

**“You are the light**



**Matthew 5:16**

**of the world.”**

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**February 6, 2011 - Our Lady of Lourdes**



## *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

**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-Catho-  
lics and for Catholics who have  
never received formal religious  
education. If interested, please call  
the Parish Office.

## *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.*

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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 Scorgia**

Ministry Spiritual Director

**Sr. Betty Toohig**

Senior Ministry-SAGE

**Anthony Trombino**

Business Manager

## *Pastoral Council*

Diane Ackerly

Stacie Baltrusitis

Mary Borgs

Lisa Cantalino

Sonia DaSilva

Nilo DeLeon

Jerry Esposito

Trish Frodell

Rosalie Mangels

Maryellen McKee

Deacon Jack Meehan

John Muldoon

Bob Natale

Eileen Rega

Vita Scorgia

Fr. Mike Vetrano

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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

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### **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)

*Welcome...*

*to Our Lady of Lourdes!*

We are so happy to welcome everyone who has come to worship with us today! Whether you have come a long distance or you live locally, we are glad that you have decided to spend some time with us as we worship our Lord together. Please know that your presence today is a blessing to our parish family.

*Would you like to know more about our parish family?*

All are welcome at Our Lady of Lourdes and we do our best to reach out to everyone.

If you would like more information about our parish or if you would like one of our team to be in touch with you, please fill this form out and place it in any collection or offering basket, mail it to us, or send an email to [parishoffice@ollchurch.org](mailto:parishoffice@ollchurch.org)

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*to Our Lady of Lourdes!*



*I would like information about:*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Joining the Parish                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Baptizing my Children                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Religious Education of my Children | <input type="checkbox"/> Becoming a Catholic or Adult Confirmation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Marriage or Annulment / Remarriage | <input type="checkbox"/> Spiritual Direction or Counseling         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Our Parish Catholic School         | <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Education                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Services                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                               |

I would prefer to be contacted by:

Phone at: \_\_\_\_\_ Email at: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail at: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Mark your calendars...

## Walking with the Word

**Our parish Lenten Retreat will be given on March 14-17  
by Dominican Preachers Fr. Ron Henerey and Fr. Bob Vaughan.**



**Fr. Ron Henerey, O.P.** is a member of the Dominican Order, ordained in 1978. He is a graduate of Ohio University and the Dominican House of Studies. His ministry includes preached and directed retreats, spiritual direction, among other ministries. Some of his interests include music, reading and enjoying nature.



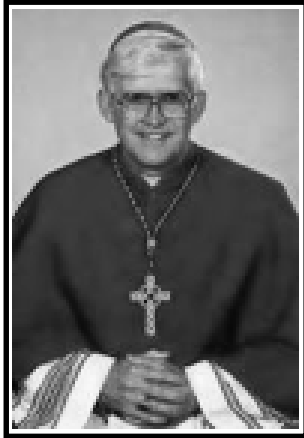
**Fr. Robert Vaughn, O.P.** is a member of the Dominican Order, ordained in 1971. Fr. Bob holds an MA in Counseling from Boston University. He is an experienced retreat director with over 30 years in retreat and spiritual direction ministry. He is a nature enthusiast and enjoys celebrating the wonders of God's creation in all of its expressions.

## **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*

**Wednesday, February 23, 7:30 in the Parish Center**



## **Pastoral Visit from Bishop Dunne**

**Bishop John Dunne will be visiting Our Lady of Lourdes during the weekend of February 12 and 13.** He will be preaching at all Masses that weekend and meeting with many of our parish groups.

Bishop Dunne visits our parish every three to four years to help us strengthen our parish life. We look forward to his visit!

## **Holy Name Society**

The Holy Name Society meets on the second Sunday of each month. The next meeting will be on **Sunday, February 13.** 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.**

## **Rosary Christian Mothers**

The Rosary Christian Mothers meet on the first Monday evening of each month. The next meeting will be **Monday, February 7.** We will begin with **Rosary at 7:45 PM in the Parish Center** followed by **meeting at 8 PM in the Parish Center.**

## **Centering Prayer Group**

OLL Centering Prayer Group will be meeting in the **Spiritual Life Center** on **Thursday, February 17 at 7:30 PM.** If you have any questions, please contact Diane at 587.0966.

