

"No one who sets a hand to the plow and looks back



is fit for the reign of God."



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

Childrens' Choir/Women's Chorale

Summer Program Director

Carol M. Goetz

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

Pastoral Council

Stacie Baltrusitis

Lisa Cantalino

Sonia DaSilva

Nilo DeLeon

Jane Desthers

Jerry Esposito

Deacon Jack Meehan

John Muldoon

Bob Natale

Eileen Rega

Vita Scorcio

Mary Steck

Fr. Mike Vetrano

Christine Volk

Parish Staff

Barbara Catusco

Religious Education Office

Mary Anne Lettieri

Parish Office

Debbie Meyer

Bulletin Editor/Parish Office

Rosemary Multer

School Office

Rex Muro

Organist

Rita Spera

Religious Education Office

Lori Walsh

Parish Office

Parish Office

661.3224 (option 1)

Monday-Friday: 9 AM - 7:30 PM

Saturday: 9 AM - 3 PM

Sunday: 9 AM - 2 PM

email: ParishOffice@ollchurch.org

fax: 661.7143

website: www.ollchurch.org

Our Lady of Lourdes School

587.7200 (option 2)

Monday-Friday: 9 AM - 3 PM

email: lkrol@ollschoool.org

Religious Education Office

661.5440 (option 3)

Monday-Friday: 9 AM - Noon

1 PM - 5 PM

7 PM - 9 PM

email: ReligiousEd@ollchurch.org

Parish Outreach Office

661.9262 (option 4)

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 contact the Parish Office at 661.3224, option 1, or send an email to parishoffice@ollchurch.org

Who's Who

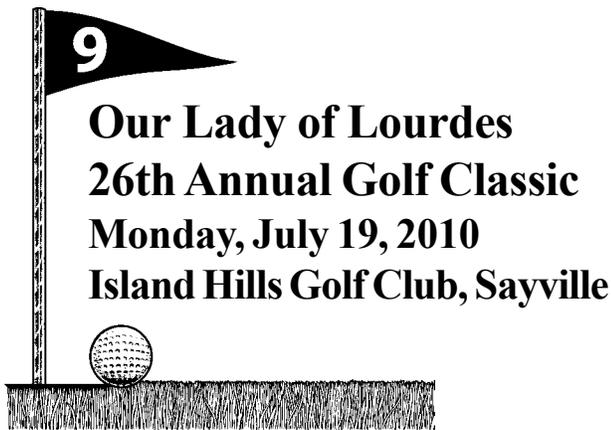
Our Golf Classic Honorees are...

John and Anne DeGuardi

Deacon John and Anne have been at the heart and soul of our parish for many years. They serve together in our ministry of consolation reaching out to so many who have lost a loved one. They support our stewardship and evangelization ministries which help our parishioners to find a place of belonging and service in our parish. A gifted artist, Deacon John has brought much beauty to our parish -- most recently a new processional cross (inspired by eighth graders in the class of 2009) and a new mural for the entrance to our church to be dedicated this fall. Deacon John has been an active supporter of Our Lady of Lourdes school and has been the spiritual guide for many graduating classes.

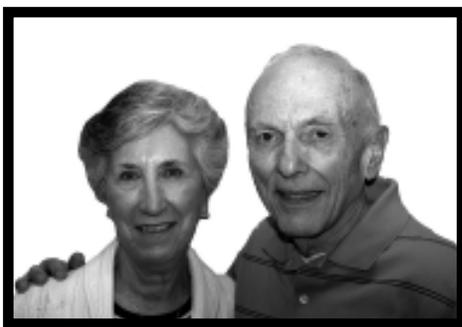
Paul and Diane Munch

Many OLL parishioners know Paul as the person who is most responsible for the beauty of our parish grounds throughout the year -- Munch Landscaping always keeps us looking our best! Paul and Diane are also the first to support important programs here at OLL. They are good benefactors for our Summer Evening Prayer Program and also our Parish Italian Family Feast. They have helped us with the design and building of our Father Joe Garden including the beautiful Christmas tree in his memory. Diane is a very active member of the West Islip community and has been active in many projects of beautification for our town. They are true supporters of everything we do and we are happy to honor them this year.

