

**Our Lady of Lourdes • The Most Holy Trinity • June 7, 2009**



**“Baptized in the name  
of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.”**



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Pastor

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School Principal

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Parish Office

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### **Rita Spera**

Religious Education Office

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Parish Office

## *Mission Statement*

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

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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

## **Altar Servers**

### *Serving the Lord with Gladness*

We are getting ready to welcome a new group of altar servers. Altar servers help at Sunday liturgy, parish prayer services, funerals and weddings.

-To become a server you only need to be entering fourth grade and be willing to serve with a great spirit!

If you're interested, please contact the Parish Office at 661.3224, x. 135 or e-mail to [jsureau@ollchurch.org](mailto:jsureau@ollchurch.org).

## **The 9:30 AM Family Mass NEEDS YOU!**

Interested in being part of our Family Liturgy Committee? Are you intrigued by our Children's Liturgy of the Word!? Come and find out more!

Our next Family Liturgy/Children's Liturgy of the Word meeting is on **Sunday, June 7, 2009 at 10:30 AM**(immediately following the 9:30 AM Mass!)  
Come and find out more!

We are also in need of lectors to read at Children's Liturgy of the Word as well as instrumentalists to help lead our psalm at Children's Liturgy (only one song!).

This is a great way to get involved in the life of our parish community!  
Come and be a part of it all!

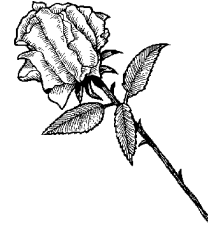
If you have any questions, please contact John Sureau at 661.3224, x. 135 or e-mail to [jsureau@ollchurch.org](mailto:jsureau@ollchurch.org)

## **"The Six"**

Our Sunday night Mass is up to doing good things, particularly as we enter the Summer of 2009!  
Would you come and help us?

Our next Six Committee Meeting is on  
**Sunday, June 7, 2009 - 5 PM - Parish Center**

*Please come and be a part of it all!*



**Mother's Day / Father's Day Mass**  
*for parents who have lost a child*  
*Saturday, June 13 at 10 AM*

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, option 1.

**Summer Evening Prayer**

Summer Evening Prayer is a little over a month away and our Summer Evening Prayer Committee has been hard at work to make this a great summer for all of us! Our first evening prayer is



***Bishop Libasci Night!***

**Monday, July 6**

**7:30 PM**

*(Dinner for everyone beginning at 6:30 PM)*

We are honored to welcome Bishop Peter to kick off our  
2009 Summer Evenings of Prayer!

Check the bulletin for more information and for more ways for you to be involved.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday, June 17, at 7 PM All are welcome!

## **Religious Retirement Fund**

### ***“Hope and Harmony”***

This weekend, the weekend of June 6/7, is the annual collection for the Religious Retirement Fund. Religious Sisters and Brothers who have been involved in education, health care and social ministry in the Diocese of Rockville Centre need our help. The stipends being earned by young members of Religious Communities are no longer enough to support the needs of the elderly members of their Communities. The number of elderly Religious in assisted living or nursing facilities continues to rise and health care costs are rising too.

For this reason, the Diocese of Rockville Centre, for the past twenty-four years has committed to return to our Religious Communities a portion of our gifts of treasure, in appreciation for the many years of service to the people of our Diocese of these dedicated servants of Our Lord.

Please come prepared next week to assist the elderly Religious with a once-a-year gift, as generous as your means will allow. These gifts will be distributed among the twenty-nine communities who serve our Diocese.

Your gift may be placed in the mail or dropped in the collection basket this weekend.

On behalf of the Religious who serve in our parishes and hospitals, thank you for your generosity.



### **Our Lady of Lourdes 25th Annual Golf Classic Monday, July 20, 2009 Island Hills Country Club, Sayville**

The Our Lady of Lourdes 25th Annual Golf Outing to Support Catholic Education will be held on July 20, 2009 at the Island Hills Country Club, Sayville.

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.

Golfing Package includes green fees, golf cart, driving range, continental breakfast, lunch and dinner, all for \$250 per golfer. If you would like to join us for dinner only, \$75 per person. Registration is at 11 AM with a 1:30 PM shot gun tee off. Cocktail hour is 6 - 7 PM with dinner at 7 PM.

For more information please contact Golf Committee member Rich at 661.5478 or Keith at 539.8542.

