



**“WHOEVER
LOSES
ONE’S LIFE
FOR MY
SAKE WILL
FIND IT.”**

MATTHEW 16:25

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OUR LADY OF LOURDES • AUGUST 28, 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

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Marriage

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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

Rev. Michael Holzmann
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

Coordinator of Worship

OLL Choir Director

Vita Scorcia

Ministry Spiritual Director

Sr. Betty Toohig

Senior Ministry-SAGE

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Jerry Esposito

Trish Frodell

Rosalie Mangels

Maryellen McKee

Deacon Jack Meehan

John Muldoon

Bob Natale

Eileen Rega

Vita Scorcia

Fr. Mike Vetrano

Parish Staff

AnnMarie Buonaspina

Director of Youth Choirs

Michael Buonaspina

Parish Organist

Jennifer Gallagher

Women's Chorale Director

Mary Anne Lettieri

Parish Office

Debbie Meyer

Bulletin Editor/Parish Office

Rosemary Multer

School Office

Rita Spera

Religious Education Office

Lori Walsh

Parish Office



Parish Office

661.3224 (option 1)

Monday-Thursday: 9 AM - 7:30 PM

Friday: 9AM - 5 PM

Saturday: 9 AM - 3 PM

Sunday: 9 AM - 2 PM

email: ParishOffice@ollchurch.org

fax: 661.7143

website: www.ollchurch.org

Our Lady of Lourdes School

587.7200 (option 2)

Monday-Friday: 9 AM - 3 PM

email: lkrol@ollschool.org

Religious Education Office

661.5440 (option 3)

Monday-Friday: 9 AM - Noon

1 PM - 5 PM

7 PM - 9 PM

email: ReligiousEd@ollchurch.org

Parish Outreach Office

661.9262 (option 4)

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday:

9:30 AM - 3 PM

S.A.G.E.

661.3224, ext. 122

(Senior Advocates for Growth
and Enrichment)

email: Sage@ollchurch.org



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

Dear Parish Family,

Other Projects and Summer Work:

After our successful parish campaign this spring, we have been focusing most of our efforts on the projects included in the "Renewing Our Spiritual Home" Campaign. But there is also much more going on at our parish and I would like you to understand how these projects are being supported.

Cafeteria Renewal and Classrooms

This summer, we were able to undertake a major set of improvements for our cafeteria. These include a new ceiling, energy saving ceiling lights, and the partition of two classroom spaces which will be used by our pre-school classes and religious education classes. Early childhood education is one of the growing strengths and needs in our community. We now have almost three times as many young students in our programs than we did just a few years ago. This is a good direction for our parish because it is a need of our parishioners, who want a safe and Catholic environment for their children and also because you cannot begin the journey of faith too early.

I want you to understand that this project is not funded by the campaign – it is being funded by our regular school maintenance budget and also by Early Childhood Education grants which were made available to our school. We are certainly grateful for the foundations which choose to support our education mission.

More Roofs

We also completed one of our final roofing needs this summer. Our rectory kitchen and guest rooms (where Fr. Mike Holzmann will be living) were in need of a new roof. This small project was completed within our regular maintenance budget.

Renewing Our Spiritual Home Projects

Lighting:

Our order is placed for new fixtures and the plans for the controller is finished. It will take about ten weeks for the fixtures to be custom built. When we have a date for delivery, we will plan the installation of these fixtures. It may be close, but I am still hoping for September.

Parish Center:

We are working on the solution to our plumbing problem. This has turned out to be a little more complicated than we hoped, since the actual plumbing lines are not exactly in the place the original plans show them when the center was constructed. This is still a fixable problem, but we will need more investigation before this is done.

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

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish



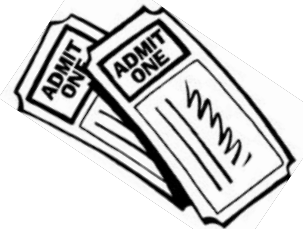
Italian Family Feast 2011

September 14 - 18, 2011

Opens Wednesday thru Friday at 7 PM

Opens Saturday at 6 PM

Opens Sunday at 2 PM



Super Raffle

\$10,000 in prizes. Only 200 tickets to be sold. Each ticket \$100. Tickets on sale after Mass beginning August 27/28. Don't wait-these tickets sell out very quickly! Super Raffle drawing will be held on Sunday, September 18 at 9 PM.

