

*"Do not lay your hand
on the boy!"*



*Second Sunday of Lent
Our Lady of Lourdes
March 8, 2009*



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Mission Statement

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



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.

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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Our Lenten journey has begun....

have you noticed?

Jesus, Remember Me

We are beginning our Lenten liturgies in a more solemn tone. The Taize hymn, “Jesus Remember Me” certainly sets a different tone to our Lenten liturgies and prayer services. This stark beginning is a great contrast to what we will hear at the end of the Lenten journey with the great Triduum feasts and the celebration of Easter!

Environment

Our plants are gone – our greens have turned into purples and we are going through a time of great conversion and opportunity. We are reminded of the penitential nature of this season and called to long – through prayer – for the great sights, sounds and experiences of the new life that Easter can bring. Special thanks to our wonderful Art and Environment Ministry that works so hard behind the scenes to make so much come together.

Water

You’ll notice the holy water holders at the doors of the Church are taken away during Lent. Our entrance into Church is a clear sign that desert experience has begun. This is not a liturgical act – in the sense that the Church requires it or calls for it – rather it is an effort to raise our awareness to the tenor and tone of the season. You’ll see and hear our Baptismal font throughout the Lenten season. While we focus on the desert in these days we are also called to the waters of Baptism as we journey with the women and men of the RCIA and the stories of Scripture this Lent. So this Lent, come to the font and unite your journey with the water of life. Our holy water holders, at the doors, will be refilled at the Great Vigil on April 11.

Penitential Rite

We begin Mass a little differently during Lent. Our Penitential Rite – which is usually led by one of our deacons – is sung during Lent. The tune is basic and one that we have used in the past. Join in as we seek God’s mercy during these 40 days.

Stations of the Cross

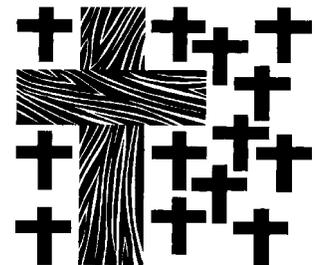
We remember the road to Jesus’ death and link his journey to our own as our parish’s deacons lead us through this beautiful devotion. Come and pray with us...

Each Friday during Lent – 1 PM and 7 PM

Save the date...

Living Stations of the Cross

Good Friday, April 10 at 7:30 PM in the Church



This is a must for your Lenten and Holy Week journey! Our parish community comes together – led by our young people, our Music Ministries and members of our parish community – who share their own personal experiences on this most holy and solemn night. The celebration includes the Veneration of the Cross.

The Lenten Labyrinth

Labyrinths are about journeys, and so is this holy Lenten season. Come to our Parish Lenten Mission and take a journey through your soul, in your relationship with God and your understanding of self. This week in our parish promises to be something special.

Monday, March 9 - Thursday, March 12

7:30 PM

Our Lady of Lourdes Church

Led by Fr. Thomas O'Connor, OSB

Labyrinth

A Brief Introduction

The labyrinth is an ancient spiritual tool that has been used throughout the world for over four thousand years. A labyrinth is a circuitous path with one entrance point that leads through a series of switch-backs to its center. A labyrinth is not a maze. A maze, by contrast, has dead-ends and blind alley ways. Its intention is confusion and mystery. The labyrinth, when followed, leads eventually and without making choices to the center. It is designed for one to find his/her way.



The journey includes...

- Monday:** *Entering the Desert*
Tuesday: *Be in God's Presence (Reconciliation)*
Wednesday: *Accepting God's Love and Forgiveness*
Thursday: *Encountering God's Gifts (Eucharist)*



Father Thomas O'Connor, OSB, is a monk of Glastonbury Abbey in Hingham, Massachusetts, a Benedictine Community dedicated to prayer, work and service. Fr. Tom is presently a spiritual director and a member of the retreat team at the Abbey. He will bring to this Lenten Mission a deep spirituality, a wonderful sense of humor and a refreshing sense of balance for those walking life's journey of faith.

