

**The sun of justice will arise
with healing in its wings.**



Malachi 3:20

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Our Lady of Lourdes • November 14, 2010



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

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 Scorcio

Ministry Spiritual Director

Sr. Betty Toohig

Senior Ministry-SAGE

Anthony Trombino

Business Manager

Pastoral Council

Stacie Baltrusitis

Mary Borgs

Lisa Cantalino

Sonia DaSilva

Nilo DeLeon

Jerry Esposito

Deacon Jack Meehan

John Muldoon

Bob Natale

Eileen Rega

Vita Scorcio

Fr. Mike Vetrano

Parish Staff

Jennifer Gallagher

Women's Chorale Director

Mary Anne Lettieri

Parish Office

Debbie Meyer

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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

fax: 661.7143

website: www.ollchurch.org

Our Lady of Lourdes School

587.7200 (option 2)

Monday-Friday: 9 AM - 3 PM

email: 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

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

Renewing Our Spiritual Home

Dear Parishioners:

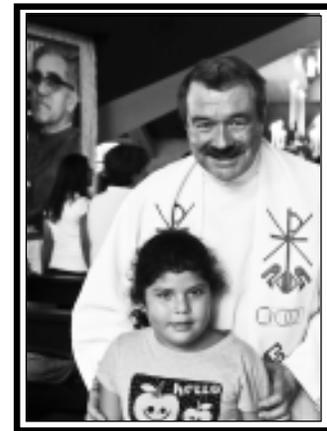
Stewardship is a way of life, an attitude of generosity and faith that allows us to use our gifts of time, talent, and treasure to do the work of the gospel. Our parish community would not exist without the generosity of our members. Each year, our parish uses the weeks at the beginning of November to celebrate parish stewardship. Our Pastor, Father Mike Vetrano, will speak at all Masses this weekend and present the Annual Report from our Finance and Stewardship Committees.



El Salvador Sister Parish Project- Project FCC 2010!

This year we are celebrating our Familias Con Corazones— "Families With Hearts"—all of the OLL families who sponsor children through CFCA. We are building a display in the narthex to celebrate all of our generous families, and the connections they have with their sponsored children.

If you (or your relatives or friends) sponsor a child through CFCA, please return the form below to the rectory or to the special box in the narthex. If you can, please include a picture of your sponsored child." (Stay tuned for a special FCC presentation by our El Salvador Sister Parish team on the first weekend of Advent.)



*Fr. Mike and his
sponsored child Nidia*



We sponsor a child through CFCA!

Family/Sponsor Name: _____

Name of Sponsored Child or Adult: _____

Welcoming the Icon of the Welcoming Christ

You definitely don't want to miss Mass on Thanksgiving Day this year!

In addition to our blessing and giving thanks for God's many blessings and celebrating the anniversary of our parish, we will be unveiling a work of art in our narthex — an icon of the “Welcoming Christ” which has been completed by Deacon John DeGuardi. You can read about the icon below but you will need to be here on Thanksgiving Day to see this beautiful addition to our church unveiled.

Be sure to join us!

Fr. Mike

The Welcoming Christ

It was some time in September 2009 when Father Mike offered me the challenge and the opportunity to create an icon image of our Welcoming Christ to be placed in the narthex above the entrance doors of our church.

I began to prepare pencil sketches for this project on my drawing pad of the Christ image in October of 2009. This was followed by transferring these drawings to the surface of the structured form that measured fourteen feet at its widest area and seven feet at the center of the highest area.

The ministry of the one who experiences preparing an icon, can be at times, that of a theologian: first- to know and love God; second-to praise God; third-to reflect on one's own experience of God from within a community of praise and present that reflection to the parishioners to deepen their faith journey.

The tradition of an icon image assumes the presence of three persons; the image depicted in the icon itself, the painter of the icon, and the viewer of the icon. There is no attempt at originality; however, if it surfaces in the process, the iconographer allows it to happen. Over the period of time from October 2009 to August of 2010, my wife and I had the opportunity to experience a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. When I returned, I continued to proceed to transfer my pencil drawings of the image of Jesus, from drawings to the surface of the panel. I realized that the image that evolved was not what I prepared to bring to the surface, but a reflection of the Christ image that evolved beyond my control, reflecting my experience in the Holy Land.

