordinator of Worship

**Sr. Betty Toohig**

Senior Ministry-SAGE

**Anthony Trombino**

Business Manager

## *Pastoral Council*

Stacie Baltrusitis

Jane Desthers

Stephen Frodell

William Hurley

Anne Kerrigan

Maria Lucie (*co-chair*)

Deacon Jack Meehan

Vita Scorgia

Doreen Spiller

Mary Steck

Fr. Mike Vetrano

Marie Yuliano (*co-chair*)

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## *Parish Staff*

**Barbara Catuosco**

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

*Dear Parish Family,*

As you drive around the neighborhood, you may see some homes that have a paper chalice in the front window. This represents a child who has received First Holy Communion this spring. I can't tell you how much I appreciate your prayerful support! About nine weeks ago, we put the names of each candidate in the bulletin and asked you to pray for them. So many of you sent cards to the children and they were overwhelmed by the fact that "people who didn't even know us are praying for us!"

As part of their preparation, they worked on a little booklet, part of which included some questions about their impression of the parish and parish life. Over the next few weeks, we'll be printing some of their responses. It is especially heartwarming to read about their great love for this Parish Family. Enjoy!

*Love,*

*Sister Diane and the Pep 2 Program*

### **Things I like best about our Parish Family...**

is spending time with Jesus' family  
feeling loved and cared for  
we have nice priests  
they are members of the community  
the priests are easy to talk to  
there is a special place for kids to go for Mass

story time on Sunday  
we help others  
we support each other  
we all come together to pray

they do fun stuff  
it helps me to have more friends;  
it brings us all closer together  
we raise money for people who don't have it  
our organist Rex  
I have friends in religion class

all the nice sisters and fathers  
that everybody is welcome  
they make all the children feel welcome  
the playground after Mass  
everyone is so kind  
the good staff

I have a lot of friends here  
people are nice and friendly  
I like the way all the kids listen to God's words  
we get to pray in God's home  
they always do good deeds

I know many people who  
belong to the parish  
it is very friendly  
the people around me because  
they're friendly and they welcome me  
the songs  
everybody is nice to each other

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!

## 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.

### 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 many for 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](mailto:bounceusa@ollchurch.org) or call John Sureau at 661.3224, x. 135 or e-mail to [jsureau@ollchurch.org](mailto:jsureau@ollchurch.org).

### Lectors

Who better to proclaim God's Word than you!? Our lectors prepare and proclaim the Scripture readings at our liturgies and services throughout the year. This is a wonderful ministry because you bring the power of God's word to all who gather in our parish community! **NOW MORE THAN EVER**, we need more women and men – young and not so young – to assist with this important ministry!

#### *What's the commitment?*

If you are interested, we will assign you to work a "veteran" lector. We will try to schedule you based on the Mass you most frequently attend. Lectors 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....*

Contact John Sureau at 661.3224, x. 135 or e-mail to [jsureau@ollchurch.org](mailto:jsureau@ollchurch.org).

## Religious Education



### 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.

*"The RCIA process helped me grow as a person emotionally and spiritually. I looked forward to the RCIA meetings on Sunday after Mass and on Monday evening. My wife and children also enjoyed the RCIA process.... This process has been a life-altering event for me. If anybody is thinking about becoming Catholic, I strongly recommend going to the RCIA meetings to see what it is all about."*

-Michael Flynn

Confirmed and Received into the Church 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.

## **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.

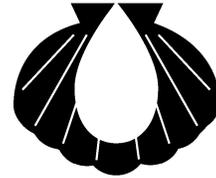
### **Marriage**

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**



*Vincent Lawrence Babino*

Lawrence and Jessica

*Matthew Drinkwater*

Darren and Karen

*Jacob Ryan Jestel*

Ethan and Christine

*Kayla Marie O'Brien*

Edward and Jennifer

*Carlo Enrique Ponce*

Lydia

*Brandon Daniel Sorrese*

Daniel and Linda

*Brady Robert Tyler*

Robert and Regina

# Remembering...

## Monday, June 9

*St. Ephram, deacon, doctor*

8:00 AM Carmelo & Fortunato Maggi

## Tuesday, June 10

8:00 AM Robert Cano

## Wednesday, June 11

*St. Barnabas, apostle*

8:00 AM Julia Flynn

## Thursday, June 12

8:00 AM Nora Frances Olsen

## Friday, June 13

*St. Anthony of Padua, priest and doctor*

8:00 AM Molly & John Sweeney

## Saturday, June 14

8:00 AM Robert Carro, Peter Schreiner, Robert Elder, Sr.,  
Thomas Palaia, Mary Homann, Elinor Bartoli,  
James Johnson, Sr.