The Rosary Christian Mothers are sponsoring a **St. Valentine's Day Dance to be held on Saturday, February 12 in the All-Purpose Room.**

The proceeds from the dance will go towards the "Grotto to Our Lady of Lourdes." There will be dancing to the music of "Rick," dinner, wine, beer, soda coffee, and dessert - all for only \$35 per person. Don't forget 50/50, raffles and baskets of cheer! For reservations, please call Claire at 669-3178, Angie at 586.2084, Patty at 669.1727, or Angela at 669.7275.



## Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes

We will celebrate the **Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes with Healing Mass / Anointing of the Sick on Friday, February 11 at 7:30 PM.**



Join us at 7:30 PM to celebrate a Healing Mass on this evening, devoted to Mary and the great healing tradition at Lourdes. We invite all to come to celebrate the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick.

This sacrament may be received by anyone with a desire to receive God's healing in time of sickness, for age and infirmity, for healing of grief, anxiety, and other emotional suffering, for any healing you desire to receive from God.

## Adult Faith Formation

### Book Discussion:

***The Naked Now* by Richard Rohr**

**Presenter: Tom Petriano**

**Tuesdays - February 8, 15 and March 1**

**Parish Center**

**7:30-9:30 PM**

*Book will be available for purchase in the Religious Education Office. Cost is \$18.*

*It will be helpful to read Chapter 1 before first session.*

The description of Richard Rohr's most recent book, *The Naked Now*, suggests that it was written to:

- *Awaken* your desire for God
- *Free* yourself from the fears that can cripple you
- *Connect* to the joy already within you
- *Transform* yourself
- *Inspire* others to see as the mystics see
- *Live* in full awareness of the Naked Now

Come be a part of lively discussions and interesting presentations. Don't miss it!

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



## Daytime Eucharistic Devotion

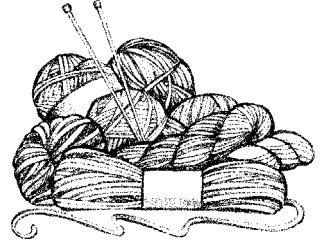
The afternoon adoration for the month of July will be on **Wednesday, February 9 from 1- 3 PM**. All are invited and welcome!

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

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

Join us ...

**Wednesday, February 16 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.



## Men's Prayer Group-Morning

*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, February 17, 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.

## Prayer for Divine Mercy

*An invitation to all men and women to be part of God's plan.*

We invite you to meet in prayer for the world and our nation to put their trust in God. Our hope is that the nations will have a new spirit of morality. Please come with your love and hope for humanity as well as your prayer requests. We gather together every **Thursday at 1:30 PM before the Blessed Sacrament** for about one half hour. For more information, call Charles Argento at 586.8528.

## Men's Prayer Group-Evening

A new *evening* men's prayer group! It will be held once a month, on the third Tuesday of each month from **7:30 PM until 8:30 PM in the Spiritual Life Center**.

The next meeting will be **Tuesday night, February 15**. Come with your ideas.

We'll read and discuss the Liturgy for the following Sunday Mass.

For more information, call Bob Natale at 893.3041, Charles Zeiss at 669.7189 or Cliff Proctor at 669.3198.



# **Eighth Annual El Salvador Mission Trip 2011**

**For Students Grade 8 through College**

**Mission Trip 2011**



**Consider spending a week  
this summer on a trip that  
will change your life!**

When I went to El Salvador this summer for my first time, it changed my life.



The whole trip was indescribable, but the part that really stuck out to me was the day we spent at the school in our Sister Parish in Tacuba running a vacation bible camp for the kids there. Thanks to the donations of the people of OLL parish, every child got to choose their own book to take home to keep. Just seeing the look on a little girl's face as she picked up her *Dora the Explorer* book made me so grateful for everything I had back home.

Each day we visited towns and villages with arms full of donations from the United States. We were able to interact with the villagers and get a sense of who these people really were. Warm welcomes awaited us in each town along with humble gifts of wildflowers. I was amazed to find that many had walked miles to meet with us and thank us for coming. Even more astounding was that all of these miles were walked by men, women, and children, some with no shoes! This mission to El Salvador was a life-altering experience. It hit me hard after I returned home and went straight to sleep in my own room complete with TV, Internet and stereo, with my warm bed next to my closet filled with the latest \$100 sneakers.