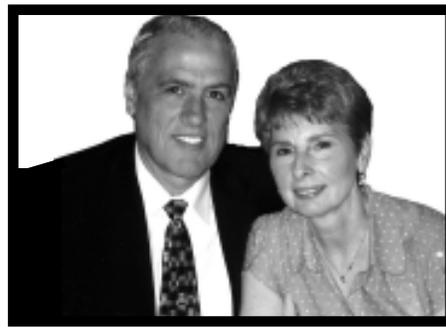


**Our Lady of Lourdes
26th Annual Golf Classic
Monday, July 19, 2010
Island Hills Golf Club, Sayville**

This year we will be honoring:



Deacon John and Anne DeGuardi



Paul and Diane Munch

(see page 4 for more info)

Golfing Package includes green fees, golf cart, driving range, lunch and dinner, all for \$250 per golfer.

Discounts for seniors 60+ and college students, \$200.



If you would like to join us for dinner only, \$75 per person.

Registration and BBQ is at 11 AM with a 12:30 PM shot gun tee off. Cocktail hour is 5:30 - 6:30 PM with dinner at 6:30 PM.

Outing includes cocktails, raffles, roving beverage cart, Hole-in-one contest for a new car, contests-longest drive, most accurate, closest to pin.



Journal Ads:

Full page \$ 100
Half page \$ 75
Quarter page \$ 50

Sponsorships:

Dinner \$1,500
Lunch \$ 750
Driving Range \$ 500
Individual Hole \$ 100

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

All proceeds will benefit Our Lady of Lourdes.



Wishing Our Best to Carol Goetz and Rex Muro

As the oldest choir member of Our Lady of Lourdes Church, I have been asked to write an article about Rex Muro, our organist, and Carol Goetz, our choir director.

Rex Muro has been the organist at Our Lady of Lourdes for twenty-three years, and to date, has been the best we've enjoyed. Because when one loves what he or she does, it shows in their performance, and when Rex is at the organ, for whatever function, this becomes clear in the way people who are present are affected. Over the past few weeks, several people of the parish have asked me if it is true that Rex is leaving. When I said, "Yes," they gasped and asked, "Why?" I am glad to know that Rex is looking forward to a very happy, active, and well deserved retirement. When Rex is not playing the organ at Mass and some people are attending, they have all expressed their awareness that the organ playing is not the same. What a tribute to Rex! All of us in the choir feel the same. He has always been very helpful and happy go lucky, and has endeared himself to all of us in the choir.

He has performed at so many different services that our church has provided for our parishioners-Masses, Holy Communions, Confirmations, weddings, funerals, and many other events. He always has a smile on his face and has become friends with many of our parishioners. We will miss him a great deal, but we wish him well and God speed in whatever the future has in store for him.

How fortunate for us here at Our Lady of Lourdes to have one of the best Choir Directors-Carol Goetz! She has always been patient and non-critical and has done her best in directing the choir. Carol has been the Choir Director for about thirteen years and has always given so much of herself in time, dedication and talent, that she will be a hard act to follow.

So much of herself has been poured into writing some of the hymns we sing at Mass-the Gloria, We Come to This Table, and the one she wrote when her own mother died and sings at some of the Funeral Masses-We Remember. It is so beautiful and heart-felt that there is rarely a dry eye in the church.

Carol, too, will be greatly missed by all of us in the Choir, along with all members of our parish. We all wish her well and God speed in whatever the future has in store for her.

-Regina Mirabella

***Please come and wish both of them success in their future plans.
There will be a reception for Carol and Rex after the 11 AM Mass on June 27.***

OLL Pilgrimage to the Holy Land Walking in Jesus' Footsteps

April 25 - May 4, 2011

Come and walk in the footsteps of Jesus along with our Pastor Fr. Mike Vetrano.

Consider being with family and friends on a trip of a lifetime!

Walk the streets of Jerusalem and be in the place of our Christian heritage. Come to Bethlehem, visit the Basilica of the Nativity. Be at the Baptism site of Jesus on the Jordan River, sail on the Sea of Galilee and walk in the Garden of Gethsemane. You will visit the room of the Last Supper, walk on the Via Dolorosa "The Way of the Cross", and drive through the wilderness of Judea and the mountains of Jerusalem. All this on your trip of a lifetime.

