

**“It is the smallest
of all the
seeds,**

**yet when full
grown it is the
largest of
plants.”**

Matthew 13:32

**Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Our Lady of Lourdes • July 20, 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

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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
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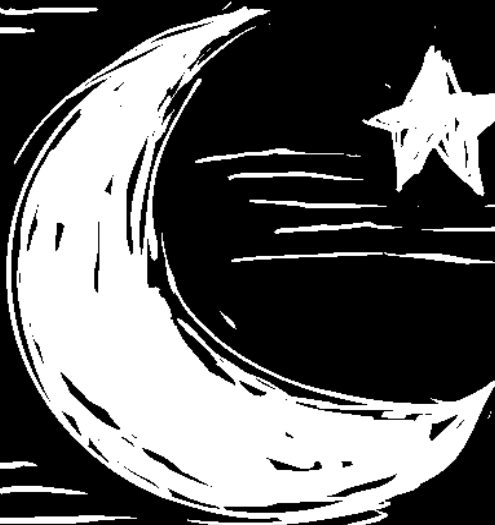
Summer



Evening



Prayer



2008

Monday, July 21

7:30 PM

"On Location"



Summer Evening Prayer

"On Location" at ...

Our Lady of Consolation Nursing Home, Beach Road, West Islip, NY

We join with the local community of Our Lady of Consolation and share with them our beautiful Evening Prayer. We will gather at the Gazebo at Our Lady of Consolation at 7:30 PM.

We invite all who come to bring with them a "healthy" dessert for our Sharing Table. (We'll share our beautiful OLL hospitality too!)

Dinner for everyone!

(see details on page 4)

Summer Evening Prayer

Monday, July 21

Dinner for everyone!

Our Lady of Consolation offers a meal for \$3
for members of the local community.

Dinner will be served on Monday, July 21 from 4:30 to 6:30 PM.

If you would like to join Our Lady of Consolation
for dinner, please call them at 631.587.1600.

Coming up...

Summer Evening Prayer will be on vacation -

July 28 and August 4 - (there will be no Summer Evening Prayer)

August Evening Prayer begins on ...

Monday, August 11

- All You Can Eat BBQ at 6 PM
- Evening Prayer at 7 PM (note the earlier time!)
- Guest Homilist: Fr. Frank Pizzarelli, Founder and Executive Director of Hope House Ministries, Port Jefferson

Monday, August 18

- We'll gather on the West End of Field 5 at Robert Moses Beach at 4 PM
- Come for a special Nature Walk at 6 PM
- Evening Prayer at the Beach at 7PM

Monday, August 25

- Our final gathering for Summer 2008!
- Candlelight Service
- Evening begins with "Summer Sauce" Dinner at 6 PM
- Prayer with Reflection: Mrs. Karen Danca-Smith of Telecare's "Good News"

Our Lady of Lourdes School



44 Toomey Road, West Islip

631 587-7200 ext 102

Mrs. L. Krol - Principal

www.ollschool.org



"Mommy & Me"

2 year olds

SmartBoards

Playtime, Storytime, Circletime

Separation activities

"Early Childhood"

3-5 year olds

Computer class

SmartBoards

Dance lessons

Italian classes

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Have you seen Catholic School lately?
Come in and take another look!

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Total emersion Spanish class

Departmentalized classes in 4 - 8

Public Speaking

Band, dance, violin class during the school day

New modern completely stocked Science Lab

New Media Center including the Follet System

Academy

of

Arts & Sciences

Middle School grades 6-8

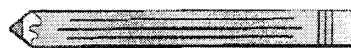
Ballroom Dance lessons, Acrylic Painting

AOI with StonyBrook Medical School

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Before/After Care available

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NOW accepting
Registration
for September 2008

OLL Vacation Bible Camp '08



S.U.R.F.F. Camp
Summer Understanding
Real Faith and FUN!

Bible Camp Volunteers

Adult and Teen Volunteers Needed for OLL Vacation Bible Camp!