**If you are interested in participating in  
this life-changing experience, come to an  
information meeting on Thursday,  
February 10, at 7 PM in the Parish Center.**

## *Upcoming Marriages*

*Patricia Lagana, OLL and  
George Fellows*

*Dawn Yngstrom, Sacred Heart, Merrick and  
Vincent Perniciaro, OLL*

### *A Heartfelt Thank You*

*"Many people will walk in and out of your life,  
but only true friends will leave footprints in your heart."*

*The Leyden Family would like to extend a warm  
thank you to all for their prayers, support and food  
during this time of grief.*

*We are blessed and grateful to be part of such  
a caring and compassionate Parish community.*

*Mike and Sue Leyden and  
James and Matthew Murphy*



### *Baptisms*

*Sadie Joy Carrano*

*Mark and Jacqueline*

*Emma Madeline Petry*

*Brian and Kerryanne*

*Aaron Joseph Sokol*

*Timothy and Christine*

*Sarahfina Rose Roffi*

*Jason and Nicole*

# Remembering...

**Monday, February 7**

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

**Tuesday, February 8**

*Saint Jerome Emiliani, priest*

**8:00 AM** Albert Ritacco

**Wednesday, February 9**

**8:00 AM** Frieda Perry

**Thursday, February 10**

*Saint Scholastica, virgin*

**8:00 AM** Michael Reilly

**Friday, February 11**

*Our Lady of Lourdes*

**8:00 AM** Gunther Steck

**7:30 PM** People of the Parish

**Saturday, February 12**

**8:00 AM** Millie Barrera, Mary Pazus,  
Margaret McHugh,  
Daniel Feehan, Hugh O'Brien,  
Pasquale J. Guidice, Jr.

**5:00 PM** Mary & Joseph Walsh

**Sunday, February 13**

**8:00 AM** John Flynn

**9:30 AM** Jeanne Reese

**11:00 AM** Steven Perone

**12:30 PM** Florence O'Regan

**6:00 PM** People of the Parish, Anthony DeVivo, Amalia Capoccia,  
Clara Lucarelli, Gina Bordino, AnneMarie Murphy,  
Burt Richter, Brian Hesselin



## Rest In Peace

*Mary Rita Chiarello* died on January 21 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was January 25. We extend our prayers to her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren and entire family.

*Ante Vulin* died on January 25 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was January 28. We extend our prayers to his wife Marija, children, grandchildren and entire family.

*James F. Etri* died on January 24 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was January 29. We extend our prayers to his sister and entire family.

*Susan L. Etri* died on January 24 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was January 29. We extend our prayers to her entire family.

Celebrating Sacraments

# OLL Week-at-a-Glance

Week of	Church	Parish Center	Spiritual Life Center
<b>Monday</b> February 7	8 AM Mass after 8 AM Mass Miraculous Medal Novena 7:30 PM Baptism Preparation	7:45 PM RCM- Rosary 8:00 PM RCM- Meeting	8PM Alcoholics Anonymous LH
<b>Tuesday</b> February 8	8 AM Mass	9 AM SAGE	7:30 PM <i>AFF-The Naked Now</i> SLC 8PM Alcoholics Anonymous LH
<b>Wednesday</b> February 9	8 AM Mass 9 AM School Mass 1 PM Daytime Eucharistic Devotion Blessed Sacrament Chapel	10 AM AIAnon 10 AM PEP 1-Parent Meeting 7:30 PM PEP 1-Parent Meeting	7:30 PM Bereavement Support Group
<b>Thursday</b> February 10	8 AM Mass 1:30 PM Prayer for Divine Mercy Church 5 PM Youth Choir 7 PM Adult Choir	10 AM Gr. 5 Parent Meeting 7 PM El Sal Info Session	6 PM RCIA SLC 7:30 PM Evangelization Ministry Mtg SLC
<b>Friday</b> February 11	8 AM Mass 7:30 PM OLL Feast/Healing Mass		
<b>Saturday</b> February 12	8 AM Mass 4-4:45 PM Confessions 5 PM Mass Bishop Dunne Pastoral Visit 6 PM Nocturnal Adoration	7:30 PM RCM Valentine's Dance APR	2 PM Alcoholics Anonymous LH 7 PM Alcoholics Anonymous LH
<b>Sunday</b> February 13	8 AM Mass 9:30 AM Mass-CLTW 11 AM Mass, 12:30 PM Mass 6 PM Mass - Contemporary		11 AM RCIA



