

**“Whoever
drinks the
water I
shall
give**

**will
never
thirst.”**

John 4:14

**Third Sunday of Lent
March 27, 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

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

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Robin Reynolds-Brennan

Director of Music and Worship

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Parish Office



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Monday-Friday: 9 AM - 7:30 PM

Saturday: 9 AM - 3 PM

Sunday: 9 AM - 2 PM

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Our Lady of Lourdes School

587.7200 (option 2)

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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

Parish Outreach Office

661.9262 (option 4)

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday:

9:30 AM - 3 PM

S.A.G.E.

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(Senior Advocates for Growth
and Enrichment)

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Easter Mass - Sunrise Service

A beautiful Easter tradition at OLL is our Sunrise Mass at Captree State Park. Consider making this a new part of your Easter tradition.

Are you be interested?

We are looking for people to help with planning and carrying out the Liturgy. The commitment is minimal but the reward is maximum! If you're interested, or you have any questions, please contact Allegra D'Alo at Allegra@ollchurch.org or call 661.3224 extension 135 or contact Father Mike at pastor@ollchurch.org.

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**. A Seder is a family celebration, all members of the family are welcome. Experience a deeper understanding of the Mass and Eucharist by sharing a Seder-like celebration.

For more information, call Fr. Pat at 661.3224, option 1.

Reservations are necessary and helpful. This will enable us to have enough for all those attending. Please reserve your spot 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 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 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

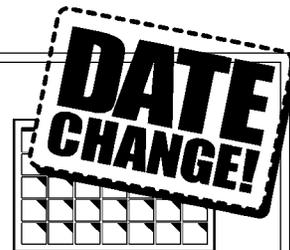
Where do I stand with the Church?

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, April 5 • 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, March 29 • 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.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION WEEK

FAITH + FAMILY + FUN

**OLL Parish Family and the
Diocese of Rockville Centre celebrate
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION WEEK
Sunday, April 3 – Sunday, April 10, 2011**

This week, we celebrate Religious Education Week at OLL!
Visit our church website at ollreled.org. There is a lot going on! Check us out!

During the week, we will celebrate each day with prayer, classes, speakers...
Adult Faith formation will have Sr. Nancy with "Lent is more than just giving up Chocolate"
Please join us on Tuesday, April 5 at 7:30 PM in the Parish Center.
Lent is about...COME FIND OUT!

We appreciate our Catechists and we honor them on Wednesday, April 6 at 7:30 PM in the
Parish Center.

And then, Sunday, April 10, celebrate Religious Education Week
at the 9:30 AM and "The Six".

.....*Watch the bulletin for more details*

Youth Ministry Retreat Here at OLL!

Open to all parishioners ages 13-18.

OLL Youth Ministry will be holding its first **Youth Ministry Retreat from April 8 - 9 here at OLL**. The overnight retreat will include spiritual exercises and group building activities for all of the students involved. Activities will begin at 7 PM on Friday night and will conclude on Saturday, April 9 at 2 PM. There is a \$10 registration fee for food. Please register with Allegra no later than April 7. For more information message Allegra@ollchurch.org or call 661.3224 extension 135.

Lent at OLL School

“To those who are given much, much is expected in return.....”

Lent is a special time when we can share the concepts of prayer and giving with our children. We take time each day to offer devotional prayers as a school community. As a school we consider how we might help others in need by giving of our time and resources and to become aware that there are others less fortunate than themselves. These are projects to encourage our students to think outside of themselves and to make a good will gesture to another person. Even our very young children understand and enjoy participating in the process.

At Our Lady of Lourdes School, our students are taught the good feelings and simplicity of ‘giving back’ on a daily basis but it is brought to the forefront during Lent. Children are naturally engaged by practical activity, and it allows them to explore the meaning of Lent for themselves. Our ideas are designed to connect our students to the subject of Lent, it’s fasting and giving of themselves, in a meaningful and symbolic way.



Every special fun filled day of learning reaps with generosity to those who need.