July 28-August 1, from 8:30 AM to 1 PM daily

If you are interested in helping out, email camp director Jen Gallagher at jengallagher@ollchurch.org.

Camp Volunteer Meetings

Adult Volunteers

Tuesday, July 22, from 8:00-8:45 PM in the Parish Center.

Teen Orientation Meetings

(all teens who wish to help at camp this year MUST attend ONE of these meetings):

Sunday, July 20: 10:30-11:30 AM in the Parish Center

Tuesday, July 22: 7:00-8:00 PM in the Parish Center

Wednesday, July 23, 7:00-8:00 PM in the Cafeteria

You must only attend one of the three meetings, but all teens who want to be counselors this year must attend a meeting.

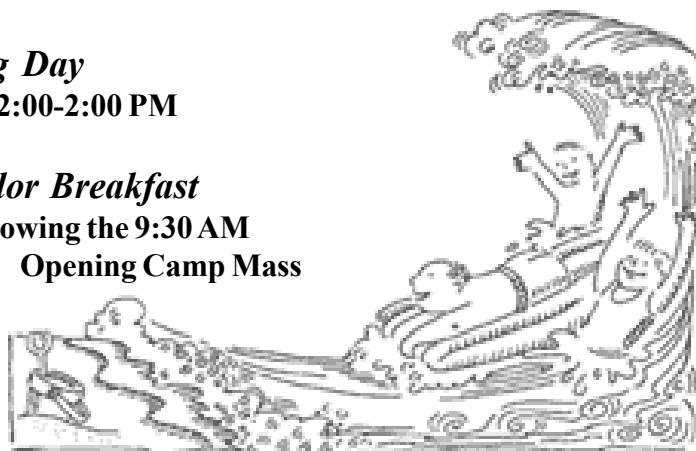
Camp Decorating Day

Saturday, July 26, 12:00-2:00 PM

Meet-the-Counselor Breakfast

Sunday, July 27, following the 9:30 AM

Opening Camp Mass



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.

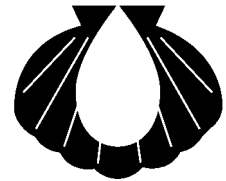
Upcoming Marriages

Ann Konik, St. Peter and Paul, Manorville and

William Hurley, OLL

Amanda Cappetta and

Christian Pickney, both OLL



Baptisms

Tyler Michael Beecher

Keith and Tracy

Brianna Elizabeth Dempsey

Joseph and Elizabeth

Brooke Elizabeth Gilchrist

Eric and Robin

Colin James Groark

Sean and Camille

Sydney Emma Krowles

Joseph and Christine

Charlie Francis Mastroberti

Glenn and Melanie

Abigail Camille Richardelli

Robert and Camille

Michael Paul Spadolini

Anthony and Ann

Nicholas Joseph Vasaturo

Paul and Donna

Remembering...

Monday, July 21

8:00 AM Patrick McCarthy

Tuesday, July 22

Mary Magdalene

8:00 AM Joseph Intonci

Wednesday, July 23

St. Bridget of Sweden, religious

8:00 AM Robert Carro

Thursday, July 24

8:00 AM Henry Riedemann

Friday, July 25

St. James, apostle

8:00 AM Richard Zocchia

Saturday, July 26

8:00 AM John J. Goode, Sr. & Joan Goode, Anthony Occhiogrosso,
Dolores Astarita, John Prendergast, Rose Forlano, John Crowley,
Maria, Francesco & Pasquale Artese, Carmela & Salvatore Cricelli,
Mr. & Mrs. Gary LaCarrubba (*living*)

5:00 PM William J. Heartt

Fr. Ambrose Cabildo

Sunday, July 27

8:00 AM Nancy Ferrara

Fr. Ambrose Cabildo

9:30 AM Anne Massaro

Fr. Mike Vetrano

11:00 AM Charlotte J. Sweeney

Fr. John Asomugha

12:30 PM Fannie Cudlipp

Fr. Mike Vetrano

6:00 PM People of the Parish, Kim Ecker, Robert Keith Fisher,
William Hergenrother, John Basile, Richard Lennon, Nancy Fico,
Alfredo Droz, In Thanksgiving to St. Rita, Patricia DeRiggi

Fr. John Asomugha



Rest In Peace

Mary K. Daly died on July 6 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was July 10. We extend our prayers to her children, grandchildren and entire family.

