

**“The earthen shelter  
weighs down  
the mind that has  
many concerns.”**



Wisdom 9:15



## *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

**Louise Jane Krol**

School Principal

**Sr. Diane Liona**

Director of Religious Education

**Mary McMahan**

Director of Parish Social Ministry

**Robin Reynolds-Brennan**

Director of Music and Worship

**Vita Scorcia**

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 Scorcia

Mary Steck

Fr. Mike Vetrano

Christine Volk

---

## *Parish Staff*

**Mary Anne Lettieri**

Parish Office

**Debbie Meyer**

Bulletin Editor/Parish Office

**Rosemary Multer**

School Office

**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](mailto:ParishOffice@ollchurch.org)

fax: 661.7143

website: [www.ollchurch.org](http://www.ollchurch.org)

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

587.7200 (option 2)

Monday-Friday: 9 AM - 3 PM

email: [lkrol@ollschoo.org](mailto:lkrol@ollschoo.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](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)

# Walk with Mary & Feast Mass

**Saturday, September 18**

**Procession at 4 PM - Mass at 5 PM**

**On Saturday, September 18 we celebrate our Feast Mass and Walk with Mary with a procession at 4 PM and Mass at 5 PM. Please plan on joining us as we bless all those who minister here. All those who take part in ministry here at the parish are invited to walk together with others who share that ministry with you.**

**Clip to Save**



**Games! Food!**

# Family FUN

*on the Midway*

**OUR LADY OF LOURDES R.C. CHURCH**  
**ITALIAN FEAST**  
**SEPT 15-19**  
School Grounds • Hunter Ave. • West Islip  
**Las Vegas Games**  
**International Food**

★ **\$10.00 OFF** ★  
**44 COUPON RIDE BOOK**  
ONE COUPON PER PERSON. GOOD ANY DAY.  
CANNOT BE COMBINED WITH ANY OTHER DISCOUNTS.

 **FAMILY FRIENDLY MIDWAY!**  
[www.newtonshows.com](http://www.newtonshows.com)

## Official Feast Sponsor

**West Islip  
Wines & Liquors, Inc.**

**Munch Landscape Inc.**

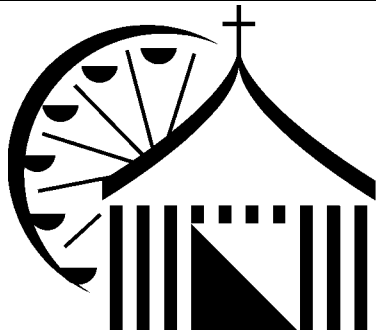
## Volunteers Needed

**Volunteers are always needed and welcomed to support our annual Italian Family Feast. We have our faithful volunteers that come and help year after year-and to them we are very grateful. We need to attract new volunteers to keep our feast the wonderful annual family event that it is! If you're interested or have any questions, please call the Parish Office at 661.3224.**

## Volunteers Meeting

**There will be a meeting for all Feast Volunteers on Thursday, September 9 at 7:30 PM in the All-Purpose Room. All are asked to attend. Volunteers are always needed and welcome to support our annual Italian Family Feast 2010! If you're interested or have any questions, please call the Parish Office at 661.3224.**

# Our Lady of Lourdes Parish



## Italian Family Feast 2010

**September 15 - 19, 2010**

**Opens Wednesday thru Friday at 7 PM**

**Opens Saturday at 6 PM**

**Opens Sunday at 2 PM**

### **"The Magic of Mark & Kym"**

**An illusionary journey into the World of Magic!**

**Sunday, September 19**

**Show Times: 2:30 PM, 3:30 PM and 5 PM**

**Free Admission!**

**Come one and all-especially children -to see live exotic animals, breathtaking illusions, and become involved in audience participation!**

**THEY'RE  
BACK!!**

### **Advance Tickets**

**Any six rides for \$13 (average discount of over 50%!)**

**Tickets good for all rides any day of the Feast!**

**Purchase tickets, Monday-Friday at Parish Office from 9AM to 5PM**

**Advance ticket sales will end Monday, September 13**

### **Pay-One-Price**

**Ride *all* rides each day-Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday-for only \$25/day  
*purchase Pay-One-Price at the feast***