Advance Tickets

Any six rides for \$15 Tickets good for any ride/any day of the Feast! Purchase "Advance Tickets", Monday-Friday at Parish Office from 9AM to 5PM. Advance ticket sales will end Monday, September 12

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are always needed and welcomed to support our annual Italian Family Feast. We have our faithful volunteers that come and help year after year-and to them we are very grateful. We need to attract new volunteers to keep our feast the wonderful annual family event that it is! Can you help? If you're interested or have any questions, please call the Parish Office at 661.3224.

Volunteers Meeting

There will be a meeting for all Feast Volunteers on Thursday, September 8 at 7 PM in Room 16. All are asked to attend.

**A New What?
A New Translation of the Mass?
*Yes: We Will Welcome It Together!***

-Do you know that some of the words we use at Mass will be changing this November?

-Have you heard that the Creed and Gloria at Mass have undergone a new translation and that both the words and music we sing at the Holy Holy will be revised?

*-Yes, it's true: the **translations** of our Memorial Acclamations will be **new!***

To begin our preparation to welcome this new Mass translation, a process designed to take us more deeply into the biblical and liturgical bases of our faith, we will have a **two-part presentation** on this New Translation entitled:

**New Words, Same Mass, Deeper Meaning:
Welcoming the New Translation of the
ROMAN MISSAL**

two Tuesday evenings:
September 20 and September 27
from 7:30 PM to 9 PM in the Church

The presenter is Father Chris Heller, Pastor of St. Joseph Church in Babylon. Fr. Chris will provide a brief outline on how and why this new translation came to be. Using some of the new prayers and texts we will hear this November, Fr. Chris will also illustrate how this new translation opens and connects us more deeply to our Biblical tradition, our long liturgical roots, and to our contemporary world.

Some of the questions that will be answered during these presentations include:

- *Is the Mass we celebrate in English a translation from the Latin?*
- *Why do we need a new translation, and where did it come from?*
- *Who will be affected, or not affected, by the new translation?*
- *What are some of the major differences between the new and the current one?*
- *When will this new translation first be used? Can we use it before that date?*
- *How will our parish be preparing for this new translation?*
- *How can I personally prepare for this new translation?*

We will begin with prayer, and we will pray with Christ Jesus through this transition. Hand-outs and a navigation sheet will be provided, so you can see and reflect on some of the changes. And even those who tell us "I can't sing a note" will be able to participate in a simple chant dialogue, one that could be used every weekend of the year!

Let us begin this journey of faith together!



OLL REMEMBERS

The weekend of September 10/11, will mark the tenth anniversary of the terrorist attacks in New York, Washington, and on Flight 93. The parish family of Our Lady of Lourdes lost several members and many parishioners suffered the loss of family and friends. The week from September 10 to September 18 is also the week of our Parish Feast which celebrates our life together and marks the beginning of a year of ministry in the parish. It will be an honor for us to hold this week as a special memory for all those who died that day and for the many lives that were so profoundly changed forever.

We will never forget.

Beginning on Wednesday, September 7 we invite parishioners to bring photographs and memories to the narthex where there will be a wall of memory to honor these loved ones. Anyone may contribute to this memorial by bringing a photo, a name, or other memory to place on the wall.

Religious Education

PEP 1 Registration Dates 2011

for children entering public school, grade 1 - September 2011

Meetings will take place in the Parish Center. (room opposite the playground on Hunter Ave)

Please note: Baptismal Certificates required for any child being registered in PEP 1.

Monday, September 26	10 AM and 8 PM
Wednesday, September 28	10 AM and 8 PM
Tuesday, October 11	10 AM
Wednesday, October 12	7:30 PM
Wednesday, October 19	11 AM and 8 PM (late registration after Parent Meeting)

If this is your ***first child in our program***, the registration fee (Family Fee) is \$175 and textbooks are \$25 (if needed.) Details will be provided at the meeting.

All Religious Education information may be obtained by going to our OLL website ollchurch.org and click on the Religious Ed link or go to our echalk website ollreled.org and click on Religious Education Calendar, or Religious Education Programs, or Adult Faith Formation.

