



**“If they will not listen to  
Moses and the prophets,  
neither will they be  
persuaded if someone  
should rise from the dead.”**



## *Welcome to our Parish Family!*

*New Parishioners are cordially invited to register as members of our parish family.*

*Please call or visit our Parish Office.*

## *Our Lady of Lourdes*

*455 Hunter Avenue  
West Islip, New York 11795*

**Daily Mass**  
8 AM

**Weekend Masses**  
**Saturday:** 5 PM  
**Sunday:** 8 AM, 9:30 AM,  
11 AM, 12:30 PM and 6 PM

**Reconciliation**  
**Saturday:** 4 PM - 4:45 PM

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### *Mission Statement*

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

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### *Vision...*

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

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

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

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

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

## *Pastoral Team*

**Rev. Michael A. Vetrano**  
Pastor

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**Rev. Patsy Amabile**  
Associate Pastor

**Rev. Robert Scheckenback**  
Associate Pastor

**Rev. Ambrose Cabildo**  
In Residence

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**Deacon John DeGuardi**

**Deacon Tom Lucie**

**Deacon Jack Meehan**

Coordinator of Stewardship

**Deacon John Teufel**

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**Sr. Margaret Bickar**

Senior Ministry-SAGE

**Sr. Nancy Campkin**

Director of Religious Education

**Allegra D'Alo**

Youth Minister/Social Action

**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

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## *Parish Staff*

**Jennifer Gallagher**

Women's Chorale Director

**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@ollschool.org](mailto:lkrol@ollschool.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)



## **Leaders Wanted**

### **Pastoral Council Accepting Nominees**

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Our Pastoral Council is currently accepting nominations for new members to fill several open seats. The Pastoral Council is one of the most important leadership groups in the parish. Members of the parish meet approximately every 6 weeks to advise the pastor on issues affecting the mission and ministries of the parish. The Council has also taken an active role in sponsoring programs and events that serve the parish. Most importantly, our current Council will conduct a pastoral assessment of the parish to assist our pastor and team to plan for the future of our community.

A person who wishes to serve on the Pastoral Council must be a parishioner who desires to offer their time and insight to help the pastor and pastoral team form the vision and future of the parish. Pastoral Council members must have an interest and investment in the parish. Practically, this means that a nominee for the Pastoral Council must be a person who:

- Worships weekly in the parish and takes part in the spiritual life of the community
- Offers their time and talent in service or ministry to this community
- Supports the parish financially in a manner appropriate to their means

Parishioners may nominate either themselves or another parishioner for the Council.

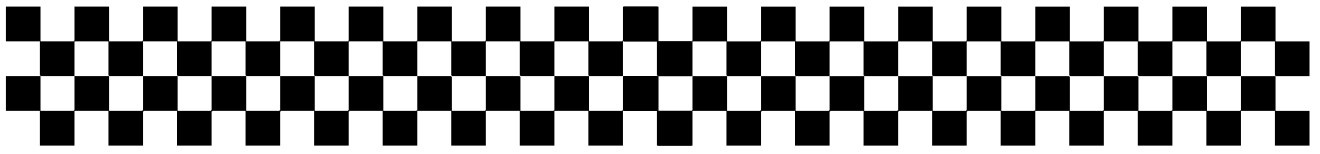
Eligible applicants will be asked to complete a profile.

Parishioners are appointed to the Council by the current council in consultation with the pastor. The goal of this process is to insure that the Council represents the diversity of Our Lady of Lourdes and has the gifts and interests necessary to our present goals.

To nominate oneself, or another, for membership on the Pastoral Council begin by sending a letter or email to [pastoralcouncil@ollchurch.org](mailto:pastoralcouncil@ollchurch.org) or by postal mail to Pastoral Council, c/o Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 455 Hunter Avenue, West Islip, NY 11795. All letters of nomination must be in no later than October 4, will be acknowledged and must include your name and return address.

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# Our Lady of Lourdes



## Italian Family Feast 2010

### Super Raffle Winners!



**\$7,000 #050**  
**\$2,000 #013**  
**\$1,000 #047**



**Thank you  
Feast Sponsors!**

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

**Nightly Raffle  
Winners**

Wednesday #39035  
Thursday #01305  
Friday #67419  
Saturday #19921  
Sunday #21551

**Thank you!**

Thank you feast volunteers for all you did.  
Our Feast was a great success. We couldn't do it  
without you!

