

**“Christ emptied himself
taking the nature of a slave.”**



Philippians 2:7

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our Lady of Lourdes • September 25, 2011



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
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lics and for Catholics who have
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Welcome to our Parish Family!

*New Parishioners are cordially invited to register as members
of our parish family. Please call or visit our Parish Office.*

Mission Statement

*As stewards of all that God has given us, the Parish Family of
Our Lady of Lourdes serves and ministers to all who come to this place.
Regardless of a person's history, ethnicity, gender, orientation, age or race,
we commit ourselves to open wide the doors of our Parish to provide
a place of welcome and hospitality.*

Vision...

*so that all may know that they are a vital part of the Body of
Christ, we further recommit and challenge ourselves to...*

Live out our Baptismal call passionately by caring for all
of God's people with justice.

Grow in an understanding of God's role in each of our lives.

Respond to the Gospel in a radical way, inviting and
inspiring all to form the Kingdom of God in every
moment of life.

Acknowledge we are not complete without the willingness to
grow, discern and discover the Spirit who moves and guides us.

Pastoral Team

Rev. Michael A. Vetrano
Pastor

Rev. Patsy Amabile
Associate Pastor

Rev. Robert Scheckenback
Associate Pastor

Rev. Ambrose Cabildo
In Residence

Rev. Michael Holzmann
In Residence

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Deacon Tom Lucie

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Louise Jane Krol

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Mary McMahan

Director of Parish Social Ministry

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Michael Buonaspina

Parish Organist

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Mary Anne Lettieri

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Lori Walsh

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Parish Office

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Friday: 9 AM - 5 PM

Saturday: 9 AM - 3 PM

Sunday: 9 AM - 2 PM

email: ParishOffice@ollchurch.org

fax: 661.7143

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Our Lady of Lourdes School

587.7200 (option 2)

Monday-Friday: 9 AM - 3 PM

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1 PM - 5 PM

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661.9262 (option 4)

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday:

9:30 AM - 3 PM

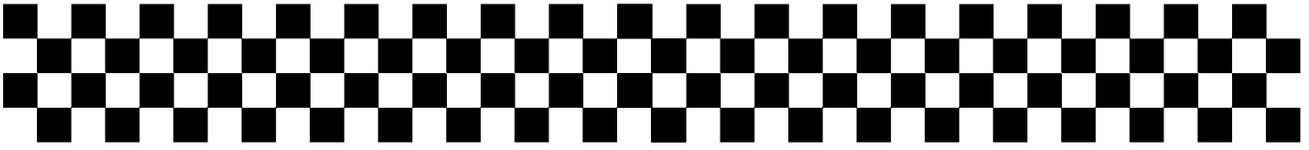
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Our Lady of Lourdes



Italian Family Feast 2011

Super Raffle Winners!



\$7,000

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**Thank you
Feast Sponsor!**

*West Islip
Wines & Liquors, Inc.*

**Nightly Raffle
Winners**

Wednesday	#18528
Thursday	#53010
Friday	#43704
Saturday	#39960
Sunday	#68410

Thank you!

Thank you feast volunteers for all you did.
Our Feast was a great success!
We couldn't do it without you.

*Frank Antonawich, Mike Carrano,
Dom Lettieri, and Rich Maher*



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

Renewing Our Spiritual Home Projects

Let there be Light! The Lights are in the Mail - 38 new fixtures arrive at OLL!

Our new lights are closer than ever. This past Tuesday, we took delivery of 38 new fixtures custom built for our church! Now all we need is to find a good time when we can have our electricians install these new fixtures. Over 300 new connections need to be made to power these new lights along with new lighting in our sanctuary and tabernacle area.



OLL maintenance workers Rich and John help unload and stack our new lighting for installation.

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 could 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

Feast of St. Francis

Blessing of the Animals

Saturday, October 1

12 noon

Fr. Joe Lukaszewski Memorial Garden (*weather permitting*)

The Feast of St. Francis, a saint famous for his kindness to animals, will be celebrated with our annual blessing of the animals!

