

"Christ's face
became as dazzling
as the sun,



Matthew 17:2

his clothes
as radiant as light."

Second Sunday of Lent
March 20, 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.

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
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Deacon Tom Lucie

Deacon Jack Meehan

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Deacon John Teufel

Sr. Margaret Bickar

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Sr. Nancy Campkin

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Rita Spera

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Parish Office



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Monday-Friday: 9 AM - Noon

1 PM - 5 PM

7 PM - 9 PM

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Parish Outreach Office

661.9262 (option 4)

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9:30 AM - 3 PM

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Renewal of Vows

As Sisters of St. Joseph living in the 21st Century, we believe in the power, presence and love of God working through an evolving universe and God's self-communication through Jesus Christ. As women of the Church, we recommit ourselves to Jesus' mission as we move with the Spirit to bring about God's reign and seek to promote justice, to living lives of non-violence and to respond to the needs of our time.

Direction Statement Chapter 2011

This Saturday at the 5PM Mass, March 19, the Feast of St. Joseph *our* Sisters of St Joseph: *Sisters Nancy Campkin, Kathleen Carberry, Jane Fritz, Diane Liona, Isabelle Lonagan, Edith Maher, and Marie Ross* from *our* Our Lady of Lourdes Convent will renew their vows. Please join us.

The Passover of the Lord-Our History

Families of the parish are invited to join in a Passover type celebration on **Tuesday, April 12 at 7 PM in the Parish Center**. Experience a deeper understanding of the Mass and Eucharist by sharing a Seder-like celebration. A Seder is a family celebration, all members of the family are welcome. For more information, call Fr. Pat at 661.3224, option 1.

Please sign up by calling the Religious Education Office at 661.5440, option 3 or email to religioused@ollchurch.org. Donation is a "Free-Will Offering."



Diocesan Day of Reconciliation

Monday, April 18

3 PM until 9 PM in the Church

Churches throughout the Diocese of Rockville Centre, including Our Lady of Lourdes, will be open between the hours of 3 PM and 9 PM for individual confessions.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a powerful way for our community to celebrate and pray for God's grace and healing. We also celebrate this Sacrament every Saturday from 4 - 4:45 PM in the Church and always by appointment with a priest.

Family Liturgies during Holy Week 2011



Thursday, April 21

Children's and Family Holy Thursday Service – 4 PM - Church

Friday, April 22

Children's Good Friday Service – 12 Noon -Church

Saturday, April 23

Easter Egg Hunt – 11:30 AM – Great Lawn

We love our children and families here at OLL and want you to be a part of our parish community!

Adult Faith Formation

Monday Mornings in Lent

March 21, 28, April 4, 11

Fr. Pat Amabile - Fr. Bob Scheckenback

Come to 8 AM Mass on Mondays in Lent. You will be able to pray the Rosary after Mass or just take some time for your own prayer. At 9 AM, we will gather in the Parish Center for coffee, rolls and a talk, with some time for discussion and reflection.

(If you can't make Mass, please join us at 9 AM.)

Divorce and Remarriage in the Catholic Church

Where do I stand with the Church?

Can I be married in the Church again?

Fr. Mike Vetrano

Tuesday April 12 • 7:30PM-9:30PM • Spiritual Life Center

Our Pastor, Fr. Mike, is also an advocate with the tribunal in our Diocese. Advocates help those seeking annulments to bring their case before the tribunal in a pastorally sensitive and compassionate manner. This evening is geared for those who want to know where they or a friend or a family member stand with the church. Fr. Mike will also explain the various options open to those who were once married in the church and now wish to seek an annulment for the good of their own conscience or to begin a new relationship with the full recognition of the church.

Lent is more than just giving up “Chocolate”

Presenter: Sister Nancy Campkin

Tuesday, March 29 • 7:30-9:30 PM • Parish Center

Lent is about... RIGHT NOW ... in your life...

It's where you're at... what you're doing... what you're saying... and what God's saying

Lent is about... COME FIND OUT!

Penance... Confession... Telling your Sins

The New Rite of Reconciliation

Presenter: Sister Diane Liona

Tuesday, April 5 • 7:30-9:30 PM • Parish Center

Whatever we call it-no one gets too excited about it...

