

*He has anointed me
to bring glad tidings.*

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our Lady of Lourdes · January 24, 2010



Luke 4:18



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.

Our Lady of Lourdes

*455 Hunter Avenue
West Islip, New York 11795*

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

Mission Statement

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

Vision...

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

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

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

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

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

Pastoral Team

Rev. Michael A. Vetrano
Pastor

Rev. Patsy Amabile
Associate Pastor

Rev. Robert Scheckenback
Associate Pastor

Rev. Ambrose Cabildo
In Residence

Deacon John DeGuardi

Deacon Tom Lucie

Deacon Jack Meehan

Coordinator of Stewardship

Deacon John Teufel

Sr. Margaret Bickar

Senior Ministry-SAGE

Sr. Nancy Campkin

Director of Religious Education

Allegra D'Alo

Youth Minister/Social Action

Jennifer Gallagher

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Parish Office

661.3224

Monday-Friday: 9 AM - 7:30 PM

Saturday: 9 AM - 3 PM

Sunday: 9 AM - 2 PM

email: ParishOffice@ollchurch.org

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Our Lady of Lourdes School

587.7200

Monday-Friday: 9 AM - 3 PM

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Religious Education Office

661.5440

Monday-Friday: 9 AM - Noon

1 PM - 5 PM

7 PM - 9 PM

email: ReligiousEd@ollchurch.org

Parish Outreach Office

661.9262

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday:

9:30 AM - 3 PM

S.A.G.E.

661.3224

(Senior Advocates for Growth
and Enrichment)

email: Sage@ollchurch.org

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

Welcome...

to Our Lady of Lourdes!



I would like information about:

Religious Education of my Children Becoming a Catholic or Adult Confirmation
 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: _____

Adult Faith Formation

Images of Mercy

*Icons of Justice**

**applicable for Advance Certificate*

Presenter: Tom Petriano, St. Joseph's College, Patchogue

Tuesdays, January 26 and February 2, 9, 23, 2010

7:30 - 9:30 PM

Parish Center

The witness of the lives of prophetic figures from various cultures and traditions can be iconic for us, and studying their lives can be both illuminating and transformative. This course will look specifically at the lives of Mother Teresa, Dorothy Day and Peter Maurin, Mohandas Gandhi, Oscar Romero and the Jesuit martyrs of El Salvador, and Martin Luther King and Rosa Parks as examples of modern day prophets. Their writings, sermons, letters, speeches and the witness of their lives will be examined in order to understand the spirituality and theology that was the source of their prophetic witness.

Mark your calendars...

Embrace the Challenge

Embrace the Love

Something to think, pray and talk about

Fr. Pat Amabile

Tuesdays, March 2, 16, and 23

7:30 - 9:30 PM

Parish Center

This series will lead us to new depth in our spirituality.

Each week we will explore one of the following...

- What do you call God?
- Who is Jesus Christ?
- Living in the Lord.

Why We Pray the Way We Do

Fr. Bob Scheckenback

Tuesdays, April 6, 13, 20, 27 and May 4

7:30 - 9:30 PM

Parish Center

What's really happening when we go to Church on Sunday? Understand the liturgy and its role in your life and the life of the Church. Does God need the Sacraments? Understand the sacramental principle of Roman Catholicism and how we believe God communicates with us.

There is a \$5 fee for each session. No fee is required for those who have paid the Religious Education Family Fee or Our Lady of Lourdes School tuition. Registration is necessary and helpful. This will enable us to have enough reading material and refreshments for all those attending. To register, please call the Religious Education Office at 661.5440, option 3 or email to religioused@ollchurch.org.

It's time for

FAT TUESDAY!



Outreach is hosting the
Second Annual

MARDI GRAS

Tuesday, February 16

7 PM - 9 PM

Parish Center



FOOD ~ GAMES ~ PRIZES
and FUN! FUN! FUN!

Admission is \$5 per person - includes all
Raffle Tickets \$5 for 25
Proceeds to benefit Outreach.

Seventh Annual El Salvador Mission Trip 2010

For Students Grade 8 through College

Mission Trip



Consider spending a week
this summer on a trip that
will change your life!

When I went to El Salvador this summer for my first time, it changed my life.

The whole trip was indescribable, but the part that really stuck out to me was the day we spent at the school in our Sister Parish in Tacuba running a vacation bible camp for the kids there. Thanks to the donations of the people of OLL parish, every child got to choose their own book to take home to keep. Just seeing the look on a little girl's face as she picked up her *Dora the Explorer* book made me so grateful for everything I had back home.



