

**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

**Our Lady of Lourdes • March 14, 2010**

**"His father was filled  
with compassion."**



Luke 15:20



## *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

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### *Mission Statement*

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

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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.

## *Pastoral Team*

**Rev. Michael A. Vetrano**  
Pastor

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**Rev. Patsy Amabile**  
Associate Pastor

**Rev. Robert Scheckenback**  
Associate Pastor

**Rev. Ambrose Cabildo**  
In Residence

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**Deacon John DeGuardi**

**Deacon Tom Lucie**

**Deacon Jack Meehan**

Coordinator of Stewardship

**Deacon John Teufel**

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**Sr. Margaret Bickar**

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**Sr. Nancy Campkin**

Director of Religious Education

**Allegra D'Alo**

Youth Minister/Social Action

**Jennifer Gallagher**

Childrens' Choir/Women's Chorale

Summer Program Director

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Parish Music Director

**Louise Jane Krol**

School Principal

**Sr. Diane Liona**

Director of Religious Education

**Mary McMahan**

Director of Parish Social Ministry

**Robin Reynolds-Brennan**

Coordinator of Worship

**Vita Scorcio**

Ministry Spiritual Director

**Sr. Betty Toohig**

Senior Ministry-SAGE

**Anthony Trombino**

Business Manager

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Jerry Esposito

Deacon Jack Meehan

John Muldoon

Bob Natale

Eileen Rega

Vita Scorcio

Mary Steck

Fr. Mike Vetrano

Christine Volk

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## *Parish Staff*

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Religious Education Office

**Mary Anne Lettieri**

Parish Office

**Debbie Meyer**

Bulletin Editor/Parish Office

**Rosemary Multer**

School Office

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Parish Office



### **Parish Office**

661.3224

Monday-Friday: 9 AM - 7:30 PM

Saturday: 9 AM - 3 PM

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### **Our Lady of Lourdes School**

587.7200

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### **Religious Education Office**

661.5440

Monday-Friday: 9 AM - Noon

1 PM - 5 PM

7 PM - 9 PM

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### **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](mailto:Sage@ollchurch.org)



## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION WEEK**

**BELIEVE + BELONG + BECOME**

### **OLL Parish Family and the Diocese of Rockville Centre celebrate RELIGIOUS EDUCATION WEEK Sunday, March 14 – Sunday, March 21, 2010**

This week, celebrate Religious Education Week at OLL!  
Visit our church website at [ollchurch.org](http://ollchurch.org) and click on Religious Education link.  
You can see us on YouTube, too!

During the week, kids in our Parish Family will celebrate each day with prayer, classes, speakers...  
Adult Faith formation will have Fr. Pat with "Embrace the Challenge, Embrace the Love" on  
Tuesday, March 16 at 7:30 PM in the Parish Center.!

Next Sunday, March 21, celebrate Religious Education Week  
with the Diocese of Rockville Centre

#### **AT THE "9:30"**

+**BELIEVE**+... Please join us... at the 9:30 AM Mass  
Receive a special blessing for all in Religious Education

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

+**BECOME**+... *and recognize all of God's gifts given to you...*  
especially Grades 1/2/3/4 and their families

#### **AND AT "THE SIX"**

+**BELIEVE**+... Please join us... at the 6 PM Mass  
Receive a special blessing for all in Religious Education

+**BELONG**+... after 6 PM Mass... hang around for... Tostitos and Salsa...  
Open Gym ... Basketball, volleyball... see Religious Ed in action on DVD  
STAY... Come, be a part of Religious Education

+**BECOME**+... *and recognize all of God's gifts given to you...*  
especially Grades 5/6/7/8/High School and their families



## **A Night for the Men of Our Parish** **Not Sure if Forgiveness and Mercy are** **Manly Virtues?** **Ask Detective Steven McDonald**

**Friday, March 19**  
**7:30 PM**  
**Church**

Steven McDonald is the NYPD officer who was questioning three youths in Central Park one hot summer day in 1986 when one of them shot him three times—a brutal attack that he narrowly survived, but which left him paralyzed from the neck down, and dependent on a tracheotomy.

For the past twenty-four years, Steven McDonald, has been preaching the Gospel of Forgiveness. In doing so, Steven has changed his own life, the life of the young man that shot him and the thousands of people that have heard his message. McDonald focuses on his long road to inner and outer recovery - a remarkable journey through anguish and anger to peace, that began with a decision to forgive his attacker.