*Dom Lettieri, Mike Carrano, and Frank Antonawich*



## **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.

## **Host Family**

OLL School will be welcoming back visiting students from Korea. If you are interested in being a host family for a student for 4-12 weeks please contact Ms. Kennedy at 587.7200, extension 101. Share in the joy and adventure of exposing a child to our country, culture, and religion!

4 Week Program: January 4 - January 30

8 Week Program: January 5 - February 27

12 Week Program: December 7 - February 27

## **Holy Name Society**

On Saturday, September 25, Our Lady of Mercy delegates attended the annual Board meeting of the Diocesan Holy Name Societies at SS Cyril & Methodius Church, Deer Park.

A report on this Diocesan meeting will be on the Agenda at our Holy Name Society's first monthly Business meeting, Monday, October 11, a report that the Society members look forward to hearing as it sets the tone for our Society's Diocesan programs during the current year.

Also, last week the National Association of Holy Name Societies, the parent organization for our Nation's Diocesan Unions and all parish Holy Name Societies held their 40th annual Convention in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Host for this Convention, which ran from Thursday, September 23 thru Saturday, September 25, was the Archdiocesan Union of Santa Fe.

*Coming Soon...*

## **The Spirituality of the Wizard of Oz**

presented by the Family Healing Ministry

*Feeling Lost? Confused? Fearful? as you journey the Yellow Brick Road of Life?*

Then come and be moved Somewhere Over the Rainbow as we share the spirituality of the Wizard of Oz.

Save the date-**Thursday, October 14 at 7:30 PM in the Parish Center.**

Please call the Rel Ed Office to register at 661.5440.



## **Feast of St. Francis**

### **Blessing of the Animals**

**Saturday, October 2**

**All-Purpose Room – 12:30 PM**

The Feast of St. Francis, a saint famous for his kindness to animals, will be celebrated with our annual blessing of the animals!

This year, we'll gather at **12:30 PM in the All-Purpose Room** for a beautiful prayer service followed by food and fun for all (including our four legged friends, those that crawl, those that swim and even those that fly!)

## **Bereavement Ministry**

### **Bereavement Support Group**

You are invited to join our next Bereavement support group. This is a wonderful opportunity to be supported in a small discussion group with people who have also suffered a loss.

The group will meet on Wednesday for 6 weeks starting **October 13, from 7:30PM to 9:30PM in the Spiritual Life Center.**

To register and for more information, please contact Diane Ackerly at 226.9373 or email at [dkkkk710@hotmail.com](mailto:dkkkk710@hotmail.com).



### **Coffee and Conversation Group**

This group welcomes back past members who are looking for continued support, compassion and understanding with your feeling of loss.

Our next meeting will be **October 6, at 7:30 PM in the Spiritual Life Center.**

If interested, please contact Diane Ackerly at 226.9373 or email at [dkkkk710@hotmail.com](mailto:dkkkk710@hotmail.com).



## **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.

### **Senior Circle**

The Senior Circle meets on the last Monday of each month. The next meeting will be held on **Monday, September 27, at 12:30 PM in the Parish Center.**

### **Nocturnal Adoration Society**

Please join us for our 20th Anniversary. The yearly enrollment into the Nocturnal Adoration Society will be on **Saturday, October 2 at 6 PM.** You need no special talents, just a love for our Blessed Lord, Jesus Christ. Please let us know if you are interested. We would like to have enough supplies for all.

### **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.





## 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](http://ollchurch.org) and click on the Religious Ed link or go to our echalk website [ollreled.org](http://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>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.



## Confirmation

On Thursday, November 4, Bishop John Dunne, will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to the candidates of our parish. These young women and men are the chosen members of this community who have studied, served and prepared for this Sacrament.

During the next few weeks, they will continue their journey towards Confirmation and even greater involvement in the life of our Church. The Confirmation Candidates of our parish will participate in "Spirit Nights" with their parents and sponsors. These times together will be an opportunity for them to experience how important it is to be active faith-filled members of the church community. Each evening will include celebrating mass with our parish family at "THE SIX".

Please pray for our Confirmation Candidates as they embrace this very important commitment in their faith journey and that they will continue to be strengthened, loved and supported by YOU... their parish family.

