

*"Stop making my Father's
house a marketplace."*



John 2:16

*Third Sunday of Lent
Our Lady of Lourdes
March 15, 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
West Islip, New York 11795

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

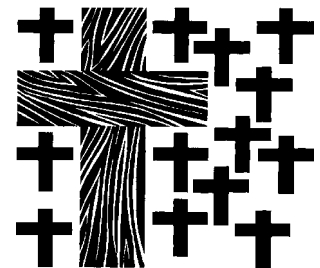
We remember the road to Jesus’ death and link his journey to our own as our parish’s deacons lead us through this beautiful devotion. Come and pray with us...

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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION WEEK

FAITH + FUN + FAMILY



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**

We begin this weekend...

FAITH + FUN + FAMILY

TODAY... Sunday, March 15...

Celebrate Religious Education Week with the Diocese of Rockville Centre at St. Agnes Cathedral, 2:30PM Mass

THIS WEEK...

Kids in our Parish Family will celebrate each day with prayer, classes, speakers...
Adult Faith Formation... join Fr. Bob with "Jesus is the Answer, What is the Question"...
Tuesday, March 17, 7:30 PM in the Parish Center

NEXT Sunday, March 22...

Celebrate Religious Education Week at OLL

AT THE "9:30"...

+FAITH+... Please join us... at the 9:30 AM Mass
Welcome our Catechist as she shares her faith journey

+FUN+... After 9:30am Mass... come down to the Cafeteria... Bagel Breakfast...
See Religious Ed in action on DVD... Listen to "our student speakers" STAY...
Come, be a part of +FUN+ with Religious Education

+FAMILY+... *All are Welcome in our Parish Family...*
especially Grades 1/2/3/4 and their families

AND AT THE "SIX"...

+FAITH+... Please join us... at the 6pm Mass
Welcome our Catechist as he shares his faith journey

+FUN+... after 6 PM Mass... hang around for... Tostitos and Salsa...

“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.

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!

Bereavement Group

The loss of someone close to us is one of the most difficult experiences in life. Someone who brought you joy, someone who gave you love, perhaps even someone who gave you life itself is gone, and no matter how much you have prepared yourself for the experience and the loss, no one is quite prepared enough.

Our bereavement support group will be starting on April 15th from 7:30pm to 9:30pm, and we will be meeting for six weeks. If you would like to be part of our group, please contact the Parish Office at 661-3224, Ext. 120 to register.

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?

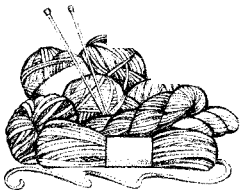


Tuesdays - March 17, 24, 31 and April 7
7:30 - 9:30 PM
Parish Center
Presenter: Fr. Bob Scheckenback

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



Rest In Peace

Marilyn DiGiacomo died on February 20 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was February 23. We extend our prayers to her son, Phillip and entire family.

Dominick Santillo died on February 21 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was February 26. We extend our prayers to his wife, Antoinette and entire family.

John J. Brennan died on February 23 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was February 26. We extend our prayers to his children and entire family.

Mary Finn died on February 28 and celebration of Christian Burial was March 5. We extend our prayers to her husband, Gerard, her children and entire family.

Vincent T. Lambert died on February 28 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was March 6. We extend our prayers to his wife, Joan, children, grandchildren and entire family.

Joseph Charron died on February 19 and celebration of the Mass of Christian burial was in Queens. We extend our prayers to his brother, Philip, OLL parishioner and his entire family,

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.

Remembering . . .