### **Super Raffle**

**\$10,000 in Prizes!**

**Super Raffle tickets are \$100 each - only 200 tickets sold!**

**Drawing to be held on Sunday, September 19 at 9 PM**

#439•Our Lady of Lourdes•5

## Holy Name Society

The Holy Name Society meets on the second Sunday of each month. The next meeting will be on **Sunday, September 12**. We will begin with the **Rosary at 7:40 AM in the Church** and the meeting will follow the **8 AM Mass at 9 AM in Room 16**.

## SAGE

The SAGE Group (Senior Advocates for Growth and Enrichment) will meet on **Tuesday, September 7**, in the **Parish Center at 9 AM**.



## Daytime Eucharistic Devotion

The afternoon adoration for the month of September will be on **Wednesday, September 8 from 1-3 PM**. All are invited and welcome! We will be praying for world peace, for priests and all religious.

## Praise and Worship Adoration

Please come and join us on **Friday, September 10 at 7:30 PM in the Church** for Eucharistic Adoration. All are invited, *especially the youth of our parish*, to come and adore our Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

## Our Lady of Lourdes School

### New Nursery Class!

Now opening a two day Tuesday/Thursday morning Nursery Class. For more information or to register, please call the school office at 587.7200, extension 100 or visit our website at [www.ollschool.org](http://www.ollschool.org)

## Rosary Christian Mothers

The Rosary Christian Mothers meet on the first Monday evening of each month. Due to the Labor Day holiday, the next meeting will be **Tuesday, September 7**. We will begin with **Rosary at 7:45 PM in the Parish Center** followed by **meeting at 8 PM also in the Parish Center**.

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

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

Join us ...



**Wednesday, September 8 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.

## “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).

## Men's Prayer Group

*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, September 16, 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.

## 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.



## 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](mailto:RCIA@ollchurch.org) or call the Parish Office at 661.3224, option #1, and we would be happy to help you.



## 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, our next meeting will be on*

**Monday, September 27 at 7:30 PM in the Parish Center.**

Please note: Deposits are due and will be taken at this time if you have not done so already.





**NEW!**

## **Religious Education**

**We will no longer mail our activities calendar.**

All Religious Education information may be obtained by going to our OLL website *ollchurch.org* and click on the Religious Ed link or go to our echalk website *ollreled.org* and click on Religious Education Calendar, or Religious Education Programs, or Adult Faith Formation.

### **PEP 1 Registration Dates 2010**

*for children entering public school, grade 1 - September 2010*

Meetings will take place in the Parish Center. (room opposite the playground on Hunter Ave)

*Please note: Baptismal Certificates required for any child being registered in PEP 1.*

<b>Thursday, September 23</b>	<b>10 AM and 7:30 PM</b>
<b>Friday, September 24</b>	<b>10 AM</b>
<b>Tuesday, September 28</b>	<b>7:30 PM</b>
<b>Wednesday, September 29</b>	<b>10 AM</b>
<b>Wednesday, October 20</b>	<b>10 AM and 7:30 PM</b>

If this is your *first child in our program*, the registration fee (Family Fee) is \$170 and textbooks are \$20 (if needed.) Details will be provided at the meeting.

## *Serving the Body of Christ*

### **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

What does it take to be an Extraordinary Minister?

- Participation in Sunday Eucharist*
- Commitment to serve two to three times a month*
- Attendance at a Diocesan training and a parish training*
- Openness to bring Communion to the Sick.*

If you have questions or are interested in becoming an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, please contact Mrs. Mary Borgs of our parish's Liturgy Committee at 665.2928 or e-mail Fr. Pat Amabile at *FrPat@ollchurch.org*.  
Please respond by September 15 to be registered in the upcoming Fall Diocesan Training Session.