Bundle-Up week – we collected over 230 gently used coats

Pajama Day – the students brought in over 250 pairs of pajamas in all sizes

Souper Bowl Day – cans of soup, pasta, chili were collected to keep the Outreach pantry going!

Silly Sock Day – new socks

Silly Hair Day – hair products

Nail Polish Day – hand products including gloves, creams, soaps

Inside Out Day – any new under garment

Eighth Grade H.S. Tee Shirt/Sweatshirt Day – any new sweatshirt

See more happenings in next week's bulletin...



Discovery Summer Camp

Sponsored by Our Lady of Lourdes

June 27 - August 5

9 AM - 5 PM

Monday -Friday

A full-time day camp program for students entering grades Pre-K - 7, beginning with an academic based morning and a fun-filled afternoon of sports. Choose from the four or six week program. Before/After Care and school provided lunch available for an additional fee. Registration now being accepted. For further information, or to register, please contact Lisa Kennedy, director at 631.587.7200, extension 101 or email to lkennedy@ollschool.org.

SAGE

The SAGE Group (Senior Advocates for Growth and Enrichment) will meet on **Tuesday, March 29**, in the **Parish Center at 9 AM**.

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-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, 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

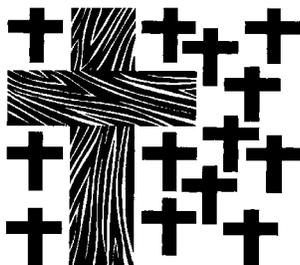
Take some reflective time this Lent to join us...

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.

Senior Circle

The Senior Circle meets on the last Monday of each month. The next meeting will be held on **Monday, March 28, at 12:30 PM in the Parish Center.**



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.



Rest In Peace

Paul Trupia died on March 16 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was March 18. We extend our prayers to his wife, Carmela, children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren and entire family.

Deacon Richard C. Barry died on March 16 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was March 19. We extend our prayers to his children, grandchildren, and entire family.

Welcome

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

Jason and Adrienne Andrews & family

Christian Kirby and Sarah Santaniello & family

Christopher and Phyllis Arello & family

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



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

The RCIA candidates with Bishop Labasci. This picture was taken on Sunday, March, 20 at St. Patrick's in Smithtown at the "Call to Continuing Conversion." *Justin Grover and Jeremy Robertson* took part in this rite, while *Erin Meier* took part on the "Rite of Election" the previous Sunday, March 13, also at St Patrick's. The picture includes the sponsors and some of the members of the RCIA team.

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.**

Remembering...

Monday, March 28

8:00 AM Elizabeth Homann

Tuesday, March 29

8:00 AM Felix Rivera, Nicholas Rivera and
Andrea Cintrone & family

Wednesday, March 30

8:00 AM Camille Narissi

Thursday, March 31

8:00 AM Rose Monroe

Friday, April 1

8:00 AM Jens G. Olsen

Saturday, April 2

8:00 AM Mateo Petrera, Jackie Impro, Mario Domenicone,
Helen Grace O'Connor, Danny Miranda

5:00 PM Mary Jean Wilkinson
Fr. Mike Vetrano

Sunday, April 3

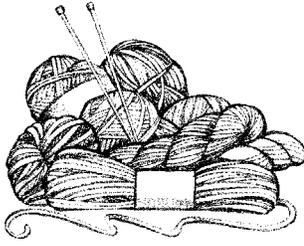
8:00 AM John Ianno
Fr. Bob Scheckenback

9:30 AM Francis Durante
Fr. Ambrose Cabildo

11:00 AM Angela Perico
Fr. Mike Vetrano

12:30 PM Joseph DiPalma, Jr.
Fr. Pat Amabile

6:00 PM People of the Parish, Jack & Sheila Timmer,
Charles & Georgette Van Manen, Joseph J. Damiano,
Jerome Marino, James Gracey, Marie Navola, Linda Mignone,
Richard Barry, Gaspare Licata
Fr. Bob Scheckenback



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.

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. *Can you guess who it is?*

Look for the answer soon...

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.