Jeanette Doyle died on July 10 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was July 14. We extend our prayers to her husband, Edward her children and entire family.

Living Liturgy



Altar Servers

Our parish's newest Altar Servers begin serving this month. They have been training for many weeks under the guidance of our expert trainers – *Joseph and Michael Goldin!*

Let's pray for these young people who are actively "Serving the Lord with Gladness"....

*Kevin Cunningham + Veronica Denzler + Brandon Khoury
+ Theresa Maher + Jordan Makowski + John Meehan and
+ Jason Michael Saint Laurent*

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

We welcome our parish's newest Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who were trained by the Diocese of Rockville Centre and were commissioned at "The Six" on June 22.

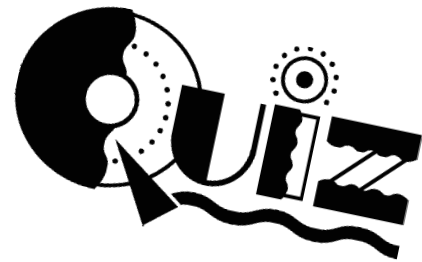
These women and men will not only serve at Mass, but many will bring Communion to the sick and homebound.

Let's remember and pray for...

Michele Atanasio + Charlene Coppola + Robert Evans + Ed Pinter + Edward J. Nikl

If you're interested in being a part of any of our liturgical ministries contact John Sureau at 661.3224, x. 135 or e-mail to jsureau@ollchurch.org

The Summer End of Mass Quiz



Can you answer the following questions?

1. *What was the Closing Hymn at Mass this past Sunday?*
2. *Were there any special announcements?*
3. *Was a special group blessed at any of our Masses this weekend?*

If you're scratching your head, could it be that perhaps you were not at the end of Mass last week?

Let's each try to make the time to stay for the entire Liturgy – including the Closing Hymn. Our communal prayer NEEDS YOU – all the way until the end!

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~~



cereal
jelly
pasta
spaghetti sauce

Summer Hours:

For the months of July and August...

Outreach is open on Mondays and Thursdays from 10 AM to 4 PM.

Outreach is closed on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

We will resume regular hours in September.

Outreach Events

Haircut Wednesday

On Wednesday, June 18, the Parish Center became a beauty salon as Outreach hosted "Haircut Wednesday". Joyce, a hairstylist from "In-Style" (on the corner of Hunter Ave. and Udall Rd.) donated her time and talent; offering "Summer Cuts" to families from Outreach. Eleven 'customers' signed up for appointments – all sporting new 'dos' when they left.

Numbers

We continue to be grateful for the weekly donations of food and financial assistance. During these very stressful economic times, with rising gas prices, increases in utilities and food prices, your generosity is so appreciated.

In May, Outreach provided food to 389 individuals. In May 2007, Outreach provided food to 183 individuals. 330 people received food assistance in June as compared to 181 individuals in June, 2007.

As you can see, the needs have increased dramatically in one year. We do our best with your donations-but the Pantry is out of the following items: jelly, cereal, pasta and sauce. If everyone could contribute one of these items, we would greatly appreciate it.

Fr. Stan Update

In May, Kelly Heron, a West Islip High School student, contacted Outreach regarding community service hours. Kelly organized a collection of Band-Aids, children's vitamins, children's toothbrushes and toothpaste to be sent to Fr. Stan's brother in Nigeria. Outreach has sent three cartons of these items to date with an additional two cartons to follow. We hope these will have arrived in Nigeria so Fr. Stan will have these to distribute when he visits in August. Thank you to all who contributed.

