

**“WHERE TWO OR MORE
ARE GATHERED
IN MY NAME,**



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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OUR LADY OF LOURDES • SEPTEMBER 4, 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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to schedule an appointment.

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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

Anthony Trombino

Business Manager

Pastoral Council

Diane Ackerly

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Mary Borgs

Lisa Cantalino

Sonia DaSilva

Nilo DeLeon

Jerry Esposito

Trish Frodell

Rosalie Mangels

Maryellen McKee

Deacon Jack Meehan

John Muldoon

Bob Natale

Eileen Rega

Vita 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

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.



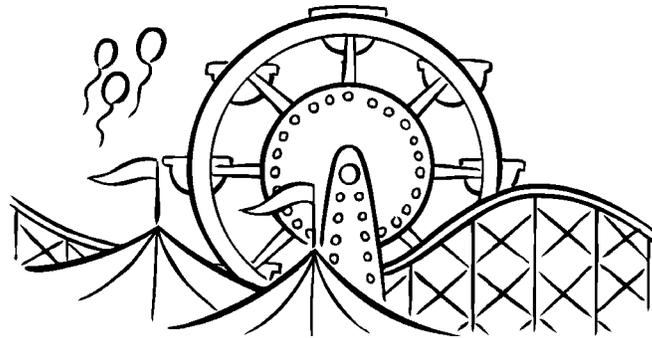
Advance Tickets

**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

Walk with Mary and Feast Mass

Saturday, September 17
Procession at 4 PM
Mass at 5 PM

On Saturday, September 17 we celebrate our Feast Mass and Walk with Mary with a procession at 4 PM and Mass at 5 PM. Please plan on joining us as we bless all those who minister here. All those who take part in ministry here at the parish are invited to walk together with others who share that ministry with you.



Pay-One-Price

Ride *all* rides each day-Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday-for only \$25/day purchase Pay-One-Price tickets at the feast

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.

Volunteer 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.



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

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.



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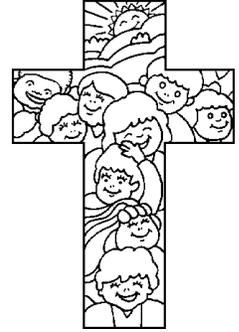
We will never forget.

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.



Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

What's it all about?

IF you are an adult AND

- ... you were never Baptized
- ... you were Baptized in another faith and would like to become a baptized Catholic
- ... you never received Holy Communion (Eucharist)
- ... you never received your Confirmation

IF you are an adult AND one or all of the circumstances above apply to you...

IF you feel you would like to become a baptized Catholic or become more fully initiated into your Catholic faith

Our email address is RCIA@ollchurch.org or call the Parish Office at 661.3224, option #1, and we would be happy to help you.



Welcoming the
ROMAN MISSAL THIRD EDITION
Deepen. Nurture. Celebrate

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. Handouts 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!

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 Feast Mass
Saturday, September 17, 5 PM Mass

Welcome Back to School Sunday
Sunday, September 18, 9:30 AM Mass





Come to the **9:30 AM Liturgy on Sunday, September 18** and celebrate the beginning of a new school year.

Bring your backpacks, your school supplies and a good appetite.

We will begin at the 9:30 AM Mass/Children's Liturgy of the Word and we will have a prayer and blessing of backpacks and school supplies! Following the Liturgy, everyone is invited for refreshments and fellowship in the Fr. Joe Lukaszewski Memorial Garden! Please come to sing, pray, and laugh together as we ask for God's guidance, and inspiration for a GREAT year!

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.

Serving the Body of Christ

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.



The Parish Office will be **closed** on **Monday, September 5** in observance of **Labor Day**.

The Parish Office will *reopen* on *Tuesday, September 6 at 9 AM*.

Welcome

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

Thomas and Pamela Zimmer & family
Victor and Carmela Caminito & family
Salvatore and Lorraine Pepitone
Ian and Michele Azrikan
Gisele Souffrant

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

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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If needed sooner, please call the Parish Office.

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Remembering...