## “Special” May Crowning

A long standing tradition in many Catholic Schools is to bring honor to Our Blessed Mother each spring. At Our Lady of Lourdes, we do so during the month of May.

Early each morning throughout the school year, the faculty noticed a woman displaying a strong devotion to Our Blessed Mother. In both pleasant and harsh weather, she would stop in front of the statue outside the school entrance and offer her prayers. Many faculty silently prayed along with this woman, as they watched from the school window.



She was instantly in the minds of our school principal and second grade teacher when beginning to plan this year’s May Crowning Ceremony. It was her strong devotion to Our Lord and His Mother that silently touched all of us. Our school community was blessed to have that woman, Mrs. Bruno, be an important part of our May Crowning Ceremony.



On Tuesday May 19, our second graders, having received their First Holy Communion, lead their school community in praise of Mary. Students from every grade brought flowers to be placed in her honor, prayers were offered by the children and traditional songs were sung led by Mrs. Heidi Shapiro.

Mrs. Bruno presented a beautiful crown of flowers to our Pillow Bearer, Nicolas Caprio. It was Erin Makowski, chosen by her classmates to be ‘most like Our Blessed Mother in her love and concern for others’ to crown Mary.

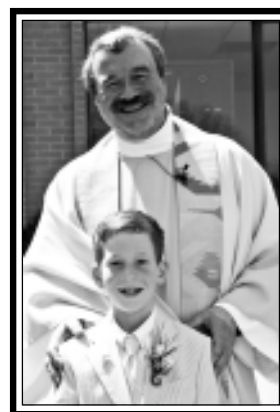
Thank you to all who helped to make this ceremony that brings honor to Mary our Mother so perfect, including the fifth grade students, the Girls Scouts and even the Brownies who beautified the gardens in preparation.

## Roving Photographer

Did you get any great pictures of our first communion class?  
*Why not share them!*

Send a digital picture of your first communicant to us and you just might see it here in the bulletin or on the web. Send your picture to [firstcommunion@ollchurch.org](mailto:firstcommunion@ollchurch.org)

We are proud of all those who received First Holy Communion!





**SAFARI Camp**  
 Sharing About Faith and Religion  
 Our Lady of Lourdes Vacation Bible Camp '09  
 July 27-31, 2009  
 9 AM - 12:30 PM daily

**Camp Registration Form**

*Return to OLL Parish Office along with fees  
 (\$75 per child) before July 6.*

*Please make checks payable to Our Lady of Lourdes Church.*

We'll journey on an exciting safari of faith and fun as we learn about God, hear stories from the Bible, share cool science activities, and make crafts. And of course, we'll end our camp each day with our famous OLL camp sing-along!!

Please list below the names and present grade levels of the children in your family who will attend camp. Camp is for Nursery (age 4) through Grade 5.  
 (Students entering grade 6 and up are volunteer counselors and assistants and do not need to pay any fee.)

Child's First & Last Name	Grade Level in Sept. '08
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Full Names of Parents/Guardians: \_\_\_\_\_

Family Address (Street, Town, Zip): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell and/or Business Phone(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Emergency Contact and Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please indicate below any health problems, food allergies, or special situations that it might be helpful for the camp staff to know about your child.*

*You will receive a letter with your child's group name and all important camp information around July 15th. We need adult and teen volunteers! If anyone in your family (teens and/or adults) would be willing to help out at the camp, please list their names and ages.*

*We will hold a meeting for all volunteers in mid-July.*





## Men's Group

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

Come join us on **Thursday, June 18, in the Parish Center following 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.

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

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

**Join us ...**

**Wednesday, 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.

## Religious Education

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

**Hang Out Nites continue...**

**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**

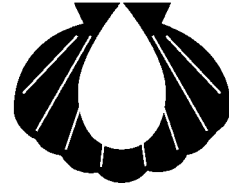
Please contact the Parish Office to schedule an appointment.