“THE SIX” – *Come and “journal” with us!*

This Lent, something unique is happening at our Sunday night Mass. At every “Six” mass in Lent, we’re going to become part of the homily each Sunday by journaling. How will it work? Our priests and deacons will preach a little less for the next 40 days and then we’ll be given the chance and the time to reflect on what we’ve heard by writing. After the brief homily, in quiet, we’ll be asked to reflect on what we have heard and what we can act upon in the days and weeks ahead.

Come and give it a try. Everyone who comes receives a journal – even if you only come once! It’s a great addition to your Lenten journey.

If you’re interested in helping us to plan our Sunday night Mass or have some ideas, contact John Sureau at 661.3224 or e-mail to jsureau@ollchurch.org.

Family Mass – *Be a part of the story!*

There’s something special happening at our Sunday morning Mass, too! Our Children’s Liturgy of the Word committee is creating a unique experience using our Lenten gospels. Each week, we’ll focus on the Good “News” and meet many “newsmakers!” It promises to be something exciting and engaging.

The 9:30 AM Family Mass has become a great way for parents and children to pray on Sundays. After the Opening Prayer, our children are sent forth to hear God’s Word in a special way in the Parish Center while their parents and family members remain in the Church. The Word of God speaks powerfully to all of us – it just sometimes uses different means for each one of us!

Our Children’s Liturgy of the Word committee is looking for high school and adult members to help plan out our activities and events. The committee meets once a month and is a fun group to be a part of! We’re also looking for middle school students to read at Children’s Liturgy on Sunday mornings. If this is something you think you or your child can help with, let us know. Contact John Sureau at 661.3224, x. 135 or e-mail to jsureau@ollchurch.org.

Mass @ Sunrise...*What about you?*

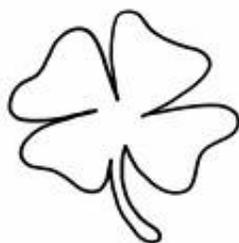
A beautiful Easter tradition at OLL is our Sunrise Mass at Captree State Park. We meet at OLL – this year around 5:45 AM – and caravan to the beach for a spirit filled liturgy.

Consider making this a new part of your Easter tradition (mittens, hats and scarves may also need to be a part of this tradition, too!). Also, we have a wonderful group of people who help to plan and carry out the Liturgy... would you be interested? We may meet once (if even) to go over the details so it is not an overwhelming commitment.

If you’re interested, contact John Sureau at 661.3224, x. 135 or e-mail to jsureau@ollchurch.org

Our Lady of Lourdes 1st Annual St. Patrick's/St. Joseph's Day Celebration

Saturday, March 21
from 8 PM until midnight
in the All-Purpose Room



The evening will include music, dancing,
Italian and Irish buffet,
beer, wine and soda
-all for only \$30 per person.

Dessert Contest

All are eligible to enter, if you wish.
A panel of judges will determine winners
and award prizes.



To reserve tickets, please call
Parish Outreach at 661.9262, option 4.
Space is limited, so get your tickets early!

The event is hosted by the combined efforts of
Our Lady of Lourdes Holy Name Society,
Rosary Christian Mothers and Parish Outreach.
Proceeds will benefit OLL Parish Outreach.