Upcoming Marriages

Michelle Santospirito and
Benjamin Willett, both OLL



Celebrating Sacraments

Monday, September 5

8:00 AM LaRocca & Sweeney Family

Tuesday, September 6

8:00 AM Joseph Beno (*20th Anniversary*)

Wednesday, September 7

8:00 AM Mark Marino

Thursday, September 8

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 AM Joseph Wilburn

Friday, September 9

Saint Peter Claver, priest

8:00 AM John Lovari

Saturday, September 10

8:00 AM Silas Strauss, Patsy Marmo, Patrick Nestor, Leonardo Vicencio,
Maryann Cedeno, Kathleen Kerrigan

5:00 PM James Celiberti, Jr. and Salvatore Carrano

Sunday, September 11

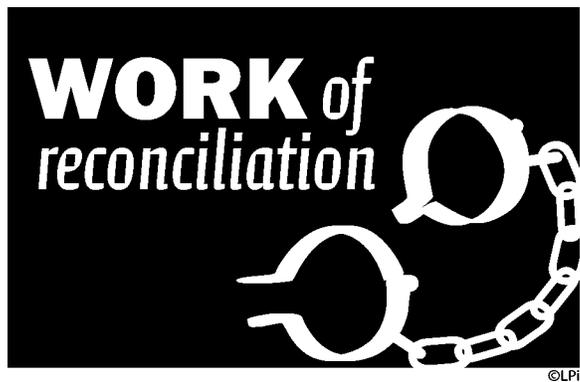
8:00 AM Smith Family

9:30 AM Helen Sullivan

11:00 AM Victims of 9/11

12:30 PM Ralph Moschetti

6:00 PM People of the Parish, Joseph A. Corbett, José Lazo,
Anthony Caputo, John E. Monti, Jr.



23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

One of the more successful processes of reconciliation was the Truth and Reconciliation Commission established in 1995 in South Africa after the abolition of apartheid. Its mandate was to bear witness to, record, and in some cases grant amnesty to the perpetrators of crimes relating to human rights violations, as well as reparation and rehabilitation. The commission looked at violations committed by all sides during the apartheid years, a balance that helped establish its reputation for fairness and equality. Still, there were many who criticized the effort and some who found it ludicrous. What is clear from reports about the commission's activities is that its greatest impact was in small rural towns in which a large amount of the population was involved in the process. In the larger cities, where the commission's work touched only a few people, its success was far more muted.

The process of reconciliation that Jesus outlines in today's Gospel is similar to the path followed by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. Try to be reconciled through a one-on-one conversation. Then go with another. And then bring the matter to the whole community. It is a process that reminds us that reconciliation and forgiveness is hard work, and not easily accomplished. And, it is a process. While the sacrament of penance can take place in a few minutes, the actual time needed for reconciliation can be weeks, months, or even many years.

As the church goes through its own difficulties these days in trying to be reconciled we must recognize that hurts inflicted long ago still need to be healed. We can never walk away from the task of reconciliation as difficult as that might be. Our Teacher and Lord gave his life on the cross to reconcile us to the Father. Every Christian is called to participate in that work of reconciliation even if it might take our whole life to see it accomplished.

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Readings for the Week of September 4, 2011

Sunday:	Ez 33:7-9/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20
Monday:	Col 1:24-2:3/Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday:	Col 2:6-15/Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday:	Col 3:1-11/Lk 6:20-26
Thursday:	Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
Friday:	1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Lk 6:39-42
Saturday:	1 Tm 1:15-17/Lk 6:43-49
Next Sunday:	Sir 27:30-28:9/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35

Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Janet Loehr*.
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 ...

*Jeanne Marie DellaRagione, Baby Reagan Farrell, Jake Feldman,
Marguerite Filippone, Ann Finn, Diane Garretson, Kenneth Garretson,
Baby Gavin Gradiska, Winifred Hanrahan, Baby Peter Horyczun,
George Impellizeri, Marie Impellizeri, Peter Joseph, Robyn Kerrigan,
Anne Losee, Christopher J. Maher, Marge Marotta, Tony Marotta,
Rosa Mastrorocco, John McNevin, Arlene Monte, Rae Morris, Evelyn Nonnon,
Donna Papa, Joanne Popper, Peter Porzio, Joe Radosti, Anthony Rao,
Teresa Saraceno, Ann Marie Schiraldi, Daniel Taranto, Nancy Turano, Joseph Yezek*

The Lessons within Loneliness

by Ron Rolheiser, OMI

Several years ago, I was counseling a young man whose struggles with loneliness seemed to be the reverse of the norm. Instead of trying to escape it, he worried about losing it. He was in his early twenties, in love with a wonderful young woman, but was conflicted about marrying her because he feared that getting married might interfere with his loneliness and, in his words, make him “a shallower person with less to give to God and the world.”