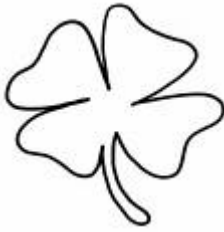
Each day we visited towns and villages with arms full of donations from the United States. We were able to interact with the villagers and get a sense of who these people really were. Warm welcomes awaited us in each town along with humble gifts of wildflowers. I was amazed to find that many had walked miles to meet with us and thank us for coming. Even more astounding was that all of these miles were walked by men, women, and children, some with no shoes! This mission to El Salvador was a life-altering experience. It hit me hard after I returned home and went straight to sleep in my own room complete with TV, Internet and stereo, with my warm bed next to my closet filled with the latest \$100 sneakers.



If you are interested in participating in this life-changing experience, come to an information meeting on Wednesday, February 3, at 7 PM in the Parish Center.

Mark Your Calendar....

**Our Lady of Lourdes
2nd Annual St. Patrick's/St. Joseph's
Day Celebration**



**Saturday, March 20
8 PM until midnight
All-Purpose Room**



The evening will include music, dancing, Italian and Irish buffet, beer, wine and soda.

The event is hosted by OLL Holy Name Society, OLL Rosary Christian Mothers and Parish Outreach. Proceeds to benefit OLL Parish Outreach.

watch future bulletins for more details...

**OLL Golf Outing
Coming July 2010**

Do you miss the outdoors? Do you miss the warm feeling of sunshine? Join us and swing ahead to summer!

We are in need of committee members, volunteers, golfers, and donations (Local Merchants and Materials). For more information contact Rich Maher at rmaher@ollschoo.org.

**Adult Bowling Night
Saturday, March 13**

The holidays are over and it's time to schedule some adult fun. This event is open to the public so pick your crowd and create your own party. Tickets are \$25 a person, the kitchen and bar will be open and ready to serve. Visit the OLL website, click on the "OLL School" link and go to "In the Backpack" for details.

Committee Members Needed Contact: kharris@ollschoo.org or lkennedy@ollschoo.org if you can help.





Christmas Flower Offerings

*Florence McLoughlin
Bunting & Hirt Family
M/M Antoine Abi-Zeid
Mr. Joseph O'Dea
J. Congero, Jr
R. Wilkinson
Harry & Gina Trimarchi
M/M Lloyd Castonguay
Maureen, Ben & Joe Canzoneri
Aquino Family
Smith Family
All Souls
Sylvan & John Lodespoto
Lodespoto Family
Angelone Family
Oma & Opa Gries
M/M William Gries*

*Richard Heithaus
Nora Williamson
Fred Totans
Dick & Stephanie Garcia
Anna & Joseph Mundy
Mr. William F. Adams
Capozzo Family & Maryanne
George J. Frank
Bart Simone
Anna Grotheif
Kenneth C. Gotthelf
Eugene Surace
Stephen V. Perez
Heidi Velazquez
Mrs. Gladys Donat
Ms. Theresa Saldiveri
M/M John Rickey*

Senior Circle

The Senior Circle meets on the last Monday of each month.
The next meeting will be held on **Monday, January 25, 2010**
at **12:30 PM in the Parish Center.**

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.

Shaking things up with OLL Youth Ministry!

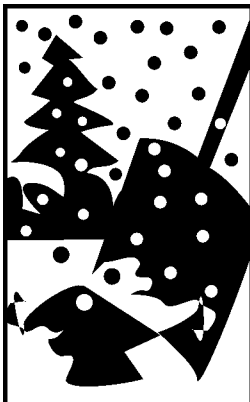
*There are now a few ways for young people to have fun and to learn at Our Lady of Lourdes...
Now is the time when you decide who you will be. So who are you?*

Peace and Justice Club

Peace and Justice Club is another opportunity for young people to get involved. Through Peace and Justice, parishioners are invited to learn and discuss many social justice issues that are prominent in today's world. This club also discusses ways that we might get involved with service work at Our Lady of Lourdes. This club meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 7 PM in the School Media Center.

Young Women's Prayer Group

Young Women's Prayer Group is the new way that young women and new mothers can come together to reflect on their faith, even in the midst of their busy lives. When you were a student, everyone was trying to get you involved and now it seems like you don't get a chance for anything but work! We meet on the second Thursday of each month and talk about what it is to be a Catholic Woman.