Donations

Outreach has received donations in memory of *Paul Sasso* and *Genevieve and Saverio Giuffre*.

Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Nancy Trujillo*.
If you would like to help care for our altar needs, please
call the Parish Office at 661.3224.

Good Samaritan Prayer Group of L.I.

The Good Samaritan Prayer Group of Long Island holds their **meetings every Friday (except the first Friday of the month) at OLL School in Room 16 from 8 PM until 10 PM.**

All are welcome to experience singing, praying and fellowship each evening.

Jesus, King of All Nations Prayer Group

The Jesus, King of All Nations Prayer Group meets each **Thursday afternoon** in the **Church**. The meeting is from **3 PM until 4 PM** in **front of the Blessed Sacrament**.

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*

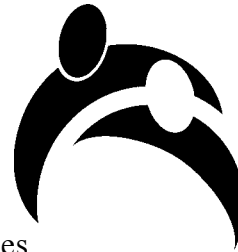
...and remember those of our parish family that are in the armed services, listed in our Parish Book of Intentions.



Thank You

A BIG THANK YOU to all who came to donate blood at our semi-annual Blood Drive. Thank you for your time, your patience, your generosity and your donation.

Seventy-six very special individuals registered, we had twelve deferrals and sixty-four pints were collected. Once again, our Blood Drive was successful because of YOU!



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, Lucas Anderson, Susan Aviza, Deacon Dick Barry, Eric Becker, Pat Bonavita, Nicholas Buscemi, Jr., Howard Campkin, Lynn Castellano, Joseph Cristallo, Pat Crowley, Karen DellaVecchia, TJ Devlin, Josephine DiBenedetto, Susan Gigante, Samantha Hil, Edgar Hill, Brian Hinkelman, Lili Hinkelman, Kathleen Kerrigan, Evelyn Lang, Richard Lang, Nancy Letsch, Kara Lobasso, Rose Lucio, Vicki Massaro, Michele McCann, Peter McCann, Sr., David McCarthy, Eleanor McGee, Margaret McHugh, Edward McKay, Dorothy Meloni, Regina Mirabella, Bryan Monahan, Cheryl Nolte, John O'Brien, Joseph Ortiz, Robert Petersen, Arthur Petrino, Joanne Popper, John Posanti, Louise Posanti, Joe Radosti, June Reutlinger, Patricia Salimbene, Dorothy Schiavone, Joe Shields, Derek Stahl, Diana Marie Taveras, Baby John Tramazzo, Jean Virgilio, Pat Wallace



16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

As part of Passover, today's Jewish community recognizes Hag haMatzot, the Festival of Unleavened Bread, when they cleanse their homes of any leavening products and consume only unleavened matzoh bread for seven days. This is in recognition of their hasty exodus from Egypt, when they had no time to allow their bread to rise. But it is also to purge symbolically all sins before they are allowed to grow.

In today's Gospel reading from Matthew, Jesus offers us three parables—the sowing of weeds among the wheat, the mustard seed, and the leavened bread. How do these parables affect our lives today? In our secular world, we receive words of "weeds" along with the word of God. Like yeast in bread, it is up to us to allow which ones to grow within us. But like even the tiniest mustard seed, if we nurture God's word in our hearts, it will grow greater than we could imagine.

Remember the master's admonition to wait until the time was right to gather the weeds separately from the wheat. So, too, does the Church in practicing penance and renewal with her members (CCC 827). It is not yet the time for our harvest, but we know that if we stand strong to the weeds around us through our faith, we will finally be gathered separately and welcomed into the kingdom of heaven.

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Readings for the Week of July 20, 2008

Sunday:	Wis 12:13, 16-19/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 <i>or</i> 13:24-30
Monday:	Mi 6:1-4, 6-8/Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday:	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Wednesday:	Jer 1:1, 4-10/Mt 13:1-9
Thursday:	Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Mt 13:10-17
Friday:	2 Cor 4:7-15/Mt 20:20-28
Saturday:	Jer 7:1-11/Mt 13:24-30
Next Sunday:	1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 <i>or</i> 13:44-46

Financial Summary

July 13, 2008

Weekly Collection	\$ 13,318.00
Weekly Budget	-\$ 21,000.00
+/- for the week	\$ (7,682.00)

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

CMA Over the Top!