## **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.)

## *Upcoming Marriages*

*MaryAnn Rosselli*, OLL and

*Danny Kelskey*, Ss. Cyril & Methodius, Deer Park

*Donna O'Neill*, OLL and

*Ryan Koenig*, St. Mary's, East Islip

*Lauren Mills*, OLL and

*Anthony Fazio*, Our Lady of Perpetual Help

*Adriana Perez* and

*Michael Milbauer*, both OLL

*Joan DeLeon*, OLL and

*Kevin Mitchell*, St. Frances de Chantal, Wantagh

## **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 27**

*Saint Vincent de Paul, priest*

**8:00 AM** William B. Basso

**Tuesday, September 28**

*Saint Wenceslaus, martyr*

**8:00 AM** Troops Serving Overseas

**Wednesday, September 29**

*Saint Michael, Saint Gabriel, and*

*Saint Raphael, archangels*

**8:00 AM** Tom Malcolm

**Thursday, September 30**

*Saint Jerome, priest and doctor of the Church*

**8:00 AM** William Petersen

**Friday, October 1**

*Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, virgin and doctor of the Church*

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

**Saturday, October 2**

**8:00 AM** Michael Sullivan, Polly Sullivan, Henry R. Gleckler, Jr.,  
Marilyn Yung, John and Brian Stowell, Valentino Vulaj,  
Victor Cruz, Peter McCann

**5:00 PM** John R. Hodgkins

*Fr. Mike Vetrano*

**Sunday, October 3**

**8:00 AM** David Sce

*Fr. Ambrose Cabildo*

**9:30 AM** Cassy Aitken

*Fr. Bob Scheckenback*

**11:00 AM** Marie D. Turano

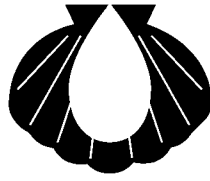
*Fr. Mike Vetrano*

**12:30 PM** Peter Reilly

*Fr. Ambrose Cabildo*

**6:00 PM** People of the Parish, Mary Jane Muller, Joan Meehan,  
Geraldine Sullivan, Bill Darrell, Dennis McNulty, Mary G. Riccardi,  
Carlos Otero, Souls in Purgatory, Diana Stahl

*Fr. Bob Scheckenback*



## Baptisms

*Joseph Stephen Carvalho*

Joseph and Eileen



## 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A friend of mine spent many years working for the church. She began her career as a Catholic school teacher. Then, after the Second Vatican Council, and at the suggestion of a parish priest, she went on to become a director of religious education in her parish. Eventually, she was employed by a large diocese and spent time collaborating with one of the auxiliary bishops on diocesan projects. As the priest shortage challenged dioceses, my friend took on the responsibility of running a suburban parish, which is where I met her. When she finally retired years later, she and her husband continued to share the task of directing stewardship efforts in their parish.

Throughout her years of service my friend was blessed with great opportunities while facing ministerial challenges as well. The Gospel story of the poor beggar Lazarus was one that she often talked about. She would describe how the words haunted her. In all her work my friend felt that she was so blessed, just like the rich man in the Gospel. While by no means rich, she and her husband had a comfortable existence, four adult children who were all doing reasonably well, a house, and decent health. Any observer would describe them as living the American dream.

It was this Gospel about Lazarus that drove my friend to a passion about care for the poor. At just about every opportunity in her ministry she would devise ways to include helping others and to encourage others to do the same: religious education classes included a component of service; prayer services often had intercessions for those in need; activities that drew people from the parish into meal programs and St. Vincent de Paul were promoted. My friend felt that she, like so many others, was the rich man in the Gospel. And that Jesus expected us to take care of Lazarus today.

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### Readings for the Week of September 26, 2010

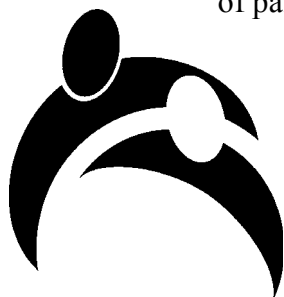
<b>Sunday:</b>	Am 6:1a, 4-7/1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31
<b>Monday:</b>	Jb 1:6-22/Lk 9:46-50
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23/Lk 9:51-56
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Jn 1:47-51
<b>Thursday:</b>	Jb 19:21-27/Lk 10:1-12
<b>Friday:</b>	Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Lk 10:13-16
<b>Saturday:</b>	Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Mt 18:1-5, 10
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10

## Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Marie Cirone*.  
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, Ben Bellotti, Josephine Carrano, Grace Ciccarello, Michael Ciotkosz, Bernadette Cogswell, Beverly DeCanio, Mike DeJong, Tony Drexler, Debbie Eichen, Mike Gaffney, Salvatore Greco, Ruth Hiller, Kathleen Kerrigan, Robyn Kerrigan, Charlie Macchio, Michael Montesanto, Ruth Murray, Evelyn Nonnon, Joe Radosti, Dorothy Schiavone, AnnMarie Schiraldi, Baby Isabella Shaw, Roy Sorrese, Lindsay Stahl, Linda Starr, Stephen Straub, Sr., Patrick Tardo, Sheila Timmer, 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

### September 19, 2010

Weekly Collection	\$ 15,918.00
Weekly Budget	-\$ 19,000.00
+/- for the week	\$ (3,082.00)

*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

**Joshua Tyrrell**-US Army

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

## 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 Oktoberfest

honoring

Outreach Volunteer of the Year

## Marie Ricigliano

**Saturday, October 16**

**OLL All-Purpose Room**

**7:30PM – Midnight**

**\$35 per person**

**includes German buffet**

**unlimited beer/wine/soda**

### **O O M P A H**

### **F U N !**

Music, singing,  
dancing, toasting,  
food & drink

Proceeds to benefit Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Outreach.

Tickets now on sale in the Outreach Office.

# The Eucharist as a Celebration of Everyday Life

by Ron Rolheiser, OMI

We sometimes forget that Jesus was born in a barn, not a church, and that the God of the Incarnation is as much about kitchen tables as ecclesial altars. God is as much domestic as monastic. This is important to keep in mind as we try to understand the Eucharist. The Eucharist is the body of Christ, a continuation of the Incarnation, and, like Jesus' birth, is meant to bring the divine into concrete, everyday life.

Hence, among its other things, the Eucharist is meant simply to be a family meal, a community celebration, a place, like our kitchen tables and living rooms, where we come together to be with each other, to share ordinary life, to celebrate special events with each other, to console and cry with each other when life is full of heartaches, and to be together simply for the sake of being together.

It is not good for the man to be alone. God spoke those words just before creating Eve, and he meant them not just about Adam, the first man, but about every man, woman, child, and creature forever. Nothing is an island, not even a molecule or an atom. Everything is meant to be in relationship. The Eucharist honours that.

When Jesus gave us the Eucharist, he intended it to be a ritual that invites us to come together as a family in every circumstance of our lives. In faith, just as in nature, we are meant to come together with others when we are happy and when we are sad, when the occasion is festive and when the occasion is mundane, when we celebrate new life and when we bury loved ones, when we give ourselves to each other in marriage and when we need reconciliation, when our energy is high and when our energy is low, when we feel the need for each other and when we want distance from others, and when we have no other reason to be together other than the fact that our nature invites us there.

The Eucharist invites us to gather as family. The very essence of family life is sharing with others both the special and the ordinary moments of life. Families gather together to celebrate occasions: Birthdays, weddings, graduations, transitions, illnesses, wakes, and funerals. At these times the atmosphere is more charged, the energy is higher, and there is a clearer sense that this is an occasion that merits our coming together.

But families that sustain themselves also gather regularly, ideally daily, irrespective of whether there is a special occasion or not. They don't just gather when the energy is good, when everyone is at his or her best, when nobody is bored or angry, and when some occasion merits the effort. They come together regularly, despite tedium, boredom, low energy, busyness, distractions, and interpersonal tensions because they recognize, however inchoately, that family life is as much about sharing the mundane, the distracted, the sports scores, and the tensions of life, as it is about sharing special and joyous moments. The weekday supper of hotdogs and beans, wolfed-down in 20 minutes with the conversation going no deeper than the sports scores, is not exactly the same stuff as the fare of the Christmas dinner or the conversation that takes place at a wedding or a funeral, but it is equally as important in creating family and keeping a family together. Families are for everyday, just as they are for special occasions. So too is the Eucharist.