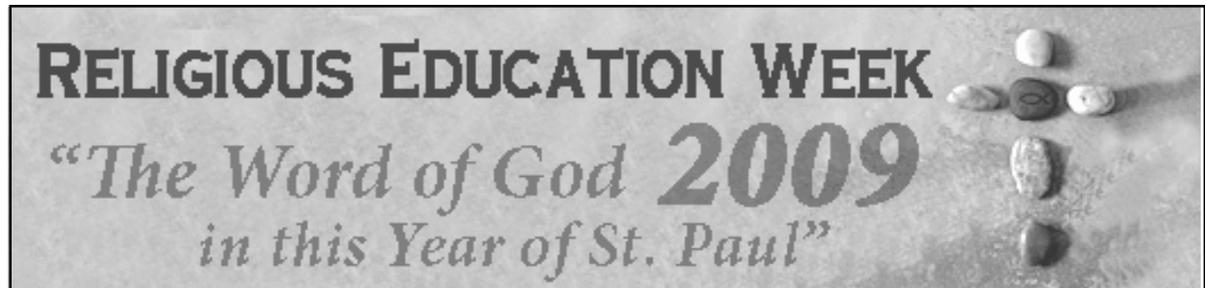
Religious Education

Something's coming...

Something's exciting...

Something's great...

Be a part of this Special Week...



**OLL Parish Family and the
Diocese of Rockville Centre celebrate
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION WEEK
Sunday, March 15 – Sunday, March 22, 2009**

Kids in our Parish Family will celebrate each day with prayer, games, food and fun!

Celebrate Religious Education Week with the Diocese of Rockville Centre at
St. Agnes Cathedral, 2 PM Mass on Sunday, March 15

Celebrate Religious Education Week at OLL
9:30 AM Mass and at the "SIX", on Sunday, March 22

.....Watch the bulletin for more details

Rite of Election

This past Sunday, members of our parish community gathered with Bishop Murphy and others throughout Suffolk County preparing for the Sacrament of Baptism at the Great Vigil on April 11, at 7:30 PM. *Jeannette D'Angelo and Hung Lu* presented themselves before the Bishop and then signed the Book of Elect.

Now they are no longer catechumens, but "The Elect". They now serve as a reminder to us of the power of God's call to Baptism. Let's pray for them, for our parish's candidates and for our RCIA team as we are entering the final stages of preparing for the Easter sacraments.

Military Packages

On Sunday, March 15, join with members of "The Six" Committee in putting together service packages for our military service women and men. We'll gather after the Mass in the Cafeteria to begin the process of sending much needed supplies to those serving in Iraq.

Jesus is the Answer! *What's the Question?*

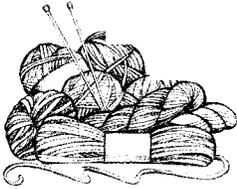


Tuesdays - March 17, 24, 31 and April 7
7:30 - 9:30 PM
Parish Center
Presenter: Fr. Bob Scheckenback

Jesus of Nazareth in history...the Jesus of the Gospels...the Christ...the Word...the Theological Jesus...the personal/savior/redeemer.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Bring your prayer and creativity together in a gift of love.



Join us ...

Wednesdays, March 25, April 15, May 20, June 10
from 9 AM until 11:30 AM in the Parish Center. All you need to bring is scrap yarn, knitting needles or crochet hooks (patterns and instructions will be given to you) and your gifts of love and prayer.

Art and Prayer

Tuesdays, April 21, 28 and May 5, 12, 19
7:30 - 9:30 PM
Parish Center

Presenter: Joan Woelfel, Staff Associate – St. Ignatius Retreat House, Manhasset, NY

This workshop will explore the relationship between art and journaling in prayer. Participants will create their own art experience using different media as prayer, and continue the prayer experience through journaling.

No art experience necessary.

Art materials will be provided. Bring your own journal.

Pre-registration is necessary and helpful. This will enable us to have enough reading material and refreshments for all those attending. Please call the Religious Ed Office at 661.5440 (option 3), Monday – Friday, 9 AM – 5 PM and 7 PM – 9 PM or e-mail to: religioused@ollchurch.org.

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.
(Babysitters available)

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

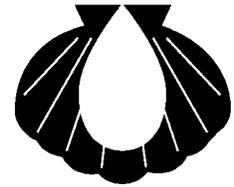
Arranged at least six months in advance, please call the Parish Office.

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.