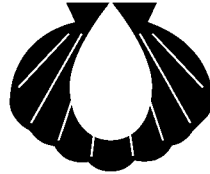
## Support Groups

### **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.)



## ***Baptisms***

*Ava Grace Sikorsky*

Richard and Danielle

*Graham Henry Corbett*

Michael and Christie Corbett

*Faith Elizabeth Delaney*

John and Jill

*Glen Derek Delaney II*

Glen and Danielle

*Michael Edward Elco*

Michael and Megan

*Logan Kevin Hennessy*

Shane and Jennifer

*Julian James-Sartori*

Paolo and Jennifer

*Shaelyn Kate O'Connor*

Daniel and Tara

*Andrew Colin Thaxter*

Matthew and Diane

*Isabella Marie Walker*

Yamilca

*Michael Lucas Walsh*

William and Jennifer

*Luke Christopher Vizzi*

Rick and Chemene

*Jeanette Rose Cestare*

Nicholas and Suzanne

## ***Welcome***

We would like to extend a warm welcome  
to all newly registered members of our  
parish family...

*Michael and Krista Kearney & family*

*Brad and Camille Wilson & family*

*Victor and Victoria Santos & 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, September 6

8:00 AM Carmela & Vincnet Stumpo

### Tuesday, September 7

8:00 AM Carol Scheid

### Wednesday, September 8

*The Nativity of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary*

8:00 AM John Lovari

### Thursday, September 9

*St. Peter Claver, priest*

8:00 AM William McLaughlin

### Friday, September 10

8:00 AM 9/11 Vicitms

### Saturday, September 11

8:00 AM James Celiberti & Salvatore Carrano, Vincent & David McCarthy,  
George Johnson, Edna Levey, Hazel & Lawrence Ashley, Gunther Steck,  
Kenneth S. Boyd, Dawn Negrillo-Sheehan, Mr. Salem

5:00 PM Robert D. Colin  
9/11 Vicitms and their families

### Sunday, September 12

8:00 AM Helen Sullivan

9:30 AM Sue Thacker

11:00 AM Robert Decker

12:30 PM Florence Donaldson

6:00 PM People of the Parish, Marion Squillanti, Margaret Scanlon,  
Anthony Caputo, Irwin Maher, John Huscilowitc, Raymond Winslow,  
Stephen Rollens, Edward & Kathryn Herger, Eileen Grippo, Peter McCann

## Upcoming Marriages

*Ema Rodriguez and  
Douglas Dennerlein, both OLL*  
*Sara Davanzo and  
Eric Desanctis, both OLL*  
*Stacey Dempsey and  
Robert Ehlers, both OLL*



## 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Labor Day weekend doesn't appear as a celebration in the cycle of the church year. But Monday's holiday does affect a lot of what many people do this weekend. For some, three days off means the opportunity for a short trip out of town. Others may schedule a vacation for the week before to take advantage of the extra day off. Grocery stores have sales, highlighting products that can be consumed at picnics or prepared on outdoor grills. A holiday honoring labor becomes the effective end of summer for most folk.

Labor shows up in some interesting ways in the Scriptures for this weekend. The only time in the three-year Lectionary cycle that we read from Paul's Letter to Philemon comes this week. Paul is sending back Philemon's slave, Onesimus, who had run away. In the interim, Onesimus has become a Christian and, from Paul's view, a brother in the Lord to Philemon. So what is Philemon to do with this worker that he had owned? How was he to act?

The Gospel includes a description of the work of building a tower. Jesus compares the calculation of the work involved to that taking up the cross and being a disciple. When Philemon became a Christian he may not have understood that his life might change radically—that he was expected to deal in a new way with one of his slaves who became a Christian. At Paul's insistence, Philemon's adherence to the faith was requiring that he act differently from the society in which he lived. We are confronted with the same situation as Philemon. In the workplace, in the market, in our leisure, and while on vacation, we are called to adhere to the faith just as we do in church on Sunday. That is the real work we have, and it is not always an easy job. We don't have to carry Jesus' cross, but we do have to carry our own.