## "Renewing Our Spiritual Home"

### Projects that need to be addressed...

- Church lighting and electrical
- Narthex entrance
- Church pews, kneelers, chairs, and doors
- Parking lot refurbishment
- Parish Center air conditioner unit
- Parish Center repair and remodel

### Update January 28:

As I told you last week, our project has now been officially approved by the Diocese to enter the campaign phase. Our Diocesan Finance Office suggested that because of increasing costs and contingencies we should set our goal at 1,000,000 dollars. This seems to be a wise decision, and will make sure that if we strive for this goal, we will have enough to complete all our projects.

Last week and this week, our Campaign Committee will be meeting with advisors to determine the best way to conduct our campaign. If you would like to be part of the team for this fundraising effort, please contact Fr. Mike Vetrano or Deacon Jack Meehan at the Rectory.

*Fr. Mike*



## 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

When the 2002 World Youth Day in Toronto concluded, the lead organizer, Fr. Tom Rosica, CSB, embarked on a new endeavor with the encouragement of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. He, and some of the young adults who were crucial to the success of World Youth Day, began a Catholic television network in Canada. In July 2003, Salt + Light Television began broadcasting as a digital cable channel. Already a multi-year winner (2008 and 2009) of the Gabriel award for best television station of the year from the Catholic Academy of Communication Arts Professionals, Salt + Light Television has become a producer of solid Catholic programming that is recognized around the world. You can view their shows online at [www.saltandlighttv.org](http://www.saltandlighttv.org).

The television station takes its name, of course, from the section of Matthew's Gospel that we hear today. Last week's Gospel of the Eight Beatitudes was just the beginning of the Sermon on the Mount. We'll be reading from that part of Matthew's Gospel all the way up until Lent, and this week's Gospel follows immediately upon the beatitudes. It is important to have those in mind as we think about salt and light, both in the Gospel, and the television station as well.

As was mentioned last week, the beatitudes are the positive law for Christians. Rather than prohibitions against certain activity, the beatitudes are the way we are supposed to act. In performing the Eight Beatitudes, we become salt of the earth and light to the world. That's why Jesus could say let people see your good deeds. In the shows it produces, Salt + Light Television tells the stories of Christians living their lives in the light of Christ, doing good deeds and acting out of love. Living in that way is not always easy, as the shows reveal. But the station is true to its name, showing that Christians can be a light in this world. 2010 Liturgical Publications Inc

### Readings for the Week of February 6, 2011

<b>Sunday:</b>	Is 58:7-10/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16
<b>Monday:</b>	Gn 1:1-19/Mk 6:53-56
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Gn 1:20---2:4a/Mk 7:1-13
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Mk 7:14-23
<b>Thursday:</b>	Gn 2:18-25/Mk 7:24-30
<b>Friday:</b>	Gn 3:1-8/Mk 7:31-37
<b>Saturday:</b>	Gn 3:9-24/Mk 8:1-10
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	Sir 15:15-20/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

## Mass Book of Intentions

The 2012 Mass Book of Intentions will be opening on **Tuesday, February 15** at **9 AM** in the Parish Office.

As always, we will do our best to accommodate your Mass Intention requests.

