

**WHOEVER REMAINS IN ME  
WILL BEAR MUCH FRUIT."**



**JOHN 15:5**

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**OUR LADY OF LOURDES MAY 10, 2009**



## *Pastoral Team*

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Pastor



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### **Rita Spera**

Religious Education Office

### **Lori Walsh**

Parish Office

## *Mission Statement*

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

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*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.*

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## *Vision...*

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

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

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

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

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

*Our Lady  
of Lourdes*

455 Hunter Avenue  
West Islip, New York 11795

*Welcome...*

*to Our Lady of Lourdes!*

We are so happy to welcome everyone who has come to worship with us today! Whether you have come a long distance or you live locally, we are glad that you have decided to spend some time with us as we worship our Lord together. Please know that your presence today is a blessing to our parish family.

*Would you like to know more about our parish family?*

All are welcome at Our Lady of Lourdes and we do our best to reach out to everyone.

If you would like more information about our parish or if you would like one of our team to be in touch with you, please fill this form out and place it in any collection or offering basket, mail it to us, or send an email to [parishoffice@ollchurch.org](mailto:parishoffice@ollchurch.org)

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*to Our Lady of Lourdes!*

*455 Hunter Avenue, West Islip, New York 11795*



*I would like information about:*

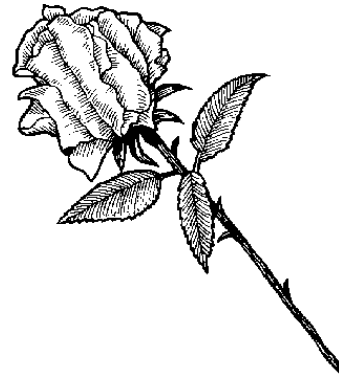
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 Marriage or Annulment / Remarriage     Spiritual Direction or Counseling  
 Our Parish Catholic School     Adult Education     Senior Services  
 Joining the Parish     Baptizing my Children     Other \_\_\_\_\_

I would prefer to be contacted by:

Phone at: \_\_\_\_\_ Email at: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail at: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_



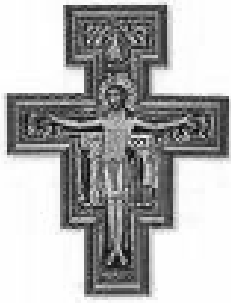
*Mother's Day / Father's Day Mass  
for parents who have lost a child*

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

*We would like to invite any parent  
who has lost a child  
to a special Mass on  
Saturday, June 13 at 10 AM.*

*Mass will be followed by hospitality in our Parish Center.  
Please feel free to invite family or friends with you.*

*For more information, or to let us know you will be able  
to attend, please call the Parish Office at 661.3224.*



## **Taize...Prayer Around the Cross**

*Please join us for this evening of prayer*

**Monday, May 18**

**7:30 PM, Church**

**Carol Goetz, Parish Music Director**

### ***Looking for another way to pray?***

Taize is a form of worship that provides some time in our busy lives where we can stop and focus on the love of God. Join us in prayerful worship this Easter season. Together we will share simple chants and prayers that will celebrate God's saving love for us all.

### ***TAIZE ... and the San Damiano Cross***

The original San Damiano Cross, fashioned about the year 1100, hangs in Santa Chiara Church in Assisi. This was the cross through which St. Francis of Assisi received his commission from Christ: "Rebuild my Church." All Franciscans cherish the San Damiano Cross as the symbol of their mission from God to renew and rebuild the Church in the power of God.

**Fr. Mike will bless our new San Damiano Cross at this service.**

### ***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.

## **Summer Evening Prayer**

It's almost summer...and time for Summer Evening Prayer!

OLL annual tradition of gathering for Evening Prayer on the "Great Lawn" will continue in 2009 and we need to get working on new ideas, activities and events to make our 2009 celebration the best ever! This group only meets a few times in May and June so it's not a "forever" commitment.

Think about it – may be something for you!