Altar Bread and Wine

Pasquale DeVivo and Joanne Wolffe



Baptisms

Andrew Joseph Aliani

Christopher and Michele

James Christopher Beaujon

Christopher and Lisa

Devin Mackenzie DiPrima

Darren and Margaret

Elizabeth Jade Dolan

Sean and Samantha

Daniel William Olson

William and Catherine

Upcoming Marriages

Amanda Nathanson, St. Raymond's, East Rockaway and

Edward Kelly, OLL

Remembering . . .

Monday, March 9

St. Frances of Rome, religious

8:00 AM Carmela Stumpo

Tuesday, March 10

8:00 AM Nancy Bencivinni

Wednesday, March 11

8:00 AM Donald Bolin

Thursday, March 12

8:00 AM LaRocca & Sweeney Family

Friday, March 13

8:00 AM Steven Perone

Saturday, March 14

8:00 AM Alex Sipplak, Emilio Lippi,
Brian Shuffler, Victor Lazaro, Adam Hoover,
Joan Biehayn-Tracy, Rose Dunne, Teena Spera

5:00 PM Tony Squeo

Fr. Mike Vetrano

Sunday, March 15

8:00 AM Kenneth Ross

Fr. Bob Scheckenback

9:30 AM Brennan-Rella Families

Fr. Ambrose Cabildo

11:00 AM Michael Worysz

Fr. Mike Vetrano

12:30 PM Rosalie Galbo

Fr. Ambrose Cabildo

6:00 PM People of the Parish, William Kuhlilm,
Peter Reehil, Rick Munkwitz, Rose Macaluso,
Brian Shuffler, Rosaria Colombo, Armand Porzio,
Matteo & Anna Lattanzio, Joseph D. Sullivan,
Vincent DeLucia, Raymond Schoettle

Fr. Bob Scheckenback



Rest In Peace

Ann Izzo died on February 22 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was February 25. We extend our prayers to her daughter, Donna, her grandson, Joseph and entire family.

David McCarthy died on February 23 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was February 26. We extend our prayers to his mother, Theresa, his brother, Stephen and entire family.

Robert Mariani died on February 22 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was February 27. We extend our prayers to his wife, Josephine and entire family.

Marilyn Hafner died on February 22 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was February 27. We extend our prayers to her children, grandchildren and entire family.

Hattie Malcolm died on February 24 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was February 27. We extend our prayers to her children and entire family.

Gloria Petrizze died on February 26 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was March 2. We extend our prayers to her husband, children and entire family.

FASHION SHOW

OUR LADY OF LOURDES SCHOOL



CAPTAIN BILL'S RESTAURANT

FRIDAY, MARCH 27TH 2009

7:00PM – 11:00PM

\$50.00 PER TICKET (ADULTS) *

***Advance ticket purchases are good until March 16th only.**

All ticket purchases made after that date are \$55.00 per adult

Please detach the bottom form and return to the school's office

Attn: Kate Newman – Fashion Show

****Tickets will be at the door on the night of event****

ATTN: KATE NEWMAN – FASHION SHOW

NAME: _____ **Phone contact:** _____

ADULT TICKETS: _____ **AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$** _____

REQUESTS: _____

SAGE

The SAGE Group (Senior Advocates for Growth and Enrichment) will meet on **Tuesday, March 10**, in the **Parish Center at 9 AM**.

Daytime Eucharistic Devotion

The afternoon adoration for the month of March will be on **Wednesday, March 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.



Men's Group

An Invitation to all men from OLL and beyond...

Come join us on **Thursday, March 19, in the Parish Center after the 8 AM Mass**. We meet once a month to read and discuss the Scriptures for the following Sunday. Come with your ideas and suggestions. We'll gather for conversation and fellowship. Join us in this pioneering experience for **MEN ONLY**. If you plan to attend, please call Jack Fitzgerald at 587.5548.

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**.

and don't forget...

Our Lady of Lourdes 25th Annual Duffers Classic Monday, July 20, 2009

The Our Lady of Lourdes 25th Annual Golf Outing to Support Catholic Education will be held on July 20, 2009.