Attention all children and teens:



You are invited to be part of the
Youth Music Ministry
here at
Our Lady of Lourdes Church

Choirs and special music will begin on
Sunday, September 11
at the 9:30 AM Mass

Rehearsal after Mass each week for fifteen minutes in the Parish Center

or the

6 PM Mass



Rehearsals will be weekly at 5 PM prior to the 6 PM Mass

Ms. AnnMarie Buonaspina
Youth Music Ministry Director
youthmusic@ollchurch.org



Big events coming up:

OLL Back-to-School Mass
Sunday, September 11, 9:30 AM Mass



OLL Feast Mass
Saturday, September 17, 5 PM Mass

OLL Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

A pilgrimage requires our spiritual and physical self, a commitment to travel to reach a destination. A pilgrimage also demands our entire being, our senses, our mind, our soul, our heart, our readiness, our movement, our surrender, our faith.

-Deacon John DeGuardi

Recently, on the day after Easter, a group of about 30+ from our parish of Our Lady of Lourdes, went on a pilgrimage to Israel. My wife, Carol, and I were led by our Pastor, Fr. Mike and Deacon John and his lovely wife, Anne. The group was mostly parishioners who had travelled with them on pilgrimages before, but there were couples I knew from work at St. Anthony's High School and the NYPD. There was also a couple from Virginia, a very nice lady from Chicago and two sisters, one from California and the other from the Philippines.

Some history for those of you who may not have gone yet, the country Israel, is geographically in Asia and has its origins and time line recorded to have been settled and inhabited over 6,000 years BCE (before the common era). Note: it's no longer politically correct to say 'before Christ.' We did visit sites and excavations that were thousands of years before Christ, and observed that they were still uncovering layers of civilizations that existed before Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, who brought the belief we now have in one God.

Then Moses led the Israelites out of Egypt from the south, through the Red Sea and then wandered through the desert (the Negev) for 40 years to the Promised Land. That's where we were now travelling, and is more commonly known today as the Holy Land.

Personally, my eyes were opened wider from actually walking the same old roads Jesus walked-and as I listened to homilies at Mass by Fr. Mike, on the Gospel of the Road to Emmaus, Father spoke of "layers of understanding" like the excavations we had been visiting, were peeled away as Jesus walked with the two disciples and shared the scriptures and their meanings to them. They knew for certain it was HIM as He broke the bread, blessed it and gave it to them. I like the thought Fr. Mike left me with, that He needn't remain with them any longer physically, because now he was in them spiritually in their "burning hearts."



When we walked the Via Dolorosa, the warning was given us 'watch your wallets' for pickpockets abound, similarly when Jesus carried His cross through these same streets, there were many who were oblivious to what was happening-same thing today- they were about their business of hawking their wares in the crowded narrow streets of Jerusalem, I was rudely pushed by people going their own way.

The message I want to bring home, a reflection for those who did not come...this same Jesus, through the working of the Holy Spirit, is alive in us here today, drawing us close to Him-to sit and talk-to just be with Him and take direction-follow His example of "Love one another, as I have loved you." Bring it home. That's what I'm trying to do now. Bring it home to our parish, Our Lady of Lourdes, and my family.

-Jack Fitzgerald



Baptism

Gaven Gregory Lane
Terrance and Patricia
Kylie Hope Lodato
Brian and Kristen
Gavin Walter Singer
Brian and Stephanie

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.

Support Groups

Alcoholics Anonymous: Monday and Tuesday at 8 PM and Saturday at 2 PM and 7 PM in Lourdes Hall-convent lower level.

ALANON: Each Wednesday at 10 AM in Lourdes Hall-convent lower level. (Free babysitting available)

Rosary/Novena

Rosary:

Daily after 8 AM Mass

Miraculous Medal Novena:

Monday after 8 AM Mass

Anointing of the Sick

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Remembering...