When you're doing your spring cleaning these next few weeks, why not dust off your old ideas about this beautiful **Sacrament of Healing** and take a fresh, new look at the many ways this ritual can be a source of peace, renewal and grace!

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.

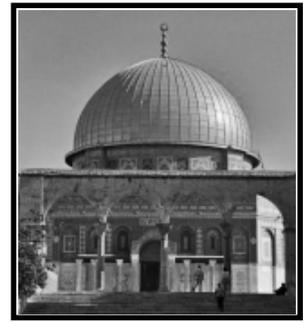
OLL Pilgrimage to the Holy Land Walking in Jesus' Footsteps

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. *Our next meeting will be on Monday, March 21, 7:30 in the Parish Center.*



Dear Parish Family:

I write today with great news!

Last week, I learned that I will be ordained to the Diaconate on Saturday, May 21, 2011 by Bishop Murphy at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington. This is certainly exciting news – not just for me, but for our entire parish community. Again and again, I am reminded that vocations to any life – married, single, priesthood, religious life – are all calls from God. However, they are rarely answered without the support, encouragement and witness of communities like ours!

All of the details for May 21st and for my life after have not been settled yet (Don't worry...everything will be fine!). As I learn more, I'll be sure to let you know.

For now, let's continue to pray for and with one another, most especially as we celebrate the season of Lent.

Peace –



John Sureau

R.C.I.A. – The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

The journey of our candidates and catechumens continues...

This Sunday, March 13, we will celebrate the Rite of Sending Forth at the 11AM Mass followed by *Erin Meier* participating in the Rite of Election at St. Patrick's R.C. Church, Smithtown with Bishop Murphy. **Next, Sunday, March 20**, we will celebrate the Call to Continuing Conversion for our baptized candidates, *Justin Grover and Jeremy Robertson*, also at St. Patrick's R.C. Church in Smithtown. These are important steps in the journey of the R.C.I.A. It's a clear sign to the community that they are coming closer to receiving the Sacraments of Initiation and full communion with the Church at our **Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 23**. Please continue to pray for these women and men and our RCIA team who minister with them each week.

Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss!



The Preschool students at Our Lady of Lourdes School celebrated Dr. Seuss all week! After reading Bartholomew and the Oobleck, the students made oobleck mixing cornstarch and water. They used food coloring to make it green and then felt the goo melt in their hands! On March 2nd, they celebrated Dr. Seuss' Birthday by reading Green Eggs and Ham! The teachers made green eggs and ham and most of the children tried the green eggs and ham to see if they liked them! They also read, The Cat and the Hat Comes Back and

made a striped hat just like the Cat in the Hat wears! Each day the children loved guessing the rhyming words in the stories. This week was so much fun for the children in Mrs. Pryhocki's class! They love reading Dr. Seuss books!

Academy of Inquiry (AOI)

Each year, our top eighth grade students from Our Lady of Lourdes School are invited to participate in the Academy of Inquiry (AOI), a scientific research program affiliated with the State University of New York at Stony Brook. Our students work in close partnership with AOI



program mentors (medical students). On March 6, after months of hard work and preparation, these elite eighth grade science students presented their research findings on various topics. Some of the selected topics included color blindness, migraine headaches, and motor skills. Beginning with a stated hypothesis, the students used SmartBoard technology to illustrate, highlight, and explain their results complete with sophisticated graphics and charts. These presentations were observed, and then reviewed and assessed by distinguished panelists, many of which are currently medical practitioners or work within the medical field in some capacity. Also in attendance were the students' mentors from the AOI program, as well as proud parents, family, Pastor - Reverend Michael Vetrano, Principal Louise Krol, and school faculty. The evening proved to be extremely successful and rewarding! Pictured above from left to right is Rev. Michael Vetrano, Suffolk County Treasurer Angie M. Carpenter, Mia Rogers, Meghan James, Eva Gallegos, and Principal Louise Krol.

In Support of a Good Cause

Students at Our Lady of Lourdes School banded together to support a good cause. After finding out that a school family member was diagnosed with cancer, the boys decided to spring into action. They began raising money for St. Baldrick's by volunteering to shave their heads bald in honor of children who have cancer.

We are all so very proud of them!



Centering Prayer Group

OLL Centering Prayer Group will be meeting in the **Spiritual Life Center** on **Thursday, March 24 at 7:30 PM**. If you have any questions, please contact Diane at 587.0966.