For more information, come to our second meeting on

Monday, June 28 at 7:30 PM in the Spiritual Life Center.

Serving the Body of Christ...

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

We congratulate and welcome our Parish's newest Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion- *Allegra D'Alo, Roxanne Francaviglia, Maggie Frodell, Kevin Hahn, Susan Hahn, Deanna Prate, and Donald Willis*, who have been commissioned to serve as Extraordinary Ministers in our parish! Pray for them as they begin this important ministry in the life of OLL!

What does it take to be an Extraordinary Minister?

- Participation in Sunday Eucharist
- Commitment to serve two or three times per month
- Attendance at a Diocesan Training and Parish Training program
- Openness to bring Communion to the sick

If you have any questions, or are interested in becoming an Extraordinary Minister, please contact Mrs. Mary Borgs at 665.2928 or you can email Fr. Pat at FrPat@ollchurch.org.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

What's it all about?

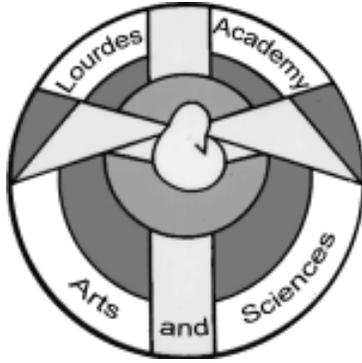
IF you are an adult AND

- ... you were never Baptized
- ... you were Baptized in another faith and would like to become a baptized Catholic
- ... you never received Holy Communion (Eucharist)
- ... you never received your Confirmation

IF you are an adult AND one or all of the circumstances above apply to you...

IF you feel you would like to become a baptized Catholic or become more fully initiated into your Catholic faith

Our email address is RCIA@ollchurch.org or call the Parish Office at 661.3224, option #1, and we would be happy to help you.



Congratulations!
Our Lady of Lourdes School
Academy of Arts and Sciences
Class of 2010

Valedictorian:
Christine Hess

Salutatorian:
Tyler Secreto

Matthew Rogan Scholarship:
Ashley Acompora

State Comptroller Award:
Jaclyn Hahn

OLL School Board
Champion of Character Award:
Ashley Acompora

Tony Squeo Award:
Robert Buonaspina

Antonia Armano Scholarship Award:
Michael Goldin

OLL Student Government Award:
Jaclyn Hahn

Scholar Program at St. John the Baptist:
Bethany Hammer and Brandon Khoury

OLL Mission Awareness Trip 2010

Why do we go to El Salvador?

The trip is very much a “retreat,” an opportunity to step back and reflect on our responsibilities and relationships with God and with our brothers and sisters. We go not just to “help,” but to grow in understanding—of another culture, of the nature of global relationships, and especially of the gospel mandate to serve the poor.

A fundamental principle of Catholic Social Teaching, the “preferential option for the poor,” means that God calls us to be advocates for the voiceless and the powerless among us and to be agents who restore right relationships. The trip offers all who participate, and most especially the young people of our parish, an opportunity to experience and reflect on the importance of faith and on our call to be responsible stewards of the many gifts we have been given. It is so much more powerful to experience this reality than to read about it or hear it. Visit our website, www.ollchurch.org/elsalvador, to follow the progress of our mission group.

El Salvador Donations Needed!

It’s almost here! The members of Team El Salvador are just a few weeks from their journey but they hope to give more than their hearts to the people they meet. During the weekend of June 26/27, we will be collecting new and gently used shoes for children and teens as well as Spanish language books. Collections can be deposited at all entrances of the Church in the boxes labeled “El Salvador.” Please be as generous as you can and thank you for your support!

Senior Circle

The Senior Circle meets on the last Monday of each month. The next meeting will be held on **Monday, June 28, at 12:30 PM in the Parish Center.**



Nocturnal Adoration

Nocturnal Adoration will follow the 5 PM Mass on **Saturday, July 3**, concluding with Benediction at 9:50 PM. Please come and pray with us. All are invited and welcome! Bring a friend.