For a variety of reasons, we have been slow to take this aspect of the Eucharist seriously. Perhaps this is because its other dimensions seem more sacred. Our reluctance to accept this is evident in the simple criticism that is made of people who go to church principally because of its social aspect: "She doesn't go to church to pray! She just goes for the socializing, for the chance to talk with others!" That is always voiced as a negative when, in fact, it is a good reason, among others, to go the Eucharist. The ritual of the Eucharist was given to us because we are social in our very make-up. To go to church to socialize is reason enough to be there.

I wish I had known that as a child when I went to church on special feast days, like Christmas or Easter, and heard the priest using the word "celebration" to describe our Eucharistic gathering and never, not even for a second, connecting that with the much-anticipated family dinner we would be having once we got home from church. I wish too that people would know this when they stay away from church because of boredom or anger or because they feel their presence there is only social and not an act of prayer.

One of the reasons we go to church is to pray, but we go there too for the same reason we go to the family table every evening. It's good to be there, no matter what!

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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

<b>Parish Goal</b>	\$101,839
<b>Amount Pledged</b>	\$ 87,659
<b># of Donors</b>	418
<b>Average Pledge</b>	\$ 210
<i>as of September 14, 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

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Annually     Other

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## **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 would like to receive an invitation.

## **Help Feed the Hungry**

The Mercy INN Soup Kitchen in Wyandanch, is in need of a volunteer to pick up food in the West Islip area early Monday mornings, and deliver it to the soup kitchen. Some heavy lifting is involved. If you can help, call Kathy at 631.422.1420.

## A Star is Born!

*Help John Sureau become a priest and be a movie star.*

As part of my fourth year Theology classes at the Seminary, I need to celebrate a “mock” Baptism and video it as part of a class I am taking called “Priest: President of the Assembly.” And . . .

I need your help!

On Tuesday, October 12, we’re going to have this practice at 6 PM in the Church. For this we need as many people as possible to “play a role” – we need parents, godparents, a baby, Baptism ministers, altar servers, music ministers, and most important, an assembly to help with singing and joining in the celebration! (If you’re great with a video camera, and have one, that’d be great too!)

How great it would be if you can come and bring friends. E-mail me to [jsureau@optonline.net](mailto:jsureau@optonline.net) or call at 631.423.0483, x. 528. It’s a help to know if you’re coming because there might be a snack or two afterwards ?!

## 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 Houses.

### Open House Schedule

#### September 2010

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	9 AM - 12 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

#### October 2010

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.

## A Time to Remember, to Reflect, to Heal

The Dignity Memorial Vietnam Wall is coming to Long Island! The Dignity Memorial Vietnam Wall is a traveling, three-quarter-scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. Show your support for America's fallen heroes by visiting the Dignity Memorial Vietnam Wall. "The Wall" honors all U.S. Veterans and dedicated to Vietnam veterans, the faux-granite replica is 240 feet long, eight feet high and contains the names of more than 58,000 Americans who died or are missing in Vietnam. "The Wall" will be on display at the West Islip Public Library on October 8, 9, and 10. For additional information, please call 669.3800.

## Girl Scout Pray and Play Day

All Girl Scouts, Brownies through Senior Girl Scouts are invited to the Girl Scout Pray and Play Day on Saturday, October 2, 2010 at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Island in Eastport, New York. Crafts, fun and prayer will begin at 9:30 AM and conclude with Mass at 3:30 PM. There will be a "Special Baby Shower" Service Project and a "Special Juvenile Cancer" Service Project. The cost for each service project is \$8.50 per participant. For information, call Diocesan Catholic Scouting office, 516-678-5800, ext. 245

## Dominican Village

**Please join us for an Open House on Thursday, September 30 from 1 PM until 3 PM.** Dominican Village is an independent retirement community that offers assisted living and respite care, outstanding programs, all-inclusive services and bountiful amenities. For more information, or to schedule a tour at your convenience, call 631.842.6091 or [info@dominicanvillage.org](mailto:info@dominicanvillage.org).

## Reunion

St. Michael's High School, Brooklyn, NY (Class of 1975) is planning a 35th High School Reunion on November 7, from 12 PM to 4:30 PM at Vetro's Restaurant, on Crossbay Blvd., in Howard Beach, Queens. Contact Susan D'Angelo-Guglietta at 516.902.3555 or Donna Trapasso-Jakubow at 917.817.2488. Also can be contacted on Facebook. Looking forward to a great time!

## 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 "**Relationships.**" 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 TELE CARE, Cablevision 29 or Verizon FIOS 296 for the Best in Catholic Television!