Icons are known not to reveal themselves at first sight, offering us to view it gradually, being patient, allowing our “inner sense” rather than our “outer sense” feelings to surface. The Christ image stands in front of the arches and the branches of the vines, uniting our community of faith. The grapes are a symbol of the faith filled followers. Jesus extends his longer arm and hand to all who have distanced themselves from the Church, welcoming them to return. What appears to be the shorter arm, embracing all of us who are followers of Christ the Lord.

I treasure to have had this experience,
Deacon John



Youth Group Meeting Schedule

Fall 2010

Middle School

November 18

December 9 and 16

High School

December 2 (*Lourdes Hall*) and 16

**All meetings will be in Room 16 of the school*

Hospitality Too Soup Kitchen

OLL Youth Group is making their November service trip to the **Hospitality Too Soup Kitchen on November 27. St. Anne's in Brentwood hosts the soup kitchen each Saturday beginning at 8 AM.** Two days after Thanksgiving there is not a more perfect time to show those who are ignored that some people DO care! Please give just one Saturday morning to those in need. E-mail Allegra@ollchurch.org to sign up or search the Facebook profile Allegra Youth-Minister.

Call for St. Bernard League!

Believe it or not the snow may only be a month or two away and we need volunteers to shovel the snow from the sidewalks and driveways of our elderly and disabled parishioners. This is a great service to many of our older OLL friends and a great way to earn service hours for school or just a nice thing to do with your family. To sign up, please send a message to Allegra@ollchurch.org. **also...** For those who are elderly or disabled, and wish to have a St. Bernard volunteer at their home, please contact Allegra by email or phone at 661.3224, ext. 135. even if you have signed up in the past you must sign up again!

Children's Liturgy

Are you a teacher? A catechist? Do you like kids or volunteering for your church? Come and join our wonderful team for Children's Liturgy of the Word at our 9:30 AM Sunday Mass. We need adults who are passionate about teaching children what it means to be a Christian.

Contact Allegra@ollchurch.org with any questions or to sign up.

Attention Young People

Boys and Girls-ages 4th grade and up...

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

The Training Sessions will be in the Church on Sunday, November 21 at 4:30 PM, Saturday, November 27 at 3 PM, Sunday, November 28 at 4:30 PM, Saturday December 4 at 3 PM, and Sunday, December 5 at 4:30 PM. New servers need to attend as many of these sessions as possible, "old" servers are being asked to attend as many as they can as well (plus it's a great way to help out the new ones). Hope you say YES to this call!

Adult Faith Formation

Martha and Mary

Action and Contemplation...

Doing and Being

Presenters : Fr. Bob and Vita Scorgia

Tuesdays-November 16 and November 23

Parish Center

7:30 PM - 9:30 PM

There are many different ways of praying. Prayer not only has to fit our lifestyle, but our personality as well. Can you take two nights to look at Martha and Mary to reflect on your own spirituality and prayer life ?.

- *How can we pray in the midst of such busyness?*
- *Is "sitting at the feet of Jesus" the only way?*

Please join us...All Are Welcome

There is a \$5 fee for each session. No fee is required for those who have paid the Religious Education Family Fee or Our Lady of Lourdes School tuition. Registration is necessary and helpful. This will enable us to have enough reading material and refreshments for all those attending. To register, please call the Religious Education Office at 661.5440, option 3 or email to religioused@ollchurch.org.



Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

What's it all about?

IF you are an adult AND

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

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

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

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

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.)



Rest In Peace

Patricia A. Cardaci died on November 3
and celebration of the Mass of Christian
Burial was November 6. We extend our
prayers to her children, grandchildren, and
entire family.

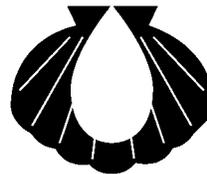
Welcome

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

Grzegorz and Magdalena Rogowski

Krista Dolce

Elise Giacola



Baptisms

Landon Joseph Gerry

Joseph and April

Peter Thomas Malone, Jr.

