



Send
forth
your
spirit
and
renew
the
face
of the
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Pentecost Sunday

Our Lady of Lourdes • June 12, 2011



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.

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
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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.

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

Louise Jane Krol

School Principal

Sr. Diane Liona

Director of Religious Education

Mary McMahan

Director of Parish Social Ministry

Robin Reynolds-Brennan

Director of Music and Worship

Vita Scorcio

Ministry Spiritual Director

Sr. Betty Toohig

Senior Ministry-SAGE

Anthony Trombino

Business Manager

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Sonia DaSilva

Nilo DeLeon

Jerry Esposito

Trish Frodell

Rosalie Mangels

Maryellen McKee

Deacon Jack Meehan

John Muldoon

Bob Natale

Eileen Rega

Vita Scorcio

Fr. Mike Vetrano

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Jennifer Gallagher

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Mary Anne Lettieri

Parish Office

Debbie Meyer

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Rosemary Multer

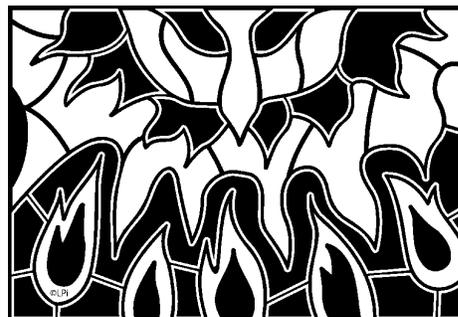
School Office

Rita Spera

Religious Education Office

Lori Walsh

Parish Office



Parish Office

661.3224 (option 1)

Monday-Friday: 9 AM - 7:30 PM

Saturday: 9 AM - 3 PM

Sunday: 9 AM - 2 PM

email: ParishOffice@ollchurch.org

fax: 661.7143

website: www.ollchurch.org

Our Lady of Lourdes School

587.7200 (option 2)

Monday-Friday: 9 AM - 3 PM

email: lkrol@ollschool.org

Religious Education Office

661.5440 (option 3)

Monday-Friday: 9 AM - Noon

1 PM - 5 PM

7 PM - 9 PM

email: ReligiousEd@ollchurch.org

Parish Outreach Office

661.9262 (option 4)

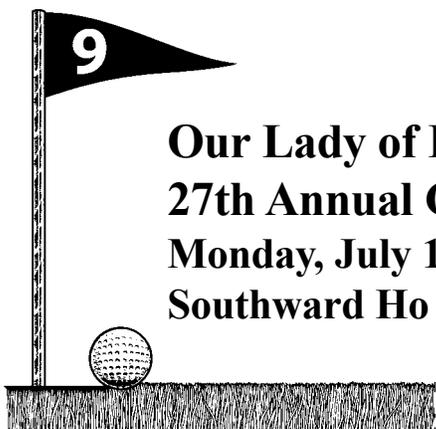
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday:
9:30 AM - 3 PM

S.A.G.E.

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**(Senior Advocates for Growth
and Enrichment)**

email: Sage@ollchurch.org



**Our Lady of Lourdes
27th Annual Golf Classic
Monday, July 18, 2011
Southward Ho Country Club, Bay Shore**

This year we will be honoring



Fr. Mike Vetrano, Pastor



Golfing Package = \$275
includes green fees, golf cart,
driving range, lunch and dinner

*If you would like to
join us for dinner
only, \$95 per person.*

Outing includes raffles, auction,
contests-longest drive,
most accurate, closest to pin.

*Registration and BBQ is at
11 AM with a 12:30 PM
shot gun tee off. Cocktail
hour is 5:30 - 6:30 PM with
dinner at 6:30 PM.*



Journal Ads:

- Full page \$100
- Half page \$ 75
- Quarter page \$ 50
- Personal Message \$ 25
(one line)

Sponsorships:

- Dinner \$1,500
- Lunch \$ 750
- Driving Range \$ 500
- Individual Hole \$ 100

*For more information please contact Golf Committee member
Rich at 661.5478 or Frank at 587.7988..
All proceeds will benefit Our Lady of Lourdes.*

Our Lady of Lourdes 27th Annual Golf Classic Golf Journal

The Our Lady of Lourdes 27th Annual Golf Classic, honoring Fr. Mike Vetrano, has many wonderful opportunities for men and women golfers. We would love to have many golfers for that day to come and join us for a day of fun, and to honor Fr. Mike for all he has done for our Parish.