Celebrating Sacraments

Rest In Peace

Monday, August 29

The Martyrdom of Saint John the Baptist

8:00 AM George Stone

Tuesday, August 30

8:00 AM Carmella Parasole

Wednesday, August 31

8:00 AM Joseph Netska

Thursday, September 1

8:00 AM Louise Riedemann

Friday, September 2

8:00 AM Ethel Isola

Saturday, September 3

8:00 AM Salvatore Graziano, Joseph J. Fenlon,
Jimmy Heffernan, Patrick Cafferty,
Nora Barber, Genorosa Castro

5:00 PM Florence & Michael Worysz
Fr. Pat Amabile

Sunday, September 4

8:00 AM Laura & Charles Abela
Fr. Pat Amabile

9:30 AM Robert Racich
Fr. Pat Amabile

11:00 AM William Cronin
Fr. Bob Scheckenback

12:30 PM Carmella Parasole
Fr. Michael Holzmann

6:00 PM People of the Parish, Rose & Tony Anitra,
Frank Carbone, Sr., Frank Carbone, Jr.,
Mary Carbone, Erika Hughes, Joseph Lehmann,
Frank Barbera, Joseph Micco
Fr. Bob Scheckenback

Gertrude Coleman died on August 13 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was August 16. We extend our prayers to her children, grandchildren, and entire family.

Kathleen Kerrigan died on August 11 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was August 16. We extend our prayers to her husband, Curtis, parents, Marty & Anne, and entire family.

Josephine Davison died on August 14 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was August 18. We extend our prayers to her children, grandchildren, and entire family.



22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Although Jews, Christians, and Muslims share a monotheistic faith, that is, a belief in the oneness of God, there is much that is vastly different among the three religions. A common expression used by many Arab Muslims (which has already been subsumed into English) is inshallah a contraction of the Arabic words "in sha' Allah" meaning "if God wills it." The expression holds within itself the attitude that things will unfold because God permits them to happen. "We will see each other tomorrow, inshallah" that is, God willing. There is a kind of a sense of fate in this attitude. Human action is ultimately dependent on divine permission.

The Gospel today takes a different approach. Jesus instructs his disciples that whoever would follow after him must "take up his cross, and follow me." He continues, "For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?" The disciple actively chooses the suffering that is part of human existence and seeks out the will of God in his or her life. By seeking first what is right (i.e., the will of God), the disciple finds true happiness, which eludes those who seek such happiness directly in trying to gain the whole world.

Christianity has always been an active religion. We believe that we cooperate with God's grace in performing God's will. Christians do not shrink from promoting the common good and moving forward as part of their faith. When we act in the social sphere we do so believing that God has placed us on this earth with a purpose, that each person must discern God's will in his or her own life. That gift of vocation, whatever it may be for each individual, is lived out in the community of faith for the building up of God's kingdom.

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Readings for the Week of August 28, 2011

Sunday:	Jer 20:7-9/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27
Monday:	1 Thes 4:13-18/Mk 6:17-29
Tuesday:	1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday:	Col 1:1-8/Lk 4:38-44
Thursday:	Col 1:9-14/Lk 5:1-11
Friday:	Col 1:15-20/Lk 5:33-39
Saturday:	Col 1:21-23/Lk 6:1-5
Next Sunday:	Ez 33:7-9/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20

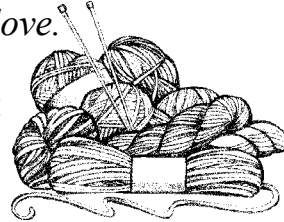
Altar Society

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.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

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

Join us ...Wednesday, September 14 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.



Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

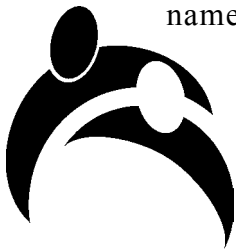
What does it take to be an Extraordinary Minister?

- Participation in Sunday Eucharist
- Commitment to serve two to three times a month
- Attendance at a Diocesan training and parish training
- Openness to bring Communion to the Sick.

If you have questions or are interested in becoming an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, please contact Mrs. Mary Borgs of our parish Liturgy Committee at 665.2928 or e-mail Fr. Pat Amabile at FrPat@ollchurch.org. Please respond by September 12 to be registered in the upcoming Fall Diocesan Training Session.

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 ...