If you're interested in joining contact the Parish Office at 661.3224 or e-mail to [jsureau@ollchurch.org](mailto:jsureau@ollchurch.org). We'd love to have you!



*Save the date...*

**Coming Pentecost Sunday, May 31!**



## **Celebrating Our Heritage...**

### **One Faith – Many Traditions**

This event will begin with Mass at 12:30 PM on Sunday, May 31 – Pentecost Sunday. Our celebration will continue after Mass in the cafeteria, as we celebrate the many heritages within our parish family. The celebration will include food, costumes, music and traditional dancing. Join us as we begin our journey arriving in America and experience a favorite “all American” food.

- We’re asking each parish family to bring a “food item” (enough for a family) according to their family heritage, and bring it to their country’s table. This way, we will have something to share from all the different countries.
- Do you have a costume from your country of heritage? Please wear it or bring it to display.
- Did you find your “country of heritage” on any of our “One Faith – Many Traditions” posters? If not... please contact us and let us know so we can add it.
- ...any questions... please call Religious Ed Office: 661-5440 x3 or e-mail: [Religioused@ollchurch.org](mailto:Religioused@ollchurch.org)

### **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

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

**Join us ...**

**Wednesdays, 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.

## **Ministry of Family Healing**

### **Celebrate Fun!**

The Ministry of Family Healing invites you to spend a night celebrating laughter and joy with Jesus. Yes, that’s right, we did say laughter and joy. Often times, we don’t celebrate our joy, especially with Jesus. Come let’s celebrate fun, laughter, joy and a few surprises.

Come join us on **Wednesday, May 20 at 7:30 PM in the Parish Center.**

Please call the Religious Ed Office at 661-5440, option 3 or e-mail to

[Religioused@ollchurch.org](mailto:Religioused@ollchurch.org) to register. Please come and bring a friend. As always, food and fellowship to follow.

# **DISCOVERY Summer Camp**

**Sponsored by Our Lady of Lourdes School**

**44 Toomey Road, West Islip, NY**

**Four Week Program**

**June 29 - July 24, 2009**

**9AM – 5 PM, Monday thru Friday**



Open to all children entering grades K – 7

Registration applications now being accepted!

|                    |          |
|--------------------|----------|
| Registration Fee*: | \$50.00  |
| Deposit*:          | \$100.00 |
| Full Course Cost:  | \$675.00 |

\*Deposit and registration fee are non-refundable/non-transferable.  
No refunds made after May 1, 2009.

For further information contact: Lisa Kennedy: 631.587.7200 ext. 100 or  
[LKennedy@OLLSchool.org](mailto:LKennedy@OLLSchool.org), Check out our website: [www.OLLSchool.org](http://www.OLLSchool.org)  
Applications and program descriptions can be found “in the Backpack” section of our website.



## **SAFARI Camp**

**Sharing About Faith and Religion**

**Our Lady of Lourdes**

**NINTH Annual Vacation Bible Camp**

**July 27-31, 2009**

**Don't miss the fun!**

The grounds of Our Lady of Lourdes will be transformed into SAFARI Camp! (SAFARI stands for *Sharing About Faith and Religion*) Our campers will participate in lots of fun daily activities: singing super songs, making cool crafts, participating in awesome safari-themed science activities and, learning about God through different Bible adventures! And, of course, there'll be snacks!

Campers should presently be in Pre-K (age 4) through 5th grade. Students in grades 6-12: we need you as volunteer counselors and assistants!! The camp director is Dr. Jennifer Gallagher, a school principal and part-time team member at OLL. She'll be working with a volunteer team of adults and teens from our parish family.