OLL Men's Spirituality Group invites the men of our parish (*high school age on up*) to **"An Evening of Forgiveness" with Detective Steven McDonald on Friday, March 19 at 7:30 PM in the Church**

Come and experience how evil and violence can be transformed by the liberating power of faith. Please contact Jack Fitzgerald at 631.587.5548 for more information.

## **R.C.I.A. – The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**

*The journey of our candidates and catechumens – now called "The Elect" continues...* Continuing on the Fourth and Fifth Sundays of Lent, at the 11AM Mass, we will celebrate the "*scrutinies*" – times for the candidates and "The Elect" to continue to remain "united with Christ and make progress in their efforts to love God more deeply".

The Church gives us this public and life-giving process, **during Lent**, so that these good and holy people can be nourished and supported by our parish family. At the same time, we know that when we initiate others, we confront and renew our own identity as members of the Catholic Christian community.

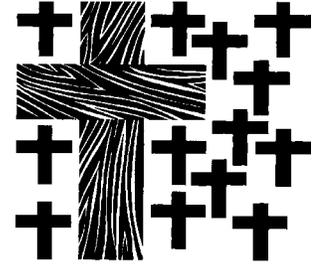
These are important steps in the journey of the R.C.I.A. It's a clear sign to the community that they are coming closer to receiving the Sacraments of Initiation and full communion with the Church at our Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 3.

Please continue to pray for these women and men and our beautiful RCIA team who minister with them each week.

## Stations of the Cross

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

**Each Friday during Lent – 12 Noon and 7 PM**  
(Please Note: March 19 - Stations will be at 6:30 PM.)



## Living Stations of the Cross

**Good Friday, April 2 at 7:30 PM in the Church**

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

## Come and Pray this Lent...

All fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth Graders **and** their families are invited to come and pray this Lent at “The Six” -Sunday Mass at 6 PM. Please join “The Six” with your grade on...

March 14	4th Sunday of Lent	Gr. 6	“CELEBRATE” Religious Education Week
March 21	5th Sunday of Lent	Gr. 7	“SERVE” Service Project Sunday
March 28	Palm Sunday	Gr. 8	“PRAY” as Holy Week begins

Come celebrate Lent and be a lector, greeter, presentation of the gifts, and more...

## Taize-Prayer Around the Cross

*Take some reflective time this Lent to join us...*

**Friday, March 26 at 7:45 PM in the Church** (*following Stations of the Cross*)

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. Together we will share simple chants and prayers that will help guide us as we bring our concerns and hopes to the Lord. Please join us for a Taize Prayer Service.

If you're interested in singing/playing with our Taize Group, please contact Carol Goetz at [music@ollchurch.org](mailto:music@ollchurch.org) for further information.

## Diocesan Day of Reconciliation

**Monday, March 29**

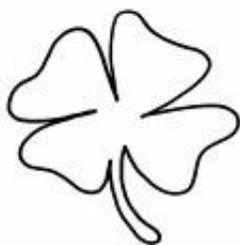
**3 PM until 9 PM in the Church**

Churches throughout the Diocese of Rockville Centre, including Our Lady of Lourdes, will be open between the hours of 3 PM and 9 PM for individual confessions.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a powerful way for our community to celebrate and pray for God's grace and healing. We also celebrate this Sacrament every Saturday from 4 - 4:45 PM in the Church and always by appointment with a priest.

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

Saturday, March 20  
from 8 PM until midnight  
in the All-Purpose Room



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

## Dessert Contest

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



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

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

## **Attention: Boys and Girls-4th grade and up...**

*Do you want to be an Altar Server?*

What a great way to get more involved when we're praying together. It's also a service to the Parish that we really need you for. If you have not thought about it already, please give it some thought now. If you want to sign up for the training sessions contact the Parish office at 661.3224 and leave a message for Mrs. Nancy Kuchler or contact her at [nkuchler@ollschooll.org](mailto:nkuchler@ollschooll.org).

The training will be in the Church, Saturday, March 13 at 3 PM, Sunday, March 14 at 4 PM, Sunday, Friday, March 19 at 4 PM, Saturday, March 20 at 3 PM, Sunday, March 21 at 4 PM, Friday, March 26 at 4 PM and Saturday, March 27 at 11 PM (including a "graduation" Lunch). New servers need to attend all of these sessions, "old" servers are being asked to attend them all as well (plus, it's a great way to help out the new ones). Hope you say YES to this call.