This year, we'll gather at **12 noon on Saturday, October 1**, for a beautiful prayer service and blessing, followed by food and fun for all (including our four legged friends, those that crawl, those that swim and even those that fly!)



Welcoming the ROMAN MISSAL THIRD EDITION

Deepen. Nurture. Celebrate

Scriptural Reflections on the New Roman Missal *by Msgr. Chris Heller*

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time **Sept 25 - Matthew 21:28-32**

3. Jesus is a master teacher: he uses every technique and strategy possible to engage his listeners in thinking clearly about their behaviors and conduct. Sometimes Jesus teaches a lesson and waits to see whether his listeners will receive His Word with open or closed ears, and with open or closed hearts. In today's gospel, Jesus asks his listeners to weigh in on the question of obedience, which is a virtue sometimes limited to discussions concerning children and adolescents. But some of our greatest religious heroes and role models were obedient to God: Abraham, Hannah, Moses, Mary the Mother of Jesus, John the Baptist, and Mary Magdalene, just to mention a few. All of them heard the Word of God calling them to a divine mission, and their response to their respective calls was a bending of their individual and preferential wills to God's mysterious plan. In our tradition, we refer to that deep-down obedient commitment as faith, and by accepting this offer of a new covenant relationship with God and others, we become converted creations that witness to God's abiding presence.

Part of our commitment to remain engaged to God's mission means that we maintain an openness to keep growing in faith. And as with many positive elements in our human experience, practicing our faith strengthens us and helps our faith to become more deeply rooted. In two months from now, we as Catholic Christians will welcome a new translation of the Missal. We will begin to pray: "**I believe** in one God," recognizing that each of us was baptized into the church community in one specific place and time. And by renewing and professing our faith on a weekly basis, we are inviting God to deepen his sacred presence within our hearts and in our life's daily actions. What a blessing it is to accept that call to belong to God! Blessed be God, who gives us new life and new hope in Christ Jesus our Savior.



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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 basis 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!



Michael and Eleanor Carrano St. Agnes Medal of Service Award Recipients 2011

The parish family of Our Lady of Lourdes is proud to congratulate Michael and Eleanor Carrano as recipients of the St. Agnes Medal of Service. Michael and Eleanor were the recipients of this year's St. Agnes Medal of Service given on Friday, September 16, by Bishop Murphy.

This medal is given each year to one person or couple from each parish in our Diocese who embody a true spirit of love and stewardship for their own parish community.

We are proud that Mike and Eleanor are being honored. Mike has been a founding member of our Feast Committee from the beginning. He has served on our Pastoral Council and parish safety committees. Eleanor is a member of our Baptism Ministry. Eleanor and Mike have served us together as Eucharistic Ministers. The Carranos are generous supporters of everything we do here at Our Lady of Lourdes, and we are proud to see them receive this honor!

Fr. Mike

Altar Servers

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@ollschoo.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!

RCIA



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.



Confirmation

On Thursday, November 10, Bishop Emil Wcela, will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to the candidates of our parish. These young women and men are the chosen members of this community who have studied, served and prepared for this Sacrament.

During the next few weeks, they will continue their journey towards Confirmation and even greater involvement in the life of our Church. The Confirmation Candidates of our parish will participate in "Spirit Nights" with their parents and sponsors. These times together will be an opportunity for them to experience how important it is to be active faith-filled members of the church community. Each "Spirit Night" will include celebrating Mass with our parish family Sunday evening at 6 PM.

Please pray for our Confirmation Candidates as they embrace this very important commitment in their faith journey and that they will continue to be strengthened, loved and supported by YOU... their parish family.



Nocturnal Adoration

Nocturnal Adoration will follow the 5 PM Mass on **Saturday, October 1**, concluding with Benediction at 9:50 PM. Please come and pray with us. All are invited and welcome! Bring a friend.