Nocturnal Adoration

Nocturnal Adoration will follow the 5 PM Mass on **Saturday, April 2**, concluding with Benediction at 9:50 PM. Please come and pray with us. All are invited and welcome! Bring a friend.



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.

Daytime Eucharistic Devotion

The afternoon adoration for the month of April will be on **Wednesday, April 6 from 1- 3 PM**. All are invited and welcome!



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, April 14, 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.

Men's Prayer Group-PM

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, April 19**. 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.

Come and Pray this Lent...

All fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth Graders **and** their families are invited to come and pray this Lent at “The Six” -Sunday Mass at 6 PM. Please join “The Six” with your grade on...

March 27	3rd Sunday of Lent	Gr. 5	“ <i>SENT</i> ” to make a difference
April 3	4th Sunday of Lent	Gr. 6	“ <i>CELEBRATE</i> ” Religious Education Week
April 10	5th Sunday of Lent	Gr. 7	“ <i>SERVE</i> ” Service Project Sunday
April 17	Palm Sunday	Gr. 8	“ <i>PRAY</i> ” as Holy Week begins

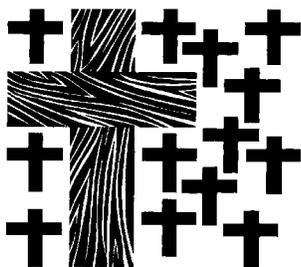
Come celebrate Lent and be a lector, greeter, presentation of the gifts, and more...

Taize-Prayers for Peace Around the Cross

Take some reflective time this Lent to join us...

Wednesday, April 6 at 7:30 PM in the Church

Taize is a form of worship that provides some time in our busy lives where we can stop and focus on the love of God. Together we will share simple chants and prayers that will help guide us as we bring our concerns and hopes to the Lord. Please join us for a Taize Prayer Service. If you’re interested in singing/playing with our Taize Group, please contact Robin Reynolds Brennan at Robin@ollchurch.org for further information.



Stations of the Cross

We remember the road to Jesus’ death and link his journey to our own as our parish’s deacons lead us through this beautiful devotion. Come and pray with us...

Each Friday during Lent – 12 Noon and 7 PM

Save the date...

Living Stations of the Cross

Good Friday, April 22 at 7:30 PM in the Church

This is a must for your Lenten and Holy Week journey! Our parish community comes together – led by our young people, our Music Ministries and members of our parish community – who share their own personal experiences on this most holy and solemn night. The celebration includes the Veneration of the Cross.

TO KEEP A TRUE LENT.

BY ROBERT HERRICK
(1591-1674)

IS THIS A FAST, TO KEEP
THE LARDER LEAN ?
AND CLEAN
FROM FAT OF VEALS AND SHEEP ?

IS IT TO QUIT THE DISH
OF FLESH, YET STILL
TO FILL
THE PLATTER HIGH WITH FISH ?

IS IT TO FAST AN HOUR,
OR RAGG'D TO GO,
OR SHOW
A DOWNCAST LOOK AND SOUR ?

NO ; 'TIS A FAST TO DOLE
THY SHEAF OF WHEAT,
AND MEAT,
UNTO THE HUNGRY SOUL.

IT IS TO FAST FROM STRIFE,
FROM OLD DEBATE
AND HATE ;
TO CIRCUMCISE THY LIFE.

TO SHOW A HEART GRIEF-RENT ;
TO STARVE THY SIN,
NOT BIN ;
AND THAT'S TO KEEP THY LENT.

Be sure to visit our parish website and see a "Youtube" video of the poem above. Visit our website and learn even more about what is happening here at Our Lady of Lourdes during Lent and the Easter season. Our parish website is www.ollchurch.org.

Remembering...