Jesus, King of All Nations Prayer Group

The Jesus, King of All Nations Prayer Group meets each **Thursday afternoon** in the **Church**.

Please join us in praying for our nation's healing. We will pray before the Blessed Sacrament from **3 PM until 4 PM**.

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

We invite all men of the parish to meet for prayer and reflection after 8 AM Mass on **Thursday, July 15, in the Parish Center**. 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. Call Jack Fitzgerald at 587.5548 for more information.

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.



Daytime Eucharistic Devotion

The afternoon adoration for the month of July will be on **Wednesday, July 7 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.

Discovery Camp



Sponsored by
Our Lady of Lourdes 44 Toomey Road, West Islip

Registration Now Being Accepted*

June 28th – August 6th
9am – 5pm, Monday - Friday

A full time day camp program for students entering grades K – 7 beginning with an academic based morning and a fun-filled afternoon of sports provided by F.A.S.T. Athletics.

Program choices include:

- K – 1 "Under the Sea" or "Bugs Galore"
- 2 – 4 "Rain Forest" or "Space Camp"
- 5 – 7 "Mind Games" or "Teen Spirit"

Before / After Care and School Provided Lunch Available for an Additional Fee. For More Information Contact:

Lisa Kennedy, Director
lkennedy@ollschool.org 631.587.7200 ext.100

*non-refundable/non-transferable



Competition-Cybermission

Grant Macina, Christopher McDonald, Danielle Mehlberg, and Santiago Rolon, all sixth graders, competed in a national competition sponsored by the US Army via www.ecybermission.com. Their task was to select a problem in our local community and to use the scientific method as a way to brainstorm and test some solutions. The Our Lady of Lourdes team chose the safety & sustainability of our school/church playground and they worked diligently to find cost effective and eco-friendly solutions using math, science, and technology.

Unfortunately they were not selected to move on to the next level of the competition, but all four students are very excited to enter again next year!

"DINO" Camp

Digging Into the New and Old Testaments

OLL Vacation Bible Camp '10

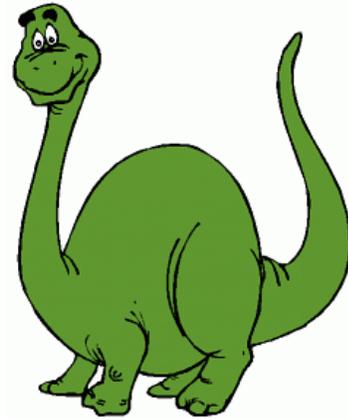
July 26-30

9 AM - 12:30 PM daily

Camp Registration Form

*Return to OLL Parish Office along with fees
(\$75 per child) before July 1.*

Please make checks payable to Our Lady of Lourdes Church.



OLL Vacation Bible Camp '10

We'll journey on an exciting journey 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.

NEW this year: Counselors are grades 6-12 and there is a \$10 fee for counselors.

Child's First & Last Name

Grade Level in Sept. '10

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.

Counselors needed! We need students from grades 6-12 to help out with our campers.

Very Important change! This year, counselors must pay a \$10 registration fee. Check must be turned in with registration fee by July 1 deadline.

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-
9:30 AM beginners meeting
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.

Upcoming Marriages

*Maria Ladolcetta, St. Peter's, Islip and
Michael Cucciniello, OLL*

Baptisms

Michael Peter Bonkov

Chris and Michelle

Hannah Lauren DiPietro

Bruce and Sandra

Emma Nicole Graziano

Mark and Jamie

Olivia Stella Lee

Edward and Danielle

Benjamin Peter Miale

Matthew and Susan

Samantha Anne Monaco

Silvester and Gloria

Julianna Sophia Pepitone

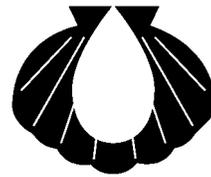
John and Patricia

Nicholas Vito Saladino

Joseph and Lisa

Gianna Marie Terracciano

Steven and Michelle



Remembering...