Edith Caputo, Nicole Cerny, Jeanne Marie DellaRagione, Edward Cronin, Joseph DeCicco, Baby Reagan Farrell, Jake Feldman, Marguerite Filippone, Ann Finn, Diane Garretson, Kenneth Garretson, Baby Gavin Gradiska, Winifred Hanrahan, Baby Peter Horyczun, Peter Joseph, Robyn Kerrigan, Eric Lee, Anne Losee, Christopher J. Maher, Arlene Manti, Marge Marotta, Tony Marotta, Rosa Mastrorocco, John McNevin, Arlene Monte, Rae Morris, Evelyn Nonnon, Philomena Owens, Donna Papa, Joanne Popper, Peter Porzio, Joe Radosti, Anthony Rao, Patricia Sanchez, Teresa Saraceno, Maryann Savino, Ann Marie Schiraldi, Baby Isabella Shaw, Daniel Taranto, Vincent Terranova, Nancy Turano, Joseph Yezek

Piety and Propriety

by Ron Rolheiser, OMI

“And when you pray, do not imitate the hypocrites: they love to say their prayers standing up in the synagogues and at street corners for people to see them. ... But when you pray, go to your private room, shut yourself in, and so pray to your Father who is in that secret place.” (Matthew 6, 5-6)

For whatever reason, as churches and as individuals, we have been slow to take seriously Jesus’ warnings against displaying our piety in public. Yet Jesus is very clear, and very strong, in warning us not to do intimate private acts of prayer, devotion, and asceticism in public. Moreover, in this warning, he doesn’t distinguish as to whether these acts come from a sincere heart or a false one. Sincerity or insincerity is not the only issue that concerns him. Public display of piety, however sincere, is also the problem.

Why? What’s wrong with public displays of piety? Don’t they serve as an inspiration to others?

What’s wrong with putting our private hearts on display in public might be answered in one word: aesthetics. It’s bad art, art that irritates more than it inspires. It’s unhealthy exhibitionism. Why?

Because piety is a form of intimacy and intimacy needs propriety. Intimacy is a deep private bond between persons and that private bond demands that deep intimate expressions of affection should be done in private.

This isn’t abstract. We all know that love should be made behind closed doors. Intimacy, in its very structure, demands discretion, privacy, propriety, a shielding from public gaze, something which the early church called the discipline arcane. That’s why we find ourselves uncomfortable when we see people who are too openly affectionate in public. Our spontaneous reaction, to avert our eyes, to feel uncomfortable, to wish this wasn’t happening in front of us, is a healthy one because what we are seeing is an unhealthy exhibitionism, even if the affection between the two persons is healthy. It’s not the love that’s wrong; it’s the public display that’s unhealthy. Intimate affection needs to be more sacred in guarding itself with privacy and propriety.

The same is true for private prayer, private devotions, and private acts of penance. Whether sincere or not, public display of them is unhealthy exhibitionistic. When Jesus warns us to do our private prayers and our private penances behind closed doors he is, admittedly,

warning against hypocrisy, against being seen as good as opposed to actually being good. But he is also warning against the public display of private devotion itself, no matter how sincere.

For example, the early church practiced something it called the discipline arcane. This was a practice within which any Christian who had been baptized and was participating in the Eucharist was forbidden to bring a non-baptized friend to the Eucharist or even describe to another person what happens at a Eucharist. The instinct here was not to create some kind of secret cult around the Eucharist, but to guard its intimacy. For them, the Eucharist was like making love, something done behind closed doors.

I was lucky enough to see this healthily enacted in my own parents, both in their prayer lives and in their relationship to each other. My mother and father had a deep affection for each other and clearly made love a lot behind closed doors. But they never put that affection on public display. Indeed, and the family smiles about this now, we would sometimes catch them holding hands and sitting together when they thought nobody was around. Their prayer lives were the same. Both had a deep faith marked by piety, but both were also careful to keep their more intimate acts of prayer and devotion private. Both too tended to cringe when they saw too overt a display of either affection or piety in public. Perhaps that’s why I have a certain genetic resistance to overt displays of piety.

But, for the most part, we have been reluctant to take Jesus’ warning on this seriously. Sometimes in fact the reverse is true and public display of private devotion is held up as an ideal. To cite an example: Several years ago, I was at a Sunday mass which was being presided over by an Auxiliary Bishop. Just before he was to receive communion, in front of a congregation of more than 500 people, he, in all sincerity and reverence, put his arms on the altar, placed his face down inside his arms, and stayed in that posture of adoration for over a minute, while the entire congregation had nothing to do but to watch him make that private act of reverence. At the time, I was only irritated by something that I considered out of place, bad timing, bad art, but I was more taken aback afterwards by comments outside the church: “Wasn’t that wonderful!” “What a deep faith!”