Saint Bernard League

If you're in need of help when it snows, members of our parish community will come to your home and shovel you out! If you think you can use our help, please call the Parish Office at 661.3224, ext. 135 or e-mail to Allegra@ollchurch.org and you will be added to our list. PLEASE SIGN UP AGAIN- even if you signed up last year. We also need Saint Bernards...*(those who help people in bad weather)*. Can you and/or your family shovel, snow blow or clear out another family in need within our parish community? If you can help with this call the Parish Office at 661.3224, x. 135 or e-mail to Allegra@ollchurch.org. This is a great way to help those in need and do some tremendous community service!



Our Lady of Lourdes Mission Awareness Trip 2010

As many of you know, this past July, a team of 28 OLL parishioners traveled to El Salvador to pray and work with the communities of Mogotes and Tacuba. It is in keeping with Catholic Social teaching that we help others and share our faith with Catholics everywhere.

With the help of the parishioners here at home, the El Salvador Team has been raising money through our CASA project to build homes for those belonging to our sister parishes. Through the support of Our Lady of Lourdes, our young people have been able to experience another culture and help people in need. Thank you OLL!



Youth Group *Middle Schoolers!*

Youth Group is meeting on **Monday, January 25 at 6:30 PM in the Parish Center!**

If you are in grades 6-8 this meeting is for you. We have fun just talking, hanging out and snacking.

You **DO NOT** want to miss out on the good stuff at OLL!

Youth Group Meeting Schedule

Middle School

February 1st, 22nd (PC)

March 1st, 15th (PC)

April 5th, 19th (PC)

May 3rd, 17th (PC)

June 7th

High School

Feb. 4th, 18th (PC)

March 4th, 18th (PC)

April 8th (PC), 22nd

May 6th, 20th

June 3rd

**All meetings will be in Room 16 of the school unless otherwise specified.*

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)



Rest In Peace

George Garone died on January 10 and the Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on January 14. We extend our prayers to his wife, Sally, children, grandchildren, gret-grandchildren, and entire family.

John Serra died on January 13 and the Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on January 19. We extend our prayers to his son, Michael, grandchild, Michael and entire family.

Jean Akins died on January 16 and the Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on January 19. We extend our prayers to her daughter, Dawn, grandchildren, and entire family.

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, January 25

The Conversion of Saint Paul, apostle

8:00 AM Joseph & Amelia Moscarelli

Tuesday, January 26

Saint Timothy and Saint Titus, bishops

8:00 AM Charlotte & James Quinn

Wednesday, January 27

Saint Angela Merici, virgin

8:00 AM James Peter Olsen

Thursday, January 28

Saint Thomas Aquinas, priest and doctor of the Church

8:00 AM Marie D. Turano

Friday, January 29

8:00 AM John M. Weiss, Sr.

Saturday, January 30

8:00 AM Arthur Schneider, Jobif Ocoria, Ellen T. Wren,
Constance Patchen, James Finch, Marcela Chu,
Rose Giacolne

5:00 PM Dolores Haggerty
Fr. Ambrose Cabildo

Sunday, January 31

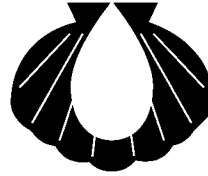
8:00 AM Joseph Messina
Fr. Pat Amabile

9:30 AM Dolores Borman
Fr. Mike Vetrano

11:00 AM Elinor Shaddock (*birthday*)
Fr. Pat Amabile

12:30 PM John Howrigan
Fr. Bob Scheckenback

6:00 PM People of the Parish, Marion Squillanti, Rick Munkwitz,
Alice Farinella, Angela D' Ambrosio, Anita Sweeney,
Betty DeLong, Ed Wolf, George Steinbeck
Fr. Pat Amabile



Baptisms

Louis John Calabretta

Louis and Jill



3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Do you believe that you are supposed to be Christ in this world today? You're baptized in his name. You call yourself a Christian. You sign yourself with holy water and make the sign of the cross. Do you really believe that the Spirit of God is upon you?