5:00 PM Danny & Mike Salegna  
*Fr. Ambrose Cabildo*

## Sunday, June 15

8:00 AM Robert D. Colin  
*Fr. Bob Scheckenback*

9:30 AM James & Charlotte Quinn  
*Fr. Stan Chukwube*

11:00 AM Anthony Alfieri  
*Fr. Ambrose Cabildo*

12:30 PM Carmella Parasole  
*Fr. John Asomugha*

6:00 PM People of the Parish, Thomas LaPierre, Peter J. Morgan,  
Rose Giambaldo, Rick Munkwitz, Walter Henry, Michael Memoli,  
Joseph Bownes, Mafelda Monaco, Patricia deLyra,  
Salvatore Battiata, Salvatore Dellaria  
*Fr. Mike Vetrano*



## Rest In Peace

*Theresa DiPaolo* died on May 21 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was May 24. We extend our prayers to her husband Vito, sons William and Michael and grandchildren.

*Maria Fatuzzo* died on May 29 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was May 31. We extend our prayers to her brother John and nephew Joseph.

## Summer at “The Six”

Our Six Committee is busy working to make our Sunday night liturgy a relaxing, meaningful and great way to end the summer weekends.

So, this summer – sleep late, go to the beach, relax and then give thanks to God (and we’ll help!)

*on Sunday, June 15...*

### “Blessing for the Stressin”

It’s exam time and the pressures of the end of school are upon us. Get ready for a special Mass that will offer you God’s peace for the weeks ahead.

*after Mass...*

We’re HELPING THE HOMELESS. We’ll gather in the Cafeteria after Mass and make Peanut Butter and Jelly sandwiches for local homeless shelters. A lot of time, volunteerism wanes in the summer but not here at OLL!

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

An old saying has it that all roads lead to Rome, and within Rome, all roads lead to St. Peter’s Square. Day after day, the Piazza San Pietro is a stage for the entire world. In every season of the year, the piazza is alive in a way encountered nowhere else. St. Peter’s Square is a meeting place for all Christianity, sacred space for those who journey from all corners of the world.

Our next information meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, June 10 at 7:30 PM in Room 16 of OLL School**. There are forty-five parishioners who have reserved their place for our parish pilgrimage. We have reached capacity and can no longer accept new travelers. However, if you are interested, please call the Parish Office and we will place your name on a waiting list.

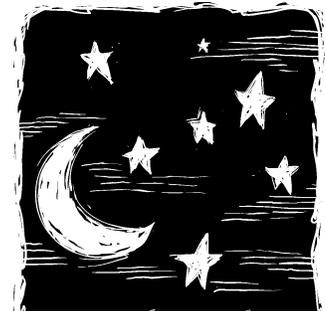
## Summer Evening Prayer

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](mailto:jsureau@ollchurch.org).



## 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.

The car will be on display 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](mailto: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.

## 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.

## 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:

**Bryan R. Dempsey**-*US Marines*

**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.

Our whole parish family rejoices with the deRoxas Family in gratitude for the safe return of their son from active duty.

**Jeremy DeRoxas** -*US Air Force* has returned to the United States safe and sound from his tour of duty.

Thank you, Jeremy, for your generous service to our country!

The deRoxas Family would like to thank Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Family for all of their prayers.

Our whole parish family rejoices with the Bacchi Family in gratitude for the safe return of their son from active duty.

**Lorenzo Bacchi** -*US Marines* has returned to the United States safe and sound from his tour of duty.

Thank you, Lorenzo for your generous service to our country!

Lorenzo's father Albert, brother Anthony and Grandma Frances wish to thank all the parishioners for their prayers for bringing him home safely.

