

Our Lady of Lourdes • Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time • July 18, 2010

**“There is  
need of**



Luke 10:42

**only one  
thing.”**



## *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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Director of Religious Education

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Jane Desthers  
Jerry Esposito  
Deacon Jack Meehan  
John Muldoon  
Bob Natale  
Eileen Rega  
Vita Scorcia  
Mary Steck  
Fr. Mike Vetrano  
Christine Volk

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## *Parish Staff*

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### **Parish Office**

661.3224 (option 1)  
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Sunday: 9 AM - 2 PM  
email: [ParishOffice@ollchurch.org](mailto:ParishOffice@ollchurch.org)  
fax: 661.7143  
website: [www.ollchurch.org](http://www.ollchurch.org)

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

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### **Religious Education Office**

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1 PM - 5 PM  
7 PM - 9 PM  
email: [ReligiousEd@ollchurch.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:parishoffice@ollchurch.org)

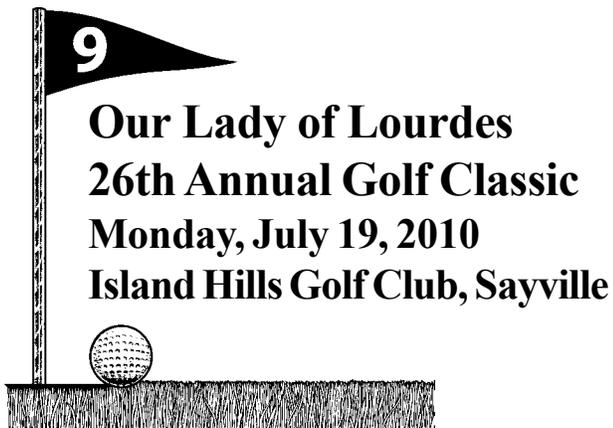
## **Who's Who-Our Golf Classic Honorees are...**

### **John and Anne DeGuardi**

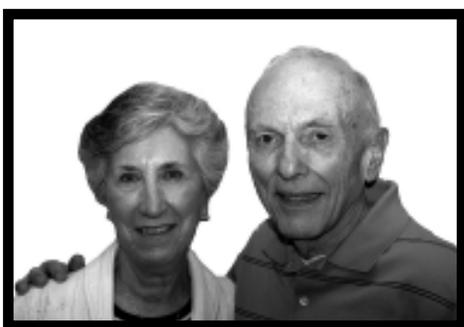
Deacon John and Anne have been at the heart and soul of our parish for many years. They serve together in our ministry of consolation reaching out to so many who have lost a loved one. They support our stewardship and evangelization ministries which help our parishioners to find a place of belonging 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.



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.*



## **OLL Pilgrimage to the Holy Land Walking in Jesus' Footsteps**

**April 25 - May 4, 2011**

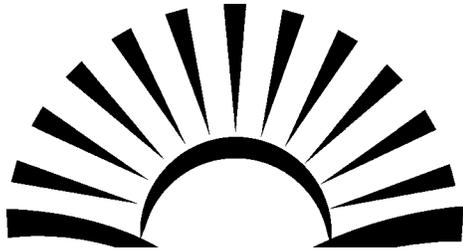
**Come and walk in the footsteps of Jesus along with our Pastor, Fr. Mike Vetrano.**

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.

If interested, or you have any questions, please call the Parish Office at 661.3224, ext. 121.

## **Top Reasons for NOT going to Mass this Summer...**



1. It's hot.
2. It's too early.
3. It's a drag.
4. It's too long.
5. I'm wearing shorts.
6. I love the beach... I have to be there early.
7. We have so much going on during the day.

*We've got the answer for you....*

### **THE SIX!**

Our Sunday night Mass continues throughout the Summer - it's casual, lively, less than an hour, at the end of the summer day and a great way to have some great summer fun and make God a part of it all! Look for us outside...and don't forget to bring a chair!

Are you interested in helping to make "The Six" happen? We need lectors, set up people, clean up people, greeters, welcomers and more! If you're interested or have some questions contact Robin, e-mail to [robin@ollchurch.org](mailto:robin@ollchurch.org).

**The Tenth Annual  
Summer Evening Prayer 2010**

*(YES! It's been TEN years)*



**A LITTLE NIGHT MUSIC**

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

**Monday evenings      7 PM      Great Lawn**

*(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.

**Upcoming Evenings...**

Family Picnic with The Buonaspina's

Make your own "SUNDAE" night- with our very own OLL Cantors

Join us for a special evening of "High Tea" with the West Islip Symphony Quartet.