“I walk into a room,” he said, “and automatically look around for a sad face, for someone whose look suggests that there’s more to life than partying and the latest celebrity news.” There’s a danger in simplistically identifying heaviness with depth, but that wasn’t true for him.

“Two images do battle within me,” he said. “When I was fifteen, my dad died. We lived in the country and he had a heart attack. We bundled him into the car and my mother was with him in the back seat, holding him as I was driving the car, fifteen years old, and scared. He died on the way to the hospital, but he died in my mother’s arms. Sad as this was, there was something of beauty in it. I have always felt that this is the way I would like to die, held by someone I love. But, while that image draws me strongly to marriage, I also look at how Jesus died, alone, abandoned, inside of no one’s arms, in an embrace only of something beyond, and I’m drawn to that too. There’s nobility in that which I don’t want to let go of. That too can be a good way to die.”

He feared losing his loneliness even as he healthily yearned for intimacy. He couldn’t fully explain why he was attracted to the loneliness of Jesus on the cross, except that he sensed that this was somehow a noble thing, something of depth, and something that would give him depth and nobility.

Others have been at this place before him, Jesus among them. For example, as a young man, Soren Kierkegaard renounced marriage for the same reason my young friend feared it. Rightly or wrongly, he felt that what he had to give to the world was rooted inside the pain of his own loneliness and could only issue forth from that center and, if he was less lonely, he would have less to give. Was he right?

The fruitfulness of his life, namely, the many people (Henri Nouwen among them) who drew healing

and strength from his writing, attests to the truth of his intuition. By their fruits you shall know them! Kierkegaard is the patron saint of the lonely. But, like my young friend, he was also conflicted by what this did to him. Too few people understood and this immersed him in “the sadness of having understood something true - and then seeing oneself misunderstood.” He confessed too that he lived the curse “of never to be allowed to let anyone deeply and inwardly join themselves to me.” Thomas Merton, commenting on the same thing, once said that the absence of married intimacy in his life constituted “a fault in my chastity.” This kind of depth comes at a price.

Why, despite such an obvious downside, are the Kierkegaards of our world drawn to loneliness in the belief that it holds the key to depth, empathy, and wisdom? What does loneliness do for us?

What loneliness does for us, especially very intense loneliness, is destabilize the ego and make it too fragile to sustain us in the normal way. What happens then is that we begin to unravel, feel ourselves become unglued, become aware of our smallness, and know in the roots of our being that we need to connect to something larger than ourselves to survive. But that’s a very painful experience and we tend to flee from it.

However, and this is a great paradox, this experience of intense loneliness is one of the privileged ways of finding the deep answer to our quest for identity and meaning. Because it destabilizes the ego and disorients us, loneliness puts us in touch with what lays below the ego, namely, the soul, our deepest self. The image and likeness of God lies in there, as do our most noble and divine energies. That’s the truth behind the belief that in loneliness there is depth.

And so the lesson is this, whether married or single: Don’t run from loneliness. Don’t see it as your enemy. Don’t look for another person to cure your loneliness. See loneliness as a privileged avenue to depth and empathy.

Here’s the advice of the ancient Persian poet, Hafiz:
Don’t surrender your loneliness so quickly.
Let it cut more deep.
Let it ferment and season you as few human
Or even divine ingredients can.
Something missing in my heart tonight has made my eyes so
soft, my voice so tender, my need of God absolutely clear.