### **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.



## ***Baptisms***

*Maria Tuyet Lettieri*

Rob and Nina

*Rosa Mary Ut Lettieri*

Rob and Nina

*Elizabeth Jordan Anatra*

Christopher and Diane

*Alayna Nicole Gottesman*

Matthew and Lynette

*Amy Grace O'Hara*

Michael and Karen

*Kyle Thomas Perrone*

James and Kerri

*Evan Jonathan Ramos*

Jonathan and Yvette

*Grace Victoria Ratuszny*

Thomas and Agnes

*Alina Anna Smith*

James and Nancy

## Remembering . . .

**Monday, June 8**

**8:00 AM** John Lovari

**Tuesday, June 2**

*St. Ephrem, deacon & doctor*

**8:00 AM** Carmela Maggi

**Wednesday, June 10**

**8:00 AM** Edward DeMatteo

**Thursday, June 11**

*St. Barnabas, apostle*

**8:00 AM** Julia Flynn

**Friday, June 12**

**8:00 AM** Nora Olsen

**Saturday, June 13**

**8:00 AM** Thomas Joseph Colleran, Peter Schreiner,  
In Memory of Josephine & Frank Sparacino,  
Bill McCarthy, Pietrina Ferraro, John Randazzo,  
Alexander Klocek, Maureen Wasson (*living*)

**5:00 PM** Anna Mancuso

**Sunday, June 14**

**8:00 AM** Carmella Parasole

**9:30 AM** Frank & Diane Falco (*7th Wedding Anniversary*)

**11:00 AM** Molly & John Sweeney

**12:30 PM** Jay & Pasquale Perri

**6:00 PM** People of the Parish, Rick Munkwitz, Victor Lazaro,  
Nicholas Dice, John Brandt, Frances Tooker,  
Jeanette Bronson, Juan Redoblado, Geralyn O'Hara,  
Paul Albert Clark, Joseph Chianese

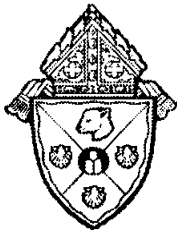
## Rest In Peace



*Mary Ellen Jaggi* died on May 22 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was May 26. We extend our prayers to her husband, Herbert children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and entire family.

*Paul Albert Clark* died on May 25 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was May 29. We extend our prayers to his wife, Joan, son Steven and entire family.

*Rita Brembs* died on May 29 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was June 1. We extend our prayers to her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and entire family.



## Catholic Ministries Appeal

*“Supporting the Community Around Us”*

<b>Parish Goal</b>	\$101,839
<b>Amount Pledged</b>	\$ 80,993
<b># of Donors</b>	336
<b>Average Pledge</b>	\$ 241

**Hands of Christ-Supporting the Community Around Us**

**It's Not Too Late** to make a difference in our community by supporting the **Catholic Ministries Appeal**.

**No Gift is Too Small. Every gift changes lives.**

*Your gift can help buy gas for a van that delivers food to a homebound senior or help a struggling family pay their electric bill.*

Thank YOU for helping us to serve over 500,000 people in our Long Island Community.

**Pledge cards are available in the back of our Church or you can donate online at [www.drvc.org](http://www.drvc.org) or call 516-379-5210 ext. 2**



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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 \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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.

## Financial Summary

**May 31, 2009**

Weekly Collection	\$ 19,023.00
Weekly Budget	-\$ 19,000.00
+/- for the week	\$ 23.00

*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:



**Lorenzo Bacchi**-*US Marines*  
**Bryan R. Dempsey**-*US Marines*  
**Christopher Florca**-*US Marines*  
**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 Ferrara Family in gratitude for the safe return of their son from active duty. **James J. Ferrara** -*US Marines* has returned to the United States safe and sound from his third tour of duty in Iraq. Thank you, *James*, for your most generous service to our country!

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

Our whole parish family rejoices with the Kelly Family in gratitude for the safe return of their son from active duty. **Edward A. Kelly, IV**-*US Air Force* has returned to the United States safe and sound from his second tour of duty in Iraq. Thank you, *Edward*, for your most generous service to our country!

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



## The Most Holy Trinity

The worship center is dark; each parishioner holds an unlit candle. The pastor enters with a single lighted candle and begins lighting the candles of those at the ends of the pews. In turn, they light the candles of the people next to them, and so on. Slowly, the room is aglow in the light of a thousand candles, all lit from a single flame. As the pastor approaches the altar, we are careful to take notice that the candle he carried in has not changed in the least, and could light even another thousand candles. It is that way when we speak of God's love; no matter how often we share it, our own love grows brighter and stronger.

Through the example of one candle lighting a thousand we are able to better appreciate the Gospel. After the Resurrection, Jesus summons the eleven disciples to a mountain in Galilee. There, he gives them the Great Commission, to go out into the world and baptize all in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Jesus could have appeared to thousands, yet he knew these eleven "candles" would be capable of following his commandments and spreading his promise of eternal life.