Monday, March 16

8:00 AM Angelone Family

Tuesday, March 17

St. Patrick, bishop

8:00 AM Catherine McKenna

Wednesday, March 18

St. Cyril of Jerusalem, bishop & doctor

8:00 AM Thomas Wojciechowski

Thursday, March 19

St. Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 AM Joseph A. Santangelo

Friday, March 20

8:00 AM Thomas E. Dowling and Kim Ecker

Saturday, March 21

8:00 AM Ray Brogan, Vera Gabrielly, Michael Milozzo, William Heartt, Elizabeth Lattari, David McCarthy, Michael Dimeglio

5:00 PM Patricia Heartt

Fr. Ambrose Cabildo

Sunday, March 22

8:00 AM Louise Riedemann

Fr. Bob Scheckenback

9:30 AM Cheryl Nappo

Fr. Mike Vetrano

11:00 AM Frank Cafaro

Fr. Ambrose Cabildo

12:30 PM Ginger Rocco

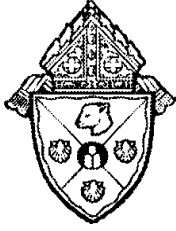
Fr. Bob Scheckenback

6:00 PM People of the Parish, Rosaria Colombo, Giuseppe Giambianco, Joseph Sullivan, Kenneth Bradley Payne, Librada Fider, Marilyn DiGiacomo, David McCarthy, Ralph Marotta

Fr. Mike Vetrano

Upcoming Marriages

*Amanda Nathanson, St. Raymond's, East Rockaway
and Edward Kelly, OLL*



Catholic Ministries Appeal

CMA NEWS

“Supporting the Community Around Us”

A message from Bishop Murphy:

“God has also given each of us different gifts to use.

If we can serve others, we should serve.

If we can teach, we should teach.

If we can encourage others, then we should encourage them.

If we can give, we should be generous.”

Romans 12:6-8

During this year in which the Holy Father has called on us to honor St. Paul, his words have special meaning. Paul calls us to use our God-given talents to serve, to teach, to encourage and to be generous in our giving.

Everyday I meet Catholics from across Long Island who strive to meet these glorious standards set by St. Paul in ways both large and small. I am refreshed and inspired by how genuinely our parishioners work to live lives of faith.

I hope that you will further respond to St. Paul’s call to be generous by considering to make a gift to the Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA). The CMA is a diocesan-wide fundraising effort that allows us, as a community of faith, to fund essential ministries and programs that serve the neediest of our neighbors.

By making a gift to the CMA:

- You help feed the hungry – and this year we have seen a 40% increase in the number of people seeking help from our food pantries and soup kitchens.
- You help educate our seminarians – today, we are blessed with more than thirty men studying for the priesthood and forty others studying to serve as permanent deacons.
- You help care for the elderly – both those in need of housing and food services.
- You help educate our young people – our three diocesan high schools and fifty three elementary schools depend on your generosity to help prepare the future leaders of our community.
- You fund more than forty other unique ministries and programs that serve the neediest of our neighbors on Long Island.

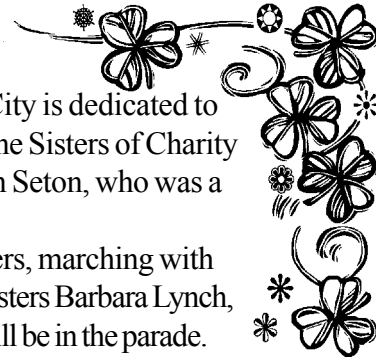
In this Pauline Year, let us come together with the sense of generosity that St. Paul called us to in his letter to the Romans. I am humbled by your generosity in the past and I am grateful for your prayerful consideration of a gift again this year to the Catholic Ministries Appeal.

*You can make a difference in your parish and in the lives of those around us
by making a gift to this year’s appeal.*

Did you know...

...that this year the Saint Patrick's Day parade in New York City is dedicated to the Sisters of Charity in honor of their two-hundredth anniversary? The Sisters of Charity were founded in 1809 by the first American-born saint, Elizabeth Ann Seton, who was a native New Yorker.

There will be about 550 people, Sisters, Associates and family members, marching with the Sisters' congregations that stem from Elizabeth Seton. Our own Sisters Barbara Lynch, Betty Toohig and Margaret Bickar, of the Sisters of Charity of Halifax, will be in the parade. Pray for sunny skies and non-freezing temperatures on March 17!



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.