2010 Liturgical Publications Inc

### Readings for the Week of September 5, 2010

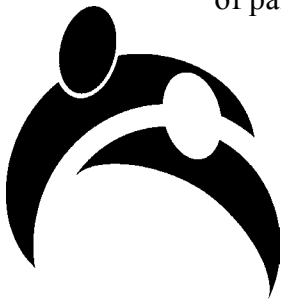
<b>Sunday:</b>	Wis 9:13-18b/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33
<b>Monday:</b>	1 Cor 5:1-8/Lk 6:6-11
<b>Tuesday:</b>	1 Cor 6:1-11/Lk 6:12-19
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
<b>Thursday:</b>	1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Lk 6:27-38
<b>Friday:</b>	1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Lk 6:39-42
<b>Saturday:</b>	1 Cor 10:14-22/Lk 6:43-49
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	Ex 32:7-11, 13-14/1 Tm 1:12-17/Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-10

## Altar Society

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

## Pastoral Care of Our Sick

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



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

## Pray for Our Sick

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

*Susan Aviza, Viola Callanan, Bernadette Cogswell, William Cronin,  
Mike DeJong, Tony Drexler, Debbie Eichen, Mike Gaffney,  
Michael Montesanto, John Mordente, Rosemary Novak,  
Baby Isabella Shaw, Roy Sorrese, Lindsay Stahl, Linda Starr,  
Nancy Turano, Joan Udris, Al Van Pelt, Bunny Vilim, Joe Yezek*

**Please note:** Any name that has been added to the "Pray for Our Sick" list prior to March 2010 has been removed. However, if the person continues to need our prayers, please call the Parish Office to have the name included. All names shall remain on the list for a "short term" of five weeks or "long term" for five months.

## Financial Summary

### August 29, 2010

Weekly Collection	\$ 17,828.00
Weekly Budget	-\$ 19,000.00
+/- for the week	\$ (1,172.00)

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



The Parish Office will be closed on  
Monday, September 6 in observance of Labor Day.  
The Parish Office will reopen on  
Tuesday, September 7 at 9 AM.

## 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  
**Joshua Tyrrell**-US Army

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

## Pantry Needs



canned fruit  
canned vegetables  
jelly  
peanut butter  
pudding/jello  
soup

## Donations to Outreach

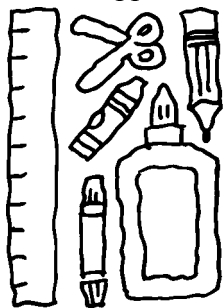
*Parish Outreach has received many donations in memory of loved ones.*

*If you would like to make a donation to Parish Outreach in memory of a loved one, please call Mary McMahan, Director of Parish Social Ministry at 661.3224, option 4.*

## Outreach School Supply Drive

Outreach will be collecting school supplies to donate to families in need.

School Supplies we could use include:



- \*Glue Sticks
- \*Marble Notebooks
- \*Two Pocket Folders
- \*Soft Pencil Cases
- \*Pink Erasers
- \*Highlighters
- \*Markers
- \*Pencil Sharpeners (*that catch shavings*)
- \*2 & 3 inch Binders
- \*Fiskar scissors
- \*Post-It-Notes
- \*Supply box
- \*Tennis Balls
- and of course...CRAYONS!

Donations can be left in the food baskets at the doors of the Church and, as always....our thanks!

*Mary*

## Conservatives and Liberals – We Need Both

*Ron Rolheiser, OMI*

The late Malcolm X was raised a Christian but, at one point in his life, became a Muslim. However, both in his own mind and in his ministry, he never ceased being a Christian. He used to carry both the Koran and the New Testament with him. He felt the need for both. Here's how he explained this:

Most of the people I work with need the hard discipline of Allah in order to get some order into their lives, particularly their religious and moral lives. Later, after they have the essentials more in hand, will be the time for the more liberal love of Jesus.

What Malcolm X brilliantly juxtaposes here is the tension that perennially exists between prescribed discipline and personal maturity, between the letter of the law and its spirit, between conservatives and liberals. And he affirms that we need both: prescribed discipline and personal maturity, law and spirit, conservatives and liberals.