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 28	8 AM Mass after 8 AM Mass Miraculous Medal Novena	8 AM Mornings in Lent 12:30 PM Senior Circle	8 PM Alcoholics Anonymous LH
Tuesday March 29	8 AM Mass 7:30 PM Cantor Rehearsal	7:30 PM AFF-Lent is more...	8 PM Alcoholics Anonymous LH
Wednesday March 30	8 AM Mass 7:30 PM Women's Chorale	10 AM PEP 3 Parent Mtg. 7:30 PM PEP 3 Orientation	10 AM AIAnon LH 7:30 PM Bereavement Support Group SLC
Thursday March 31	8 AM Mass 1:30 PM Prayer for Divine Mercy 5 PM Youth Choir 7 PM Adult Choir	7 PM Youth Group Rm. 16	6 PM RCIA
Friday April 1	8 AM Mass Noon Stations of the Cross 7 PM Stations of the Cross		
Saturday April 2	8 AM Mass 4-4:45 PM Confessions 5 PM Mass 6 PM Nocturnal Adoration	10 AM Saturday Class Rm 16	2 PM Alcoholics Anonymous LH 7 PM Alcoholics Anonymous LH
Sunday April 3	8 AM Mass 9:30 AM Mass- CLTW 11 AM Mass, 12:30 PM Mass 6 PM Mass Contemporary		11 AM RCIA SLC



3rd Sunday of Lent

In the nineteenth century, the Greek Orthodox began building a new church over the site of Jacob's well in Nablus, Palestine. The First World War interrupted the construction, and it was not until the end of the twentieth century that building resumed. The impetus for finishing the new church was spurred on by the martyrdom of the monk Philomenos in 1979 by Jewish extremists who broke into the monastic compound and hacked him to death as he was preparing for vespers. The new church was completed in 2007 and the remains of St. Philomenos were transferred there upon his glorification in 2008. Jacob's well is in the crypt of the church, the site of the monk's martyrdom, which occurred as he got ready to glorify God.

In the Gospel today Jesus points out to the Samaritan woman that the worship of God will take place neither at the Samaritan high place on the mountain that can be seen from Jacob's well (Mt. Gerizim) nor on the mountain of the Jewish Temple in Jerusalem (Mt. Zion). Jesus indicates that the worship of God will take place "in Spirit and truth" (John 4:23). The place of worship is no longer tied to a physical location. Rather, the worship of God takes place within the human heart that is attentive to God's word.

While the monk Philomenos died defending a physical location, he would be among the first to acknowledge that Christianity is less about place and more about spirit. While buildings or shrines can inspire us, they do not constitute our faith, which resides in the person of Jesus Christ. The men and women who are preparing for baptism at the Easter vigil are committing themselves to following Christ, just as we who are already baptized profess to do. As the Samaritans told the woman in the Gospel, "we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the savior of the world" (Jn 4:42).

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Readings for the Week of March 27, 2011

Sunday:	Ex 17:3-7/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 <i>or</i> 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42
Monday:	2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday:	Dn 3:25, 34-43/Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday:	Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday:	Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23
Friday:	Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34
Saturday:	Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14
Next Sunday:	1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 <i>or</i> 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Rose Grant*.
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, 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, Baby Gavin Gradiska, Kathleen Kerrigan, Marty Kerrigan, Robyn Kerrigan, Baby Kiara Larson, Eric Lee, Ann Losee, Christopher J. Maher, Louise Malcuit, Vincenza Massaro, John McNevin, Vincent Meade, 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, Nancy Turano, Patricia Wilkinson, Pat Wallace, Joe Yezek