Monday, March 21

8:00 AM Frank Cafaro

Tuesday, March 22

8:00 AM Louise Riedemann

Wednesday, March 23

Saint Toribio de Mogrovejo, bishop

8:00 AM John Varley

Thursday, March 24

8:00 AM Jerry Aquino

Friday, March 25

The Annunciation of the Lord

8:00 AM Ben Marciano

Saturday, March 26

8:00 AM Daniel Thompson, Annie Warren, Gasper Bilello,
Michel Sepe, Sr., James Mascarella, Michael Beltrami, Sr.,
Frances Stark

5:00 PM Joseph & Patricia Santangelo

Fr. Bob Scheckenback

Sunday, March 27

8:00 AM Bryan Monahan

Fr. Pat Amabile

9:30 AM Rita Lyons

Fr. Mike Vetrano

11:00 AM Florence Worysz

Fr. Ambrose Cabildo

12:30 PM James Sweeney

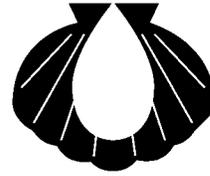
Fr. Mike Vetrano

6:00 PM People of the Parish, Frank Petrosky, Sr., Camille Narissi,
Angelo A. Perrotti, Salvatore LoVerde, Alice Hilinsky,
Patricia Panebianco, Lois Tholke, Carol Brio, Linda Mignone

Fr. Bob Scheckenback

Baptisms

Lucy Constance Agolia
David and Candice



Welcome

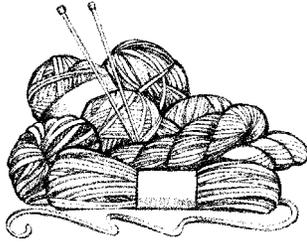
We would like to extend a warm welcome to all newly registered members of our parish family...

Rose Seibert

Florence Grigonis

Ruth Hiller

...we are truly blessed by your presence among us!



Prayer Shawl Ministry

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

Join us ...

Wednesday, April 13 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.

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. We are a general group for all losses. The group will meet on Wednesday for 6 weeks starting **March 23, from 7:30 PM to 9:30 PM in the Spiritual Life Center.** To register and for more information please contact Diane Ackerly at 631.226.9373 or email dkkkk710@hotmail.com.

Special Thank You

The Bereavement Ministry would like to thank *Dustin Dente* for all the “behind the scenes” work he does. Dustin takes care of all our computer work and mailings. Thank you Dustin for all you do!

OLL 27th Annual Golf Classic

There's a slight hint of spring in the air, which means our golf outing will be here before you know it. Make sure to save the date, July 18. The outing will be held at the Southward Ho Country Club in Bay Shore. In last week's bulletin, hints were given as to who our honoree for this year's outing was...some, believe it or not, are still stumped, so I'll give you another clue. This gentleman has a mustache, and some say he resembles Burt Reynolds, Tom Selleck, Jerry Colonna, and Papa Hemingway.

Look for the answer in next week's bulletin.

Are You Ready for winter to end?

How about a “Spring Break” for adults?

Saturday, April 2

6:30 PM - 9:30 PM

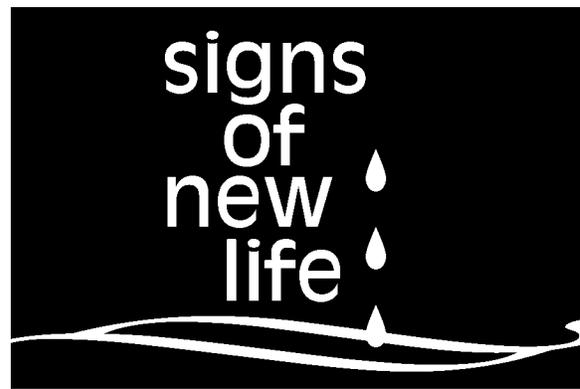
Lily Flanagan's in Babylon

Grab someone special and a bunch of friends and come on out for a night of fun!

ALL adults are invited. \$45 per person includes full bar and hot food buffet. Great baskets and raffles - Grand prize raffle is a 2 Night Stay at the famous Carlyle Hotel in NYC! For tickets and more information, please call the school at 587.7200, option 2.