Today is the feast of the Most Holy Trinity, a remembrance of Christ's directive of a new mission for his followers to baptize in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The Catechism of the Catholic Church tells us that this mandate is our invitation to join in the one family of God, fully united and complete (CCC 959). Two thousand years ago, eleven men set out, tasked with beginning the fulfillment of the New Covenant by bringing all who would believe into the loving arms of God. Today, turn to others and offer them the light of life.

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### Readings for the Week of June 7, 2009

<b>Sunday:</b>	Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/Rom 8:14-17/Mt 28:16-20
<b>Monday:</b>	2 Cor 1:1-7/Mt 5:1-12
<b>Tuesday:</b>	2 Cor 1:18-22/Mt 5:13-16
<b>Wednesday:</b>	2 Cor 3:4-11/Mt 5:17-19
<b>Thursday:</b>	Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3/Mt 5:20-26
<b>Friday:</b>	2 Cor 4:7-15/Mt 5:27-32
<b>Saturday:</b>	2 Cor 5:14-21/Mt 5:33-37
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	Ex 24:3-8/Heb 9:11-15/Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

## **Altar Society**

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

## **Pastoral Care of Our Sick**

Please call the Parish Office at 661.3224 to leave the names  
of parishioners who:

- are homebound and would like to receive the Eucharist
- are in Good Samaritan Hospital and would like to be visited  
by a member of our Pastoral Care Ministry.
- would like to receive the Sacrament of the Sick.



## **Pray for Our Sick**

Please remember to keep in your thoughts and prayers ...

*Lucas Anderson, Giovanni Andrioli, Susan Aviza, Deacon Dick Barry,  
Brian Barthel, Marion Belcher, Theresa Borruso, Nicholas Buscemi, Jr.,  
Howard Campkin, Nicholas Cibelli, Michael Ciotkosz, Regina Cranor, Ann Donlon,  
Marge Flem, Susan Gigante, Brian Hinkelman, Lili Hinkelman, Kathleen Kerrigan,  
Kara Lobasso, Baby Josephine Mahan, Vicky Massaro, Michele McCann,  
Peter McCann, Sr., Joan Melville, Dorothy Meloni, Rae Morris, Brenden Muldoon,  
John O'Brien, Arthur Petrino, Joanne Popper, Laura Prichard, Joe Radosti,  
Carol Randazzo-Hopkins, James Reilly, Michael A. Savino, Dorothy Shiavone,  
Joe Shields, Derek Stahl, Mary Clair Stephen, Gerry Sullivan, Diana Marie Taveras,  
Baby John Tramazzo, Pat Wallace, Flo Worysz*

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

### *Can We Afford to Call Long Island Home?*

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**

#### **PROBLEM:**

- Too many of our young people have been priced out of Long Island’s housing market. This has made it difficult for employers to attract the best and brightest to Long Island and it has hurt parents whose children have relocated to other parts of the country where housing is more affordable.
- Long Island is experiencing a **BRAIN DRAIN** of younger workers. High prices prevent companies from recruiting/retaining workers and business owners say the lack of decent, affordable & safe housing is the #1 obstacle to Long Island’s economic growth.
- Long Island has the lowest proportion of rental housing in the country.
- Long Island does not have enough kinds of housing that younger single people, middle class families, empty-nesters and many seniors need.
- Thousands of young Long Islanders are living at home with their parents or living in illegal apartments. Thousands of empty nesters and seniors are looking for a way to leave their single-family house and still stay on Long Island. And why shouldn’t your grandmother be able to live with you?
- Teachers, nurses, firefighters, police officers, returning U.S. soldiers, construction workers, clerical personnel, recent college graduates, senior citizens, young families and professionals just starting out. These are the faces of the workforce who in many cases have been born on Long Island, they live and serve in our communities, but they are leaving Long Island in record numbers.

#### **SOLUTION:**

- We need a better variety of housing we can all afford. The solution is to change the mix of housing types by building more affordable apartments and townhouse communities. We, as Long Islanders will have to demand our local zoning authorities to permit new kinds of housing to be built. This is about building studio, one bedroom and two bedroom apartments for ourselves, our friends, relatives, neighbors and colleagues. It is about vibrant **SMART GROWTH** communities in which citizens can walk, bike, work, shop & enjoy their downtown areas while preserving community character & the environment, and strengthening local economies.