*2To declare Your loving-kindness in the morning*

*And Your faithfulness by night,*

*3With the ten-stringed lute and with the harp,*

*With resounding music upon the lyre.*

*4For You, O LORD, have made me glad by what You have done,*

*I will sing for joy at the works of Your hands.*

**Summer Evening Prayer 2010**

## **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.

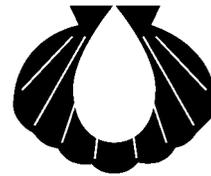
## ***Upcoming Marriages***

*Nicole Spiers, OLL and*

*Matthew Grucci*

*Toniann Laterza, OLL and*

*James Swain*



## ***Baptisms***

*Cayleigh Margaret Calhoun*

*Brian and Melissa*

*Kaylee Ann Delledera*

*John and Crystal*

*Addison Elizabeth Forseth*

*Patrick and Katherine*

*Layla Kathleen Moran*

*Stephen and Jenelle*

*Sienna Lorraine Richardelli*

*Robert and Camille*

*Charlotte Serafina Stratton*

*Daniel and Abigail*

## Remembering...

### Monday, July 19

8:00 AM Geroge Shaddock (*birthday*)

### Tuesday, July 20

*Saint Apolinaris, bishop and martyr*

8:00 AM Laura Abela

### Wednesday, July 21

*Saint Lawrence of Brindisi, priest and doctor*

8:00 AM Patrick McCarthy

### Thursday, July 22

*Saint Mary Magdalene*

8:00 AM Daniel Buckley

### Friday, July 23

*Saint Bridget of Sweden, religious*

8:00 AM Bryan W. Fenn, Sr.

### Saturday, July 24

8:00 AM Mary Jean Wilkinson, Margaret Kruger,  
Evalina Canana, Rosario Vicencio (*living*),  
Jerry Castonguay, Joseph E. Shields, Stephen Rollens

5:00 PM William J. Heartt

*Fr. Mike Vetrano*

### Sunday, July 25

8:00 AM Ronald Pascale

*Fr. Pat Amabile*

9:30 AM Lorraine Mariarossi

*Fr. Mike Vetrano*

11:00 AM Henry Riedemann (*anniversary*)

*Fr. Bob Scheckenback*

12:30 PM Flanagan Family

*Fr. Pat Amabile*

6:00 PM People of the Parish, Joseph DiPalma, Jr., James P. Brown,  
John & Helen Ianno, Anne Massaaro, Stephen Lesco,  
John Huscilowitc, Loretta Maltese, Mario Cuzzi, Raymond Galella,  
Karolyn Encarnacion-White

*Fr. Bob Scheckenback*



## Rest In Peace

*David M. Hannigan, Sr.* died on July 2 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was July 7. We extend our prayers to his wife, Bertha, children, grandchildren, and entire family.

*Raymond Anthony Galella* died on July 4 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was July 10. We extend our prayers to his wife, Gloria, children, grandchildren, and entire family.

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## 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

We've all been to banquets where the waiters and waitresses scurry around to get the food served as quickly as possible. Whether it's a small funeral luncheon, a larger wedding reception, or a conference banquet with a thousand or more diners, the servers have their plan of how to deliver a hot meal in as efficient a manner as possible. A food service manager can explain the choreography involved in training a staff and the preparation that takes place for each meal based on the number and courses of meals being served. Even the occasional request for hot tea instead of coffee-that ubiquitous drink-is planned for and diagrammed. Every hospitality manager wants the service to go well.

In today's Gospel, Martha is a bit like that nervous hospitality manager. Jesus was a well-known prophet with a significant following. He was welcomed by Martha at her home. Luke never says why. Did she have the biggest house? Was she hoping for some momentary fame in the village? Was she a relative to one of the many disciples? Did she know Jesus from an earlier encounter? Or did she bake the best lemon meringue pie? (Well, we know it wasn't that one.) In any event, Jesus was there, and Martha certainly wanted to make a good impression just like any host or hostess.

At first blush, we might think Jesus' rebuke to Martha as a bit of a put down. Almost like telling folks at a conference banquet, "Listen to the speaker; ignore the waiters." But that is exactly what a good hospitality manager aims for, service personnel that are so competent that they are unobtrusive. And maybe that is the lesson we can take from the Gospel. We are to perform our service to God and neighbor in an unobtrusive, even unheralded, manner. We go about our lives not bragging about what good we've done. We just do it.