3rd Sunday of Lent

I've had the opportunity to visit and speak at hundreds of parishes throughout the Midwest, and I've noticed that some have gift shops. Thankfully, most clearly state that their proceeds are shared with local charities, the St. Vincent de Paul Society, etc. But take a look at gift shops from a variety of churches of all faiths from around the country, and you will find coffee mugs, T-shirts, bumper stickers, health and beauty products, incense sticks, even a gold-plated money clip! Somehow, I can easily envision tables being flipped over.

Today's Gospel reading from John recounts Jesus' visit to the Temple in Jerusalem shortly before Passover. There, he finds that the house of his Father has been allowed to be used as a marketplace. In one of the Gospel's rare descriptions of Jesus showing anger and emotion, he turns over the tables and drives the vendors out of the Temple with a whip. But when asked by the elders as to what authority he has to do this, Jesus proclaims that when they tear down the temple, he will rebuild it in three days. He is of course referring to his own body, the temple of the Lord, and his impending death and resurrection.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us that "the human body shares in the dignity of 'the image of God': it is a human body precisely because it is animated by a spiritual soul, and it is the whole human person that is intended to become, in the body of Christ, a temple of the Spirit" (364). If we truly understand that our bodies are temples, places where God resides in our hearts and souls, then let's turn over those tables of wickedness and sin that dwell within us, and drive them from the temple of the Lord.

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Readings for the week of March 15, 2009

Sunday:	Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25
Monday:	2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday:	Dn 3:25, 34-43/Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday:	Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday:	2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a (<i>St. Joseph</i>)
Friday:	Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34
Saturday:	Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14
Next Sunday:	2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21

Easter Flower Offering

The deadline for Easter Flower Offerings, so that they appear in the Easter bulletin, is March 29. Flower offerings received after this date will appear in subsequent bulletins.

Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Elizabeth Netska*.
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, Matthew Badamo, Deacon Dick Barry, Deacon Steve Behar, Nicholas Buscemi, Jr., Alex Cavalcante, Howard Campkin, Michael Ciotkosz, Regina Cranor, Karen DellaVecchia, Charles Diesso, Marge Flem, James, Jr. & Julia Florio (infants), Susan Gigante, Baby Brady James Hicks, Brian Hinkelman, Lili Hinkelman, Veronica Hopkins, Kathleen Kerrigan, Gregory Lamb, Kara Lobasso, Baby Josephine Mahan, Vicky Massaro, Michele McCann, Peter McCann, Sr., Eleanor McGee, Florence McLoughlin, Dorothy Meloni, Rae Morris, Brenden Muldoon, Frances Parine, Arthur Petrino, Joanne Popper, Mary Quinn, Joe Radosti, James Randazzo, James Reilly, Patricia Salimbene, Patricia Santangelo, Dorothy Shiavone, Joe Shields, Derek Stahl, Mary Clair Stephen, Diana Marie Taveras, Baby John Tramazzo, Vincent Trincilla, Marie Turano, Jean Virgilio, Pat Wallace, Flo Worysz

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: _____

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.

- A donation in memory of *John Lodespoto* has been given to Outreach by Mary DeVivo.
- A donation in memory of *Anthony Guliano* has been made to Outreach.
- The Mirabellas have given a donation to Outreach in memory of *Ray Brogan*.
- A donation in loving memory of *Mary Finn* has been made to Outreach by Mary Borgs.

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

Mass Attendance

March 15

5 PM	475
8 AM	194
9:30 AM	396
11 AM	387
12:30 PM	333
“The Six”	268
TOTAL	2053
2008	1984

Betraying Jesus as Peter Did

by Ron Rolheiser, OMI

(Third in a six-part Lenten series on "Mystical Images")

Anthropologists tell us that men and women have different congenital flaws. For men, it would seem that the flaw that's more particularly encoded in our DNA is betrayal. We have a history of running away when things get tough, of not keeping promises, and of selling out in the face of temptation.

It's not that women are immune from this, but as even the gospels highlight, men have a history here. In Mark's gospel, for instance, all the men betray Jesus, without a single exception. Indeed, in his gospel, the final words that Peter, the head of the church, speaks are words of betrayal: "I do not know the man!"