This year we will be honoring **Dom and Mary Anne Lettieri**, who have supported our Golf Outing and our Parish Italian Family Feast for over 25 years.

Please mark your calendars and plan to be with us.

For more information about our Golf Outing, please contact the Parish Office.



2nd Sunday of Lent

We have a family friend who simply loves to entertain. No matter what the occasion, she can be counted on to provide the perfect entertainment, accommodations, and most importantly, the most imaginative and delicious food one could imagine. She thinks of everything, and has even been called on by our pastor to cater special parish events, such as the welcoming dinner for our new associate pastor. And on such occasions, we can always be assured that she will cook enough food to feed three times the invited guests, though miraculously nothing goes to waste.

The story of the Transfiguration in today's Gospel from Mark contains a smaller lesson within the lesson, but one no less important. As the brilliant light transfigures Jesus, there appear Moses and Elijah to Peter, James, and John. All three disciples were stunned, but Peter, always one to speak up, offers that it's a good thing Jesus brought them along, because they can build tents for everyone! Of course, God must remind them of why they were really brought along-to bear witness to God's declaration that Jesus is his Son, and that they should listen to him.

It is upon a mountain that God first spoke to Moses and Elijah. At the Transfiguration, Peter, James and John are witness to the presence of the Holy Trinity. And it is here that they first hear of Jesus' rising from the dead, though they are cautioned not to speak of any of what they have seen (CCC 554). What a request! Could we, having witnessed such a glorious event, contain ourselves? Like the generous hostess who has provided far more than seems to be required, we are forever filled with the promise of salvation. Let Jesus Christ speak to you today, and don't just hear him, listen to him!

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Readings for the week of March 8, 2009

Sunday:	Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10
Monday:	Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday:	Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday:	Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28
Thursday:	Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31
Friday:	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/ Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday:	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Next Sunday:	Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25



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 ...

*Lucas Anderson, Susan Aviza, Deacon Dick Barry, Deacon Steve Behar,
Nicholas Buscemi, Jr., Howard Campkin, Michael Ciotkosz, Regina Cranor,
Karen DellaVecchia, Marge Flem, James, Jr. & Julia Florio (infants),
Susan Gigante, Brian Hinkelman, Lili Hinkelman, Veronica Hopkins,
Kathleen Kerrigan, Kara Lobasso, Baby Josephine Mahan,
Vicky Massaro, Michele McCann, Peter McCann, Sr., Eleanor McGee,
Florence McLoughlin, Dorothy Meloni, Brenden Muldoon, Frances Parine,
Arthur Petrino, Joanne Popper, Joe Radosti, James Randazzo, James Reilly,
Patricia Salimbene, Patricia Santangelo, Dorothy Shiavone, Joe Shields,
Derek Stahl, Mary Clair Stephen, Diana Marie Taveras, Charlie Tibbetts,
Baby John Tramazzo, Jean Virgilio, Pat Wallace, Flo Worysz*

Out of Reach: Dental Care for the Poor & Uninsured, Pt. II

MICAH*: An Interfaith Campaign to End Poverty on Long Island

(*Mobilized Interfaith Coalition Against Hunger)

“Do justice, love mercy, walk humbly with your God.” Micah, 6:8

There are barriers to care that need to be overcome in order to help underserved people get needed professional dental care. For years, the American Dental Association (ADA) has been striving to raise awareness and advance solutions when it comes to improving access to dental care. This work cannot be done alone or left up to only the dentists to act as advocates. We all have a stake in this issue. The federal, state and local governments, business leaders, insurance companies, health care professionals and individuals all need to work together to improve access to dental care. There are so many in our midst who still lack access to basic oral health care; adults and children miss sleep, school and work due to untreated dental disease. They cannot eat properly and they can't smile. Society at large must stop shortchanging oral health and find the political will to get better dental care to the millions of Americans who don't receive it.