## Daytime Eucharistic Devotion

The afternoon adoration for the month of July will be on **Wednesday, June 11 from 1- 3 PM**. All are invited and welcome!

We will be praying for our children, our country, our men and women in the military and our clergy.



## SAGE

The SAGE Group (**S**enior **A**dvocates for **G**rowth and **E**nrichment) will meet on **Tuesday, June 10**, in the **Parish Center at 9 AM**.

## 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 ...

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



## 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

It has been about 2,000 years since Jesus first called his disciples to follow him, a time when his Jewish society was essentially divided into two groups—those who followed each and every law of the faith and those who weren't so attentive to it. Today, we seem to have developed a knack for dividing ourselves among many other stark and diverse groups, whether it be wealth, politics, ethnicity, or religious affiliation, to name just a few.

Matthew was a tax collector, and before Jesus called him, he was considered a part of the society of sinners in the eyes of the religious leaders. So why did Jesus call him, and not one of those who obeyed every law of the Jewish faith? Why did he sit down with Matthew and others who needed guidance in their lives? Very simply, as Jesus put it, one does not see a physician if one is healthy. So too are we called to sit down with Jesus.

Matthew, and the others who followed Jesus, did what the Catechism calls "a radical reorientation of [his] whole life, a return, a conversion to God with all [his] heart" (CCC 1431). Because it is just not enough to say we are sorry for our past sins, the sacrament of reconciliation calls us to begin with a fresh dedication to living our lives each and every moment with the grace of God. Doing so, we will end worldly divisions and achieve the mercy he desires for us.

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### Readings for the Week of June 8, 2008

<b>Sunday:</b>	Hos 6:3-6/Rom 4:18-25/Mt 9:9-13
<b>Monday:</b>	1 Kgs 17:1-6/Mt 5:1-12
<b>Tuesday:</b>	1 Kgs 17:7-16/Mt 5:13-16
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3/Mt 5:17-19
<b>Thursday:</b>	1 Kgs 18:41-46/Mt 5:20-26
<b>Friday:</b>	1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16/Mt 5:27-32
<b>Saturday:</b>	1 Kgs 19:19-21/Mt 5:33-37
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	Ex 19:2-6a/Rom 5:6-11/Mt 9:36-10:8



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

### Please Note:

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

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



## Help Save a Life - Give Blood

On Wednesday, June 25 Our Lady of Lourdes parish will hold a Blood Drive from 3:30 PM until 8:30 PM. The Blood Drive will be held in the Parish Center. All eligible donors are strongly urged to give blood. To donate you must be between the ages of 16 (with parental consent) and 75. All donors must show proof of identification.

Donating blood is easy and completely safe. The donation process takes approximately an hour and includes a mini-health exam, including blood pressure, pulse, temperature and iron count. Free cholesterol testing for all blood donors. The donation itself takes about ten minutes plus time for refreshments. For more information about the Blood Drive or to make an appointment, please call Marie at 669.5837 or just walk in the day of the drive.

## Financial Summary

### June 1, 2008

Weekly Collection	\$ 24,153.00
Weekly Budget	<u>-\$ 21,000.00</u>
+/- for the week	\$ 3,153.00

**Religious Retirement** \$ 5,680.00

*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 14, 2008

Amount Pledged	\$88,570
Number of Pledges	371
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.



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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.

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## *A Call to Action on Behalf of Poor Long Islanders: Part 1*

The public-policy issues below were developed on April 28th, 2008 at the MICAH/Adelphi University Conference, *Ending Poverty on Long Island: An Action Plan*. These issues are now the MICAH Agenda for addressing specific, school district, village/town, county and state public-policy issues to help poor Long Islanders make ends meet.