This year's golf journal will have a special section added. We are offering a section where you can write a one line personal message for Father Mike. The cost will be \$25.

Father Mike has served this Parish for over eleven years; let's show him our heartfelt thanks for his dedication and commitment to our Parish. It's a small way to thank him for continuing to make Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, a parish where "All are Welcome."

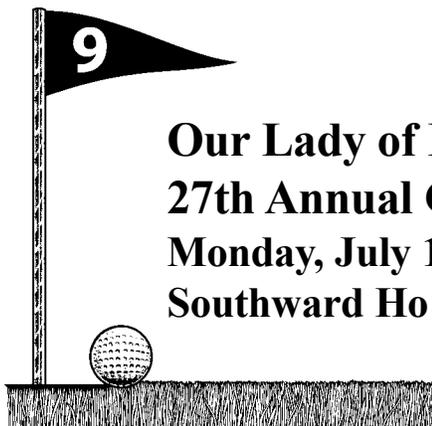
Please fill out the form below and include your check for \$25 made to Our Lady of Lourdes. The form and check can be dropped off at the Parish Office marked c/o Frank Antonawich, Journal Editor. If you prefer, you can mail it to: Our Lady of Lourdes Golf Outing, 455 Hunter Avenue, West Islip, NY 11795 Attn: Frank Antonawich.



Our Lady of Lourdes 27th Annual Golf Classic Journal – Personal Message

Name _____ Phone # _____

Message _____



Registration Form

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Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____



Parish Family of Our Lady of Lourdes "Renewing Our Spiritual Home"

Dear Parish Family,

Each week I will be updating this page so that you can understand how the "Renewing Our Spiritual Home" project, to which you were so generous, is moving forward. Here is our progress to date.

Completed Work:

In the week right before Easter, we were able to purchase and install two new heating / air conditioning units (HVAC) on the roof of our parish center. This will keep our main meeting room cool for the summer season of meetings.

Next Steps:

This week, I will be meeting with the representatives of a company which will be supplying the control units for our new church lighting. This is one of the last steps before we can begin this much needed work. If the control design looks good for our needs we will then:

- Check the final proposal for the size and design of the fixtures. (We know the sample in church is too big!)
- Make sure we have a good plan on what can be reused and what needs to be replaced in the wiring and panels.
- Finally submit our proposal for work to the diocesan building office for approval.

Next week, we have a meeting scheduled with an architect who will help us with the design of our Narthex entrance, rectory entrance, and grotto of welcome. Thanks to your generosity, it is now possible to make concrete plans for these needs.

Redemption:

Many parishioners have been asking me when the pledge payments will begin and how it will work. The sending of monthly / annual / quarterly / and other reminders begins just before the end of June. So we will be asking parishioners to begin to fulfill their pledges this month.

Is it too late to participate?

Not at all! All gifts and pledges are always welcome. Just call our parish office 631-661-3224 or send me an email at pastor@ollchurch.org. It would be wonderful if every Our Lady of Lourdes parishioner can claim a share of the "Renewing Our Spiritual Home" Project.

Thanks for all you do to support the parish family of Our Lady of Lourdes!

Fr. Mike

OLL Roundup!

OLL Vacation Bible Camp '11

July 25-29

9 AM - 12:30 PM daily

Camp Registration Form

*Return to OLL Parish Office or school-
along with fees (\$75 per child) before July 1.*

Please make checks payable to Our Lady of Lourdes Church.



We'll journey on an exciting journey of faith and fun as we learn about God, hear stories from the Bible, share cool science activities, and make crafts. And of course, we'll end our camp each day with our famous OLL camp sing-along!

Please list below the names and present grade levels of the children in your family who will attend camp. Camp is for Nursery (age 4) through Grade 5. *Students entering grade 6 and up are volunteer counselors and assistants. There will be a \$10 fee for counselors to cover the cost of a t-shirt and snacks.*

Child's First & Last Name

Grade Level in Sept. '11

Full Names of Parents/Guardians: _____

Family Address (Street, Town, Zip): _____

Email: _____

Phone #: _____

Cell and/or Business Phone(s): _____

Name of Emergency Contact and Phone #:

Please indicate any health problems, food allergies, or special situations that it might be helpful for the camp staff to know about your child.