Sometimes it's hard to conceive that. We can get ourselves into a baptismal inferiority complex: I'm not good enough to think that I can be Christ in this world. Only extraordinarily holy people-saints-can be like Christ. Thinking like that can lead to baptismal suicide-drowning in the waters of baptism without ever experiencing the power of the Resurrection. Paul doesn't mince any words this week when he tells the Corinthians, "You are Christ's body." He can say that because we have all been given of the one Spirit.

So, if you're baptized you have the Spirit of God, just like Jesus in today's Gospel. That Spirit of God sends us to bring good news to the poor, "to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free."

WOW! What a task. It sounds impossible. As a matter of fact, it is-if we tried to do it alone. But we don't have to. We can do all those things-and more-because we are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, through one Spirit. How we work that out in each community is part of the discernment of the Spirit that takes place, discovering the best ways to use each person's talents and gifts. God's Spirit is given for the common good, and it is in the community of faith that each of us discovers the ways that God wants us to fulfill our baptismal call.

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Readings for the Week of January 24, 2010

Sunday:	Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/1 Cor 12:12-30 <i>or</i> 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21
Monday:	Acts 22:3-16 <i>or</i> 9:1-22/Mk 16:15-18
Tuesday:	2 Tm 1:1-8 <i>or</i> Ti 1:1-5/Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday:	2 Sm 7:4-17/Mk 4:1-20
Thursday:	2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Mk 4:21-25
Friday:	2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Mk 4:26-34
Saturday:	2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Mk 4:35-41
Next Sunday:	Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/1 Cor 12:31---13:13 <i>or</i> 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30

Parish Outreach

Office telephone:

661-9262, option 4

Office hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday:

9:30 AM - 3 PM

Pantry Needs



canned fruit
canned vegetables
jelly
peanut butter
pudding/jello
soup

Outreach Collection for Haiti

Outreach is collecting supplies for Haiti. Most Holy Trinity Parish in Brooklyn will pack all supplies we collect and a benefactor has offered to ship these to Haiti.

Items most in need:

rubbing alcohol, peroxide, infant diapers, toilet paper, band-aids, soap, first aid cream, bandages, baby food, aspirin, latex gloves, paper plates, paper cups, easy open cans of food.

Please leave these at the Outreach Office as soon as possible.

Thanks for your help.

Mary

Outreach Donations

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

- Outreach has received donations in memory of *Connie Sasso Ragonese* and *Anna Cagliari*.
- The Worysz Family has made a donation in memory of *Michael Worysz*.

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.

Financial Summary

January 17, 2010

Weekly Collection	\$ 20,924.00
Weekly Budget	-\$ 19,000.00
+/- for the week	\$ 1,924.00

Haiti Collection \$ 6,314.00

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*

Christopher Florca-*US Marines*

Michael Mallimo- *US Army*

Anthony Mannino-*US Marines*

JD Montefusco-*US Marines*

Peter Provenzano-*US Army*

Frank Sliva-*US Army*

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

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 ...

Phil Ambrosino, Roy Anderson, Susan Aviza, Matthew Badamo, Deacon Dick Barry, Ben Bellotti, Antoinette Bongiorno, Theresa Buffa, Nicholas Buscemi, Jr., Frances Ceribelli, Nicholas Cibelli, Michael Ciotkosz, Regina Cranor, Tom Courtney, Jeanne DellaRagione, Ann Donlon, Justina Eck, Susan Ferguson, Edward Herger, Brian Hinkelman, Lili Hinkelman, Robert Kaminski, Mary Kaval, Veronica Kenny, Kathleen Kerrigan, Joseph Lehmann, Kara Lobasso, Louise Malcuit, Vicky Massaro, Michele McCann, Peter McCann, Sr., Dorothy Meloni, Rick Mirabella, Brenden Muldoon, Evelyn Nonnon, John O'Brien, Frances Parine, Robert Petersen, Arthur Petrino, Joanne Popper, Laura Prichard, Theresa Quinn, Joe Radosti, Carol Randazzo-Hopkins, Jenny Rocchio, Domenica Ruocco, Michael Savino, Ann Marie Schiraldi, Jayna Schmidt, Dorothy Shiavone, Joe Shields, Derek Stahl, Mary Clair Stephen, Stephen Straub, Sr., John Tramazzo, Nancy Turano, Vera Vieni, Pat Wallace, Joseph Walsh, Sr., Kyle Williams, Flo Worysz

Maturity – Being Cool or Being Vulnerable *by Ron Rolheiser, OMI*

All of us struggle to project a certain image of ourselves. No matter the effort, no matter the hidden cost, when we walk into our place of work or into our circle of friends we want to project an image of calm, poise, and easy accomplishment; especially we never want to show signs of weakness, of being needy or lonely, of being ruffled and not perfectly in control.