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To learn more about the MICAH campaign, contact Dr. Richard Koubek at Catholic Charities ([Koubek.richard@catholiccharities.cc](mailto:Koubek.richard@catholiccharities.cc)) or Rev. Thomas Goodhue at the LI Council of Churches ([LICCHemp@aol.com](mailto:LICCHemp@aol.com))

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### *1. Organizing Your Community to Create Affordable Housing*

- The State should adopt the *Downstate Suburban Workforce Housing for Economic Sustainability Act* which contains a package of \$87.5 million in State incentives (such as additional school aid) for municipalities that create affordable housing.
- Towns and villages should adopt inclusionary zoning ordinances that require set asides for affordable housing with special attention to large projects such as the Lighthouse at Nassau's Hub, Heartland in Brentwood and Yaphank.
- Towns and villages should adopt accessory apartments legislation to legalize, supervise and encourage the creation of accessory apartments.
- The State should adopt the Brennan/Padovan *Foreclosure Relief* bill to establish a one-year moratorium on home foreclosures.

### *2. Overcoming Racial and Class Inequities in Public Schools*

- The State should fund Universal Pre-K (UPK) with every 4 year old child from an economically-challenged family who needs a seat being given priority, but not exclusive, access to the program. Funding levels should be gradually increased to make UPK a "universal" program that is available to every 4 year old child in the State.
- School districts should engage in systematic assessment and training to enhance multicultural sensitivity and curriculum development as well as to address institutional and structural racism in the district's policies including diversity in personnel, curriculum content, etc. ERASE Racism has tools and trainings for these assessments: 516-921-4863.

### *3. Funding Child Care for Quality Services*

- The State should increase the eligibility for Title XX subsidized child care to 275% of the Federal Poverty Level or \$58,300 a year for a family of four.
- The State should increase State child care funding to the counties so that parents with children in subsidized child care pay 10% of the Family Share co-payment instead of the current Family Share of 17.5% in Nassau and 25% in Suffolk.
- The State should adopt a Paid Family Leave Act to assist parents to care for newborn infants.

# The World as a Phone Booth

by Ron Rolheiser, OMI

For Christmas last year, I was given a cell-phone (a “mobile phone”, in European terms). I’d always resisted buying one for a couple of reasons.

First off, I’m already too accessible, as are most of us. The poet, Rumi, once said: “I have lived too long where I can be reached!” Wonderfully put. We can no longer go out for dinner, have a family outing, take a day off, or go on vacation without life intruding back in on us. The opportunity for instant and constant distance-communication has, no doubt, made our lives more efficient, but it has also made them more demanding and has robbed most of us of the precious few chances we still have to get away from the pressures of life. We are too accessible.

Beyond that, I have been perennially irritated by the over-use, mis-use, and useless-use of cell-phones. It is no longer possible to be in almost any public place and not be within earshot of someone talking on a cell-phone. I glance around public places sometimes - airports, parks, coffee bars, public squares, parks - and notice that virtually everyone is either speaking on one, punching information into one, or at least holding one in his or her hands. They’re omnipresent.

With that being said, I do admit that they are a marvelous invention and have saved lives. They’re also a wonderful convenience. In the two months that I’ve had mine, it has already twice bailed me out while driving and getting lost, allowed me to reschedule a flight while stranded in a storm, facilitated airport pick-ups on several occasions, and given me instant access from anywhere to colleagues, family, and friends.

But still, I’m hardly a convert. Cell-phones still too often irritate me. Why?

More superficially, I get the impression that too many of us still think that being engaged in a cell-phone conversation in a public place makes us look important. I may be wrong and, God-willing, the near universality of the phenomenon should soon enough erase any such illusions.

More seriously, I’m concerned about how cell-phones are changing the way we relate and deforming us somewhat both in our capacity for attention and in our propriety. Let me explain:

First, regarding our capacity for attention: I agree with Thomas Friedman (*The World is Flat*) when he suggests that mobile phones, text-messaging, emails, and other such media are making us so accessible to everybody that paradoxically we are becoming accessible to nobody.

We are communicating all the time and, strangely, becoming lonelier in the process, more isolated from each other. Studies show that today, inside off of this instant and continuous communication, we in fact have fewer close friends and family life is being strained by technology, not enhanced by it. Technology is dividing us perhaps more than uniting us.

Beyond this, our excessive preoccupation with technological communication is producing in us something Friedman calls continuous partial attention disorder. We are becoming the antithesis of a contemplative. How do you stay in touch with your deep center when you are constantly pulled in all directions?