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 28, 2011

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

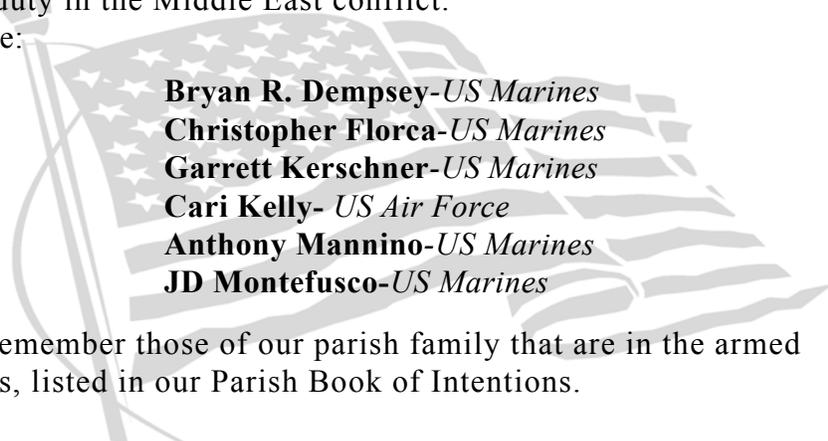
The collection amount for Sunday, August 28 will appear in future bulletin.

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.

SAGE

The SAGE Group (Senior Advocates for Growth and Enrichment) will meet on **Tuesday, September 6**, in the **Parish Center at 9 AM**.

Rosary Christian Mothers

The Rosary Christian Mothers will begin another year starting **Tuesday, September 6**. We will begin with **Rosary at 7:45 PM in the Church** followed by **meeting at 8 PM in the Parish Center**.

Daytime Eucharistic Devotion

The afternoon adoration for the month of September will be on **Wednesday, September 7 from 1-3 PM**. All are invited and welcome! We will be praying for world peace, for priests and all religious.

Holy Name Society

The Holy Name Society meets on the second Sunday of each month. The next meeting will be on **Sunday, September 11**. We will begin with the **Rosary at 7:40 AM in the Church** and the **meeting will follow the 8 AM Mass at 9 AM in Room 16**.

Men's Prayer Group-AM

We invite all men of the parish to meet for prayer and reflection after 8 AM Mass on **Thursday, September 15, in the Parish Center**. We meet once a month to read and discuss the Scriptures for the following Sunday. We'll gather for conversation and fellowship. Call Jack Fitzgerald at 587.5548 for more information.

Men's Prayer Group-PM

An *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, September 20**. 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.

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.

OLL Bereavement Support Group

You are invited to join our next Bereavement support group. This is a wonderful opportunity to be supported in a small discussion group with people who have also suffered a loss.

The group will meet on Wednesday for 8 weeks starting **September 21, from 7:30PM to 9:30PM in the Spiritual Life Center.**

To register and for more information please contact Diane Ackerly at 226.9373 or email at dkkkk710@hotmail.com.

Golden Wedding Jubilee

This fall, couples that have been married fifty years or more will be honored at liturgies on **Sunday, October 16, at the Church of Saint Rose of Lima in Massapequa and on Sunday, November 6 at the Church of Christ the King Church in Commack. Both liturgies begin at 2:30 PM. Couples may register for ONE liturgy.** Registration forms and complete instructions can be obtained at the OLL Parish Office. Registration must be received by the Office of Worship by September 29 for the October liturgy and by October 20 for the November liturgy. If you have any questions, please call 516.678.5800, extension 207.

Education of a Lifetime

A Catholic High School education offers young people a challenging, value-centered liberal arts education. It also affords each student an opportunity to test abilities, add skills, build confidence and develop an understanding of faith, while preparing for college and for life.

Open Houses present students and parents with a special opportunity to gain information about the programs, faculty, and facilities of the Catholic High Schools on Long Island. Administrators, faculty members, staff, and students are available to describe school programs and to answer questions at the Open House events. For additional information on particular schools, plan to attend one or more of the Open Houses.