The cost is \$75 per child. The fee includes all materials, snacks, crafts, and an official camp T-shirt! Fill out the registration form (which will be available at the school and religious ed. offices and will be in the bulletin in the beginning of June) and mail it to OLL at 455 Hunter Ave. (att. Jennifer Gallagher) with all fees by June 30. Email [JenGallagher@ollchurch.org](mailto:JenGallagher@ollchurch.org)



## First Holy Communion



Beginning on Saturday, April 25 you will see many homes in our parish displaying a paper chalice in their front window, a sign that a child living there has received First Holy Communion this season. We are so grateful for your prayerful support during their time of preparation, and we invite you to rejoice with us as we continue to welcome them at the Table of the Lord each week. This is truly a cause for rejoicing because 280 children have taken another significant step on their journey of faith as members of our parish family.

## Religious Education

*What's happening during the Easter Season*

Please pray for our Grade 7 Confirmation Candidates and their families as they begin their decision process to choose their Sponsors.

*For all in Grade 8 in our Parish Family...*

### **“Rescue Closing”**

**Sunday, May 17**

**6 PM Mass**

All eighth graders in our Parish Family, their Sponsors and parents share in celebrating their time together. The eighth graders and their Sponsors have been getting together and doing service for others.

*For all in Grades 6/7/8 in our parish family...*

### **Hang Out Nites continue...**

Friday May 15      7:30 PM - 9:30 PM      Parish Center

Friday June 19      7:30 PM - 9:30 PM      Parish Center

Don't forget...there's something for everyone!

All 6th / 7th / 8th graders of our Parish Family... come play volleyball, basketball.

We have Guitar Hero 2, Dance Revolution, music and more... **DON'T MISS IT!**

*also...*

### **Grades 9/10/11/12**

ALL ARE WELCOME! Be a part of the Team. High School leaders help with set-up, participating in activities, refreshments, clean-up, etc... and assist Adult Chaperones.

## **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.  
(Free babysitting 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 & Wine*

*Rose Monroe and Elinor Shaddock*



## *Rest In Peace*

*Vincent G. Trincilla* died on April 26 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was April 29. We extend our prayers to his wife, Frances, daughters, grandchildren and entire family.

*Linda J. Quinn* died on April 25 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was May 1. We extend our prayers to her siblings and entire family.

*Charles A. Diesso* died on April 26 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was May 1. We extend our prayers to his wife, Phyllis, daughters, grandchildren and entire family.

*Milagros Misa* died on April 28 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was May 1. We extend our prayers to her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and entire family.

# Remembering . . .

**Monday, May 11**

**8:00 AM** John Cunneen

**Tuesday, May 12**

*Ss. Nereus & Achilleus, martyrs*

*St. Pancras, martyr*

**8:00 AM** Carmine Barila

**Wednesday, May 13**

*Our Lady of Fatima*

**8:00 AM** John Sweeney

**Thursday, May 14**

*St. Mathias, apostle*

**8:00 AM** Rose Lucio

**Friday, May 15**

*St. Isidore*

**8:00 AM** Edward Wernikowski

**Saturday, May 16**

**8:00 AM** Mary Valvo, Marie D. Turano, Marie Chiuchiolo, Vincenza Cataldo,  
Anthony Gibadlo, John Becerra, Russell Keuling, Mary Ragusa, Bill McCarthy,  
Armand Porzio & Kim Ecker

**5:00 PM** Danny Salegna

*Fr. Ambrose Cabildo*

**Sunday, May 17**

**8:00 AM** Barbara McGarrity

*Fr. Mike Vetrano*

**9:30 AM** Salvatore LoVoi

*Fr. Ambrose Cabildo*

**11:00 AM** Ginger Rocco

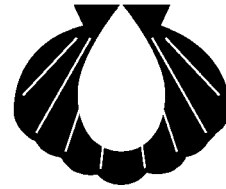
*Fr. Mike Vetrano*

**12:30 PM** Anthony & Mary Sabala

*Fr. Bob Scheckenback*

**6:00 PM** People of the Parish, John D. Russo, Peter Reehil, Rick Munkwitz, Diana Zotto,  
Kathleen & Catherine McNamara, Joseph Biviano, Hermina Loring,  
Jean M. Virgilio, Lillian Corwin, Rosina Ragusa, Margaret O'Brien,  
In Thanksgiving to St. Joseph