Peter and Elaine

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, November 15

Saint Albert the Great, bishop and doctor of the Church

8:00 AM Lillian Gerken

Tuesday, November 16

Saint Margaret of Scotland,

Saint Gertrude, virgin

8:00 AM Howard Campkin

Wednesday, November 17

Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, religious

8:00 AM Nora O'Brien

Thursday, November 18

Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Peter and

Saint Paul in Rome

8:00 AM Muriel Olsen

Friday, November 19

8:00 AM Howard Campkin

Saturday, November 20

8:00 AM Vincent & David McCarthy, Marie Weiss, Kenneth Kaese,
Mary Cornils, Dean Easler, Josephine Kelly, Theresa Feliney

5:00 PM John McKeefery

Fr. Pat Amabile

Sunday, November 21

8:00 AM Alberta Firth-Hawkins

Fr. Mike Vetrano

9:30 AM Magen Anderson

Fr. Bob Scheckenback

11:00 AM Frank Cafaro

Fr. Pat Amabile

12:30 PM Elizabeth Meditz

Fr. Mike Vetrano

6:00 PM People of the Parish, John Huscilowitz, Joseph Reale,
Eileen Normile, Alfonsina Borrelli, Sheila Timmer, Debbie Barriere,
John Stump, Patricia A. Cardaci

Fr. Bob Scheckenback

News From Outreach

The Oktoberfest, during which we honored Marie Ricigliano for her dedication and commitment to so many ministries at Our Lady of Lourdes, was a tremendous success. Thank you to all who participated in the evening.

At Marie's request:

*Dear Friends,
I am overwhelmed and most grateful for everyone's kindness honoring me at the Oktoberfest. For my family and I it was a night to remember. Because of your presence and your donations the affair was a success.
We, at Outreach, are most appreciative and we thank you.
Be Happy Stay Healthy God loves you, and so do I!
With love and gratitude,
Marie*

If anyone has pictures of the evening-we could publish these in the bulletin. Please e-mail copies to mary.mcmahon@ollchurch.org.

- On Sunday, November 21, the Babylon Rotary Club is conducting a Food Drive at the Stop and Shop on Union Blvd. in West Islip from 9 AM until 3 PM. Our Lady of Lourdes Outreach will be the recipient of this event.
- When did the summer end? Can you believe Outreach is busy preparing for the rapidly approaching Advent season! As of this afternoon, Outreach hopes to provide Thanksgiving dinners for 73 families. Any donations of Thanksgiving food or, of course, a complete dinner for a family of 2 to 6 people will be gratefully accepted. Outreach is serving a family with nine children and 2 adults-both parents work but money is always very tight. Would two families from the parish consider sharing the cost of adopting this family for Thanksgiving? If so, please phone Outreach. Thanksgiving baskets will be distributed on Monday, November 22 between the hours of 10 AM and 3 PM. Outreach volunteers will be sorting food and setting up the PC on Sunday, November 21 from 1 PM to 6 PM. You can leave your donations on Sunday or Monday morning, November 22.
- Finally, in anticipation of the great event: Christmas! The Giving Tree will be decorated and filled with tags for the first Sunday of Advent, November 28. Once again, PODS will be donating a POD for storage of the gifts you donate. Each Sunday of Advent, starting December 5, volunteers will be sorting your gifts. If you are interested becoming an 'elf'-we will meet in the APR at 1 PM and are usually finished by 2:30 PM. We are very organized and work in teams of two-so bring a friend, dust off your elf hat and join us! Another way to 'give' during this Advent season.

*-Mary McMahan
Director of Parish Outreach*

Our Lady of Lourdes School Fundraiser

Your support is always appreciated!