Our society has a word for that, cool, and many of us consciously try to project exactly that. From the clothes we wear, to our choice of sunglasses, to a carefully practiced public countenance, we walk out into public trying to say: “Look at me. I’m successful, I’m healthy, I’m attractive, I’m at ease, I’m not lonely, I don’t have great anxieties in my life, I’m happy, my life isn’t a big struggle, all of my problems are manageable, my life isn’t teetering on any brink, and it doesn’t take an extraordinary effort for me to do all this. I manage this with ease!”

And that is not without its virtue. Its opposites are emotional exhibitionism and hysteria. We are meant to be in control of our own lives, to not to impose our neediness unfairly on others, to carry ourselves in a way so as to radiate health.

However, much as we admire this kind of strength and much as we would like to project it in our own lives, habitual calm and poise can also be a sign of immaturity, of lacking sensitivity and depth. One of the marks of maturity and compassion is an inability to protect oneself from certain kinds of pain, the inability precisely to always be cool and composed.

Why? Because, by definition, sensitivity and empathy leave us vulnerable to pain, to loneliness, and to a certain helplessness and weakness. The more sensitive that we are, the less cool we will be. It is not a mark of either maturity or depth to walk blithely inside of brokenness and feel it so little that our lives are never really bothered by it. Insensitive people, it would seem, sleep more easily at night because they have no great anxieties, particularly about how their actions may have affected anyone else.

The American, Jesuit scholar, Michael Buckley, puts this well in a now-famous essay: He compares Jesus to Socrates in terms of simple human excellence and, surprising to the naive observer, Jesus doesn’t seem to measure up to Socrates in many ways.

Here’s how Buckley puts it: Socrates went to his

death with calmness and poise. He accepted the judgment of the court, discoursed on the alternatives suggested by death and on the dialectical indications of immortality, found no cause for fear, drank the poison, and died. Jesus - how much to the contrary. Jesus was almost hysterical with terror and fear; “with loud cries and tears to him who was able to save him from death.” He looked repeatedly to his friends for comfort and prayed for escape from death and found neither.

I once thought that this was because Socrates and Jesus suffered different deaths, the one so much more terrible than the other, the pain and agony of the cross so overshadowing the release of the hemlock. But now I think that this explanation, though correct as far as it runs, is superficial and secondary. Now I believe that Jesus was a more profoundly weak man than Socrates, more liable to physical pain and weariness, more sensitive to human rejection and contempt, more affected by love and hate. Socrates never wept over Athens. Socrates never expressed sorrow or pain over the betrayal of friends. He was possessed and integral, never overextended, convinced that the just person could never suffer genuine hurt. And for this reason, Socrates - one of the greatest and most heroic people who ever existed, a paradigm of what humanity can achieve within the individual - was a philosopher. And for the same reason, Jesus of Nazareth was a priest - ambiguous, suffering, mysterious, and salvific.

John of the Cross, in his classic manual, *The Ascent to Mount Carmel*, lays out a series of steps for entering more deeply into Christian discipleship. The first step is to get to know Christ more deeply by reflecting on his life. The second step is to begin to more actively imitate Christ by striving more deliberately to imitate his motivation. And once this is done, he says, we judge whether our efforts are leading us more deeply into discipleship or more deeply into self-delusion by, among other things, this criterion: Is more pain beginning to flow into our lives or are we better skilled than ever in protecting ourselves against it? Like Jesus, are we now more prone to weep over Jerusalem as opposed to showing Jerusalem just how far above its pains we really are? Are we now more vulnerable or more cool?

Iris Murdoch once wrote: *A common soldier dies without fear, but Jesus died afraid.* There’s a lesson in that.

Used with permission of the author, Oblate Father Ron Rolheiser. Father Rolheiser is a theologian, teacher, and award-winning author and is currently the President of the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio, TX. He can be contacted through his website-www.ronrolheiser.com.

American Sign Language Classes

Cleary School for the Deaf is offering evening Adult Education classes in American Sign Language. The Spring session runs from February 3 to May 5 from 7 PM until 8:30 PM (age 12 and up). For more information please call Carolyn Kelly at 631.588.0530.

Dominican Village

Please join us for an Open House on Thursday, January 28, 2010 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.