## **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

*Serving the Body of Christ...*

What does it take to be an Extraordinary Minister?

Participation in Sunday Eucharist

Commitment to serve two or three times a month

Attendance at a Diocesan training and parish training

Openness to bring Communion to the sick

If you have other questions or are interested in becoming an Extraordinary Minister, please contact Mrs. Mary J. Borgs of our Parish Liturgy Committee at 665.2928 or you can email Fr. Pat at [FrPat@ollchurch.org](mailto:FrPat@ollchurch.org).

Pre-registration is necessary and helpful. Please respond by April 13 to be registered in the upcoming Diocesan training.



## **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

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

**Join us...Wednesday, March 17 at 9:30 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.

## Learning & Spirituality

### Embrace the Challenge

### Embrace the Love

### *Something to think, pray and talk about*

**Fr. Pat Amabile**

**Tuesdays, March 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](mailto:religioused@ollchurch.org).*

## Family Liturgies during Holy Week 2010

**Thursday, April 1**

*Children's and Family Holy Thursday Service – 4 PM - Church*

**Friday, April 2**

*Children's Good Friday Service – 12 Noon -Church*

**Saturday, April 3**

*Easter Egg Hunt – 11:30 AM – Great Lawn*

We love our children and families here at OLL and want you to be a part of our parish community!



## OLL CASA Project Two Homes and Counting!



Through your generous donations, we have been able to fund the building of two complete houses and we are well on our way to completing a third house!  
Keep up the good work. Through your donations to the OLL Casa Project we will be able to continue to build homes for those belonging to our sister parishes.

### Upcoming Events

Monday, March 15: Middle School Youth Group in the PC at 6:30 PM.

Thursday, March 18: High School Youth Group in the PC at 7 PM.

### Young Women's Faith Group

Are you a young woman? Are you finding it hard to keep your faith and spirituality a part of your everyday life? We have just the thing!

Young Women's Faith group has moved its night. Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday, March 23 at 7 PM in the Spiritual Life Center** to talk about challenges and to give one another support. Stop by one of our meetings!

### Youth Group

*Did you know?*

OLL's youth group is growing! We're also having a great time helping out those in need.

On January 20, a group volunteered at the Hospitality Too Soup Kitchen at St. Anne's in Brentwood. It was so rewarding that we're going back!

March 20, the next group will meet at St. Anne's at 8 AM sharp! Sign up with [Allegra@ollchurch.org](mailto:Allegra@ollchurch.org)!



## School NEWS

*Our Lady of Lourdes School has been accepted to receive the NYSED STEM Project Grant for a duration of 3 years in the amount of \$150,000. (\$50,000/year)*

We are in partnership with the Edmund W Miles School in Amityville applied to NYSED for the Learning Technology Grant. This project will focus on improving the academic performance in science, math and literacy in grades 6, 7 and 8.

The purposes of this grant are to:

1. Promote an increase in integration of instructional technology in classrooms and library media centers
2. Improve student academic performance in relationship to the NYS Learning Standards
3. Provide ongoing, sustained professional development focused on increased knowledge and skills of teachers in the use of instructional technology
4. Help students attain higher levels of performance in the NYS Learning Standards
5. To make use of recognized model programs that are based on research and have shown promise of significantly increasing student academic achievement.

This program will focus on science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) This partnership entitles OLL to receive – Videoconferencing equipment and professional development in the first of the three year grant to work with the scientists at NASA Space Center in their Challenger Program. The project will focus on habitats for life on the moon, which will engage students in project based learning under the guidance of their teachers and the scientists at NASA. The project will begin in 6th grade and follow the students for the in middle school time.