## 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 ...

*Giovanni Andriola, Susan Aviza, Deacon Dick Barry, Viola Callanan, Grace Ciccarello, Katherine Colleran, Virginia Crescini, Lucilia DaTorre, Beverly DeCanio, Jeanne DellaRagione, Tony Drexler, Debbie Eichen, Jerry Fabozzi, Ann Farrell, Jake Feldman, Patricia Ferrara, Zana Gashi, Kathleen Kerrigan, Robyn Kerrigan, Frank Larkin, Eric Lee, Ann Losee, Louise Malcuit, John McNevin, Vincent Meade, Frances Miranda, Julio Miranda, Michael Montesanto, John Mordente, Ruth Murray, Evelyn Nonnon, Philomena Owens, Karen Parpounas, Gertrude Parine, Mary Phelan, Joe Radosti, Dennis Ryan, Dorothy Schiavone, AnnMarie Schiraldi, Brian Schweibert, Baby Isabella Shaw, Derek Stahl, Lindsay Stahl, Linda Starr, Kay Steveson, Patrick Tardo, Nancy Turano, Bunny Vilim, Patricia Wallace, Joe Yezek*

## Financial Summary

### January 30, 2011

Weekly Collection	\$ 18,785.00
Weekly Budget	-\$ 19,000.00
+/- for the week	\$ (215.00)

*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:



**Stephen Cochran**-*US Marines*  
**Bryan R. Dempsey**-*US Marines*  
**Christopher Florca**-*US Marines*  
**Anthony Mannino**-*US Marines*  
**JD Montefusco**-*US Marines*  
**Joshua Tyrrell**-*US Army*

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

## “Reach Out” Program



***“Some people live their entire lifetime and wonder if they have ever made a difference in the world...”***

*Ronald Reagan*

Please contact the Outreach office if someone you love is serving on active duty overseas. Outreach will be starting a “Reach Out” Program offering support to men and women on active duty in any branch of the Military.



## Pantry Needs

pasta sauce  
tuna  
jelly  
macaroni and cheese  
crackers

## Outreach Donations

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



*Mark the date...*

### Family Mardi Gras

**Sunday, March 6**

**4 PM - 6 PM**

Games...Prizes....Dancing...and Fun! Fun! Fun!

Tickets go on sale soon...watch the bulletin for further details!

**THE ANSWER:**

### The St. Patrick/St. Joseph Dance

**THE QUESTION:**

*What is the most celebrated event at OLL  
(with the exception of The Feast, of course!)*

**Saturday, March 19**

**7:30 PM– 11:30 PM**

Tickets go on sale Monday, February 28

*Details to follow...*



*Never too early to prepare for Spring!*

### Victorian Tea

**Sunday, May 22**

**“The English Parlour Room”**

Do polish your silver and air your linens. There will be no excuse deemed acceptable for those attending in less than their finest of Victorian fashion and lac (Advance tickets are not yet on sale-but do mark your calendars as we have no tolerance for weeping if your request for tickets is denied!)



## On Fasting and Praying in Secret

by Ron Rolheiser, OMI

The philosopher, David Hume, once made a distinction between something he called as genuine virtues and something he termed monkish virtues. Genuine virtues, he said, were those qualities inside us that are useful to others and ourselves. Monkish virtues, on the other hand, are qualities that don't enhance human life, either for society or for the particular person practicing them. As monkish virtues he lists, celibacy, fasting, penance, mortification, self-denial, humility, silence, and solitude. These, he attests, contribute nothing to society and even detract from human welfare. For this reason, he affirms, they are rejected by "men of sense". For a religious person, this isn't easy to hear.

But what follows is even harsher. Those practicing monkish virtues pay a stiff price, he says, they are excluded from health and human community: The gloomy, hare-brained enthusiast, after death, may have a place in a calendar, but will scarcely be admitted, when alive, into intimacy and society, except by those who are as delirious and dismal as himself.

As brutal as this may sound, it contains a healthy warning, one with a discernible echo to what Jesus said when he warned us to fast in secret, to do our private prayer in secret, to not put on gloomy faces when we are practicing asceticism, and to make sure our piety is not too evident in public. If Jesus is clear about anything, he's clear about this.

Why? Why should we avoid all public display of our fasting, ascetical practices, and private prayer?

Partly Jesus' warning is against hypocrisy and insincerity, but it is more. There is also the question of what we are radiating and of how we are being perceived. When we display asceticism and piety in public, even if we are sincere, what we want to radiate and what is read by others (and not just by the David Humes of our world) are often two different things. We may want to be radiating our faith in God and our commitment to things beyond this life, but what others easily read from our attitude and actions is lack of health, lack of joy, depression, disdain for the ordinary, and a not-so-disguised compensation for missing out on life.