Monday, June 28

Saint Irenaeus, bishop

8:00 AM Kathryn Chazey and
Anthony Stievater

Tuesday, June 29

Saint Peter and Saint Paul, apostles

8:00 AM Vincent McCarthy

Wednesday, June 30

First Martyrs of the Church of Rome

8:00 AM Sergio Bonilla

Thursday, July 1

Blessed Junipero Serra, priest

8:00 AM Genevieve DiPalma

Friday, July 2

8:00 AM John Lovari

Saturday, July 3

8:00 AM Gregory Hallahan, Sr., Joseph DiPalma, Jr.,
Susan Lancella, Richard Fasano, Sr., Robert Franke

5:00 PM Dec'd. mbrs of Lynch Family
Fr. Ambrose Cabildo

Sunday, July 4

8:00 AM John & Brian Stowell
Fr. Pat Amabile

9:30 AM Rick Munkwitz
Fr. Ambrose Cabildo

11:00 AM Mary Sullivan
Fr. Pat Amabile

12:30 PM Barbara Gilroy
Fr. Ambrose Cabildo

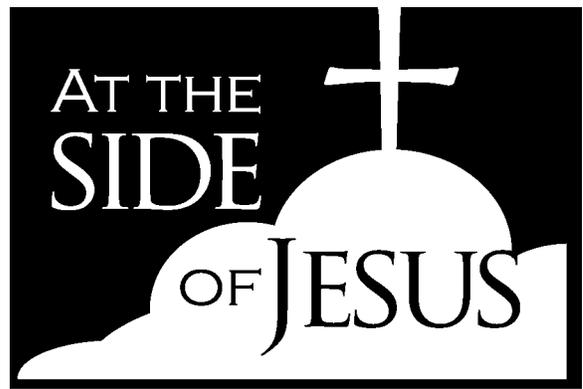
6:00 PM People of the Parish, Phyllis Girardi, James Hies,
Roslyn DiBlasi, Dolores Nizen
Fr. Pat Amabile

Rest In Peace

Peter Capogna died on June 9. Prayer service was held at the funeral home. We extend our prayers to his wife, Mary Ann, children, Jenny and Frank, and entire family.

Felix Rivera died on June 19 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was June 22. We extend our prayers to his wife, Reneida, children, grandchildren, and entire family.





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13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the 1970 musical *Godspell* (which will see a fortieth anniversary revival this August), Peggy sings the song "By My Side." The lyrics start out with the question addressed to Jesus, "Where are you going?" and continue with the words, "Can you take me with you? Far beyond where the horizon lies." It is a song for the road as the company approaches Jerusalem, and Jesus prepares for the inevitable end. Through the years, *Godspell* has enjoyed occasional productions put on by parish youth groups around the country. Like a travelling road show, the musical has popped up here and there to charm audiences with its mime and minstrel techniques and share the good news in a lighthearted manner.

In Luke's Gospel, the journey of Jesus to Jerusalem is a literary device meant to convey the inevitable fulfillment of God's plan of salvation. The geographical directionality (toward Jerusalem) mirrors the salvific intentions of God. Nothing is going to prevent Jesus from entering the city and accomplishing the Father's will. As today's Gospel describes it, Jesus was "resolutely determined."

The question Peggy asks, "Can you take me with you?" is the question of the Christian to Jesus. But it is one that we can only ask in faith. If we really want to follow Jesus, really want him to take us with him on this journey, then we need to be prepared for the challenges along the way. We also need to let go of those things that stand in the way of following Jesus, including the old life of sin that we are to leave behind. Peggy's song to Jesus concludes with the words "finally glad that I am here by your side" and takes place just before the final events of Jesus' passion. That is our song too, finally glad that we are by his side after the journey of our life.

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Readings for the Week of June 27, 2010

Sunday:	1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21/Gal 5:1, 13-18/Lk 9:51-62
Monday:	Am 2:6-10, 13-16/Mt 8:18-22
Tuesday:	<i>Vigil:</i> Acts 3:1-10/Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19 <i>Day:</i> Acts 12:1-11/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19
Wednesday:	Am 5:14-15, 21-24/Mt 8:28-34
Thursday:	Am 7:10-17/Mt 9:1-8
Friday:	Am 8:4-6, 9-12/Mt 9:9-13
Saturday:	Eph 2:19-22/Jn 20:24-29
Next Sunday:	Is 66:10-14c/Gal 6:14-18/Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9

Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Dottie Collins*.
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 ...