In years two and three of the grant, it will entitle OLL to receive additional equipment – possibly Mac notebooks, iPods for podcasting, and video recorders, along with professional development

## Outreach Update

- Thank you to all who contributed medical supplies for Haiti. We were able to fill a van with all that was donated. The supplies were shipped to Haiti at no charge through UPS.
- Thanks to the students at Our Lady of Lourdes who donated pajamas to Outreach. We sorted through the pajamas and sent six bags of lightweight pajamas to Haiti. Imagine the smiles on the children as they received soft, new pajamas. Thank you!
- Mardi Gras on February 16, was a huge success! A big thank you to all who helped! ~ the Outreach volunteers who decorated all day and worked all night...to the teens who supervised the games...to Dottie Perdue for managing the Food Court...and to all who donated toys, games and prizes for the Chinese Auction~ The donation of your time and talents allow the works of Outreach to be a true Parish Endeavor!
- Help Needed: Our Pantry is next on the rotation to receive food collected from the Stop and Shop on Montauk Highway-today, Sunday, March 14 at 3PM. Many hands make light work...if you are available this Sunday, please come to Outreach to help us unload and sort the donated food. The food is scheduled to be dropped off between 2:30 – 3 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)

## *Upcoming Marriages*

*Jennifer DeBlase*, OLL, Massapequa Park and  
*Anthony Carbone*, St. Francis de Chantal, Wantagh

## *Rest In Peace*

*Marie Fortunato* died on March 1 and the Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on March 5. We extend our prayers to her children, grandchildren, and entire family.

*Rosalie Mary Turner* died on March 2 and the Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on March 8. We extend our prayers to her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and entire family.

*Ross Thomas Goldin* died on March 5 and the Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on March 8. We extend our prayers to his wife, Kathleen, his children, Mary, Joseph, Michael, Agnes, 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, March 15**

**8:00 AM** William Crosby

**Tuesday, March 16**

**8:00 AM** Kevin Clyde

**Wednesday, March 17**

*Saint Patrick, bishop*

**8:00 AM** Daniel A. Chocko

**Thursday, March 18**

**8:00 AM** LaRocca & Sweeney Family

**Friday, March 19**

*St. Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

**8:00 AM** Angelone Family

**Saturday, March 20**

**8:00 AM** Flo Worysz, Howard Campkin,  
Rita Camacho, Fred Carlson,  
Lorraine Buccola, Richard Robinson

**5:00 PM** Thomas E. Dowling

*Fr. Mike Vetrano*

**Sunday, March 21**

**8:00 AM** Patricia Heartt

*Fr. Ambrose Cabildo*

**9:30 AM** Barbara Young

*Fr. Bob Scheckenback*

**11:00 AM** Joseph A. & Patricia Santangelo

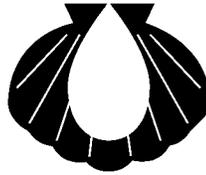
*Fr. Pat Amabile*

**12:30 PM** Grace Cavalluzzo

*Fr. Mike Vetrano*

**6:00 PM** People of the Parish, Denise Horton, Rick Munkwitz,  
Marie Bocchiario, Michael DeGennaro, Margaret Ford,  
Bryan Roberts, Raymond McDonald, Rosemarie Dileo,  
Nancy Colucci & Vincent Papa, Frank & Marge Riggio,  
Thanksgiving to all the Saints & Our Lady, Ross Goldin

*Fr. Pat Amabile*



## Baptisms

*Chase Michael Nutter*

Christopher and Jamie

*Preston James Nutter*

Christopher and Jamie

*Anthony Joseph Posanti*

Alan and Jennifer

*Casey Lillian Francis*

Dwight and Erica

*Connor Francis Clark*

Frank and Debra

*Cassidy Marie Halloran*

John and Christina

*Kiley Grace Mahon*

Michael and Christine

*Michael Lawrence Mahon*

Michael and Christine

*Christopher James Rizzo*

James and Evelyn



## 4th Sunday of Lent

Like last week's account of Moses and the burning bush, this Sunday's Gospel is another familiar Bible story. Various titles for the story of the prodigal son or the forgiving father, it has been the subject of countless stained glass windows, artistic masterpieces that hang in museums, and children's crayon renditions. While we commonly know this account as the parable of the prodigal son, because of the younger son's spendthrift ways, I once heard a preacher turn the meaning on its ear. He talked about how we should really call this the story of the prodigal father, since he is the one who lavishes everything on his two sons. The younger one gets his half of the inheritance early, then, when he returns, he gets robes, rings, the fatted calf, and a feast. Subsequently, the father promises to the older son that everything he has is his. Dad is indeed lavish, that is, prodigal, with all he has.

We interpret the father in the parable as a stand in for God. He is that loving father who welcomes us back when we sin. But how often have we reflected on the extravagance of God's love? Though our God is a just God, this parable reminds us that God also puts justice aside so that we can know his eternal mercy. Certainly those who are the greatest sinners, and who have returned to the Lord, are the most aware of God's unending love. But just like the father in the parable, God wants us all.