OLL Week-at-a-Glance

Week of	Church/APR	Parish Center/Rm 16	Spiritual Life Center/LH
Monday March 21	8 AM Mass after 8 AM Mass Miraculous Medal Novena	8 AM Mornings in Lent 4 PM PEP 3 Class Rm. 16 7:30 PM Holy Land mtg. PC	8 PM Alcoholics Anonymous LH
Tuesday March 22	8 AM Mass 7:30 PM Gr. 7 Parent/Student Night	4 PM Gr. 5 Class Rm. 16, cafe.	8 PM Alcoholics Anonymous LH
Wednesday March 23	8 AM Mass 4 PM PEP 1-2 Class 7:30 PM Gr. 8 Parent/Student Night	3:30 PM Gr. 5 Class Rm. 16, cafe.	10 AM AIAnon LH 7 PM AI-Anon District mtg. LH 7:30 PM Bereavement Support Group SLC
Thursday March 24	8 AM Mass 1:30 PM Prayer for Divine Mercy 5 PM Youth Choir 7 PM Adult Choir	4 PM PEP 1-2 Class Rm. 16 7 PM Youth Group	6 PM RCIA 7:30 PM Centering Prayer SLC
Friday March 25	8 AM Mass Noon Stations of the Cross 7 PM Stations of the Cross	8 PM Good Samaritan Prayer Rm. 16	
Saturday March 26	8 AM Mass 4-4:45 PM Confessions 5 PM Mass	10 AM Saturday Class Rm 16 6 PM Senior Single Social	9:30 AM Parish Retreat SLC 2 PM Alcoholics Anonymous LH 7 PM Alcoholics Anonymous LH
Sunday March 27	8 AM Mass 9:30 AM Mass- CLTW 11 AM Mass, 12:30 PM Mass 6 PM Mass Contemporary		11 AM RCIA SLC



2nd Sunday of Lent

While it may be just a little early to plant outside, in much of the country there are plenty of folks who have already started seeds indoors. If you are one of the many individuals bitten by the gardening bug, you know how hard it is to wait for that first ripe tomato or the first picking of fresh lettuce. There are even plenty of commercial products that help gardeners push the envelope of the gardening season, with promises of early harvests such as, "Pick tomatoes three weeks before your neighbors." Novice gardeners are often easy prey to this kind of hype, while experienced growers know that there are only a few things that can be done to "push" the season. Even then, most of those techniques depend on the vagaries of spring weather.

We are only ten days into Lent and already we get an image of what can be. Like the home gardener who can taste the tomato even as the seeds are being planted in starter pots, the transfiguration of Jesus is an image for the disciples of what the Resurrection will be. In the Transfiguration, God's power is made manifest, revealing Jesus as the beloved Son. He fulfills the law (represented by Moses) and the prophets (represented by Elijah). Jesus is also the One who gives true teaching, as the voice commands the disciples to, "Listen to him."

The story of the Transfiguration near the beginning of Lent is meant to spur us on to the final goal, which is the renewal of our baptismal vows at Easter. During these forty days we consider our sinfulness and reinvigorate our commitment to the faith. In the natural world, the signs of new life become evident in the seedlings that start to appear. In the same way, our prayer, fasting, and almsgiving show a renewed faith that will be affirmed at Easter along with those who will be baptized.

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Readings for the Week of March 20, 2011

Sunday:	Gn 12:1-4a/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9
Monday:	Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday:	Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday:	Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28
Thursday:	Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31
Friday:	Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
Saturday:	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Next Sunday:	Ex 17:3-7/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Elizabeth Netska*.
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, Frank Artese, Susan Aviza, Antoinette Baier, Viola Callanan, Edith Caputo, Nicole Cerny, Grace Ciccarello, Edward Cronin, Beverly DeCanio, Antonio DeLeon, Jeanne DellaRagione, Tony Drexler, Debbie Eichen, Jerry Fabozzi, Baby Reagan Farrell, Jake Feldman, Patricia Ferrara, Mike Gaffney, Kathleen Kerrigan, Marty Kerrigan, Robyn Kerrigan, Baby Kiara Larson, Eric Lee, Ann Losee, Christopher J. Maher, Louise Malcuit, John McNevin, Vincent Meade, Jerry Mirabella, Frances Miranda, Julio Miranda, John Mordente, Rae Morris, Ruth Murray, Evelyn Nonnon, Philomena Owens, Karen Parpounas, Joe Radosti, Mary Rizzo, Patricia Sanchez, Dorothy Schiavone, AnnMarie Schiraldi, Baby Isabella Shaw, Derek Stahl, Lindsay Stahl, Patrick Tardo, Paul Trupia, Nancy Turano, Patricia Wilkinson, Pat Wallace, Joe Yezek