Financial Summary

March 20, 2011

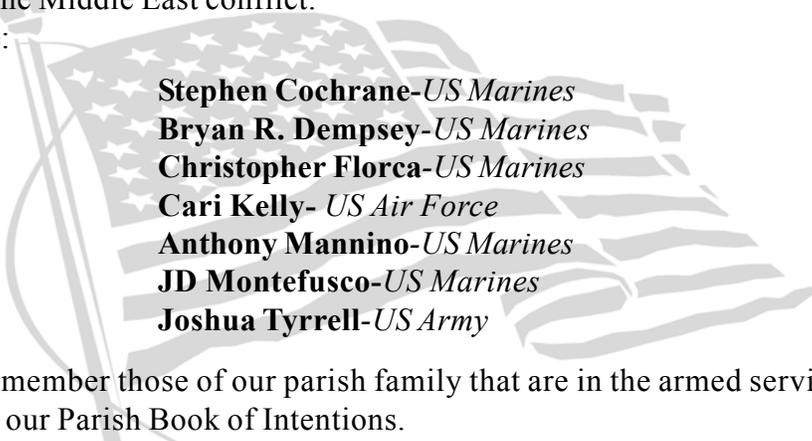
Weekly Collection	\$ 19,493.00
Weekly Budget	-\$ 19,000.00
+/- for the week	\$ 493.00

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 Cochrane-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.

Easter Flower Offering

As the Easter season approaches, we invite you to join in our Easter Flower Offerings-you can have your loved one remembered and the name of your loved one will be listed in our Easter Sunday bulletin.

Please PRINT the name of your loved one to be remembered on the Easter Flower Offering envelope and enclose it with your donation. Envelopes can be returned to the Parish Office or they may be returned in the collection basket.

The deadline for Easter Flower Offerings, so that they appear in the Easter bulletin, is April 10. Flower offerings received after this date will appear in a subsequent bulletin.

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.

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!)

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.

The Humiliation of Crucifixion

by Ron Rolheiser, OMI

When Jesus sweated blood in the Garden of Gethsemane and asked his Father to let the cup of suffering pass him by he wasn't, for the most part, cringing before the prospect of brute physical suffering. He was cringing before the prospect of a very particular kind of suffering that is generally more feared than physical pain. When he asked God if it was really necessary to die in this way he was referring to more than death through capital punishment.

Crucifixion was devised and designed by the Romans with more than one thing in mind. It was designed as capital punishment, to put a criminal to death, but it aimed to do a couple of other things as well.

It was designed to inflict optimal physical pain. Thus the procedure was dragged out over a good number of hours and the amount of pain inflicted at any given moment was carefully calculated so as not to cause unconsciousness and thus ease the pain of the one being crucified. Indeed, they sometimes even gave wine mixed with morphine to the person being crucified, not to ease his suffering, but to keep him from passing out from pain so as to have to endure it longer.

But crucifixion was designed with still another even more callous intent. It was designed to humiliate the person. Among other things, the person was stripped naked before being hung on a cross so that his genitals would be publicly exposed. As well, at the moment of death his bowels would loosen. Crucifixion clearly had humiliation in mind.

We have tended to downplay this aspect, both in our preaching and in our art. We have, as Jurgens Moltmann put it, surrounded the cross with roses, with aesthetic and antiseptic wrapping towels. But that was not the case for Jesus. His nakedness was exposed, his body publicly humiliated. That, among other reasons, is why the crucifixion was such a devastating blow to his disciples and why many of them abandoned Jesus and scattered after the crucifixion. They simply couldn't connect this kind of humiliation with glory, divinity, and triumph.

Interestingly there is a striking parallel between what crucifixion did to the human body and what nature itself often does to the human body through old age, cancer, dementia, AIDS, and diseases such as Parkinson's, Lou Gehrig's, Huntington's, and other such sicknesses that humiliate the body before killing it. They expose publicly what is most vulnerable inside of our humanity. They shame the body. Why? What is the connection between this type of pain and

the glory of Easter Sunday? Why is it, as the gospels say, "necessary to first suffer in this manner so as to enter into glory?"

Because, paradoxically, a certain depth of soul can only be attained through a certain depth of humiliation. How and why is this so? It isn't easy to articulate rationally but we can understand this through experience:

Ask yourself this question with courage and honesty: What experiences in my life have made me deep? In virtually every case, I will venture to say, experiences that have deepened you will be incidences that you feel some shame in acknowledging, a powerlessness from which you were unable to protect yourself, an abuse from which you could not defend yourself, an inadequacy of body or mind that has left you vulnerable, an humiliating incident that once happened to you, or some mistake you made which publicly exposed your lack of strength in some area. All of us, like Jesus, have also been, in one way or another, hung up publicly and humiliated. And we have depth of soul to just that extent.