Roy Anderson, Susan Aviza, Grace Barbero, Deacon Dick Barry, Ben Bellotti, Antoinette Bongiorno, Nicholas Buscemi, Jr., John Cilluff, Michael Ciotkosz, Donald L. Coffey, Regina Cranor, Jeanne DellaRagione, Jean Dies, Ann Donlon, Tony Drexler, Debbie Eichen, Mike Gaffney, Vivian Gordon, David Hannigan, Sr., Edward Herger, Brian Hinkelman, Lili Hinkelman, Max Illiano, Diana Kaehne, Mary Kaval, Kathleen Kerrigan, Josephine Kosiczky, Ella Lanzieri, Joseph Lehmann, Kara Lobasso, Charlie Maccio, John Maestri, Louise Malcuit, Vicky Massaro, Michele McCann, Peter McCann, Sr., Dorothy Meloni, Rick Mirabella, Rae Morris, Brenden Muldoon, Ruth Murray, Evelyn Nonnon, John O'Brien, Arthur Petrino, Joanne Popper, Laura Prichard, Joe Radosti, Carol Randazzo-Hopkins, Baby Skyler Rene, Michael Savino, Ann Marie Schiraldi, Jayna Schmidt, Dorothy Shiavone, Derek Stahl, Mary Clair Stephen, Stephen Straub, Sr., John Tramazzo, Nancy Turano, Vera Vieni, Pat Wallace, Kyle Williams, Geraldine Wloszczyna, Joe Yezek

Financial Summary

June 20, 2010

Weekly Collection	\$ 16,524.00
Weekly Budget	-\$ 19,000.00
+/- for the week	\$ (2,476.00)

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

Pantry Needs



canned pasta, ravioli, etc.
chili
jelly (*desperate need*)
macaroni & cheese
pasta
tomato sauce

Donations to Outreach

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

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.

The TENTH Annual Summer Evening Prayer

(YES! It's been TEN years)

Come and join us on the Great Lawn this year for:

“A Little Night Music”

Prayer

Hospitality

Music

Food & Fellowship

Come each evening to enjoy God's gift of music
An old fashioned evening of Music and fellowship

Monday evenings

7 PM

beginning July 12

Monday, July 12

The Ancient Order of Hibernian Festival Singers

A covered dish supper.... pot luck dinner... B.Y.O.I.S.B.

Please bring a dish, a supper to share, and bring your own Irish Soda Bread

(Monday July 19th is our Annual Parish Golf Outing)

Monday, July 26

“An Evening with Laurie Mangano”

We will celebrate Christmas in July! Bring your favorite Christmas dessert or cookies (and bring a card with the recipe on it, to share as well)

Monday's on the Great Lawn at 7 PM

A Little Night Music

Stay Tuned for Family Pic-Nic with The Buonaspina's

Make your own SUNDAY night- with our very own OLL Cantors, and join us for a special evening of “High Tea” with the West Islip Symphony Quartet.

2To (A)declare Your loving-kindness in the morning

And Your (B)faithfulness by night,

3With the (C)ten-stringed lute and with the (D)harp,

With resounding music upon the (E)lyre.

4For You, O LORD, have made me glad by what You (F)have done,

I will (G)sing for joy at the (H)works of Your hands

Summer Evening Prayer 2010

When what is precious is taken from you

by Ron Rolheiser, OMI

Perhaps the reality that is hardest of all to accept in life is the unalterable fact that everything that is precious to us will, in some way, eventually be taken away. Our kids grow up and leave home, friends move away, loved ones die, we lose our health, and eventually we die too. Moreover even what is precious to us in terms of our faith and values suffers in the same way: things change, thoughts and feelings shift, rock foundations that once anchored us unassailably give way, doubt creeps in, the bottom falls out, and we are left wondering what we really believe in and what really can be trusted.