#### **ACTION:**

- We have to solve this critical social need. Now is the time: tell your town supervisor or village mayor that we want our kids to be able to live here and to allow more types of housing to be built.
- Stand up and say, “Yes, we want housing we can afford!”

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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

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canned fruit  
 canned vegetables  
 jelly  
 peanut butter  
 pudding/jello  
 soup

## Outreach Memorial Donations

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

•Outreach has received a donation from the Sage Group in memory of *Joan Ardito*.

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.

## Outreach Update:

I have made many requests on behalf of Outreach in the past; and the response of this Community has always been overwhelming.

Last August, a woman came to Outreach asking for food assistance. She did not have health insurance at the time and part of the contract we made was for her to apply for Medicaid and Food Stamps. She continued to receive food assistance while her applications for Food Stamps and Medicaid were pending. In October, during one of her weekly visits to Outreach, she mentioned that she had scheduled some medical appointments, including a mammogram. Long story short, she was diagnosed with breast cancer and needed to begin treatments immediately, before any surgery could be performed. Through the holidays, Outreach continued to help her with food, with gifts for her children and money for transportation into Sloan Kettering in Manhattan. On several occasions, your financial assistance enabled Outreach to pay for the anti-nausea medication she required following chemotherapy,(until she could enroll in the drug programs offered by the pharmaceutical companies.)

At one point in the course of her treatments, it became necessary for her to have dental work. Already bald from the chemotherapy, your donations prevented her from suffering yet another indignity, that of losing her teeth with no replacements. Outreach was able to pay for replacements. Thank you. When treatments ended in the late springtime, surgery was scheduled and our client had a double mastectomy. Shortly after, she underwent additional surgery as she tested positive to carrying the BRACA Gene-a heredity gene known to be a risk factor in both ovarian and breast cancers.

Well on the road to recovery, we hope; she continues to receive food assistance from Outreach. Now she sports short, gray hair and a very positive attitude. Last week, she approached me requesting my signature on a letter to Charles Schumer. It seems that funding to Cancer Services Program which provides screening to low-income, uninsured and underinsured women is being cut drastically. Without this funding only 1 in 5 women will be screened.

Please, if your life has been touched by someone who has journeyed with cancer in any form- Please, stop by Outreach and sign a letter asking Senator Schumer to vote for continued funding for early detection screenings. The letters are at the desk in the Outreach office-it will only take a minute and your signature could give someone a choice for life.

On behalf of all those I know who have walked with cancer, Thanks.

# The Many Faces of the Eucharist- Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood Jesus

by Ron Rolheiser, OMI

Christians argue a lot about the Eucharist. What does it mean? What should it be called? How often should it be celebrated? Who should be allowed to fully participate?

There are lots of views on the Eucharist:

- For some it is a meal, for others it is a sacrifice
- For some it is a ritual act, sacred and set apart, for others it is a community gathering, the more mess and kids there the better.
- For some it is a deep personal prayer, for others it is a communal worship for the world.
- For some its very essence is a coming together, a communion, of those united in a single denominational faith, while for others part of its essence is its reaching out, its innate imperative to wash the feet of those who are different from ourselves.
- For some it is a celebration of sorrow, a making present of Christ's suffering and the thus place where we can break down, for others it is the place to celebrate joy and sing alleluia.
- For some it is a ritual remembrance, a making present of the historical events of Jesus' dying, rising, ascending, and sending the Holy Spirit, for others it is a celebration of God's presence with us today.
- For some it is a celebration of the Last Supper, something to be done less frequently, for others it is God's daily feeding of his people with a new manna, Christ's body, and is something to be done every day.
- For some it is a celebration of reconciliation, a ritual that forgives and unites, for others unity and reconciliation are pre-conditions for its proper celebration.
- For some it is a vigil act, a gathering that is essentially about waiting for something else or someone else to appear, for others it is a celebration of something that is already present that is asking to be received and recognized.
- For some it is understood to make present the real, physical body of Christ, for others it is understood to make Christ present in a real but spiritual way.
- Some call it the Lord's Supper, others call it the Eucharist, others call it the Mass.
- Some celebrate it once a year, some celebrate it four times a year, some celebrate it every Sunday, and some celebrate it every day.

Who's right? In truth, the Eucharist is all of these things, and more. It is like a finely-cut diamond twirling in the sun, every turn giving off a different sparkle. It is multi-valent, carrying different layers of meaning, some of them in paradoxical tension with others. There is, even in scripture, no one theology of the Eucharist, but instead there are various complementary theologies of the Eucharist.