Senior Circle

The Senior Circle meets on the last Monday of each month. The next meeting will be held on **Monday, September 26**, at **12:30 PM in the Spiritual Life Center**. NOTE: new location

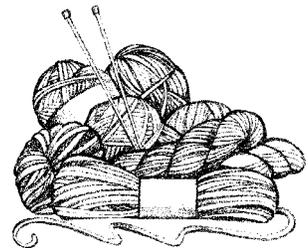
Prayer Shawl Ministry

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

Join us ...

Wednesday, October 12 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.



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)

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.

Adult Faith Formation

Why Do I Have to Shake Hands in Church?

The Mass (Sacred Liturgy) as Communal Prayer



Presenter: Fr. Bob Scheckeback

Tuesday - October 4, 11, 18

7:30-9:30 PM

Parish Center

With the Liturgical reforms that came from the Second Vatican Council, our Church re-embraced an ancient and consistent element of her identity. She re-established the Mass as the corporate prayer of the community on the Sabbath.

For the greater majority of our history, Christians prayed with each other to express their faith, and to revel in the presence of Christ in their communion with each other. We invite you to a three night Adult Faith Formation course to look at the parts of the Mass, the words and gestures, the format and development; that all calls us to see our worship as relational and community minded. Using the 3rd edition (new translation) of the Roman Missal we will see how we are still being called “to that full, conscious, and active participation in liturgical celebrations which is demanded by the very nature of the liturgy...”

-Sacrosanctum Concilium 1963

There is a \$5 fee for each session. No fee is required for those who have paid the Religious Education Family Fee or Our Lady of Lourdes School tuition.

Registration is necessary and helpful. This will enable us to have enough reading material and refreshments for all those attending. To register, please call the Religious Education Office at 661.5440, option 3 or email to religioused@ollchurch.org.

St. Pius X Enriched Living Facility

“Caring for those who cared for us”

Today is the special collection for retired priests, living at St. Pius X Enriched Living Facility. There are currently more than 100 retired priests in our Diocese. Many live independently in parishes or their own homes. A smaller group requires intensive medical support and is lovingly cared for in skilled nursing home facilities. Many require assistance with daily living, and St. Pius X Enriched Living Facility provides that extra care and attention, while still allowing these priests to serve as active, fully engaged members of the community.

It is important to differentiate between this special collection and the Retired Religious Collection. The Retired Religious Collection, held annually in June, supports the retirement needs of religious brothers and sisters who have served our Diocese. It does not provide support for the retirement needs of our Priests.

The Catholic Church of Long Island is blessed and privileged to be able to care for its senior priests, men who have dedicated their lives to serving God and our community.

We welcome your support of this important endeavor.



Upcoming Marriages

Laurie Krebs, St. Jude, Shirley and

Jeffrey Van Schaick, OLL

Heather Fogarty, OLL and

Thomas Withee, III, St. Gerard, Massachusetts



Rest In Peace

Richard Noble died on September 10 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was September 14. We extend our prayers to his wife, Rosemarie, children, grandchildren, and entire family.

Edward Doyle died on September 13 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was September 16. We extend our prayers to his children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and entire family.

Rosary/Novena

Rosary:

Daily after 8 AM Mass

Miraculous Medal Novena:

Monday after 8 AM Mass

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Remembering...

Monday, September 26

Saint Cosmas and Saint Damian, martyrs

8:00 AM Thomas Dempsey

Tuesday, September 27

Saint Vincent de Paul, priest

8:00 AM Mary H. Casey

Wednesday, September 28

Saint Wenceslaus, martyr

8:00 AM Soldiers in Afghanistan/Iraq

Thursday, September 29

Saint Michael, Saint Gabriel, and Saint Raphael, archangels

8:00 AM Alvira Serdock

Friday, September 30

Saint Jerome, priest and doctor of the Church

8:00 AM William Petersen

Saturday, October 1

8:00 AM Sr. Grace Smith, O.P., Adam Webb, John Graham,
Rosario Vicencio & family, Lawrence D'Esposiito,
Kathleen Kerrigan, Helen Minnisale