Here's how the gospels describe that betrayal: "Then Peter said, 'I swear that I am telling the truth! May God punish me if I am not! I do not know the man.' ... At once, while he was still speaking, a rooster crowed. Jesus turned around and looked straight at Peter, and Peter remembered what the Lord had said to him, 'Before the rooster crows tonight, you will deny me three times.' And Peter went out and wept bitterly."

What's in this image?

A number of things: First, Peter's initial brash, over-confidence. Just prior to this betrayal, he had sworn that he would never betray Jesus, even if everyone else did. Second, he made this promise in utter sincerity, with deep love in his heart, fully intending on keeping his word. Third, he broke his promise quickly in the face of adversity. Fourth, perhaps most important, he wept at his sin when Jesus looked at him with love.

What's to be learned from this? First, that sincerity and good will aren't enough to keep us from sinning. Sin isn't always the product of malice or hypocrisy. More often, we sin out of simple weakness.

Moreover, because we sin out of weakness, we have a tendency to rationalize: "It wasn't so bad! There was nothing I could have done!" But sin is still sin, betrayal is still betrayal, and the damage we do is still real, even when we act out of weakness. Peter didn't want to betray Jesus, he just wasn't strong enough not to. And that's generally too our problem when we don't hold out against temptation, whether it be to bitterness, sex, gossip, slander, jealousy, hatred, or anything else we sell out to or run away from in order to get through an ordeal, a loneliness, an insecurity, a fear, a season, or a night.

Even when we give in out of weakness we're still betraying, still (in essence) saying: "I do not know the man!"

But while sincerity doesn't necessarily save us from sin, it does help us hear the rooster crow. As long as we remain sincere, we will soon enough admit our sin and we will know too that God still looks on us with love, even in betrayal.

A very important part of this picture of Peter betraying Jesus is the look that Peter sees on Jesus' face when he catches his eye in the crowd. The text tells us that "Jesus turned around and looked straight at Peter." Whenever the gospels tell us that Jesus "looked at" someone, generally that means that he looked at the person with love and understanding, with a look that blesses. What Peter saw on Jesus' face (in Jesus' ultimate moment of humiliation and Peter's ultimate moment of betrayal) was not, as we would expect, a look of disappointment and reproach ("How could you?") but something Peter had likely never seen or experienced before in his whole life, namely, a look that holds you in warmth and understanding even when you sin and betray. No doubt this was a defining moment in Peter's understanding of Jesus because, at that moment, he experienced something that releases a different kind of tears, unconditional love.

The tears we weep when we are loved despite weakness are very different from the ones we weep when we feel judged and humiliated by our weakness. To experience love when we don't deserve it is the one grace that cleanses us of sin and gives us strength against sin.

The image of Peter betraying Jesus teaches us that we are loved sinners, all of us. Our sincerity and good-hearts don't keep us from sinning. We still betray, break our word, and too easily give in to temptation. But, that's not the whole story: What's shown here too is that God doesn't give us that look of disappointment and disapproval that we're all too familiar with when we do this. God still looks at us with understanding and continues to hold us solidly in love and blessing.

However we struggle with both sides of this, namely, to admit we're sinners and to recognize that we're still loved. But appropriating both of these truths is the key to knowing Jesus and knowing ourselves.

As John Shea says: The false self will crack when the rooster crows. There many ways to wake up!

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Financial Summary

March 15, 2009

Weekly Collection	\$ 22,377.00
Weekly Budget	-\$ 19,000.00
+/- for the week	\$ 3,377.00

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

Members in the Military

We ask that you pray especially for those in our parish that are on active duty in the Middle East conflict.

They are:

Bryan R. Dempsey-US Marines

Danielle DiLapi-US Army

James J. Ferrara-US Marines

John Finn-US Army

Christopher Florca-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.

Our whole parish family rejoices with the Frank Family in gratitude for the safe return of their son from active duty. **Donnie Frank** -US Marines has returned to the United States safe and sound from his tour of duty. Thank you, Donnie, for your generous service to our country! The Frank Family would like to thank Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Family for all of their prayers.

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.