For instance, we already see variations among the apostolic communities as to how they understood the Eucharist, what it should be called, and how often it should be celebrated. Some early communities called it the Lord's Supper, connected its meaning very much to the commemoration of the Last Supper, and celebrated it less frequently. Whereas the apostolic community that formed around John connected its theology and practice very much to the concept of God feeding his people daily with manna and they celebrated it every day, given that we need sustenance daily.

As well, we see some of its paradoxical elements right within its central symbols, bread and the wine: Both are paradoxical: Bread is both is symbol of joy, togetherness, health, and achievement (the smell of fresh bread and the primal beauty of a loaf of bread) even as it is made up of broken kernels of wheat who had to be crushed in their individuality and be baked in fire to become that bread. Wine is both a festive drink, the drink of celebration, of wedding, even as it is crushed grapes and represents the blood of Jesus and the blood and suffering of all that is crushed in our world and in our lives.

How does one put this all together? That depends upon how one defines that.

During my theological training, I took three major courses on the Eucharist and, afterwards, decided that I didn't understand the Eucharist. But the fault was not in courses, which were excellent. The fault, which is not a fault at all but a marvel, lies in the richness of the Eucharist itself. In the end, it defies not just theology professors, but metaphysics, phenomenology, and language itself. There is no adequate explanation of the Eucharist for the same reason that, in the end, there is no adequate explanation for love, for embrace, and for the reception of life and spirit through touch. Certain realities take us beyond language because that is there very purpose. They do what words cannot do. They also are beyond what we can neatly nail down in our understanding.

And that is true of the Eucharist. Any attempt to nail down its full meaning will forever come up short because it will always eventually get up and walk away with the nail!

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## **Daytime Eucharistic Devotion**

The afternoon adoration for the month of July will be on **Wednesday, June 10 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.

## **Holy Name Society**

The Holy Name Society meets on the second Sunday of each month. The next meeting will be on **Sunday, June 14**. 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.

## Celebrate Corpus Christi

Shrine of Our Lady of the Island invites you to celebrate Corpus Christi on **Saturday, June 13 at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Island, Manorville, NY**. Mass begins at 11:30 AM. We hope to see you there with your family, prayer group or friends. For further information, please call 631.325.0661.

## A Night on Broadway

The Babylon Chorale presents A Night on Broadway, covering over 100 years of Broadway melodies, with memories for all ages - **Saturday, June 13 at 8 PM at Suffolk Community College, Sagtikos Theater, Brentwood**. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$12 for seniors and students and may be purchased at the door. For more information, call 516.798.5475 or 631.650.7413 or visit [www.babylonchorale.org](http://www.babylonchorale.org).

## Families Anonymous

Are you concerned about a family member who appears to have an alcohol, drug, or behavioral problem? We can help. Meetings are held every Saturday at 9:30 AM room 115 and every Wednesday at 8 PM Room 116 at Our Lady of Grace School, West Babylon. For information, contact Donna at 631.589.3790 or Julia at 631.587.5921.

## Centering Prayer Retreat

**Centering Prayer Weekend will be at St Ignatius Retreat House in Manhasset, NY on June 26-28**. The weekend is sponsored by Contemplative Outreach of LI/Queens. If you have any questions or for further information call Diane at 631.587.0966.

## Dominican Village

**Please join us for an Open House on Sunday, June 14, 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 "**Graduation.**" 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

As the disciples ate with friends, traveled, worked, shopped, and made new friends, they were to have one goal in mind—help more people follow Jesus. Baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Teach them to love God and love each other. Teach them to have mercy and forgive each other. Teach them to be humble. Teach them to pray. Teach them to share. And teach them to tell the people they met how to follow Jesus, too.



**Prayer** Dear God, help me to teach my friends how to love and follow you—Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.



## Mission for the Week

When we read the Gospel, Jesus teaches us about the Father. What have you learned so far about the Holy Spirit? Using the concordance found at the back of your Bible, look up "Holy Spirit." As a family, write down the verses, find them in your Bible, and read them out loud. Talk about each verse. If you have any questions, write them down and ask your pastor or teacher for help.



## Word Search

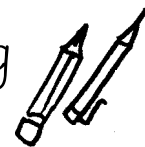
Circle these words from today's Gospel in the puzzle:

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## Something to Draw



Draw a picture of yourself telling a friend about God.