Maybe a little Lenten project for us regular churchgoers would be to search the depths of our hearts and discover in what ways everything that the Father has is ours. The elder son wasn't aware of his blessings, even though they were always his. In what ways has God blessed us?  
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### Readings for the Week of March 14, 2010

<b>Sunday:</b>	Jos 5:9a, 10-12/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
<b>Monday:</b>	Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30
<b>Thursday:</b>	Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47
<b>Friday:</b>	2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
<b>Saturday:</b>	Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	Is 43:16-21/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11

## Parish Outreach

### Office telephone:

661-9262, option 4

### Office hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday:

9:30 AM - 3 PM



## Pantry Needs

canned pasta, ravioli, etc.  
chili  
macaroni & cheese  
pasta  
tomato sauce

## Outreach Memorial Donations

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

Teresa and James Reilly have made a donation to Outreach in memory of *Sister Miriam Therese, OSU.*

Mary and Jack Hulse have made a donation to Outreach in memory of *Thomas Connelly.*

Dolores Oleksiuk has made a donation to Outreach in memory of *Helen Margaret Nolan.*

Mary Anne and Dom Lettieri, Tony Trombino, Debbie Meyer and Casey Burani have made a donation to Outreach in memory of *Eugene Squillanti.*

Bob and Joyce Peterson made a donation to Outreach in memory of *Eugene Squillanti.*

Outreach received a donation in memory of *Edna (Millie) Barrera from Marie Fortunato.*

Margaret Hasson made a donation to Outreach in memory of *Edna (Millie) Barrera.*

Bob & Kay Manley have made a donation to Outreach in memory of *Millie Barrera.*

Phyllis Diesso has made a donation to Outreach in memory of her husband, *Charles.*

Mary Hulse has made a donation to Outreach in memory of *Andrew Bartlett.*

Dorothy Perdue has made a donation to Outreach in memory of *Ross Goldin.*

*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

### March 7, 2010

Weekly Collection	\$ 21,798.00
Weekly Budget	-\$ 19,000.00
+/- for the week	\$ 2,798.00

*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*

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

## 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.

## Altar Society

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

## Pastoral Care of Our Sick

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



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

## Pray for Our Sick

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

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# Congenital Jealousy and a Higher Invitation

by Ron Rolheiser, OMI

All of you are loving each other and I may be left out! That feeling, that particular fear, according to Robert Moore, lies at the base of jealousy.

That was the fear of Cain, the archetypal biblical character who was the first person to murder his brother out of jealousy. What prompted his jealousy? Whatever it is that lies inside this metaphor: God looked with favor upon Abel and his offering, but God did not look with favor upon Cain and his offering. For whatever reason, it seemed to Cain that everyone else was loving each other and he was left out!

And so, scripture says, jealousy turned him into a killer and, I suspect, the identical dynamic is present every time we see a mass murder like the ones that occurred at Virginia Tech, Columbine, and more recently in Germany and Alabama. The killers are always lonely, dangerously isolated individuals who, no doubt, share with Cain the experience of seeing others' offering as acceptable and their own as not. Everyone else, it seems, is loving each other and they are being left out.

Moreover, what we see acted out so horrifically in these mass murders often acts itself out inside of us on a smaller stage. Because of jealousy we too are all killers, except when we kill we do not do it with guns. We do it with thoughts and words.

Henri Nouwen once coined this mantra: Anyone shot by a gun is first shot by a word and anyone shot by a word is first shot by a thought. He is right. We murder in our thoughts every time we say inside ourselves: "Who does he think he is! She thinks she's so clever! He thinks he's God's gift to creation! She's so full of herself!" Who of us has not walked into a meeting, a boardroom, a church assembly, a family dinner, a social situation, or a gathering of some kind and, not unlike the mass murderers at Columbine or Virginia Tech, subtly sprayed bullets of jealous anger around the gathering? When we are wounded like Cain, when it seems like our offering is not being accepted while that of others' is, when it seems like everyone is loving each other and we are being left out, the spontaneous impulse is to kill in word, thought, and attitude.

What's to be done? How do we live beyond jealousy and the sense of being left out?

The first thing is to admit our jealousy. It is never a question of whether we suffer from jealousy or not, but only of what we do with our jealousy. We all suffer from jealousy and the bitter and murderous thoughts that it can trigger.