Sadly today this kind of voice is rare on both sides of the ideological spectrum. Liberals and conservatives, both in the church and in society, tend to demonize and hate each other and to lack basic respect, empathy, understanding, and even civility towards each other. Each side has its own truth and, unlike Malcolm X, cannot see the need for any other truth. Allow me an example:

In church circles today, conservatives and liberals would agree that things are not ideal, that there is a need to do things differently. However they have very different visions of what the problem is and how it should be addressed.

Conservatives tend to focus on the lack of fundamentals. They see a whole of generation of Christians emerging who have never been essentially catechized, who lack a basic understanding of what constitutes Christian identity and what makes for proper religious and moral boundaries. Hence they insist strongly, sometimes to the point of a near intolerance, on clear identity, on proper boundaries and distinctiveness from others, and on rules and regulations, with a corresponding impatience and (often) anger against anyone who challenges this view.

Liberals, on the other hand, focus on something else. When they look at the church today they see the most educated, literate, and theologically discriminating group of believers that have ever existed in the 2000 years of Christian history. Thus, their insistence, often just as strong and as bitter

as that of the conservatives, is for an apologetic and an inclusivity that goes directly against the call for the harder boundaries and the clearer lines of identity so desired by the conservatives. Liberals see the millions of persons who feel alienated from their churches (e.g., the second most numerous religious group in the United States today is made up of ex-Roman Catholics) and argue that what is needed to melt these hearts and attitudes is not clearer catechesis or more tightly-drawn boundaries, but a renewed emphasis on precisely the gospel of love, wider inclusivity, and personal maturity over rules.

And both are right. In essence what we see in the tension between conservatives and liberals in the church and society today is the tension that Malcolm X tried to resolve for himself by carrying both the Koran and the Gospels around with him. We need to also carry with us both some conservative principles and some liberal ones.

There is a need today to strongly define identity and lay out clear boundaries. Experience is showing us that we often lack the personal maturity and inner-strength live out a gospel of love, without rules. To come to grips with many of our weaknesses and confusions we need the discipline of law, the clarity of a catechism, and the exclusivity and protection that is captured in the original meaning of the word seminarium. But that isn't all we need. To live out our faith in a way that, in the end, respects God's universal love for everyone and respects our own persons, we also need hearts that are not ghettos and a religion of freedom and personal maturity. We need both conservatives and liberals.

But given the present polarization both in the church and in society, we are not going to move easily towards empathy, understanding, respect, and civility towards each other. Each side is so convinced that God is on its side, of the importance of its own vision, and its own critical place in history, that it can only see the other as insincere, ignorant, self-serving, as threat, as someone to be fought in God's name.

But the real truth is that we need each other. Liberals need conservatives; conservatives need liberals; society and the church need both. Conservatives rightly look to roots and they, rightly, see that today our roots are anything but strong and nourishing. Liberals rightly look at maturity and they see, rightly, that we are anything but mature and big-hearted. Perhaps, in imitation of Malcolm X, we might all walk around carrying both a catechism and the Gospel of John, both in our pockets and in our hearts.

---

*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

Parish Goal	\$101,839
Amount Pledged	\$ 85,294
# of Donors	402
Average Pledge	\$ 213
<i>as of July 31, 2010</i>	

**CMA 2010**

**One Faith, One Hope,  
Many Gifts.**

***You can make a difference!***

While all of us have reason to be proud of the help that is being provided through the Catholic Ministries Appeal and our Parish, we also know that more and more people are seeking assistance from us. To meet the ever growing needs of our community, we all need to prayerfully consider how we can help.

Your support to the Appeal will help us to serve or deliver more than 500,000 meals to the disadvantaged this year, provide affordable safe housing to the most vulnerable senior citizens in our community, educate our young people in our faith, help others to follow the call to serve in the priesthood and support the needs of our very own parish.