*Fr. Bob Scheckenback*



## *Baptisms*

*Robert Terrence Czaplinski*

Robert and Bridget

*Angelina Lily Piediscalzo*

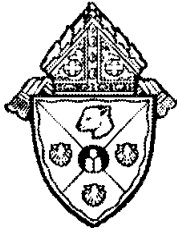
Victor and Aimee

*Madison Jessica Rindos*

Thomas and Carol

*Aidan Aquino*

Armando and Lady



## Catholic Ministries Appeal UPDATE

*“Love is also charity, and the church has  
an obligation to help the needy  
wherever they are found.”*

**-Pope Benedict XVI**

### ***Can you help those in need?***

Pope Benedict’s message reminding each of us of the call to live fully our different vocations by reaching out a hand of love and compassion to the very same people Christ came to serve – the poor, the needy, and the vulnerable in our world.

Your gift will help those in need here in our own parish and across Long Island. Please know that every gift, regardless of its size, is important. If each one of us prayerfully considers making a sacrifice to help, we can be the Hands of Christ here in our parish.

### **Thank You to all those who have responded!**

The CMA Committee of *Our Lady of Lourdes* would like to thank all those who have responded to the *Catholic Ministries Appeal*. These families have made a wonderful and generous sacrifice to continue the mission of helping those in need here on Long Island. Our parish has raised **over \$67,000** from gifts given by **265** parish families. If you have already made your gift please accept our heartfelt thanks. If you have yet to make your gift, please consider this opportunity to help those in need by completing the pledge card below. You can return it by placing it in the collection basket or mailing.

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#### 2009 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL *Supporting the Community Around Us*

To provide funds I/we agree to make a gift of:

Pledge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Initial Payment \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Balance \$ \_\_\_\_\_

If you would like to charge your contribution to your credit card, please check here and see reverse side of this form.

Signature of Donor \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

#### A Guide To Giving

| Pledge                           | 8 Payments |
|----------------------------------|------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000 | \$125.00   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 500     | 62.50      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 250     | 31.25      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 150     | 18.75      |

**Every Gift Counts!**

Please make checks payable to:  
Catholic Ministries Appeal  
Thank you for your support

For gifts of securities, please call the Appeal Office for instructions. (516) 379-5210, Ext. 2  
**Matching gifts:** if you qualify for a matching gift from your employer, please forward to the cma office.

## Praying Before Mass

In Advent 2007, we began the practice of asking all the liturgical ministers – lectors, servers, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion - sacristans, ushers, deacons and presiders – to pray together before Mass. The idea of this is not to offer a special blessing or to set them apart. Rather it's to bring all the ministers together in a spirit of prayer – one that can unite and inspire all who are serving at God's table.

We are called to a greater sense of prayer at Liturgy – particularly by taking some time before Mass. While our ministers pray together in the Narthex, please consider making this a time of prayer for you and for those who will serve us at Liturgy.

## Holy Name Society

The Holy Name Society meets on the second Sunday of each month. The next meeting will be on **Sunday, May 10**. We will begin with the **Rosary at 7:40 AM in the Church** and the **meeting will follow the 8 AM Mass at 9 AM in Room 16**.

## Jesus, King of All Nations Prayer Group

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

## Good Samaritan Prayer Group of L.I.

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

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

## Men's Group

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

Come join us on **Thursday, May 28, 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.



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## 5th Sunday of Easter

Hot air balloons of today are beautiful, quiet giants, floating through the skies powered by propane tanks which give the pilot the ability to control its elevation based on the amount of heated air dispensed into the balloon. But 19th-century balloons have often been depicted with sandbags attached around the gondola; should the balloon begin to descend when it shouldn't, these weighted bags could be released, which would lighten the load and allow the balloon to rise. Perhaps we are guilty at times of carrying too many sandbags that weigh us down and prevent our ascension.