Financial Summary

March 13, 2011

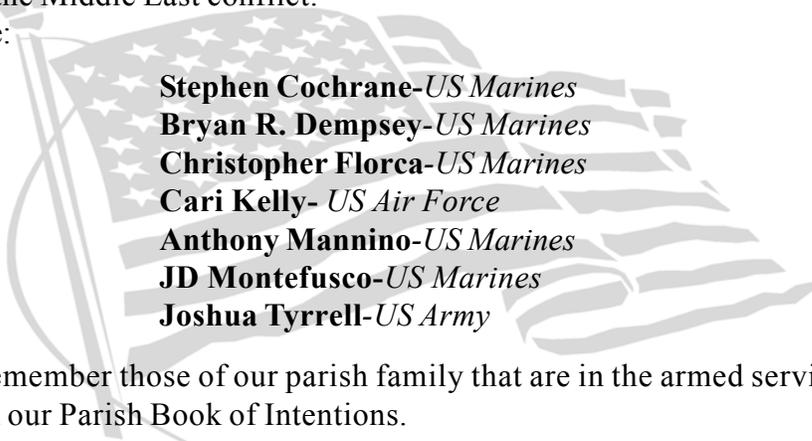
Weekly Collection	\$ 18,214.00
Weekly Budget	-\$ 19,000.00
+/- for the week	\$ (786.00)

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
Cari Kelly- US Air Force
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.

Parents Night Out!

A night out without the kids! What a great way to start your weekend!

OLL Senior/Cadette Girl Scout Troop 1082 is offering a night of babysitting!

Date: Friday, April 8th
Time: 6:00 – 9:30 pm
Place: OLL Parish Center
Cost: Free Will Offering
Who: 3 – 10 yr. olds (3-4 yr. olds must be pottytrained)

Proceeds from Parents Night Out will support Outreach~

Snacks will be provided by the Girl Scouts. All girls have been trained by North Shore LIJ Kidwatcher. There will be adult supervision.

Space is limited-please call Susan Hahn at 631.667.0736 to reserve a space.

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.

February Donations

- Edward and Esther Ryby have made a donation to Outreach in memory of *Joseph Netska*.
- Mrs. Helen DelBove has made a donation to Outreach in memory of *Joseph Netska*.
- Josie Melton has made a donation to Outreach in memory of *Vito Mastrorocco*.
- The Lectors of Our Lady of Lourdes have made a donation to Outreach in memory of *Bill Best*.
- Michael Abbruscato has made a donation to Outreach in memory of *Bill Best*.
- Mr. and Mrs. Brewster Gottsch have made a donation to Outreach in memory of *Pat O'Leary* and *William Vinvinguera*.
- Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Cameron have made a donation to Outreach in memory of *Julia Adams*.
- The Senior Circle has made a donation to Outreach to *assist two families*.
- Lori and Joe Walsh have made a donation to Outreach in memory of *Gertrude Parine*.
- Deacon John and Anne DeGuardi have made a donation to Outreach in memory of *Gertrude Parine*.
- The ministry of Eucharistic Ministers have made a donation to *support the works of Outreach*.
- The Senior Singles have made a donation to *support the works of Outreach*.
- The McMahon Family has made a donation to Outreach in memory of *Gertrude Parine*, *Baby Christopher Patrick Flynn* and *Catherine Ward*.
- The Catuoscos have made a donation to Outreach in memory of *Gertrude Parine*.
- Doris and Doug Cameron have made a donation to Outreach in memory of *Evelyn Kuss*.
- James P. Long, Jr. has made a donation to Outreach in loving memory of his sister, *Margaret McHugh*.

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 lace. (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!)



Tortured Complexity

by Ron Rolheiser, OMI

I was born into this world with a tortured complexity. For long time I have puzzled over the causes of my psychological anguish. Ruth Burrows, the renowned Carmelite writer, begins her autobiography with those words and, like the famous words with which St. Augustine opens his Confessions, they too set the tone for a very mature spiritual reflection.

I was browsing in a bookstore one day, glancing at titles and examining whatever looked interesting, when I read that line in Burrows' book. Instantly, I was drawn to the book and a number of thoughts ran through me: This will be someone who understands life, who won't be so simplistic and pious so as to require me to step outside of my own skin in order to be spiritual and religious! This will be someone who helps me accept the complexity of my own life and yet shows me how I might still will the one thing! I wasn't disappointed. Burrows is an exceptional spiritual and religious writer.