Parish Outreach Programs

Fundraiser for local Parish Outreach Programs at the **Division 2 Hall, Babylon on Friday, February 12 from 8 PM - 12 Midnight.** Music will be provided by Tommy Polito and Sweetwater. Tickets are \$25 per person-reservations are a must-includes full open bar and snacks. Bring a bag of non-perishable foods and be entered into a special raffle.

For reservations or further information, please call Kathleen Henry at 631.271.1091, Colette Kavanaugh at 631.277.0759 or Pat Rattigan at 631.957.6426.



Coat and Blanket Drive

The West Islip Fire Department is collecting gently used (or new) coats and blankets for children and adults in need of warmth this winter. OLL Parish Outreach will be able to send people to the Fire Department for these coats and blankets after January 1.

If you have coats and blankets you would like to donate, please bring these to the West Islip Fire Department on Union Blvd.

For more information, please call Lt. Dan O'Neill at 559.7951.

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. Listen on Saturdays at 11 PM on Sirius Radio, Channel 159, the Catholic Channel and at 11 PM on XM Satellite, channel 117. Next Sunday's theme is "**Searching for a Meaning.**" Don't miss it! To listen online or receive more information regarding "Religion & Rock" go to www.religionandrock.com or at "Religion & Rock" on ITUNES. Don't forget to tune into TELECARE, Cablevision 29 or Verizon FIOS 296 for the Best in Catholic Television!

Deepening your Spiritual Practice through the use of FOCUSING

This program will be held on Wednesday, February 3 from 7:30 PM until 9:30 PM. The facilitator is Kathy Porter and the offering is \$15. The program will be held at the St. Joseph Renewal Center, 1725 Brentwood Road, Brentwood. Please call for information or reservations at 631.273.1187, extension 23.

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.

Girl Scout Awards

Girl Scout Awards from the Catholic Scouting Office:

- Special patch for scouts and leaders to celebrate the Year of the Priest.
- Brownie Awards: Ave Maria, Family of God.
- Junoir Awards: Regina Coeli, I Live My Faith
- Cadette: Marion
- Senior: Saint Agnes, Spirit Alive

Help and information are available from the Catholic Scouting Office at 516.678.5800 x 245 or email scouting@drvc.org.

Help Wanted-Positions Open

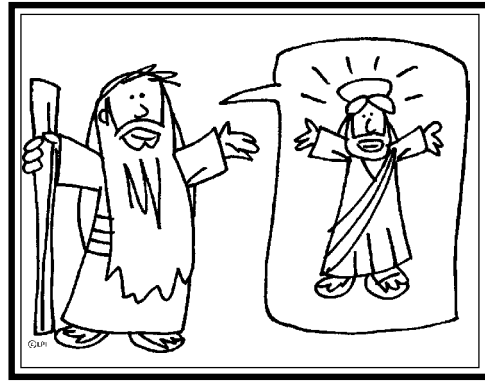
Full time secretarial 40 hours Monday - Friday. Experience with telephone, data input, computer, MS, Word Excel. Good pay and benefits. Contact St. Kilian's Business Manager, phone 249.0127.

Part time cook-Friday and Saturday from 11 AM to 7 PM, 16 hours. Experience preferred. Contact St. Kilian's Business Manager, phone 249.0127.

Full time administrative assistant for the Religious Education Office at St. Mary's Church, East Islip. Hours are Monday and Friday, 9 AM to 5 PM and Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 10 AM to 6 PM. Please fax resume to Claire Moule at 631.581.0112 or call for more information at 581.4266, extension 122.

Sharing the Gospel

The prophet Isaiah wrote about Jesus a long time before he was even born. When Jesus read Isaiah's words, they described Jesus perfectly. Jesus did come to free people from sin, to help those in pain, and even to help blind people see.



Mission for the Week



Look up Isaiah chapter 61 and read it with your family. Then read Luke 4:14-21. Jesus kept all of those promises!



Puzzle

Circle these words from today's Gospel:

SPIRIT
CHOSEN
POOR

FREEDOM
SIGHT
SUFFERS

LORD
JESUS
TRUE

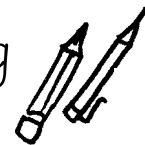
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Prayer



Dear God,
thank you for sending
Jesus to help us.

Something to Draw



Draw a picture of Isaiah,
the prophet, writing
about Jesus.