You will receive a letter with your child's group name and all important information around July 15th. We need adult and teen volunteers! If anyone in your family (teens and/or adults) would be willing to help out at the camp, please list their names and ages on the back of this sheet. We will hold meetings for all volunteers in mid-July.

OLL Vacation Bible Camp '11

SAGE

The SAGE Group (Senior Advocates for Growth and Enrichment) will meet on **Tuesday, June 14**, in the **Parish Center at 9 AM**.

Centering Prayer Group

OLL Centering Prayer Group will be meeting in the **Spiritual Life Center** on **Thursday, June 16 at 7:30 PM**. If you have any questions, please contact Diane at 587.0966.

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

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, June 16, 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, June 21**. 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.

Art & Environment Ministry

As our Church celebrates the feast of Pentecost, a time when we reflect upon and recognize the great gifts that God has bestowed upon us, the Art & Environment Ministry would like to take this opportunity to thank our Parish family for their prayers and kind words of support throughout the past year!

We are so blessed to have such a diverse and gifted group of people willing to share of their time and talents to help decorate our Church. Whether it is sewing, ironing, vacuuming, designing, gardening, cleaning, hauling boxes, you name it-this Ministry does it!



Do you have a special gift? YES, you do!!!

Are you looking to get involved? If you are crafty, love plants and flowers, or are just looking to get out of the house a couple of times a year...and you can get a little exercise at the same time...this is the Ministry for you! There is no huge commitment...we meet several times a year to transform the Church decor during the different liturgical seasons.

For more information about the Art & Environment Ministry at Our Lady of Lourdes, please send an e-mail to Jerry Esposito at art@ollchurch.org, or call the Parish Office at 661.3224 and leave a message for Jerry.



RCIA-The Journey to the Fullness of Life Continues...

Our newly baptized and fully initiated members of the Church community have celebrated the period of Mystagoga. They have in the great 50 days of Easter, reflected on how they can renew the Church by joining and engaging in our many ministries and by becoming part of parish life present here at OLL!

Continue to pray for those who have been part of this process-Erin Meier, Justin Grover, Jeremy Robertson and for all the RCIA team who have worked with them

Today we celebrate the Great Feast of Pentecost and reflect upon the great gift of the Holy Spirit in our lives and in all our Church as we are all sent forth to share our gifts with one another.

Lectors Wanted!

Would you like to be involved in a ministry at OLL that is rewarding, exciting, and invigorating? Then consider becoming a lector! Proclaiming the Word of God is a very special way of being part of the liturgy and touching everyone in the assembly. If you would like more information about what becoming a lector entails, please call the parish office



DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

Belong More Deeply

Dear God and loving Father,

*we ask your forgiveness for our own sins
and for sins committed in the name of the Church.*

*In your loving mercy,
forgive especially those sins that have harmed
children and young people
as well as sins against the unborn,
the poor and the vulnerable.*

*Help us to be reconciled to one another and
make us holy in your sight,
that united in the one Body of Christ,
we may worship you with pure hearts,
proclaim your name with faith
and hope and witness your love to all humankind.
We ask this through Christ, our Lord.*

Amen.

OLL Week-at-a-Glance

	Church/APR	Parish Center/Rm 16	Spiritual Life Center/LH
Monday June 13	8 AM Mass after 8 AM Mass Miraculous Medal Novena 7:30 PM Baptism Preparation		8 PM Alcoholics Anonymous LH
Tuesday June 14	8 AM Mass	9 AM SAGE PC	8 PM Alcoholics Anonymous LH 10 AM AIAnon LH
Wednesday June 15	8 AM Mass		8 PM Alcoholics Anonymous LH 10 AM AIAnon LH
Thursday June 16	8 AM Mass 1:30 PM Prayer for Divine Mercy 7 PM Commencement Ceremony	8:30 AM Men's Prayer Group PC	7:30 PM Centering Prayer . SLC
Friday June 17	8 AM Mass 7:30 PM Praise & Worship Ador. APR	8 PM Good Samaritan Prayer Group 16	
Saturday June 18	8 AM Mass 4-4:45 PM Confessions 5 PM Mass		2 PM Alcoholics Anonymous LH 7 PM Alcoholics Anonymous LH
Sunday June 19	8 AM Mass 9:30 AM Mass- CLTW 11 AM Mass, 12:30 PM Mass 6 PM Mass		