Happily this is only half the equation: Everything we lose is eventually given back to us, and in a deeper way. Our kids become wonderful adults who begin to parent us, new bonds of friendship form across distance, we reconnect in a deeper and more permanent way to our loved ones who have died, we find something deeper and more permanent than physical health, death opens us up to the infinite, and the bottom falling out of old beliefs sends us free-falling to a place where we land on bed-rock, on a foundation so secure that it can never be shaken again.

We see the pattern for this in scripture in the story of the Jewish community and the Babylonian exile. This is the background:

After arriving in Palestine ("the Promised Land") it took a number of generations to establish control over the land, unite all the various tribes into one nation, and build a temple in Jerusalem as center for worship. The great kings, David and Solomon, accomplished this and the people were left with a great sense of security, both political and religious. They felt strong, especially religiously. God had promised them a land, and now they had a land; God had promised them a king, and now they had a king; and God had promised them a temple, and now they had a temple. They saw in those three realities: land, king, and temple, sure proof of God's existence and God's providence for them. God's promises were empirically verifiable.

But, just when they were most complacent inside of that security, the Assyrians came and conquered the land, deported all the people to Babylon, killed the king, and knocked down the temple to its last stone. With that,

the loss of land, king, and temple, the bottom fell out of their world, religiously and literally. Everything that had once anchored their security had been taken away from them and they felt exiled not just from their homeland but also from their God and their religion. If God's presence was assured in land, king, and temple, and these have been taken from us, where is God? How do you continue to believe, trust, and live in joy when all that once anchored these has been taken from you?

God's answer was this: You will find me again, when you search for me in a deeper way, with your whole heart, your whole mind, and your whole soul. God gives us that same answer today whenever we feel betrayed, orphaned, and disoriented in this same way.

And this is the deep lesson: In terms of our faith and values, everything that isn't God, be it ever so true and wonderful, will eventually be taken away from us. Why? They aren't God. They might serve wonderfully for a time as icons, but icons held too tightly or held too long become idols from which we need to be purged.

This is true even for what is most precious to us religiously - scripture, the creeds of our faith, the church itself, great saints, great moral mentors. In the end, wonderful as they are, they aren't God. They can be wonderful vehicles towards God, icons, PowerPoint presentations about God, but they aren't God and always eventually, somehow a needed iconoclasm will occur and we will, not without deep pain and disillusionment, learn this through bitter experience. All good spiritual literature, including scripture itself, makes this clear.

Icons help lead to God, idols help block access to God. An idol is simply an icon that has been held on to for too long. And so there is a purifying dynamic written into the DNA of faith itself: We are given certain things to hang onto for a time, a certain language, certain rituals, certain creeds and dogmas, a certain understanding of our faith, holy men and women as models, spiritual literature that nourishes us, and, not least, a certain inner sense of trust and security that all of this is good, is right, and is in some way God.

And this is good, for awhile. But the day comes, usually occasioned by deep pain and loss, where the bottom falls out and we go into a free-fall where, no matter what we try to grasp onto will not hold us until eventually we land on something solid, bedrock, God himself.

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Upcoming Reunions

St. Michael's Commercial High School-Class of 1960

The 1960 graduating class of St. Michael's Commercial High School, East New York Brooklyn, is celebrating their 50th Anniversary Reunion. The reunion will be held on Sunday, September 12 at St. Ignatius Retreat House, 251 Searingtown Road, Manhasset. For information, email vonbay@optonline.net or call Regina (Breen) von Hof at 516.488.6741.

100 Year Alumni Reunion

Holy Child Jesus Parish, Richmond Hill, is celebrating its 100 Year Anniversary this year and is inviting alumni back for a Homecoming Celebration. The 100 Year Alumni Reunion will be held on Saturday, September 18. Please either call the Parish Office at 718.847.1860 or email at hcjchurch@aol.com. Please call or email your name, address, and the year of graduation.

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Mission for the Week



I will love God more than all the things He has given me.

Puzzle

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

welcome
people
village

foxes
birds
Son of Man

dead
home
kingdom

wlccmoe w e l c o m e

knigdm _____

deda _____

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peepol _____

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SnofoMna _____

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Prayer



Dear Jesus,
thank you for giving
up so much, so that
I could grow close to
God.

Something to Draw



Draw a picture of
Jesus walking with
his friends.