

**“SHOULD YOU NOT HAVE HAD
PITY ON YOUR FELLOW SERVANT,**



MATTHEW 18:33

AS I HAD PITY ON YOU?”

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OUR LADY OF LOURDES • SEPTEMBER 11, 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
advance, please call the Parish
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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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Rosalie Mangels

Maryellen McKee

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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

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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

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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.



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 new lighting system is now built and we are expecting delivery the week of the Feast! We will now be looking for a block of time when we can turn the Church over to the electricians for installation of the system. Right now, it looks like we will not be missing any weekend use of the Church – all the work will be done on weekdays, with minimal disruption of our schedule. We are almost there!

Narthex Entry and Rectory Entry

We have received some initial plans from an architect. These need to be reviewed by our Team and Pastoral Council.

Parish Center:

We have finally found a good, and thankfully not expensive, way to fix our plumbing problems. As soon as this is done we will be moving forward with plans to completely renew our Parish Center.

Is it too late to participate?

Not at all! All gifts and pledges are always welcome. Just call our Parish Office at 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.

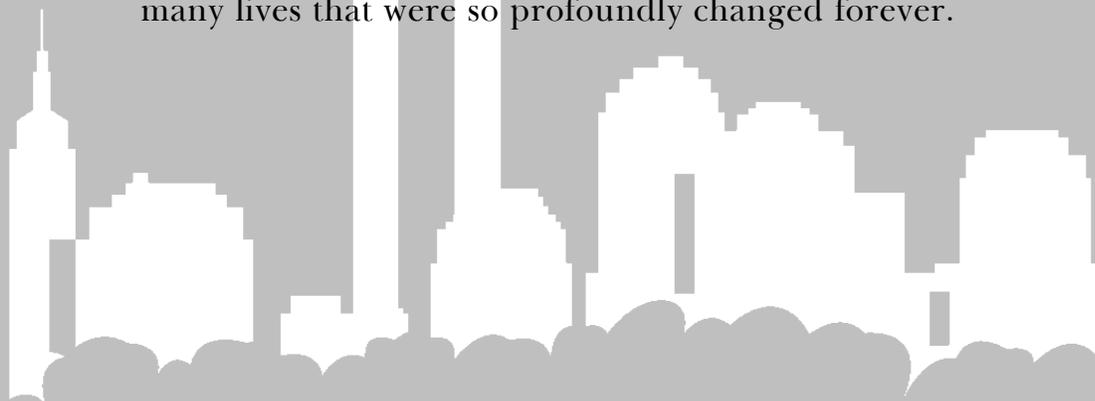
Thanks for all you do to support the parish family of Our Lady of Lourdes!

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.



9 11

We will never forget.

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sept 11 - Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

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1. Jesus spent a good deal of his preaching ministry educating his followers about God's kingdom or reign. Jesus helps us in our own day by contrasting how we as creatures view our available choices with how God views and expands our number of true options. As the words of a Christian hymn encourage us, "There's a wideness in God's mercy, Like the wideness of the sea; There's a kindness in His justice, Which is more than liberty."

Those who have been listening to Matthew's Gospel in this liturgical year's cycle of readings may remember another wisdom statement Jesus offered in the Sermon on the Mount when he said: "the measure with which you measure will be measured out to you." If we want a full measure of God's mercy, Jesus tells us, we are to stretch and extend and open ourselves to others in forgiveness.

*In the new translation of the Mass that we will welcome at the end of November this year, we will as always express our sorrow for sin and our reliance on the generous mercy of our God. In the dramatic words of the **Confiteor**, for example, we will admit our need for divine forgiveness by saying "through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault." Some of our viewers will recall these words from the prayers at the foot of the altar in Masses celebrated before the Second Vatican Council. For all of us, by receiving God's mercy for our sins and by imitating Jesus' words and actions, we become empowered to forgive others who have hurt us. Let us be attentive to the voice of the Lord, who came to reconcile us all to our life-giving God. Blessed be God, who gives us new life and new hope in Christ Jesus our Savior.*



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!

Youth Music Ministry

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. Please contact Ms. AnnMarie Buonaspina, Youth Music Ministry Director youthmusic@ollchurch.org if you have any questions.