Upcoming Marriages

Samantha Mulholland, OLL and

Matthew Barnes, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Lindenhurst

Rest In Peace

Carmen Bradshaw died on May 26 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was June 1. We extend our prayers to her daughter, Mary, and entire family.

Kevin Padraic McFarland died on May 27 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was June 3. We extend our prayers to his parents, sister, brothers, and entire family.

Joseph LaDuca died on June 2 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was June 6. We extend our prayers to his wife, Anne, children, grandchildren, and entire family.



Rosary/Novena

Rosary:

Daily after 8 AM Mass

Miraculous Medal Novena:

Monday after 8 AM Mass

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Welcome

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

Dady Belfort

William and Luisa James & family

James Galligan

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

Remembering...

Monday, June 13

Saint Anthony of Padua, priest and doctor of the Church

8:00 AM Joy and Pasquale Perri

Tuesday, June 14

8:00 AM Molly and John Sweeney

Wednesday, June 15

8:00 AM Julia Flynn

Thursday, June 16

8:00 AM Camela Parasole

Friday, June 17

8:00 AM James and Charlotte Quinn

Saturday, June 18

8:00 AM Kristen Fay Wilson, Ralph J. Veth,
Frances T. Brown, Gail Baldwin,
Nacy DeFrancesco, Joseph Spagnoletta,
Carmen Amador, Mark Petito,
Ronald A. Koraus, Mike Walsh

5:00 PM Florence Worysz
Fr. Pat Amabile

Sunday, June 19

8:00 AM Anita Argento
Fr. Ambrose Cabildo

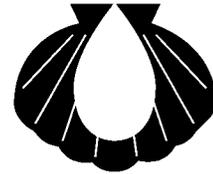
9:30 AM Mary Homann
Fr. Bob Scheckenback

11:00 AM Henry Riedemann
Fr. Mike Vetrano

12:30 PM Carmella Parasole
Fr. Pat Amabile

6:00 PM People of the Parish, Robert Cassacio, Mario Domenicone,
Patricia Wallace, Salvatore Fiore, Frank Keppeler,
Raymond Udris, Ronald Koraus, Gloria Rizzo,
MaryAnn Bertani (*living*)
Fr. Pat Amabile

Baptisms



Sarah Anne Flynn

Francis and Cathleen

Nicholas Gerard DePinto

Corrado and Kim

Cecelia Elizabeth Blake

Kevin and Emily Blake

Angelina Dellaratta

Vincenzo and Gina

Daniel William Galasso

Salvatore and Jennifer

Vincent Theodore Iacopelli Jr.

Vincent and Danielle

Thomas Joseph Kirchner

Mark and Nicole

Giana Alexandra Law

Lamont and Kristianna

Megan Rose Murphy

Christopher and Lisa

Peyton Marie Reichenbach

Alfred and Lea

Zoey Ann Wivietsky

Ethan and Jennifer



Pentecost Sunday

Watch any national broadcast of a sporting event, and immediately after the game the play-by-play announcers and color commentators will launch into a recap of the most important plays. Since the victor is known, these highlights are now portrayed as the most significant plays of the game that contributed to the victory. A single run in the first inning, or a field goal in the first quarter, when initially scored may not seem that essential. But when a team wins by that margin, those early events take on added relevance at the conclusion of the game. And in the recap, the sports commentators will underscore that meaning.

Today's Gospel is a recap, a reprise of the Gospel we heard on the Second Sunday of Easter, six weeks ago. We may have missed this little part then, because it is the lead in to the story of Thomas, the apostle who was not in the upper room the first time the risen Lord appeared to his disciples. On the Second Sunday of Easter, it was more important to concentrate on Jesus' words that those who have not seen the risen Lord-believers like ourselves-are blest as well.