OLL CMA

July 8, 2008

Amount Pledged	\$95,993
Number of Pledges	390
Average Pledge	\$246

You did it! We have reached, and exceeded, our Catholic Ministries Appeal Goal of \$94,778.

Let's keep it going!

If this is the weekend that you will make your gift to the Appeal, please complete the pledge card below and place it in the collection basket or drop it off at the Parish Office.



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\$ 350	\$ 35
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Thank you for your support

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MATCHING GIFTS: IF YOU QUALIFY FOR A MATCHING GIFT FROM YOUR EMPLOYER, PLEASE FORWARD TO THE CMA OFFICE.

Free Concert

As part of its 50th anniversary celebration, **Westminster Presbyterian Church** will host a free outdoor concert on **Saturday, July 26, from 3 PM until 7 PM**. All are welcome. Please bring your lawn chair. Refreshments will be sold. The Church is located at 109 Udall Road, West Islip. For additional information, please call 661.6740.

Woman Why are You Weeping?

A Women's Retreat hosted by Magnificat on **Friday, September 12 to Sunday, September 14 at the Montfort Spiritual Center, Bay Shore**. Give yourself a gift of a weekend of prayer, fellowship, adoration reconciliation and praise and worship! For information and registration, please call Angela at 516.763.1739.

Sisters of Charity-Halifax

Step on the links for the **Eighth Annual Sisters of Charity-Halifax Golf Outing to be held on Monday, August 4 at the Cherry Valley Club in Garden City**. Honorees at the event are Sister Kathleen O'Donnell sc, for her 52 years of dedication to ministry in New York, and Henry Read, *In Memoriam*, famed coach at Seton Hall High School, Patchogue, from 1937 until 1974. Coach Read and his family have been valued friends, guides and mentors to generations of students and to the Sisters of Seton Hall. For details and sponsorship opportunities, please call the Sisters of Charity at 718.424.1813 or email advancement@schalifax.ca

Craft Vendors Wanted

Looking for Craft Vendors for the St. Brigid/OLH School Fall Crafts Festival, a fun family event, to be held Saturday, September 27. For vendor information, call 516.984.7617.

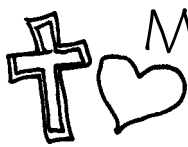
Religion & Rock

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 Long Island's East End. The show is also available on Sirius Radio, Channel 159 at 11 PM on Saturday nights.

Next Sunday's theme is: **"Getting Away."** Don't miss it! To listen online or receive more information regarding Religion and Rock, go to www.ReligionandRock.com. Don't forget to tune into TELECare, Cablevision 29 or Verizon FIOS 271 for the best in Catholic television!

Sharing the Gospel

In flower or vegetable gardens weeds may take root beside the good plants. If you spray poison on all the plants, you will get rid of the weeds, but you will also get rid of the good seed, too. Since Jesus has died, weeds have grown among the good seeds. He says not to do away with those who have sinned. He will separate the good seeds from the weeds when he comes again.



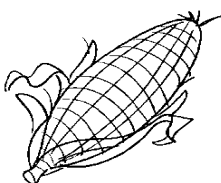
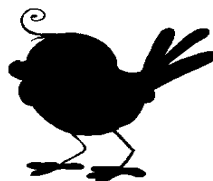
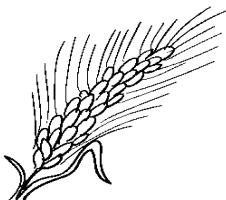
Mission for the Week

I will water the plants at home and drink a cup of water myself.



Puzzle

Find the matching shadow.



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Prayer



Lord, thank you for gardens of vegetables and fruit orchards.

Something to Draw



Draw a garden filled with good vegetables and an orchard of good fruit trees.