Fresh Wreaths-balsam pine with beautiful evergreen accents
 "Deluxe" -decorated in burgundy/gold, red/white/silver, and Christmas plaid bows and decorations

"Simple" -same color choices as "Deluxe", no decorations- pinecones and bow only

Poinsettias-gorgeous Christmas favorites in red or cream an three sizes to choose from

Fresh Grave Blankets & Pillows-evergreens, decorations, and red velvet bow

Order Deadline Wednesday, November 17

Family Name _____

Address _____ Contact number _____

Item	Size	Color	Quantity	\$ / Item	Total
Grave BLANKETS	-			\$45	
Grave PILLOWS	-			\$30	
Deluxe Fresh WREATHS (w/ Decorations)	10"	Burgundy/Gold		\$25	
		Red/White/Silver		\$25	
		Christmas Plaid		\$25	
Deluxe Fresh WREATHS (w/ Decorations)	12"	Burgundy/Gold		\$30	
		Red/White/Silver		\$30	
		Christmas Plaid		\$30	
Simple Fresh WREATHS (w/ Bow & Pinecones)	10"	Burgundy/Gold		\$20	
		Red/White/Silver		\$20	
		Christmas Plaid		\$20	
Simple Fresh WREATHS (w/ Bow & Pinecones)	12"	Burgundy/Gold		\$25	
		Red/White/Silver		\$25	
		Christmas Plaid		\$25	
POINSETTIAS	4.5"	Red		\$ 6 or 3/\$15	
		Cream		\$ 6 or 3/\$15	
	6"	Red		\$10 or 3/\$28	
		Cream		\$10 or 3/\$28	
	8"	Red		\$20 or 3/\$55	
		Cream		\$20 or 3/\$55	

SUBTOTAL	
Delivery (optional)	\$10
TOTAL	

(payment due at time of order-checks payable to OLL School)

Order pick-up will be Saturday, December 4. Time:TBA

If you have any questions, please contact Bronwen Sessa at bsessa@ollschool.org.

Christmas Season Sale

Financial Summary

November 7, 2010

Weekly Collection	\$ 17,622.00
Weekly Budget	-\$ 19,000.00
+/- for the week	\$ (1,378.00)

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

Holy Name Society

- One of the Corporal Works of Mercy subscribed to by the men of the Holy Name Society is to commemorate the souls of their departed brothers. Today, "Holy Name Sunday", at our annual Memorial Mass by means of our prayers and thoughts, we recall to mind our deceased brothers, especially those men who passed away this past year. A listing of our deceased brothers will be in the next issue of "Dialogue".
- Also, the Diocesan Holy Name Societies will be remembering all their brothers who died this past year at their Memorial Mass being celebrated at St. Agnes Cathedral, Sunday, November 21 at 11 AM. All Holy Name families are welcome to attend this Mass.
- The annual Christmas Theme Poster Contest, a Diocesan Holy Name contest that is held each year as a reminder for all of us that the reason for Christmas is to celebrate the Birthday of Jesus'. A Christmas Poster Contest flyer will soon be distributed to all Our Lady of Lourdes School students, and Religious Ed students. A member of the Society will be glad to help any student who has a question about participating in the contest, and hopefully all will be participants.
- Finally, please remember in your prayers, Masses, Rosaries, visits to the Blessed Sacrament, the Canonization Cause for Blessed John of Vercelli.

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.

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, Bob Becker, James (Jay) Bowers, Viola Callanan, Josephine Carrano, James Casey, Grace Ciccarello, Beverly DeCanio, Mike DeJong, Jeanne DellaRagione, Tony DeVivo, Tony Drexler, Debbie Eichen, Berdine Ivory, Kathleen Kerrigan, Robyn Kerrigan, Ann Losee, Charlie Macchio, Louise Malcuit, John McNevin, Vincent Meade, Elizabeth Minicozzi, Ann Mongeau, Michael Montesanto, John Mordente, Ruth Murray, Evelyn Nonnon, Karen Parpounas, Joe Radosti, Dorothy Schiavone, AnnMarie Schiraldi, Baby Isabella Shaw, Roy Sorrese, Lindsay Stahl, Linda Starr, Stephen Straub, Sr., Patrick Tardo, Nancy Turano, Dotty Valerga, Al Van Pelt, Bunny Vilim, Irv Weiss, Joe Yezek, Peggy 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.