On Pentecost, we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the church. The Gospel for today relates that the gift of the Spirit is intimately involved with the forgiveness of sins. And while we often associate forgiveness with the absolution that comes in the sacrament of penance, it is the Holy Spirit dwelling in our hearts that prompts us to reconciliation. The ability to forgive others is a result of the Spirit's action within the human heart. We may not think of Pentecost as a day to celebrate reconciliation, but forgiving others is one of the hallmarks of our Christian faith. This feast could be a day in which the Spirit prompts you to extend forgiveness, or a day in which you seek the forgiveness of someone harmed by your sin. 2011 Liturgical Publications Inc

Readings for the Week of June 12, 2011

Sunday:	<i>Vigil:</i> Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 <i>or</i> Jl 3:1-5/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 <i>Day:</i> Acts 2:1-11/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23
Monday:	2 Cor 6:1-10/Mt 5:38-42
Tuesday:	2 Cor 8:1-9/Mt 5:43-48
Wednesday:	2 Cor 9:6-11/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday:	2 Cor 11:1-11/Mt 6:7-15
Friday:	2 Cor 11:18, 21-30/Mt 6:19-23
Saturday:	2 Cor 12:1-10/Mt 6:24-34
Next Sunday:	Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/2 Cor 13:11-13/Jn 3:16-18

The Pantry is empty!

We are in desperate need of food! It would be greatly appreciated if you could pick up any item(s) listed, while you are doing your regular shopping, to help restock the shelves of our pantry.

Pantry Needs

- canned baked beans
- canned pasta, ravioli, etc.
- canned fruit
- canned stew
- cookies
- crackers
- tuna

Calling all Vampires...

(I knew that would get your attention!)

Our Lady of Lourdes is sponsoring a Summer Blood Drive!

The Blood Drive will be held on Monday, June 20 from 3:30 PM until 8:30 PM in the Outreach area. We need at least 75 Vampires to break our record of 72 pints.

Can we do it? Only the vampires among us know for sure!

Donations to Outreach

Parish Outreach has received many donations in memory and honor of loved ones.

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



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.

Financial Summary

June 5, 2011

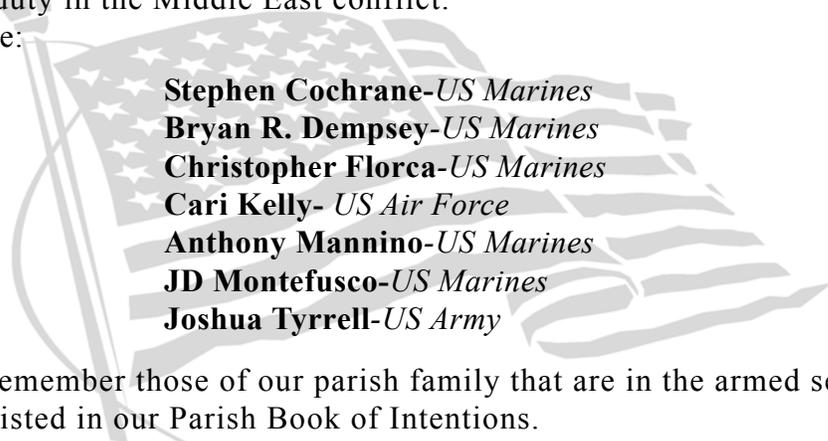
Weekly Collection	\$ 19,724.00
Weekly Budget	-\$ 19,000.00
+/- for the week	\$ 724.00

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.

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 ...

Provi Bennett, Cameo Borruso, Edith Caputo, Linda Carney, Nicole Cerny, Jeanne Marie DellaRagione, Edward Cronin, Frank Edwards, Baby Reagan Farrell, Jake Feldman, Marguerite Filippone, Ann Finn, Elizabeth Fredriksen, Kenneth Garretson, Baby Gavin Gradiska, Winifred Hanrahan, Peter Joseph, Kathleen Kerrigan, Marty Kerrigan, Robyn Kerrigan, Eric Lee, Ann Losee, Christopher J. Maher, Louise Malcuit, Marge Marotta, Tony Marotta, Rosa Mastrorocco, Peter McCarthy, Vincent McGuire, John McNevin, Vincent Meade, Peter Mirabella, Frances Miranda, Julio Miranda, Rae Morris, Evelyn Nonnon, Philomena Owens, Karen Parpounas, Joanne Popper, Joe Radosti, Charles Rainone, Patricia Sanchez, Teresa Saraceno, Ann Marie Schiraldi, Baby Isabella Shaw, Derek Stahl, Lindsay Stahl, Daniel Taranto, Joseph Yezek