Tens of thousands of dentists provide free care to hundreds of thousands of disadvantaged children and adults each year through programs like Give Kids A Smile and Missions of Mercy, in addition to discounted care to people who otherwise couldn't afford it, amounting to \$1.6 billion in a single year. However, no matter how much free care dentists give, volunteerism will not solve the problem. Charity is not a health care system.

State dental societies work constantly with their legislatures and health agencies to increase funding for dental services in Medicaid and to raise awareness of the importance of oral health to overall health. When funding is increased for public health insurance programs, more people get the care they need and that is why the ADA, other dental organizations, and medical and public health professionals continuously advocate for repairing the broken system that is supposed to provide oral health care to low-income and other disadvantaged populations.

While advocacy is being done on the state level to repair the overall system, can we work with our local dental associations to set up a panel of dentists who can provide pro bono dental care here on Long Island in the meantime?

The ADA strongly supports community water fluoridation as the single most effective public health measure to protect against tooth decay. No matter what your economic status, you can help guard against tooth decay simply by drinking fluoridated water. It's estimated that for every dollar spent on community water fluoridation, \$38 in dental treatment cost is saved. Why is it that more than 30 percent of Americans who receive water through public water systems still don't enjoy the benefit of optimally fluoridated water? Can we find out why it is that many Long Islanders do not drink fluoridated water and advocate for ways to get it?

Other solutions include asking state and federal governments to recognize licensed dental hygienists as Medicaid providers and to relax state practice acts to allow more dental hygienists to provide oral health care to those who are not currently receiving it; and advocating that the state budget include money to increase the capacity of local public health clinics to provide dental care, as well as to establish school-based programs, including mobile dental services programs.

Would you like to see MICAH congregations and agencies engage in the process to develop more local access to dental care solutions that work in our individual communities on Long Island?

To learn more about the MICAH campaign, contact Rev. Thomas Goodhue at the L.I. Council of Churches (tomgoodhue@optonline.net) or LICC Advocacy Director Neelofer Chaudry (nchaudry@aol.com)

Parish Outreach

Office telephone:

661-9262, option 4

Office hours:

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

Pantry Needs



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

Outreach Memorial Donations

Parish Outreach has received many donations in memory of loved ones.

If you would like to make a donation to Parish Outreach in memory of a loved one, please call Mary McMahon, Director of Parish Social Ministry at 661.3224, option 4.

OLL's Sixth Annual Mission Trip to El Salvador

Help us raise money for OLL's Sixth Annual Mission Trip to El Salvador

Cash for Gold Party!

Make some extra cash for yourself while helping our Mission Trip!

When: Sunday, March 22, from 10 AM until 1 PM in the Parish Center.

Do you have mismatched earrings, broken chains, outdated jewelry that has been laying around for years? This is your chance to cash it in for some extra money, while helping our Mission Trip.

Representatives from Cash for Gold will be on hand to appraise and weigh your gold, and give you cash instead! All we ask for is a voluntary donation from your proceeds; you can give as much or as little as you like. Bring your gold to the PC on March 22, and members of our mission trip will serve you coffee and juice while your gold is appraised. It's a win-win for all!!

Super Easter Chocolate Sale

On Palm Sunday (April 4/5), members of our El Salvador Mission Group will once again be selling homemade chocolate candy after all masses to benefit our trip and our Sister Parish.

Please come and buy your Easter candy from us!

Sweating Blood in the Garden

by Ron Rolheiser, OMI

“In his anguish he prayed even more earnestly, and his sweat fell to the ground like great drops of blood.”

Luke gives us this picture of Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane. What’s happening inside of Jesus here?

When we look at the accounts of Jesus’ passion and death we see that what the gospel writers highlight is not Jesus’ physical suffering but his emotional anguish. Indeed, in the gospels, his physical sufferings are almost underplayed. In Mark’s account, for instance, the entire aspect of physical suffering is written off in one line: “They led him away and crucified him.” What’s emphasized instead is that Jesus was alone, abandoned, betrayed, morally lonely, hung out to dry, unanimity-minus-one.