And this is precisely the opposite of what we should be radiating. All monkish virtues (and they are real virtues) are intended to open us to a deeper intimacy with God and so, if our prayer and asceticism are healthy, what we should be radiating is precisely health, joy, love for this

world, and sense of how the ordinary pleasures of life are sacramental.

But this isn't easy to do. We don't radiate faith in God and health by uncritically accepting or cheerleading the world's every effort to be happy, nor by flashing a false smile while deep down we are barely managing to keep depression at bay. We radiate faith in God and health by radiating love, peace, and calm. And we can't do this by radiating a disdain for life or for the way in which ordinary people are seeking happiness in this life.

And that's a tricky challenge, especially today. In a culture like ours, it is easy to pamper ourselves, to lack any real deep sense of sacrifice, to be so immersed in our lives and ourselves so as to lose all sense of prayer, and to live without any real asceticism, especially emotional asceticism. Among other things, we see this today in our pathological busyness, our inability to sustain lives of private prayer, our growing incapacity to be faithful in our commitments, and in our struggles with addictions of all kinds: food, drink, sex, entertainment, information technology. Internet pornography is already the single biggest addiction in the whole world. Prayer and fasting (at least of the emotional kind) are in short supply. The monkish virtues are more needed today than ever.

But we must practice them without public exhibitionism, without disdaining the good that is God-given in the things of this world, without hinting that our own private sanctity is more important to us and to God than is the common good of this planet, and without suggesting that God doesn't want us to delight in his creation. Our asceticism and prayer must be real, but they must radiate health, and not be a compensation for not having it.

And that, a health that witnesses to God's goodness, is exactly what I see in those who practice the monkish virtues in a healthy way. Prayer and fasting, done correctly, radiate health to the world, not disdain. Had David Hume witnessed Jesus' health and love inside his prayer and asceticism, he would, I suspect, have written differently of monkish virtue.

So we need to take more seriously Jesus' words that asceticism and private prayer are to be done "in secret", behind closed doors, so that the face we show in public will radiate health, joy, calm, and love for the good things that God, whom prayer and asceticism brings us closer to, has made.

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## The Needs of Outreach

### February

The Month of BLAH! What do we have to look forward to in February? More winter, more cold, shorter daylight hours, not even the lights of Christmas to cheer us as we make our way home in the evening, icy pavements make a short walk outside treacherous. The State of the Union is bad...the state of the state is worse...but the State of Outreach...now that is another story!

Outreach is jamming in February. Outreach volunteers barely recovered from the Thanksgiving/Christmas collections, have been busier than ever assisting families and individuals in need. The pantry is at it's lowest level in five years. We are supplementing the bags of food with the gift cards we received from the Giving Tree.

Island Harvest has donated 250lbs. of meat-chicken, chop meat, lunch meats, sausage. We have been fortunate to have an abundance of instant potatoes, stuffing, cranberry jelly and canned corn-so we know that at least one complete meal is being offered to our clients. We have pasta but need sauce; we have peanut butter but no jelly; there is no tuna fish or canned pasta and the macaroni and cheese is totally wiped out? (A first!) Cereal is running low as is small cans of soup. Crackers are a luxury item.

For the month of February, if you could commit to bringing one item for the pantry everytime you visit OLL-for Mass, a Religious Ed. Parent meeting, Adult Faith formation-just one can would make all the difference-and would help the State of Outreach!

### Assistance from a Moving Company

Outreach has access to three bedroom sets, a couch, chair, dining room set-table, chairs, buffet. This furniture would go to a family(4 children) who has recently found housing-but are without furniture. You are familiar with the story-someone asks-and within days-the answer comes. The problem-we don't have a way to pick up the furniture and deliver it to the client. It would be a shame to pass up the opportunity to help this family, but I am at a loss for how to do this. We would need a large truck and some very strong men. If you have any ideas, please phone Outreach:661-9262x4.