The Appeal truly supports our parish and the entire Church of Long Island. As your Pastor, I ask that you prayerfully consider making a gift to help those in need. It is with these needs in mind that I am asking you to consider supporting the 2010 Catholic Ministries Appeal.

You can make a difference in our parish and in the lives of those around us by making a gift to this year's appeal. Only you can decide what that gift will be.

***Thank you for all that you do in our parish.***

*Please consider what you can do to make this campaign successful.*

## 2010 Catholic Ministries Appeal

Please make your check payable to:  
***Catholic Ministries Appeal***

Pledge: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Down Payment: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Balance: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Parish: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Monthly     Quarterly

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Annually     Other

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Donor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Acct# \_\_\_\_\_

## **Golden Wedding Jubilee**

On **Sunday, October 17, 2010**, couples married 50 years or more are invited to a special Mass to be celebrated by Bishop Peter Libasci at **Christ the King Church in Commack at 2:30 PM**. Please pick up your registration card at OLL Parish Office no later than September 29. Approximately one week before the ceremony, information regarding the day will be mailed to you. If you have any questions, please call 516.678.5800, extension 207.

## **Centering Prayer Meeting**

**Tuesday, September 28 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.

## **Medicare**

### **Know your A, B, C, & D's**

Understanding Medicare and how to choose a plan suitable for your needs will be presented on **Wednesday, September 29 from 10 AM until 12 noon at St. Patrick's, Bay Shore, Msgr. Purick Hall, Rooms 1 & 2**. Reservations are required, please call 631.665.4911, extension 133.

## **Tea with Spirit**

The former students and staff of Dominican Commercial High School are invited to attend a special celebration at the **Queen of the Rosary Motherhouse of the Sisters of St. Dominic at 555 Albany Avenue, Amityville, on Sunday afternoon, October 3**. Please call Benincasa Family Services at 631.842.6000, extension 351 or email [dcgrads@yahoo.com](mailto:dcgrads@yahoo.com) if you like to receive an invitation.

## **Help Feed the Hungry**

The Mercy Inn Soup Kitchen of Wyandanch is in need of volunteers for Tuesday, Wednesday, or Friday, starting in September. Also needed is a volunteer to coordinate the team of volunteers on Fridays. That duty would be to assure the day runs smoothly. The volunteer hours are 9:30 AM - 1:45 PM. If you can help, call Kathy at 631.422.1420.

## Do you want to become an OLL Hospital Visitor?

Come learn about sharing your gift of time and presence as a Spiritual Care Companion with the hospitalized, homebound or those in nursing homes. Catholic Health Services of Long Island sponsors this free six-week training for volunteers (either 3 Saturdays at CHS Melville or 6 Wednesday afternoons at St. Charles Hospital, Port Jefferson) to become a caring, attentive, listening presence.

Information sessions will be held on Saturday, September 18, from 9:30 - 11:30 AM at CHS, 245 Old Country Road, Melville or Wednesday, September 22, 1 -3 PM at St. Charles Hospital, 200 Belle Terre Road, Port Jefferson (Boardroom #2). Further information, please call Carol Cella at 631.465.6307 or Trish Luvin at 631.465.6306.

## Education of a Lifetime

A Catholic High School education offers young people a challenging, value-centered liberal arts education. It also affords each student an opportunity to test abilities, add skills, build confidence and develop an understanding of faith, while preparing for college and for life.

Open Houses present students and parents with a special opportunity to gain information about the programs, faculty, and facilities of the Catholic High Schools on Long Island. Administrators, faculty members, staff, and students are available to describe school programs and to answer questions at the Open House events. For additional information on particular schools, plan to attend one or more of the Open House.