Recently in an airport, I sat beside a young man who was listening to an i-pod, working on his lap-top, and speaking on his cell-phone all at the same time. I suspect he would protest that he is now part of a generation that can “multi-task”. Perhaps there’s some worth in that since the capacity to walk and chew gum at the same time is indeed a virtue. But I would be wary of his contemplative capacities, just I would of his manners. Too often the capacity to “multi-task” is also the capacity to be impolite and inattentive to more than one person at the same time.

Then there is also what cell-phones are doing to us in terms of public propriety, etiquette, and manners.

In essence, we have turned the whole world into a phone-booth. But is that a bad thing? Efficiency-wise, no; but propriety-wise, yes.

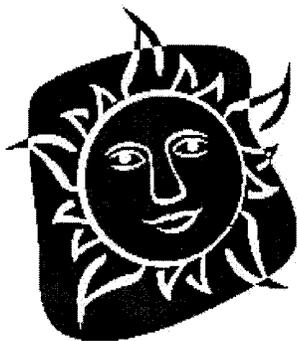
Phone-booths were invented for a good reason, as were living rooms, offices, bedrooms, parks, living rooms, restaurants, dining rooms, theatres, and churches. We sit in public places today and we over-hear conversations that have to do with business, family life, intimacy, and trivia which propriety and manners suggest would be better conducted precisely inside of offices, living rooms, bedrooms, and parks - or at least in the relative privacy of a phone-booth. But the whole world is now becoming a phone-booth, just as it is also becoming a business office, a living room, a bedroom, and a venue for endless chatter in public about trivia that is best talked about in private. Cell-phones have not made for good hygiene, psychic or social.

In the end, cell-phones are a good thing. Sadly though our common sense and manners haven’t kept pace with the technology.

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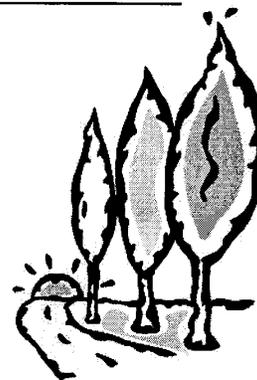
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God tells us to have mercy on people. He wants us to accept them because they are children of God. He does not want us to be afraid of people because they are different from us. God does not want you to choose friends by the color of their skin or the clothes they wear. God wants you to choose friends who will stay on God's path with you.



## Mission for the Week

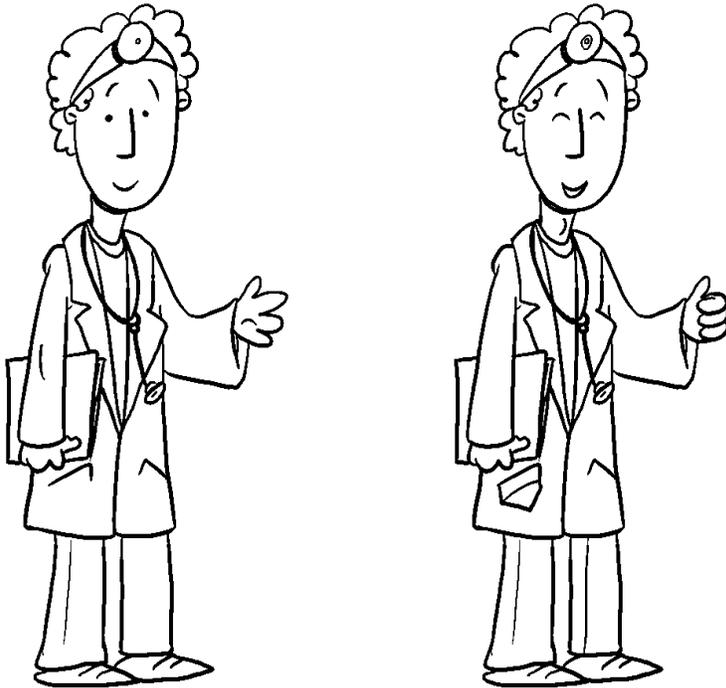


I will pray that people talk instead of fight to solve problems.



### Puzzle

Find 8 differences between these two doctors.



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### Prayer



Jesus Christ,  
thanks for friends  
who keep me out of  
trouble.

### Something to Draw



Draw smiling people  
who look different  
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