### Van

Outreach is looking for a van-one with four wheels, windshield and an engine to propel it-(if it can move I am interested!) Our Outreach Program is exploding-it is sad that there are so many needs-and it is a blessing that OLL responds as generously as you do. A van would enable us to continue to help those in our neighborhood-and beyond. A van would allow us to deliver furniture to families, to distribute what we receive-but have no need of to other areas where the need is greater. We have received an abundance of baby items: formula, clothing, baby equipment: cribs, cradles, infant seats etc. Although we do not have families with infants at this time-we accept these items for distribution in other areas-Riverhead, Brooklyn, Mastic. Anything we can't distribute directly to our clients goes to those in need. The donation of a van would facilitate this distribution. Surely our compassion compels us to respond to those in need whenever and wherever we can.

As the clients come to Outreach and present their needs-I am coming to you, the Parish Community to present Outreach needs. If it is meant to be-these requests will be met. If not, than it is not in God's plan. Thanks for all you do-always.

*-MaryMcMahon  
Director of Parish Social Ministry*

## 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.

## Is God Calling You?

Is God calling you to the Diaconate? Why not attend, with your wife (if married), “**A Morning of Discernment**” at the **Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, Huntington on Saturday, February 12 from 9 AM until 12 noon.** For more information or to register, please contact the Office of Deacon Formation at 631.424.8360 or [deacons@drvc.org](mailto:deacons@drvc.org).

## An Evening of Prayer and Petition

*with the Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Cap in Canada* on **Sunday, February 13 from 7 PM - 8 PM at St. Anne’s Church, Brentwood.** The Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Cap visits us from Cape Madeline, Canada. The Sanctuary of Cap is a peaceful place of prayer which is a popular destination for many Catholics. Through a special arrangement, the statue will be present at St. Anne’s. Come and join us to pray for the Church, World Peace and your special intentions.

## All-You-Can-Eat Spaghetti Dinner

Boy Scout Troop 179, Chartered by Our Lady of Lourdes Church, is hosting an All-You-Can-Eat Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser on **Saturday, February 19, from 4 PM – 7:30 PM in the OLL School Cafeteria.** The cost is \$5 per person (all you can eat). There will be raffle tickets for sale at the door and you need not be present to win. Some of the great prizes include a ski trip, brunch at the Danford Inn, passes to Medieval Times, Atlantis Marine World, among others.

## Writings of St. Paul

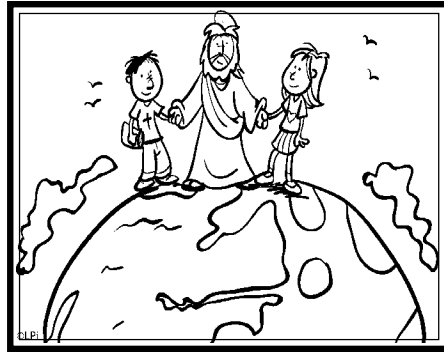
This four week course develops four themes Fr. James McNamara identified while on sabbatical, studying the writings of St. Paul. -Paul’s Personal Journey -Justification through Faith -Eschatology (The end times and eternal Life) -Church. Each evening will consist of a presentation followed by a question and answer segment. The course will be held, **Tuesdays, March 29, April 5, 12 and 19 at St. Joseph’s Church, Babylon from 8 PM until 9:30 PM.** The course is offered free of charge, but you must RSVP to reserve your seat. Please contact Jane at 669.0068, extension 159 or email [stewardship@stjosephsbabylon.org](mailto:stewardship@stjosephsbabylon.org).

## 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 “**Renewal.**” 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 Channel 29/137 or Verizon FIOS 296 for the Best in Catholic Television!

# Sharing the Gospel

When you love God, and you follow his example, it will show. You will be loving, patient, and kind. You will be honest and always do your best. You will work hard and share what you have. When you live for God, you make the world a better place.



## Mission for the Week



Do a taste-test with boiled eggs. Eat one bit plain. Eat the rest seasoned with salt. The salt makes a big difference. Your love for God should make a big difference in the world, too.



### Puzzle

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

salt  
earth  
light

city  
hill  
lamp

shine  
good  
praise

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### Prayer



God,  
help me to make  
a difference in  
the world because  
I love you.

### Something to Draw



Draw a picture of  
yourself patiently  
helping a younger  
child play ball.

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