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### Readings for the Week of July 18, 2010

**Sunday:** Gn 18:1-10a/Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42  
**Monday:** Mi 6:1-4, 6-8/Mt 12:38-42  
**Tuesday:** Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Mt 12:46-50  
**Wednesday:** Jer 1:1, 4-10/Mt 13:1-9  
**Thursday:** Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18  
**Friday:** Jer 3:14-17/Mt 13:18-23  
**Saturday:** Jer 7:1-11/Mt 13:24-30  
**Next Sunday:** Gn 18:20-32/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13

## Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Ronnie Martorano*.  
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 ...

*Caryl Alfieri, Roy Anderson, Susan Aviza, Edvard Back, Grace Barbero,  
Deacon Dick Barry, Ben Bellotti, Antoinette Bongiorno, Nicholas Buscemi, Jr.,  
Michael Ciotkosz, Donald L. Coffey, Regina Cranor, Mike DeJong,  
Jeanne DellaRagione, Ann Donlon, Tony Drexler, Debbie Eichen, Mike Gaffney,  
Vivian Gordon, Edward Herger, Brian Hinkelman, Lili Hinkelman, Max Illiano,  
Diana Kaehne, Mary Kaval, Kathleen Kerrigan, Josephine Kosiczky, Joseph Lehmann,  
Kara Lobasso, Charlie Maccio, 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,  
Roy Sorrese, Derek Stahl, Leslie Stahl, Mary Clair Stephen, Stephen Straub, Sr.,  
Sheila Timmer, John Tramazzo, Nancy Turano, Vera Vieni, Pat Wallace,  
Robert Watts, Sr., Kyle Williams, Geraldine Wloszczyna, Joe Yezek*

## Financial Summary

### July 11, 2010

|                   |               |
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| Weekly Collection | \$ 17,666.00  |
| Weekly Budget     | -\$ 19,000.00 |
| +/- for the week  | \$ (1,334.00) |

*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.

## Our Lady of Lourdes School New Nursery Class!

Now opening a two day Tuesday/Thursday morning Nursery Class.

Teacher: Ms. Michele Atanasio

For more information or to register, please call the school office at 631.587.7200, extension 100 or visit our website at [www.ollschool.org](http://www.ollschool.org)

### Discovery Camp

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

Registration Now Being Accepted\*

June 28<sup>th</sup> – August 6<sup>th</sup>  
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](mailto:lkennedy@ollschool.org) 631.587.7200 ext.100

\*non-refundable/non-transferable



## 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.*

## 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**.

## 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.

# Sensitivity, Vulnerability, and Religion

by Ron Rolheiser, OMI

Daniel Berrigan once quipped: Before you get serious about Jesus, first consider carefully how good you are going to look on wood.

There's a hard truth. Classical spiritual writers tell us that one of the ways we can tell whether our faith and religious practices are authentic or whether they are just another form of rationalizing and justifying our own motivation and will, is that, if our religious practice is real, we will be unable to protect ourselves against a certain amount of pain which we formerly were able to block out. If our following of Jesus is real, we will find ourselves sensitive and vulnerable in ways that leave us unable to protect ourselves from duties, involvements, and humiliations that we could formerly avoid. True religion leaves us anything but cool.

Why? Classical spiritual writers explain it simply: Look at the way that God handled Jesus and know that, if we give God permission, God will handle us in the same way. If we open ourselves deeply to God, we should expect that some of the painful things that happened to Jesus will also happen to us. Openness and love led Jesus to the cross. Should we expect anything else?

It was interesting to see the reactions to Mother Teresa's journals when they were published and the world learned of her deep inner struggles, doubts, and pain. The common reaction was: How could this have happened to a woman of such integrity and faith? The classical spiritual writers would have reacted in the opposite way: Why would this not have happened to a woman of such integrity and faith? She opened herself radically to God and asked Jesus to make her feel like he felt. God just took her at her word. Her diaries are descriptions of precisely what Jesus felt like during a good part of his life, especially towards the end of it.

We should be careful what we pray for, or at least not surprised if God gives us what we ask. If I say to God: "Let me be as Jesus was", and mean it, I should expect not just that a deeper happiness and peace will flow into my life, but also that this new sensitivity will allow deeper pain to flow into my life as well.

John of the Cross, in his book "The Ascent to Mount Carmel", offers a series of counsels for anyone who wants to enter more deeply into the spiritual life.

In the first of these counsels, he challenges his readers to strive to more actively imitate Jesus. And, for John, this means trying to imitate Jesus' motivation rather than his appearance or even his actions. Ask Jesus, he says, to give you his motivation, to let you feel as he felt.