I had already sensed the same motif in Henri Nouwen. He too was honest in admitting his own tortured experience and in naming the near-contradictory proclivities that pull us in different directions inside our own hearts.

Life isn't simple: We want the right things, but we want the wrong things too. We are drawn towards generosity but drawn towards selfishness too. We like to be honest, but we find it easy to rationalize and not tell the truth. One part of us wants to be humble and not stand out, even as another part of us is prideful and wants to be recognized. We would like to pray but are drawn towards entertainment instead. We crave depth of soul but crave too the pleasure of sensuality. We want to give ourselves away in sacrifice, but we want too to experience the pleasures of life. A deep part of us wants to kneel in reverence even as another part of us is cynical and resistant. We crave both purity and promiscuity. We are drawn both towards the things of God and towards the things of earth. It is not easy, as Kierkegaard once said, to will the one thing.

We create difficulties for ourselves when we admit this, but even more difficulties when we don't.

How do we live our spiritual and religious lives as if things were simple when, like Burrows, what we are experiencing is a tortured complexity? How do we make ourselves feel the right things when we are, in honesty,

feeling a lot of other things? How do we make ourselves feel pious when so much inside of us wants to rise up in rebellion? How do we deny the fact that our sexuality frequently colors the purity of our relationships? How do we assert that we feel loving when what we are feeling is anger and resentment? How do we honestly say that what we are doing for others is really other-centered when much of it is coming out of our own ambition? How do we deny that we are frequently jealous of others? How do we deny that we sometimes have near-blasphemous feelings of irreverence? How do we deny that so many of our actions arise out of our own stubborn and wounded pride? And how do we pretend that, right at the heart of where we should feel faith and prayer, we often feel boredom, disinterest, and an inner deadness?

But to feel this way does not, of itself, make us unspiritual or non-religious. Feelings of impiety, anger, ambition, greed, jealousy, sexual temptation, irreverence, and boredom only prove that we are human and emotionally healthy. The very essence of a good spirituality is that it must meet us precisely within this complexity. Serving God in this world does not require that we step outside of ourselves or that we deny our own experience. It only asks that we integrate our experience in a way so as to make it life-giving for others and for ourselves.

Thomas Aquinas once wrote that the adequate object of the intellect and will is all being. I first read that when I was a 19-year-old seminarian studying philosophy and I remember how liberating it was when I first understood what this meant. I was being introduced to myself, to my own tortured complexity. What, Thomas Aquinas asks, would it take to fully satisfy the longings inside us? His answer: Everything! So we need not be surprised that we are sometimes pathologically restless and out-of-sorts during our lifetime here.

And there's a sad irony in all this: So many people who want to be honest to their own experience distance themselves from religion precisely because they feel that religion makes things too simple, that it doesn't understand, and especially that it can't honor their experience. For many people, religion, all of it, is too simplistic to respect human experience because it doesn't take into account our tortured complexity. But the irony is that, ultimately, it is the only place where we are fully understood.

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Mohegan Sun Casino

Come join us! Mohegan Sun Casino departs St. Mary School on Saturday, April 2 at 7:30 AM sharp. The cost is \$45 per person-includes drink, snack, and driver gratuity. Receive \$10 free bet coupon upon arrival and a \$10 meal voucher. Please call St. Mary School, East Islip at 631.581.3423 for more information.

Congratulations!

Congratulations on a job well done. The following students have made the Honor Roll for the Second Quarter at St. Anthony's High School:

<i>Michael Carboni</i>	<i>Andrew Ramirez</i>
<i>Christie Finn</i>	<i>Aaron Rogers</i>
<i>Jacqueline Gallagher</i>	<i>Emily Rooney</i>
<i>Thomas McGuire</i>	<i>Tyler Secreto</i>
<i>Shaun McGuire</i>	<i>Michael Strack</i>
<i>Aidan McShane</i>	<i>Harry Strack II</i>
<i>Timothy Mounsey</i>	<i>Jessica Takats</i>
<i>Juliana Nador</i>	<i>Thomas Tobin</i>
<i>Ellena Nador</i>	<i>Maria Tobin</i>
	<i>John Tozzi</i>

Dominican Commercial 75th Anniversary

The former students and staff of Dominican Commercial High School are invited to Catch the Spirit for the Dominican Commercial 75th Anniversary at 161-06 89th Avenue, Jamaica, NY on Wednesday, May 4 from 10 AM until 2 PM. For more information, please call 631.842.6000, extension 351 or email dcgrads@yahoo.com.