Deep faith, probably. Wonderful, no. There’s a good reason why we spontaneously squirm in the face of overt gestures of intimacy that are meant really to express private emotion.

Used with permission of the author, Oblate Father Ron Rolheiser. Father Rolheiser is a theologian, teacher, and award-winning author and is currently the President of the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio, TX. He can be contacted through his website-www.ronrolheiser.com.

Financial Summary

August 21, 2011

Weekly Collection	\$ 17,204.00
Weekly Budget	-\$ 19,000.00
+/- for the week	\$ (1,796.00)

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:



Bryan R. Dempsey-US Marines
Christopher Florca-US Marines
Garrett Kerschner-US Marines
Cari Kelly- US Air Force
Anthony Mannino-US Marines
JD Montefusco-US Marines

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

Safely Home

Our whole parish family rejoices with the Cochrane Family in gratitude for the safe return of Stephen from active duty.

Stephen Cochrane-US Marines, has returned to the United States safe and sound from his tour of duty in Iraq. Thank you, *Stephen*, for your most generous service to our country!

The Cochrane Family would like to thank Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Family for all of their prayers.

Our whole parish family rejoices with the Tyrrell Family in gratitude for the safe return of Joshua from active duty.

Joshua Tyrrell-US Army, has returned to the United States safe and sound from his tour of duty in Iraq. Thank you, *Joshua*, for your most generous service to our country!

The Tyrrell Family would like to thank Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Family for all of their prayers.

Genesaret Retreat *for those facing serious illness*

A retreat especially designed for persons who live with a serious illness is planned **September 23-25, 2011 at Montfort Spirituality Center in Bay Shore**. This retreat offers a respite, a quiet time, an oasis, to enable one to continue the journey. The retreat focuses on God's love, His forgiveness, and His faithfulness. To register or receive more information about this weekend, please call Colette at 631.665.7052.

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.

Retrouvaille

You Can Help Heal Your Marriage Now! *Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue or have you just stopped talking to each other?* Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. For confidential information about the Retrouvaille program, or to register for the upcoming weekend that begins on **Friday, September 9, at the Montfort Retreat House in Bay Shore**, please call 1.800.470.2230 and you will be connected directly and confidentially to a couple from Long Island/Metro Retrouvaille who can help.

Dominican Village

Please join us for an Open House on Saturday, September 10, from 1 PM until 3 PM. Dominican Village is an independent retirement community that offers assisted living and respite care, outstanding programs, all-inclusive services and bountiful amenities. For more information, or to schedule a tour at your convenience, call 631.842.6091.

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 "**Moderation.**" Don't miss it!

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Sharing the Gospel

If it were up to Peter, Jesus would never have died on the cross. Peter did not want to see his dear friend get hurt. It could have been tempting for Jesus to listen to Peter. But Jesus did not come to be happy or comfortable. Jesus came to die on the cross and rise again. He came to take your sins away. Jesus gave up his own life so that your life could be saved. He did it for you.

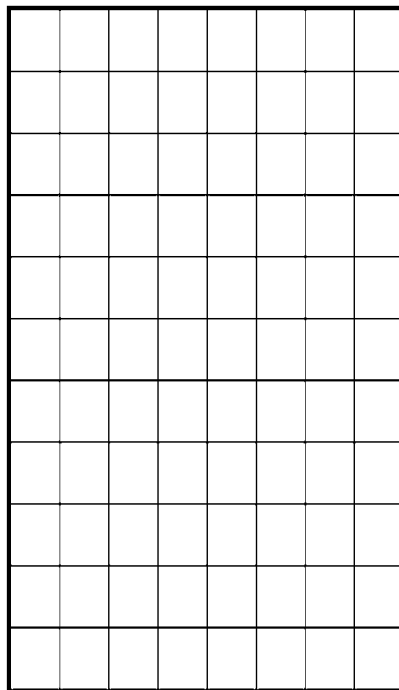


✝️❤️ Mission for the Week

Every day firemen, policemen and soldiers give up their lives to protect yours. "Thank God for them."

🧩 Puzzle

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Prayer



Thank you, Jesus, for giving up your life to save mine.

Something to Draw



Draw a picture of Jesus with a big heart pointing "to the cross.