Discerning the Truth

by Ron Rolheiser, OMI

Many of us today tend to be intimidated by any kind of knowledge that makes scientific claims. Who dares argue with science? Who dares argue with the experts? Very few, and those who do are easily dismissed as backward or ignorant.

And so inside of our lives, objectified expertise generally trumps moral insight or, worse still, is simplistically identified with it. Truth is truth, science has the truth, and science trumps our moral concerns (which can be made to appear parochial and fear-based in the face of scientific claims). Thus the idea is prevalent that we should listen to the scientific experts when it comes to discerning the truth. But is it really that simple? And who really are the experts? What makes someone an expert? A post-graduate degree? Being a mother who's raising her family well? Being a respected researcher? Living a good life? Being steady and faithful? There are various kinds of experts. Moreover there is also the issue of personal integrity and how this relates to "expertise". What's to be said for the truth of someone who produces scientific insight but who leads an unhealthy life? Does man or a woman's personal life affect his or her research and professional expertise?

Many great thinkers - philosophers, theologians, and even scientists - would say that it does. Truth can never be divorced from moral insight since truth and morality are really one at their base. Hence personal integrity or lack of it in any researcher or scholar in some way does color his or her expertise, however imperceptible this might be on the surface. How?

Aristotle, for example, had a concept he called *phronesis*, which taught that it is impossible to separate the teaching of truth from the practice of virtue. For Aristotle, genuine knowledge, the type that ultimately makes you a better human being, could not issue forth from someone whose intellectual theory and personal moral life were radically out of sync.

Albert Einstein, in effect, said that it is impossible to do research that does not include a lot of *me-search*. Who we are and what perspective we have on reality will always help determine how we see the world and articulate any theory about it. And who we are and our perspective on reality is always partly shaped and deeply colored by our own moral lives. Our moral lives deeply influence our research because they help shape our eyesight.

The medieval mystic, Hugo of St. Victor, had an axiom for this: Love is the eye! For him, our eyesight is largely shaped by either the love or bitterness that is inside of us at any moment. When I look at the world with love, I see it one way; when I look at the world with bitterness, I see it another way. That's also true for every researcher. Granted mathematics is beyond emotion, but the realities to which we apply it aren't.

Finally, and not least, Jesus teaches that we see the world accurately only to the extent that we are pure of heart. When he said this he wasn't just talking about having purity of heart in order to see straight religiously, he was affirming that purity of heart is a pre-condition in order to see straight in every way, religiously, morally, practically, and scientifically.

What we see through a microscope is partly colored by how we are feeling about life in general and how we are feeling about life in general is deeply colored by how we are living morally. And so what's the lesson? The lesson here is not the one that you sometimes hear in circles of fundamentalist religion, namely, that we should stop listening to scientists, academics, and technological experts and should try to dispute their insights by using scripture. Our task is not to become defensive about the findings of the various professional academies, to stop studying. Rather, these are the lessons:

First, honor the findings of genuine science and research even if you aren't always enthralled about their source. All truth has one author, God. Thus God is the source of the bible and God is also the source of science and its findings. Accept truth in all its guises, but be less intimidated by the teachings of those experts who claim scientific objectivity without acknowledging their own limits, their own hidden judgments, and their own biases, particularly when their truth touches questions of health, meaning, morality, and happiness. A good researcher admits elements of *me-search*, is humble about the truth. Next, recognize that expertise is a wide charism that issues forth from many circles. There are experts in science, but there are also experts in goodness, in love, in friendship, in kindness, in fidelity, in hope, in peace-making, in courage, in prayer, in honesty, in chastity, in aesthetics, in practical sanity, and in humor.

When you are looking for stars by which to guide your life scan the heavens widely. Don't lock-in on one narrow corner. There are many stars, each with its own particular expertise in giving off light.

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