But depth of soul comes in very different modes. Humiliation makes us deep, but we can be deep in character, understanding, graciousness, and forgiveness or we can be deep in anger, bitterness, revenge-seeking, and murder. Jesus' crucifixion stretched his heart and made it huge in empathy, graciousness, and forgiveness. But it doesn't always work that way. Many of our worst mass-murderers have also experienced deep humiliation and it too has stretched their hearts, except in their case it has made them deep in bitterness, callousness, and murder.

Several summers ago, I was at a conference at the University of Notre Dame where the Holy Cross community had gathered to prepare itself for the Beatification of its founder. Reflecting upon the spirituality of their founder, one Holy Cross member offered this challenge to his community: If you live inside of any family for any length of the time, at some point that family will wound you and wound you deeply. But, and this is the point, how you handle that wound, with either bitterness or forgiveness, will color the rest of your life!

In the crucifixion, Jesus was humiliated, shamed, brutalized. That pain stretched his heart to a great depth. But that new space did not fill in with bitterness and anger. It filled in instead with a depth of empathy and forgiveness that we have yet to fully understand.

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Spring Book Fair

The Friends of the West Islip Public Library will have their "Spring Book Fair" on **Thursday, March 31 from 10 AM until 9 PM, Friday, April 1 from 10 AM until 6 PM and Saturday, April 2 from 9 AM until 4 PM.**

Hope to see you there!

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.

Sisterhood of the Traveling Hope

Come to our Spring event with Sister Pat Duffy, P on **Sunday, April 10 at The Inn at East Wind, Wading River at 1 PM.** Join us to celebrate the "*Sisterhood of the Traveling Hope.*" This special gathering is for all women to refresh and renew their souls after this harsh winter. For cost and further information, please call Sr. Pat at 631.395.1271.

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.

Irish Concert for the Benefit of the People of Haiti

Featuring Mary Courtney and Morning Star plus a special appearance by the Hagen School of Irish Dance on Saturday, April 2 at 4 PM at Our Lady of Mercy Academy, Syosset. For reservations and/or donations, please call 718.454.9804. Admission is \$35.

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.

Pasta Night/Concert

Our Lady of Grace Columbiettes are sponsoring a **Pasta Night/Concert on Friday, April 8 from 6:30 until 8 PM in the Father Shanahan Hall, Our Lady of Grace, West Babylon.** \$12 includes pasta dinner, wine, soda, dessert, coffee and cake. Concert to follow at 8 PM under the direction of Choir Director, Terrence Purcell. For further information or ticket information, please call Jerry at 631.669.8322 or Gloria at 631.226.6321.

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 **“Being Joyful.”** 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!

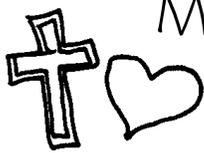
Sharing the Gospel

Jews didn't usually like the people from Samaria, let alone visit one of their towns or talk to any of them. Men didn't usually talk to women back then, either. When Jesus talked to the woman at the well, Jesus broke those silly rules. Jesus saw into the woman's heart and knew that she needed God in her life. Jesus came to rescue her from her sin.



She was so happy that she invited everyone in her town to meet Jesus, too.

Mission for the Week



Ask God to open your heart so that you will be friends with other kids, no matter what they look like.

Puzzle

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

Sychar	well	truth
woman	worship	faith
drink	Father	Savior

Scyhra	<u>S</u> <u>y</u> <u>c</u> <u>h</u> <u>a</u> <u>r</u>
wroshpi	_____
fatih	_____
wmoan	_____
Fethar	_____
Svairo	_____
wlel	_____
turth	_____
dirkn	_____

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Prayer



Dear God,
thank you for
caring about me, no
matter where I live,
and no matter what
I have done wrong.

Something to Draw



Draw a picture of
Jesus talking to you
at the grocery
store.