Golden Wedding Jubilee

On Sunday, April 26, 2009, couples married 50 years or more are invited to a special Mass to be celebrated by Bishop William Murphy at St. Lawrence the Martyr, Sayville, at 3 PM. Please pick up your registration card at the Parish Office no later than April 10. Information regarding the day will be mailed to you approximately one week before the ceremony. If you have any questions, you may call 516.678.5800, extension 242.

“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 21** 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

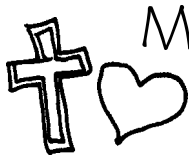
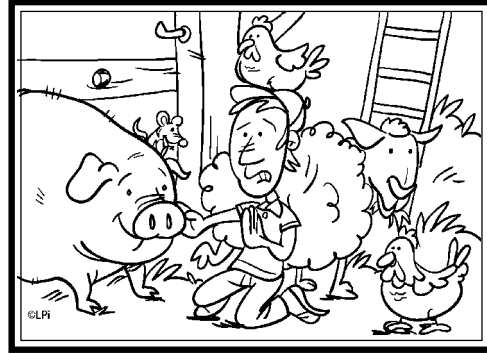
Tune into “Religion & Rock” with Msgr. Jim Vlaun on Sunday from 7 AM to 8 AM on WBAB 102.3 FM or 95.3 on the East End of Long Island. The show is also available on Sirius Radio, Channel 159 at 11 PM on Saturday.

Next Sunday's theme is “**Traditions.**” Don't miss it!

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Sharing the Gospel

Imagine coming to your church to pray. All around your church, you see people selling animals. It smells like a barn. The animals are loud. The people are shouting. You cannot even pray with all the noise and activity going on around you. That is what Jesus found in today's Gospel. It broke his heart and made Jesus angry. God's house is not supposed to be turned into a barn or a store. It should be special place where people can meet with God and talk to him. Jesus cleaned out his Father's house. He turned it back into a place of prayer.



Mission for the Week

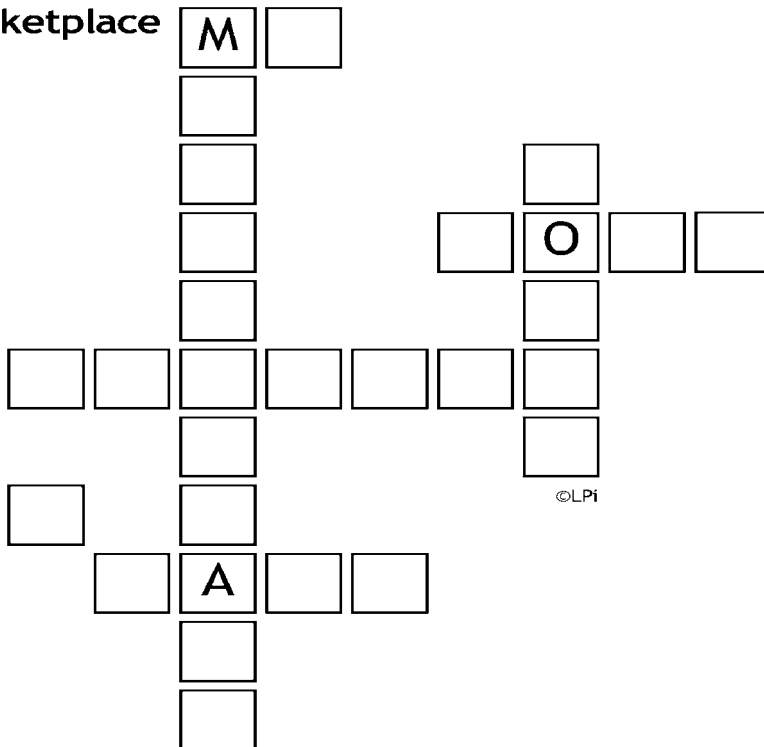
Read John 2:13-25 with your family. Ask God to help you keep your church clean. Church should never be a store or a barn. It should be a special place to pray.



Puzzle

Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:

Don't make my Father's house a marketplace

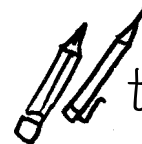


Prayer



God,
my church is a place
for prayer. Help me
to remember that
always.

Something



to Draw

Draw a picture of
people singing and
praying in your
church.