Once we have admitted that we are jealous, we are invited to move on and see our response to jealousy as precisely the greatest moral and spiritual challenge of our lives. That is not over-stated.

When we look at the drama of Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane, the drama in which he struggles to give his death over to us as he had been giving his life over, we see that this drama is precisely a drama of love, not a physical one. Unlike Mel Gibson's film, *The Passion of Christ*, the gospel accounts of Jesus' passion and death do not emphasize his physical sufferings, in fact they almost write them out. What they do emphasize rather is his moral and emotional loneliness, his distance from others, his being cut out of the circle of human understanding, and his exclusion from human intimacy. The gospels tell us that he "was a stone's throw from everyone", a condition Gil Bailie characterizes as unanimity-minus-one.

As Jesus approached his death, his earthly experience paralleled that of Cain. His offering, it seemed, was not being accepted, either by God or everyone around him. He felt the radical isolation that comes precisely from exclusion, from misunderstanding, from being the object of hatred. The human temptation, surely, must have been towards bitterness, anger, self-pity, and hatred. But his actions are the antithesis of Cain's and his response to the bitter feelings that surely must have arisen inside of him constitute precisely his real sacrifice and are the great moral challenge he left us:

Surrounded by jealousy, hatred, and misunderstanding, he gives his life over in trust. When everything tempts him toward bitterness, he moves towards graciousness. When everything tempts him toward hatred, he moves towards love. When everything tempts him towards shutting others out, he makes himself still more vulnerable so that others can come in. When all around him there is coldness, paranoia, and curses, he affirms others, blesses them, and affirms warmth and trust. What a person does when love turns sour is the real drama of love. Cain gives us one answer. Jesus gives us another.

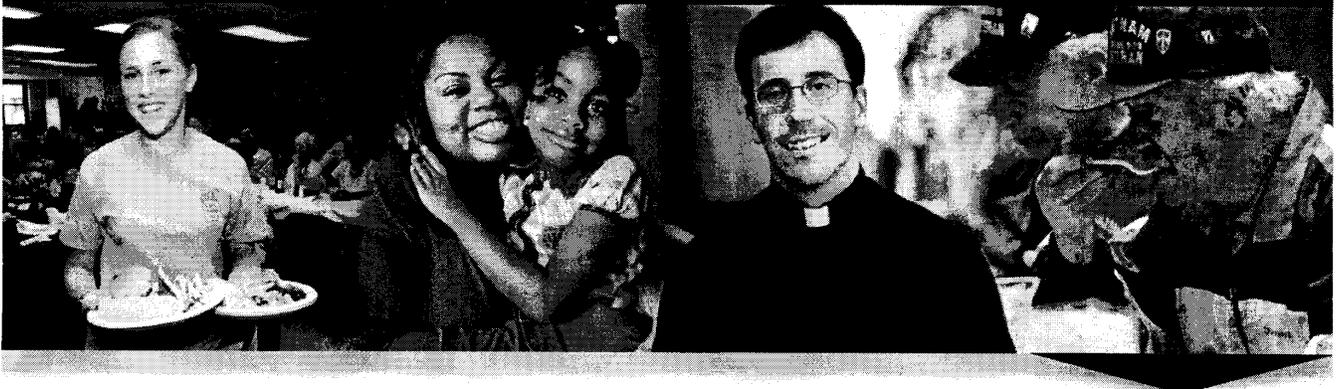
What's our answer in those moments of our lives when we sense that "all of you are loving each other and I may be left out"?

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# 2010 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

One Faith, One Hope, Many Gifts



**Because of the Catholic Ministries Appeal, we are able to help support many of our Parish outreach programs that provide food to the disadvantaged and homeless.**

One such program, *Project Hope*, began five years ago as an occasional Sunday supper for the disadvantaged. Today, because of the ever-growing need in the community, volunteers cook, serve and socialize with the almost 200 people who come for a nutritious meal twice a month.

Joe, a Vietnam veteran, started coming to the program when it started. *"We are blessed to have such a wonderful group of kids and others who give up their time to help those who need it,"* says Joe, who tries to come for every supper. *"When I meet homeless vets or others who are struggling, I bring them here with me, so they too can get a good meal. There are so many more people suffering than I think most people are aware of and the Catholic Church is a blessing to all of us."*

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## Chinese Auction

Sponsored by the Columbiettes of Our Lady of Grace Church. The Chinese Auction will be Saturday, March 20 from 12 noon until 4 PM, Father Shanahan Hall at Our Lady of Grace, West Babylon. Admission is \$5 per person and includes 25 tickets. Refreshments are \$1 each. For ticket information, please call Pat at 631.888.7938 or Lorraine at 631.884.4219.