Moreover, the fact that Gethsemane is a garden (rather than in a temple, a boat, or a mountain-top) tells us something too. Archetypally a garden is a place of love, a place of delight, a place to drink wine with friends, a place of intimacy. Conversely, that also makes it the place where love is lost, where one feels the deepest kind of loneliness, and where one suffers emotional crucifixion.

Thus, it’s Jesus, the lover, who sweats blood in the garden. What he suffers there is the emotional agony that sometimes comes on us as the price of love. What Jesus sweats there is a lover’s anguish. What is that?

Several years ago, there was a TV series entitled, *Thirty Something*. One of the episodes ran this way:

A group of men had gathered for a “men-only” party at a hotel. One of the men at the party, a married man, found himself attracted to one of the hotel managers, a young woman who was on duty that night, in charge of the hospitality. He had to deal with her all evening in terms of making arrangements for food, drink, and music. She was attracted to him too and as the evening went on their bond grew and, though nothing but practical conversation was exchanged, the romantic chemistry between them began to intensify. Each sensed it without, of course, revealing it to the other.

As the evening drew to a close, both did what comes naturally, they lingered near each other and found every kind of practical excuse to prolong their contact, without really knowing what to say to each other, but sensing that there was a special connection that they were reluctant to break off.

Finally, it was time to part. The man stalled, thanking her one last time for what she’d done for the group.

She, not wanting to lose the moment, took the risk and said to him: “I very much enjoyed meeting you. Would you like to get together again sometime?”

He, guiltily fingering his wedding ring and apologizing for not being more forthright, did what too few of us would have the honesty and courage to do. He sweated a little blood and then said to her: “I’m sorry, but I’m married. I need to go home to my wife.”

My dad used to say to me: “Unless you can sweat blood sometimes, you will never keep a commitment, in marriage, in priesthood, or in anything else. That’s what it takes to be faithful!”

In essence, at least in miniature, that was Jesus’ agony in the garden. The blood he was sweating was the blood of emotional crucifixion, the prince of being faithful in love.

To be faithful, to love beyond daydreams, requires that sometimes - in hotel rooms, in gardens, at parties, in our workplaces, in places where wine is drunk, and in every place where people gather and intimacies are exchanged - we have to enter a great loneliness, the loneliness of moral integrity, the loneliness of fidelity, the loneliness of duty, the loneliness of renouncing an overpowering desire, the loneliness of losing life so that we might find it in a higher way.

And that isn’t easy. Jesus didn’t find it easy and neither do we. What love and fidelity ask will sometimes drive us to our knees in anguish and, like Jesus in Gethsemane, we will find ourselves begging God for a means to still have our own way in this, to have our cake and eat it too, to find some way around fidelity, vow, promise, and duty.

This is a lover’s anguish because the part in us that’s agonizing and resisting is that part of the heart that stewards intimacy, romance, and embrace. The lover in us is having to let go of some very precious things; it’s having to die to something for the sake of something else, and that’s emotionally crucifying.

The account of Jesus sweating blood in the Garden of Gethsemane is, among other things, a powerful mystical image that tells us it’s not enough simply to be sincere and follow the heart’s desires. Sometimes love and fidelity demand that, like Jesus, in anguish and tears, we say to God: “Much as I desperately want this, I can’t have it! Not my will, but yours, be done!”

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Financial Summary

March 1, 2009

Weekly Collection	\$ 22,186.00
Weekly Budget	-\$ 19,000.00
+/- for the week	\$ 3,186.00

The estimated weekly collection needed to maintain and operate our parish buildings, ministries, programs and salaries is \$19,000.