Open House Schedule

Saturday, September 17	11 AM - 1:30 PM	Our Lady of Mercy Academy
Sunday, September 18	10 AM - 1 PM	St. Anthony's High School
Saturday, September 24	9 AM - 12 PM	McGann-Mercy DHS
Sunday, September 25	12 PM - 2:30 PM	Holy Trinity DHS
	2 PM - 4:30 PM	St. Mary's College Prep. HS
Saturday, October 1	9 AM - 1 PM	Sacred Heart Academy
	10 AM - 1 PM	Kellenberg Memorial HS
	2 PM - 4 PM	Chaminade HS
Sunday, October 2	2 PM - 4:30 PM	St. Dominic High School
Sunday, October 16	10:30 AM - 2 PM	St. John the Baptist DHS

The Catholic High School Entrance Exam is scheduled for Saturday, October 29. You must register by October 5. Applications for the Catholic High School entrance exam are available at the OLL School Office. If you have any questions, please call the OLL School Office at 661.7200, option #2.

Gennesaret 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.

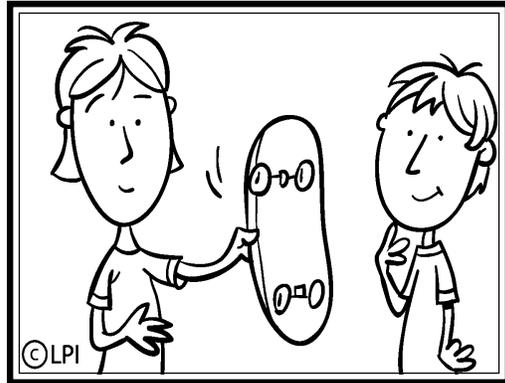
Religion & Rock

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 **"Labor Day/Work/Laboring for God."** 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 TELECARE, Cablevision Channel 29/137 or Verizon FIOS 296 for the Best in Catholic Television!

Sharing the Gospel

One day someone might sin against you. Friends may hurt your feelings. A neighbor may take your toy without asking. Remember what Jesus said. Remember that you sin, too. Talk it over quietly, "just the two of you, and give your friend a chance to apologize.

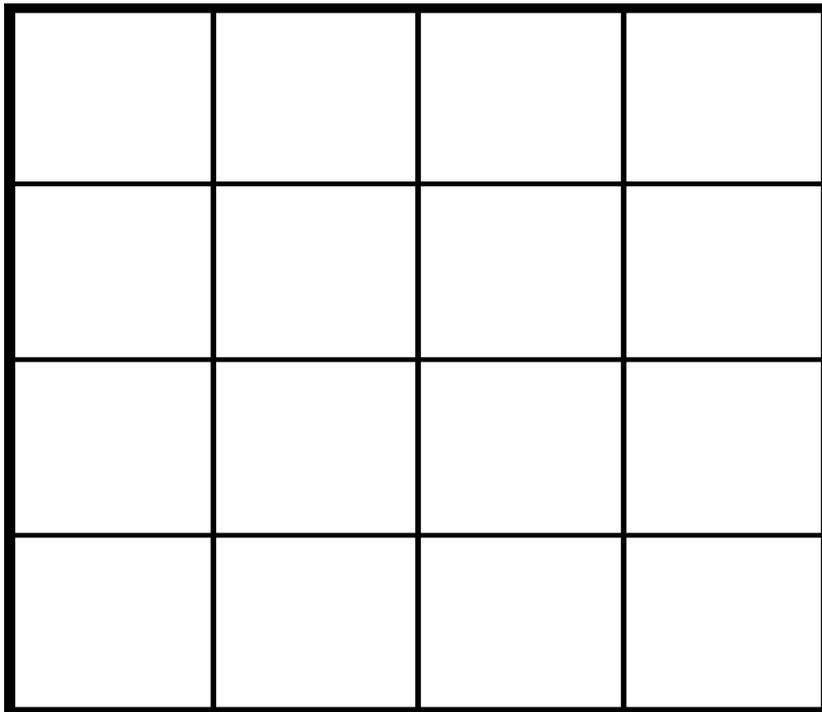
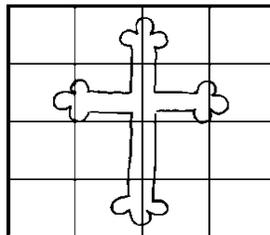


Mission for the Week

Pray for your friends who get stuck in sin.
Help them out if you can.

Puzzle

Enlarge the Picture square by square.



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Prayer



Be with me, Jesus,
when someone has
hurt me. Help me
to forgive. Amen.

Something to Draw



Draw a picture of
someone apologizing
to you.