### Open House Schedule

Saturday, September 18	11 AM - 1:30 PM	Our Lady of Mercy Academy
Sunday, September 19	10 AM - 1 PM	St. Anthony's High School
	1 PM - 4 PM	St. Dominic High School
Saturday, September 25	10 AM - 1 PM	McGann-Mercy D.H. S.
Sunday, September 26	12 PM - 2:30 PM	Holy Trinity D.H.S.
	2 PM - 4:30 PM	St. Mary's College Prep. High School
Saturday, October 2	9 AM - 12 PM	Sacred Heart Academy
	10 AM - 1 PM	Kellenberg Memorial H. S.
	2 PM - 4 PM	Chaminade H. S.
Sunday, October 17	10:30 AM - 2 PM	St. John the Baptist D.H.S.

The Catholic High School Entrance Exam is scheduled for Saturday, October 30. Applications for the Catholic High School entrance exam are available at the Religious Education Office and the OLL School Office.

If you have any questions, please call the Religious Education Office at 661.5440, option #3 or the OLL School Office at 661.7200, option #2.

## Retrouvaille

### *A life line for married couples...*

A Retrouvaille weekend is a deeply personal and private experience shared between a husband and wife that can help a couple to reconnect and go on to lead a happy and fulfilling life together. For more information about the upcoming Retrouvaille weekend that begins on **Friday, September 10** at the Montfort Retreat House, Bay Shore, please call 1.800.470.2230.

## Gennesaret Retreat

A retreat especially designed for persons who live with serious illness and offered free of charge is planned for **September 24, 25, and 26 at the Montfort Spirituality Center in Bay Shore**. The retreat focuses on God's love and forgiveness and faithfulness. To register or receive more information about this weekend, please call Colette at 631.665.7052.

## A Vocation as a Deacon

An "*Afternoon of Discernment*" will be conducted at the **Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, Huntington on Sunday, September 12 from 1 PM until 4 PM**, for men, and their spouses, who believe God might be calling them to the diaconate. For more information or to sign up, please contact the Office of Deacon Formation at 631.424.8360 or email [deacons@drvc.org](mailto:deacons@drvc.org).

## Position Available

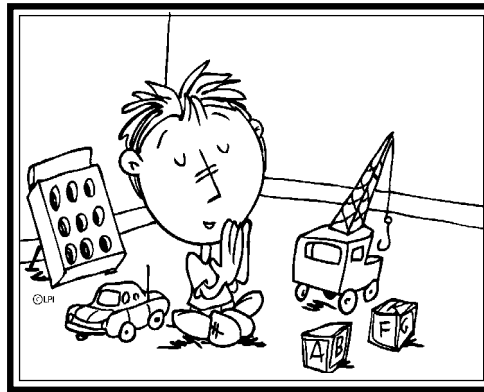
St. Mary School, East Islip has position available for teacher assistants in school (27 1/2 hrs. per week). Responsibilities are with 3 and 4 year olds in Program. Please fax resumé to St. Mary's School at 631.581.7509.

## 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 "**Laboe Day/Work/Laboring for God.**" 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

Living God's way can be very hard for some people. Name the people in your family. "Can you love God more than you love your family? Name some of your friends. Can you love God more than you love your friends? Name your favorite books, movies or toys. Can you love God more than those things? It is OK to love your family, have good friends, and enjoy the gifts God has given you. Just remember to love God first.



## Mission for the Week

Say a special prayer to God today. Thank him for your family, your friends, and for all the things God has given you to enjoy.

### Puzzle

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

DISCIPLE  
FATHER  
MOTHER

WIFE  
CHILDREN  
BROTHER

SISTER  
LIFE  
CROSS

C	R	O	S	S	U	L	I	F	E
P	S	D	N	O	F	Y	W	A	N
T	W	I	F	E	B	U	I	T	L
M	D	S	A	S	T	O	W	H	R
O	A	C	H	I	L	D	R	E	N
T	I	I	T	S	H	E	F	R	I
H	R	P	S	T	I	N	G	Y	O
E	U	L	W	E	L	D	W	N	T
R	Y	E	B	R	O	T	H	E	R
O	U	S	I	T	D	W	N	F	I

©LPI

### Prayer



Dear God,  
help me to  
love you more than  
anyone or anything  
else.

### Something to Draw



Draw a picture of a  
heart. Inside the  
heart, draw all the  
people and things you  
love.