Big events coming up: OLL Feast Mass, Saturday, September 17, 5 PM Mass and Welcome Back to School Sunday, Sunday, September 18, 9:30 AM Mass.

Attention - Girls and Boys-4th grade and up

Do you want to be an Altar Server? What a great way to get more involved when we're praying together. It's also a service to the Parish that we really need you for. If you have not thought about it already, please give it some thought now. If you want to sign up for the training sessions, contact the Parish Office at 661.3224 and leave a message for Mrs. Nancy Kuchler or contact her at nkuchler@ollschool.org. Altar Server Training will be in the Fall, and we will contact you (the dates for the training will be in the bulletin as well) Hope you say YES to this call!

Home Bound Ministry

All Eucharistic Ministers are welcome!

Come...learn about the ministry.

Come...meet other EM's involved.

Come...hear EM's share their ministry.

Come...your help is needed.

Come...the homebound need your loving heart.

Come...Tuesday, September 13 at 7:30 PM in the Spiritual Life Center.

No experience needed-just willing hands and a loving heart.



Our Lady of Lourdes

CYO Basketball Registration

Wednesday, September 21 and Thursday, September 22

7 PM to 8:30 PM

All Purpose Room

Grades 2 to 9. If you have any questions, please contact Dan White at danielfwhite581@aol.com



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.



Rest In Peace

Agrippino (Peter) Bellino died on August 25 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was August 30. We extend our prayers to his wife, Jolanta, children, grandchildren, and entire family.

John Stehling died on August 25 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was September 1. We extend our prayers to his wife Phyllis, children, grandchildren, and entire family.

Ruth Hiller died on August 30 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was September 2. We extend our prayers to her children, grandchildren, and entire family.

Vivian Boccanfuso died on August 29 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was September 2. We extend our prayers to her children, grandchildren, and entire family.



Baptism

Logan Christopher Boccio
Christopher and Jennifer
Lucy Madeline Krowles
Joseph and Christine
Elijah Anthony Colonna
Anthony and Monica
Bianca Grace Babino
Lawrence and Jessica
Joseph Michael Cucciniello
Michael and Maria
Julian Jesse Eiermann
Jesse and Wendy
Aaliyah Grace Sender
Scott and Karen
Daniella Mia Tofano
Richard and Joanna

Rosary/Novena

Rosary:

Daily after 8 AM Mass

Miraculous Medal Novena:

Monday after 8 AM Mass

Anointing of the Sick

Throughout the liturgical year.

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Remembering...

Monday, September 12

The Most Holy Name of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 AM Margaret Scanlon

Tuesday, September 13

Saint John Chrysostom, bishop and doctor of the Church

8:00 AM John Sweeney

Wednesday, September 14

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

8:00 AM Patrick Molloy

Thursday, September 15

Our Lady of Sorrows

8:00 AM George LaCognata

Friday, September 16

Saint Cornelius, pope and martyr and

Saint Cyprian, bishop and martyr

8:00 AM Margaret Homann and
Joseph Netska

Saturday, September 17

8:00 AM Theresa Feliney, Vincent & Grace Capanzano, Salvatore Stamatiades,
Karen Swarhout, Kathleen Kerrigan, Joseph Lehmann, Helen Minnisale

5:00 PM Rose Giacalone
Fr. Mike Vetrano

Sunday, September 18

8:00 AM Fred Ball
Fr. Ambrose Cabildo

9:30 AM Willard Darrell
Fr. Michael Holzmann

11:00 AM Tony Squeo
Fr. Bob Scheckenback

12:30 PM Joseph Santopetro
Fr. Pat Amabile

6:00 PM People of the Parish, Konrad Bielecki, Kenneth Spina, Jean Senese,
William Kuhlwillm & Anna Estelle, Peter Mirabella, Sophia DeNitto,
Augustina Buscenci, Sally Phillips, Kathleen Kerrigan, Tu Lu & Carmen Cajigal
Fr. Ambrose Cabildo

Upcoming Marriages

Michelle Santospirito and
Benjamin Willett, both OLL



FORGIVE
even the
greatest
sinners

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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

This will be a weekend of memorials. Wreaths will be laid; there will be moments of silence. The names of the dead will be proclaimed and stories of their lives will be told. Commentators will voice their opinions and newscasts will replay the sound and video from that awful Tuesday morning ten years ago when four planes crashed out of a bright, sunny sky. Two of the planes hit the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center in New York; one struck the Pentagon in Washington, DC; and the last came down in a Pennsylvania field as passengers rushed the hijackers who wanted to turn that plane into a bomb as well.