And how will we know if this is working? We will know that we are imitating the motivation of Christ and not rationalizing our own, John says, when certain pains begin to flow into our lives and we find that we are unable now to avoid certain difficult and distasteful situations which formerly we could avoid.

He expresses this in a curious axiom: Be endeavored to be inclined to be suspicious, he says, when your own will and God's will habitually coincide, when your religious practices always fit quite smoothly with what you want to do in your own life. To choose God's will is precisely to not always choose our own. And the proof of this will be that we will now be dragged into feelings and situations which formerly we could avoid.

But he adds an important warning: Don't try, as is the perennial temptation in some spiritualities, to choose what is more difficult and distasteful just because it is more difficult and distasteful. That's masochism, not religion. Things aren't necessarily good for you just because they are difficult. Choose to do God's will, whether it appears tasteful or distasteful. But, he says, if you choose God's will rather than rationalizing your own, you will invariably experience new vulnerabilities in your life, new pains that you could formerly avoid, and new duties from which you could formerly absent yourself.

And you won't always look good either. Jesus didn't. He loved others beyond what was in it for him and this brought great depth and joy to his life, but it also led to humiliation and crucifixion. Sometimes he didn't look good at all. When we do God's will rather than rationalizing our own in the name of God and religion, we won't always look good. Cool is the opposite of vulnerability and genuine sensitivity.

Sometimes, paradoxically, just when we are trying our hardest, just when we are most sincere, just when we are most honest, just when we finally stop rationalizing, our lives seem to fall apart rather than come together. Our spontaneous question is: Why? What's the matter?

Perhaps God is the matter! Perhaps for once we are doing things right, but we don't like how we look on wood.

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*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](http://www.ronrolheiser.com).*

# 2010 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

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| <b>Parish Goal</b>         | \$101,839 |
| <b>Amount Pledged</b>      | \$ 84,498 |
| <b># of Donors</b>         | 396       |
| <b>Average Pledge</b>      | \$ 213    |
| <i>as of June 30, 2010</i> |           |

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## Help Feed the Hungry

The Mercy INN Soup Kitchen of Wyandanch is in need of a volunteer to coordinate a team of volunteers on Fridays. The duty would be to assure that the day runs smoothly. Also, a few daily volunteers are needed for Wednesday and Friday. The volunteer hours are 9 AM until 2 PM. If you can help, please call Kathy at 631.422.1420.

## The Beginning Experience

Help for the heartache of divorce, separation, and widowhood. A weekend away for a lifetime of change. The next weekend is August 20-22. For information and reservations, call John at 516.822.0635, Karen at 201.736.8200, or Jim at 718.474.3779.

## Centering Prayer Meeting

Tuesday, August 10 from 7:30 - 9:30 PM  
in the OLL "Spiritual Life Center."

All are welcome to experience this prayer practice of "silence".  
For any further information, please call Diane at 587.0966.

## 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](mailto:vonbay@optonline.net) or call Regina (Breen) von Hof at 516.488.6741.

### 100 Year Alumni Reunion

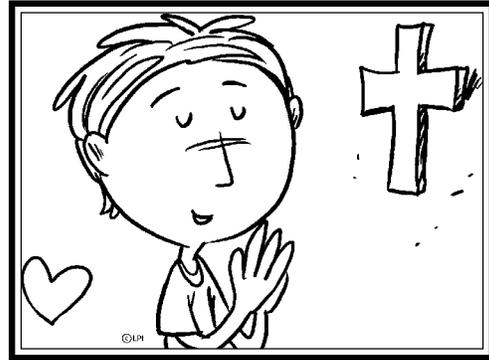
Holy Child Jesus Parish, Richmond Hill, is celebrating its 100 Year Anniversary this year and is inviting alumni back for a Homecoming Celebration. The 100 Year Alumni Reunion will be held on Saturday, September 18. Please either call the Parish Office at 718.847.1860 or email at [hcjchurch@aol.com](mailto:hcjchurch@aol.com).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

## Religion & Rock

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# Sharing the Gospel

Do you know how to pray? All you need to do is talk to God. He is your loving Father. Tell him how you would like to make him happy. Ask him to give you the things you really need. Ask him to help you forgive other people, just like he forgives you. God loves you, so talk to him often.



## Mission for the Week



Make time to pray every day this week.



### Puzzle

Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:

**You are not ashamed to keep on asking.**

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### Prayer



Dear God,  
thank you for loving  
me and listening to  
me.

### Something to Draw



Draw a picture of  
your favorite place  
to talk to God.