"I am the true vine," Jesus proclaims in today's Gospel reading from John, "and my Father is the vine grower." His analogy is that God has already removed every dead branch from the vine-sin-and continually prunes the good, fruit-bearing branches-you and me-so that we will grow even more good fruit. In other words, as long as we remain with Jesus, we will prosper and multiply and bring others to his good word. God has cut the sandbags that weigh us down and prevent us from rising to see his glory.

On this Fifth Sunday of Easter, we are reminded by the Catechism of the Catholic Church that through the power of the Holy Spirit, "God's children can bear much fruit. He who has grafted us onto the true vine will make us bear the fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control" (CCC 736). How does God "prune" the branches of his vine, Jesus Christ? He gives us the ability to turn away from the hurtful influences of the world and live with the love that multiplies in his name.

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### Readings for the week of May 10, 2009

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| <b>Sunday:</b>      | Acts 9:26-31/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8                |
| <b>Monday:</b>      | Acts 14:5-18/Jn 14:21-26                           |
| <b>Tuesday:</b>     | Acts 14:19-28/Jn 14:27-31a                         |
| <b>Wednesday:</b>   | Acts 15:1-6/Jn 15:1-8                              |
| <b>Thursday:</b>    | Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Jn 15:9-17                     |
| <b>Friday:</b>      | Acts 15:22-31/Jn 15:12-17                          |
| <b>Saturday:</b>    | Acts 16:1-10/Jn 15:18-21                           |
| <b>Next Sunday:</b> | Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17 |

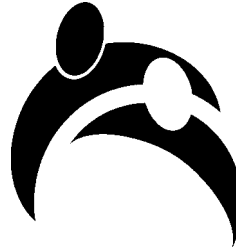
## Altar Society

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.

## 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, Nicholas Cibelli, Michael Ciotkosz,  
Marion Coletto, Regina Cranor, Louise Crisci, Ann Donlon, Claire Donovan,  
Anita Ferruggiari, Marge Flem, Susan Gigante, Brian Hinkelman, Lili Hinkelman,  
Kathleen Kerrigan, Kara Lobasso, Baby Josephine Mahan, Mindy Mancini,  
Vicky Massaro, Michele McCann, Peter McCann, Sr., Dorothy Meloni, Rae Morris,  
Brenden Muldoon, John O'Brien, Arthur Petrino, Joanne Popper, Joe Radosti,  
Carol Randazzo-Hopkins, Anthony Rao, James Reilly, Connor Serio,  
Dorothy Shiavone, Joe Shields, Derek Stahl, Mary Clair Stephen,  
Diana Marie Taveras, Baby John Tramazzo, Vera Vieni, Pat Wallace, Flo Worysz*

## Members in the Military

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

They are:

**Bryan R. Dempsey**-US Marines

**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 ser-  
vices, listed in our Parish Book of Intentions.

## HUNGRY LONG ISLANDERS...HOW CAN THIS BE?

“The Church fully supports the right of workers to form unions...  
to secure their rights to fair wages and working conditions...  
no one may deny the right to organize [a union] without attacking  
human dignity itself.”

- **Economic Justice for All, 1986 pastoral letter of the U.S. Catholic bishops**

### *The Union Difference*

MICAH\*: An Interfaith Advocacy Campaign to End Hunger & Poverty on Long Island  
(\*Mobilized Interfaith Coalition Against Hunger)

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

Too many Long Islanders are hungry because they are working hard, but earning too little money to make ends meet. Unions are a path out of their poverty, especially for women and minority workers. Many historians argue that unions created America's middle class. Here's how unions make a difference:

| Workers' Benefits/Wages                               | Union Workers | Non-Union Workers |
|---|---------------|-------------------|
| · Workers with job-provided health insurance          | 79%           | 52%               |
| · Workers with guaranteed (defined benefits) pensions | 77%           | 20%               |
| · Workers with paid personal leave                    | 57%           | 38%               |
| · Average days of paid vacation days                  | 15 days       | 11.75             |
| · Median weekly earnings                              | \$886         | \$691             |
| · Women's median weekly earnings                      | \$809         | \$615             |
| · African American's median weekly earnings           | \$720         | \$564             |
| · Hispanic's median weekly earnings                   | \$733         | \$512             |