Volunteers needed for Annual HEC #27 Weekend

Handicapped Encounter Christ (HEC) is in need of volunteers for its annual retreat which will be held **Thursday, April 28 through Sunday, May 1 at Camp Alvernia in Centerport, NY.** HEC is a retreat weekend for persons 18 years and older with special needs. Each candidate has a team member with them throughout the weekend. It is a prayerful experience of song, talks, sharing, Eucharist and many other joyful moments.

There are many roles to be filled. We are in need of team members, kitchen help, setting up and taking down the camp, as well as drivers or our candidates.

If interested, or you have any questions, please call Deacon Frank & Michele Barone at 516.420.1207 or email at Mrbarone@verizon.net.

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.

St. Joseph “Glory of Home Life-Terror of Demons”

The Men’s Forum at Saints Philip & James Church in affiliation with the Office of New Evangelization of the DRVC presents **St. Joseph “Glory of Home Life-Terror of Demons”** in the **chapel at Parish of Saints Philip & James, St. James on Monday, March 21 at 7:30 PM.** The presenter will be Fr. Thomas Fusco, pastor, St. Edward the Confessor, Syosset, former faculty member, Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, Huntington. For further information, please call 631.584.5454.

The Beatitudes and Nonviolence

Father John Dear, S.J., internationally known author, speaker and Nobel Peace Prize nominee, will give a talk about “**The Beatitudes and Nonviolence**” on **Thursday, April 7 at 7:30 PM in the McGann Conference Room of St. Joseph’s College, Patchogue.** Free and open to the public, no response required. For further information, please call Professor Paul Finnetty at 631.687.2681.

Love and Marriage

The Babylon Chorale, conducted by Anne Kollar, presents **Love and Marriage**, a program of romantic, witty, and traditional music. **Saturday, March 26 at 8 PM at Our Lady of Grace Church, West Babylon.** For tickets and more information, call 631.650.7413 or email babylonchorale@aol.com.

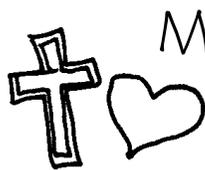
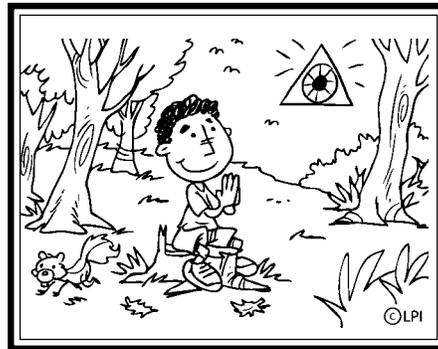
The Babylon Chorale will hold auditions for all voice parts on Monday, March 28 and April 4 at Westbrook Elementary School, West Islip. For further information, call 631.273.3267 or email babylonchorale@aol.com

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 “**Traditions.**” Don’t miss it! To listen online or receive more information regarding “Religion & Rock” go to www.religionandrock.com or at “Religion & Rock” on ITUNES. Don’t forget to tune into TELE CARE, Cablevision Channel 29/137 or Verizon FIOS 296 for the Best in Catholic Television!

Sharing the Gospel

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus showed his closest friends - Peter, James, and John - "what heaven would be like. Jesus' friends were amazed to see Moses and Elijah talking "to Jesus. Moses and Elijah had gone to heaven hundreds of years before this day. Then Peter, James and John heard God's voice from the cloud. Jesus, their friend and teacher, was God's Son. They fell down in fear. You might, too, if you were there.



Mission for the Week

If you could see Jesus in heaven today, what would you talk about? What would you "ask him?



Puzzle

Find seven differences in this scene of Jesus in Heaven.



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Prayer



Dear God,
thank you for showing Jesus' friends what heaven would be like.

Something to Draw



Draw a picture of what you think heaven might look like.