Ten years ago, on the Sunday after the attack, we heard the story of the prodigal son. This year, the cycle of Lectionary readings brings us the parable from Matthew of the unforgiving servant. As we hear this parable we feel a certain sense of justice as the servant, a despicable character without compassion, is thrown into jail by the master who had once forgiven his huge debt. While we might momentarily rejoice in the just outcome of this parable, we are immediately skewered by the words of Jesus, who says to us, "So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives your brother from your heart."

We hadn't bargained on this outcome to the parable. We are caught in the same trap as the ungrateful servant. And where does that leave us on a day such as this, when we remember those whose lives have been lost and believe the perpetrators to be as despicable as the servant in the Gospel? Jesus does not make life easy for us. As our Savior, he redeems us not only from the sin we inflict on others, but also from the sin we inflict on ourselves. Learning to forgive even the greatest sinners is the call of every Christian.

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Readings for the Week of September 11, 2011

Sunday: Sir 27:30-28:9/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35
Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13/Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday: Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Lk 8:1-3
Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16/Lk 8:4-15
Next Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Joyce Petersen*.
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 ...

*Eddie Cronin, Jeanne Marie DellaRagione, Baby Reagan Farrell,
Jake Feldman, Marguerite Filippone, Ann Finn, Donna Galindez,
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*

How Large is your Heaven

by Ron Rolheiser, OMI

One of the marks of a Christian heart is the desire for inclusivity, the desire to ultimately be in communion with as many people as possible, to have everyone in heaven with you without demanding that they become just like you to get there. Sadly, we tend to harbor the opposite attitude, though we are slow to admit this.

We all like to think of ourselves as big-hearted, as having wide compassion, and as loving like Jesus did, but too much within both our attitudes and our actions belies this. Our own love, truth, and worship are often unconsciously predicated on making ourselves right by making others wrong. Too often we have an unconscious mantra which says: I can only be good, if someone else is bad. I can only be right, if someone else is wrong. My dogma can only be true, if someone else's is false. My religion can only be right, if someone else's is wrong. My Eucharist can only be valid, if someone else's is invalid. And I can only be in heaven, if someone else is in hell.

We justify this attitude of separation and moral-religious superiority by appealing to various things: correct dogma, the need for justice, proper morality, right ecclesiology, and correct liturgical practice, among other things. And there's some truth in this. To have your heaven include everyone does not mean that truth, morality, and church practice all become relative, that it's of no ultimate consequence what one believes or how one acts and worships. Our Christian scriptures and our subsequent tradition warn clearly that there are certain rights and wrongs and that certain attitudes and actions can exclude us from the God's Kingdom, heaven. But those same scriptures make it equally clear that God's salvific will is universal and that God's deep, constant, passionate longing is that everyone, absolutely everyone, regardless of their attitude and actions, be somehow brought into the house. God, it seems, does not want to rest until everyone is home, eating at the same table.

Jesus, uncompromisingly, teaches the same thing. For example, in the Gospel of Luke, chapter 15, he weaves together three stories to make this point: The shepherd who leaves the 99 sheep in order to search for the one stray; the woman who has ten coins, loses one, and cannot rest until she has found her lost coin; and the father who loses two sons, one to weakness and one to

anger, and will not rest until he has both back in the house.

I particularly like the middle story, the one about the woman with the lost coins, because it is the most clear in making this point: A woman has ten coins (each worth about dime), she loses one, frantically searches for it, puts on extra lights and sweeps her house, and finally she finds it, is overjoyed, calls in her neighbors, and has a celebration that clearly costs more than what the coin itself was worth. Why her frantic pursuit of one small coin? And why her great joy in finding it?

What's really at issue is not the value of the coin but the loss of wholeness: For a Hebrew at the time, 10 was a number of wholeness, 9 was not. Hence we might recast the story this way: A woman is the mother of ten children. Nine come to visit her regularly and share their lives with her, but one is alienated and refuses to come home or ever talk to her. The woman cannot rest and tries everything imaginable to try to reconcile with her daughter and eventually her daughter comes round. They reconcile. She is overjoyed, phones her friends, and throws a party. Her family is whole again!