The Bottom Line:

Unionized workers are about 50 % more likely to have health insurance and paid leaves, three times more likely to have defined pensions, 28% more likely to have paid vacations and earn about 30% more than non-union workers. This is why 53% of American workers (50 million people) say they would join a union if they could.

Sources: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, *Union Members in 2008*, Jan. 28, 2009; *National Compensation Survey: Employee Benefits in Private Industry in the United States, March, 2008, August 2008*; Economic Policy Institute; Employee Benefits Research Institute, May, 2005.

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This information was provided by LI Jobs with Justice. For more information, contact JwJ-LI Director Vanessa Crilly at [vanessac@jwj.org](mailto:vanessac@jwj.org) or Dr. Richard Koubek, [rkmicahli@gmail.com](mailto:rkmicahli@gmail.com). To learn how you can get involved, or make a donation to the MICAH campaign, contact Rev. Thomas Goodhue at LI Council of Churches ([licchemp@aol.com](mailto:licchemp@aol.com)) or LICC Advocacy Director Neelofer Chaudry ([liccmicah@aol.com](mailto:liccmicah@aol.com)).

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## Parish Outreach

**Office telephone:**

661-9262, option 4

**Office hours:**

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



## Pantry Needs

canned fruit  
 canned vegetables  
 jelly  
 peanut butter  
 pudding/jello  
 soup

## Outreach Memorial Donations

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

- Donations have been made in memory of *Patrick Corrigan and Frank Huffman* from Marge and Edward Valenti.

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.

### Financial Summary

#### May 3, 2009

|                   |               |
|-------------------|---------------|
| Weekly Collection | \$ 21,049.00  |
| Weekly Budget     | -\$ 19,000.00 |
| +/- for the week  | \$ 2,049.00   |

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

# Our Lady of Lourdes Fr. Joe Lukaszewski Walk of Life Memorial Garden

In Loving  
Memory of  
Mary Jones

Peter Jacobs  
Baptized  
January 2002

In Gratitude  
Jean & John  
Reilly

God Bless the  
Smith Family

Johnson's  
Married  
Sept. 20, '99

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Make check payable to:  
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West Islip, NY 11795

# Pastoral Formation Institute

*“...with that their eyes were opened and they recognized him  
in the breaking of the bread.”*

-Luke 24:31a

## ***Join PFI: A two year process of personal, spiritual, theological, and ministerial formation for Catholics***

The Pastoral Formation Institute offers an exciting, integrated approach to discipleship through instruction, prayer, faith sharing and development of leadership skills. Weekly Two-hour sessions prepare the lay Catholic adult to enter more fully into the life of the Church. Studies include Sacred Scripture, Christology, Ecclesiology, Morality, Sacraments, Liturgy and Church Ministry. In addition to weekly sessions, formation weekends at the Seminary enrich the PFI process. Two to three formation weekends and/or workshops are held each year. After the completion of the two year program, participants have an option to enroll in a third year leadership track in a chosen ministry.

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**For more Information: Logon to: [http://www.drvc-faith.org/  
PastoralFormationInstitute.html](http://www.drvc-faith.org/PastoralFormationInstitute.html) or contact Estelle Peck, 516-678-5800 x 200, email:  
[epeck@drvc.org](mailto:epeck@drvc.org)**

### ***PFI Year I Classes for 2009-2010***

Cost: \$900 Tuition + \$50 Application Fee + Cost of Books  
Monthly Payment Plans Available  
Cost includes Formation Weekend Retreats



***Mondays, 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.***  
**St. Mary of the Isle**  
**315 East Walnut Street, Long Beach, 11561**

***Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.***  
**St. Bernard Church**  
**3100 Hempstead Tpk, Levittown, 11756**

***Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.***  
**St. Agnes Cathedral**  
**29 Quealy Place, Rockville Centre, 11570**

***Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.***  
**St. Rosalie Church**  
**31 Montauk Hwy, Hampton Bays, 11946**

***Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.***  
**Our Holy Redeemer Church**  
**37 South Ocean Ave., Freeport, 11520**  
**Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
**20 Chestnut Street, Centereach, 11720**

**Classes in Spanish:**  
***Fridays, 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.***  
**St. Joseph the Worker Church**  
**510 Narragansett Avenue**  
**East Patchogue, 11772**  
***Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.***  
**St. Agnes Cathedral**  
**29 Quealy Place**  
**Rockville Centre, 11570**

## A Touch of Elvis

Come join us for a fundraiser for food pantry and social ministries featuring a Touch of the 50's-with Steve Mitchell as "Elvis" on **Friday, May 15 at Our Lady of Grace Church, Fr. Shanahan Hall, West Babylon** from 7 PM until 11 PM. Tickets are \$25 per person. Please call Lorraine for information and tickets at 631.884.4219.

## Beauty and the Beast

James Street Players proudly presents Disney's Beauty and the Beast **Tuesday, May 12 at 8 PM, Friday, May 15 at 8 PM and Saturday, May 16 at 2 PM and 8 PM.** All tickets are \$15. For tickets and information call 1.866.811.4111.

## A Journey Worth Taking

St. Catherine of Siena Medical Center is offering a free six week support group for adults who are struggling to cope with the death of a loved one. Registration is required for the group which begins on **Monday, June 1.** For information and registration, please call Pastoral Care Office at 631.862.3104.

## Fatima Day

Fatima Day will be held at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Island, Manorville, NY on **Wednesday, May 13.** Guest speaker will be renowned author Immaculée Ilibagiza of NY Times best-seller *Left to Tell*. Immaculée lost her entire family in the Rwandan holocaust of 1994, caused by ethnic hatred. She forgave her family's killers and teaches us all the power of mercy and forgiveness! The day begins with Stations of the Cross at 10 AM and closes with Benediction at 3 PM.

## Dominican Village

**Please join us for an Open House on Saturday, May 16 from 1 PM until 3 PM.** Dominican Village is an independent retirement community that offers assisted living and respite care, outstanding programs, all-inclusive services and bountiful amenities. For more information, or to schedule a tour at your convenience, call 631.842.6091.

## 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 **"Parents."** Don't miss it! To listen on-line or receive more information regarding "Religion & Rock" go to [www.religionandrock.com](http://www.religionandrock.com). Don't forget to tune into TELE CARE, Cablevision 29 or Verizon FIOS 271 for the Best in Catholic Television!

# Sharing the Gospel

Put a brand new light bulb in a lamp. Turn the lamp on. It shines brightly. Now, unplug the lamp. The lamp goes dark. It might be a nice lamp. It might have a new light bulb. Yet, without being plugged in to electricity, the lamp cannot shine. In today's Gospel, Jesus is the vine and you are a branch. As long as you are attached to Jesus, your faith can grow fruit like love, kindness and gentleness. If you break away from Jesus, your faith will die, and you will not grow any fruit. Stay plugged in to Jesus, so you can shine. Stay connected to Jesus, so your faith can grow fruit.



## Mission for the Week

Read Galatians 5:22-23 with your family. Write down the nine different kinds of fruit that will grow from your faith,

when you stay connected to Jesus.



### Puzzle

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

|        |        |          |
|--------|--------|----------|
| vine   | Father | honored  |
| joined | pray   | gardener |
| branch | fruit  | clean    |

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## Prayer



God,  
help me to stay  
connected to Jesus.

## Something to Draw



Draw a picture of a tall vine with one branch for every person in your family. Write Jesus' name on the vine, and write the names of your family members on the branches.