## Golden Wedding Anniversary

**On Sunday, April 18, 2010**, couples married 50 years or more are invited to a special Mass to be celebrated by Bishop John Dunne at **St. Lawrence the Martyr in Sayville at 3 PM.**

Please pick up your registration card at the Parish Office, fill it out and return it to the Parish Office no later than March 28. Approximately one week before the ceremony, information regarding the day will be mailed to you. If you have any questions, you may call 516.678.5800, extension 583.

## Dominican Village

**Please join us for an Open House on Thursday, March 18, 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.

## Diocesan Pilgrimage: Yes, Lord, We do believe!

### Diocese of Rockville Centre Youth Event

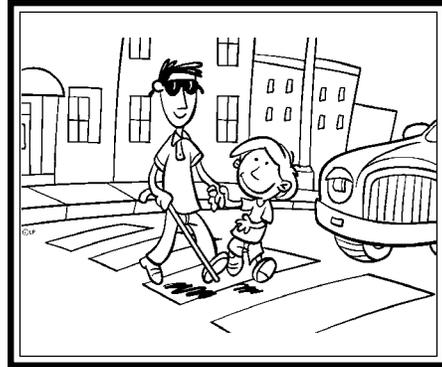
Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Basilica Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, DC on Saturday, April 10. There will be a special youth prayer experience for all young people at the Basilica as part of the diocesan pilgrimage. We hope many of the teens from our parish youth groups and our Catholic High Schools will join us on our pilgrimage to the National Shrine. If you have any questions, or are interested in attending, please call the Parish Office at 661.3224, extension 121. Please call as soon as possible. (*group transportation may be arranged.*)

## Religion & Rock

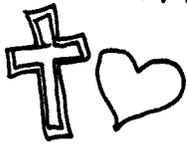
Tune into "Religion & Rock" with Msgr. Jim Vlaun on Sunday from 7 AM to 8 AM on WBAB 102.3 FM or 95.3 on the East End of Long Island. Listen on Saturdays at 11 PM on Sirius Radio, Channel 159, the Catholic Channel and at 11 PM on XM Satellite, channel 117. Next Sunday's theme is "**Commitment.**" Don't miss it! To listen online or receive more information regarding "Religion & Rock" go to [www.religionandrock.com](http://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!

# Sharing the Gospel

When Jesus saw the blind man, he did not just walk by. Jesus stopped. He knew he could help the man, and honor God at the same time. Showing all of God's love and power, Jesus healed the blind man's eyes. For the first time in his life, the man could see Jesus and believe in him.



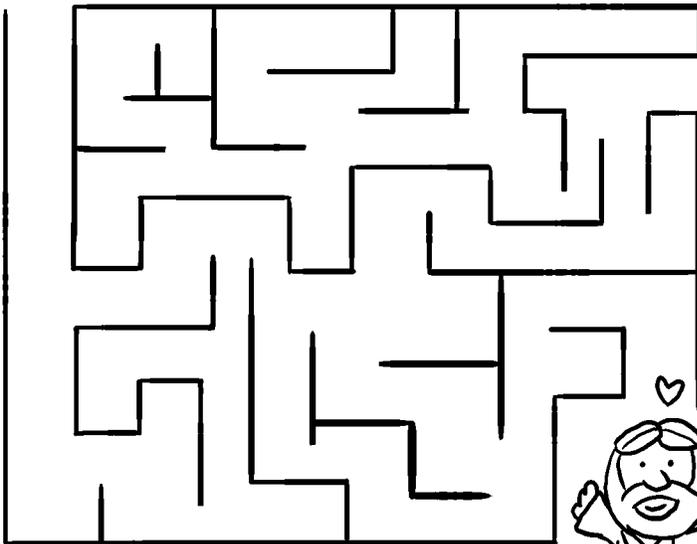
## Mission for the Week



Draw a cross and put it in a place where you can see it and think of Jesus every day.

### Puzzle

Help me to find God!



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### Prayer



Jesus,  
thank you for  
helping the blind man  
believe in you.

### Something to Draw



With your eyes closed,  
try to draw a picture of  
Jesus.