Mass Attendance

	March 1
5 PM	492
8 AM	194
9:30 AM	463
11 AM	368
12:30 PM	259
"The Six"	257
TOTAL	2033
2008	2014

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
Danielle DiLapi-US Army
James J. Ferrara-US Marines
John Finn-US Army
Christopher Florca-US Marines
Donnie Frank-US Marines
Edward A. Kelly, IV-US Air Force
Michael Mallimo- US Army
Anthony Mannino-US Marines
Trent Narra-US Marines
Peter Provenzano-US Army
Frank Silva-US Army

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

Magnificat-A Ministry to Catholic Women

Come and join us for dinner on Wednesday, March 18 at 6:30 PM at the Knights of Columbus, Oceanside. The speaker will be Fr. Robert Ketcham, newly ordained priest now serving at Holy Name of Mary Parish, Valley Stream. He will give his testimony and share with us his devotion to Our Blessed Mother and how Mary was instrumental in leading him to the priesthood. Reservations are required. Please call Janet at 516.794.9659.

Ronan Tynan in Concert

St. Michael's Church (4th Ave., Brooklyn) is hosting a Benefit concert with the famous Irish Tenor-Ronan Tynan. Please join us on **March 15 at 4 PM**. Tickets for the concert are \$50 and all proceeds to benefit Firefighter Daniel Pujdak Memorial Fund and St. Michael's Church. For reservations and information, please call 718.768.6065.

"Fill My Heart with Peace" Bereavement Conference

For the bereaved and those ministering to them – all faiths welcome.

Sponsored by Catholic Cemeteries of the Diocese of Rockville Centre on **Saturday, March 11** from 8:30 AM until 5:30 PM at Kellenberg Memorial High School, Uniondale. The day features an opening keynote by Antoinette Bosco, Ph.D., award winning syndicated columnist and author, bereaved mother of three children, conference bookstore and closing Eucharistic Celebration. For registration and further information, please call 516.334.7990, extension 120 or 122.

Holy Family DHS

Class of '79 is holding its 30th year reunion at the Smithtown Sheraton, July 18, 2009. Please send your contact info, and any other classmate's info you might have, to info@reunionsofamerica.com or call (631) 266-1836. Feel free to chat with your former classmates on facebook.com; *Holy Family High School Class of 1979*.

Religion & Rock

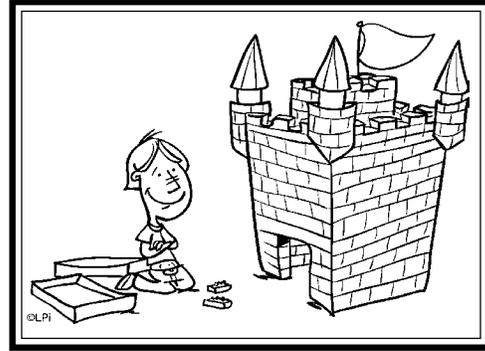
Tune into "Religion & Rock" with Msgr. Jim Vlaun on Sunday from 7 AM to 8 AM on WBAB 102.3 FM or 95.3 on the East End of Long Island. The show is also available on Sirius Radio, Channel 159 at 11 PM on Saturday.

Next Sunday's theme is "**Commitment.**" Don't miss it!

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Sharing the Gospel

Start with a pile of blocks. Add your imagination and you can build a castle or a city. You can change that pile of blocks to look completely different and wonderful. In today's Gospel, Jesus was completely changed. He started out looking like an ordinary man. Then, right in front of Peter, James and John, something happened.



Jesus glowed brightly like the sun. Even his clothes became bright white. Talk about changing into something different and wonderful! God let Peter, James and John see Jesus as he looks now in heaven.

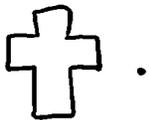
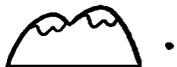
Mission for the Week



Make some lemonade with your family. Then add food coloring to completely change the way it looks. As you mix the ingredients together, talk about how Jesus was completely changed.

Puzzle

Find the matching shadow.



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Prayer



God,

I can hardly wait to see Jesus glowing in heaven.

Something



to Draw

Draw a picture of yourself with Jesus, glowing in heaven.