The same dynamic holds true for the shepherd who leaves the 99 sheep to search for the lost sheep. For a Hebrew at that time, the number 99 did not designate wholeness, but the number 100 did. The shepherd is like the mother with the alienated daughter, he cannot rest until his family is once again made whole. We see the same longing, passion, and sadness in the Father of the prodigal son and older brother. He cannot rest, nor be at peace, until both his sons are back in the house. He is overjoyed when his wayward son returns but the story ends with him still outside the house, trying to coax his other son, outside because of anger, to also come inside. His heaven includes both his sons.

Our heaven too must be a wide one. Like the woman who lost a coin, like the shepherd who has lost a sheep, and like the father of the prodigal son and older brother, we too shouldn't rest easy when others are separated from us. The family is only happy when everyone is home.

What ultimately characterizes a genuine faith and a big heart is not how pure our churches, doctrines, and morals might be, but how wide is the embrace of our hearts.

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Financial Summary

August 28, 2011

Weekly Collection	\$ 7,062.00
Weekly Budget	-\$ 19,000.00
+/- for the week	\$ (11,938.00)

September 4, 2011

Weekly Collection	\$ 16,107.00
Weekly Budget	-\$ 19,000.00
+/- for the week	\$ (2,893.00)

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.

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.

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)

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.

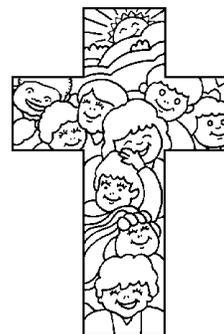
Please come with your love and hope for humanity as well as your prayer requests. We gather together every **Thursday at 1:30 PM before the Blessed Sacrament** for about one half hour. For more information, call Charles Argento at 586.8528.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Dominican Village

Please join us for an Open House on Thursday, September 15, 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 **"Being Excited."** 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

You sin, just like everybody else does. God forgives you even if your sin is very bad. God washes all of your sins away and treats you with kindness. The "next time someone hurts your feelings, remember how God forgives you. Follow God's example.



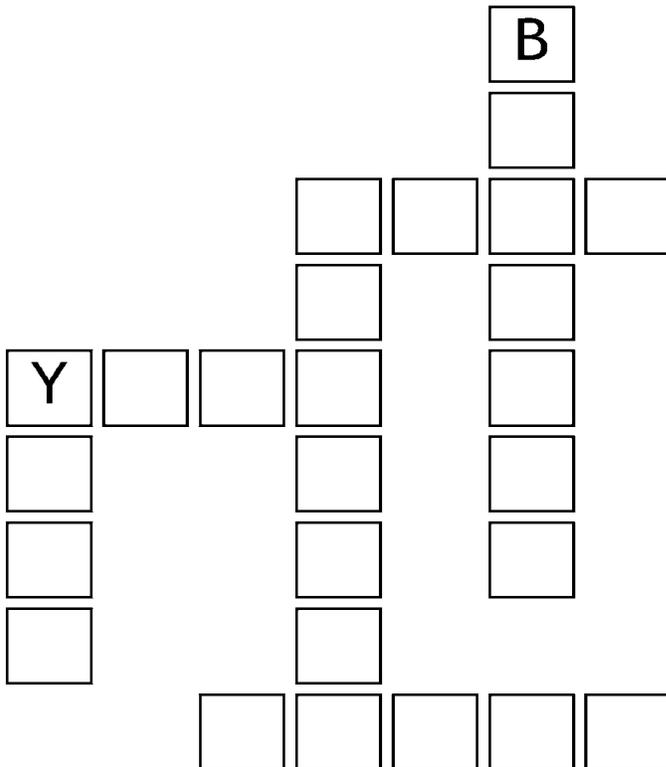
Mission for the Week

Name one person you are angry with. Pray to God. Ask God to help you let go of your anger and really forgive.

Puzzle

Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:

Forgive your brother from your heart.



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Prayer



God,
teach me to forgive
other people the
way you forgive me.

Something to Draw



Draw a picture of
Jesus dying on the
cross for your sins