5:00 PM Anthony Zucco
Fr. Mike Vetrano

Sunday, October 2

8:00 AM William P. Bradley
Fr. Ambrose Cabildo

9:30 AM Anita Argento
Fr. Bob Scheckenback

11:00 AM John R. Hodgkins
Fr. Mike Vetrano

12:30 PM Joseph Shields
Fr. Ambrose Cabildo

6:00 PM People of the Parish, Mary Jane Muller, Peter Mirabella,
Brian Daniel Pupke, Peter Pace, Angelina Emodiofazzini,
Kathleen Kerrigan, Denis McManus (*living*)
Fr. Michael Holzmann

help someone
draw closer to
Christ



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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

While my father did not have a vineyard, the parable of the two sons in this weekend's Gospel certainly applied to my brother and me. As we grew up, there were times in which we each acted as first one and then the other son from the parable. Sometimes I was the one who said, "No," and then changed my mind, and other times it was my brother who acted in that way. As we grew older, we came to see how our parents had guided us as we matured, and recognized that our father's will for us was to have a wholesome life, in which caring for others and helping those in need played a big part. It was something that our father had learned from his own father, a gift I now realize that was passed down from one generation to the next.

It was only later in life that I began to hear the stories of how my grandfather had helped the poor in the city, and the ways his own mother had given away food from the family run store during the years of the Great Depression. Such family history goes a long way toward melting away any residual selfishness that may exist in one's heart.

The parable in this weekend's Gospel is about faith. Jesus cautions the chief priests and elders. He indicates that they should be careful about whom they judge, since tax collectors and prostitutes (i.e., sinners) are seeking conversion, but they are not. Jesus' words could well apply to us. Before we begin judging those who may not show up every Sunday, or who may be living in challenging circumstances, we might want to look at our own lives. A charitable heart and a kind word might go a long way toward helping someone become more faithful. What act of kindness on our part will help someone draw closer to Christ?

2011 Liturgical Publications Inc

Readings for the Week of September 25, 2011

Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32
Monday: Zec 8:1-8/Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23/Lk 9:51-56
Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8/Lk 9:57-62
Thursday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Jn 1:47-51
Friday: Bar 1:15-22/Lk 10:13-16
Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Lk 10:17-24
Next Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43

Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Marie Cirone*.
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 ...

Stacy Ann, Nicole Cerny, Eddie Cronin, Jeanne Marie DellaRagione, Baby Reagan Farrell, Jake Feldman, Marguerite Filippone, Ann Finn, Elizabeth Fredriksen, Donna Galindez, Kenneth Garretson, Kathleen Gilgan, Baby Gavin Gradiska, Joan Griffin, Winifred Hanrahan, Baby Peter Horyczun, George Impellizeri, Marie Impellizeri, Peter Joseph, Robyn Kerrigan, Krista Kinney Kearney, Anne Losee, Christopher J. Maher, Charles Mai, Marge Marotta, Tony Marotta, Rosa Mastrorocco, John McNevin, Baby Ryan Michael, Arlene Monte, Rae Morris, Evelyn Nonnon, Joanne Popper, Peter Porzio, Joe Radosti, Teresa Saraceno, Ann Marie Schiraldi, Rose Segreto, Baby Isabella Shaw, Anne Tamney, Joseph Yezek

Struggling to be Inside the Present Moment *by Ron Rolheiser, OMI*

During the last years of his life, Thomas Merton lived in a hermitage in an attempt to find more solitude in his life. But solitude is a very illusive thing and he found that it was continually escaping him.

One morning however he sensed that, for this moment at least, he had found it. But what he experienced was somewhat of a surprise to him. Solitude, it turns out, is not some altered state of consciousness or even some heightened sense of God or the transcendent in our lives. Solitude, as he experienced it, was being fully inside his own skin, inside the present moment, gratefully aware of the immense richness that is contained inside of ordinary human experience. Solitude consists in being enough inside of your own life to actually experience what is there.

But that's not easy. It's rare that we find ourselves truly inside of the present moment. Why? Because of the way we are built. We are overcharged for this world. When God put us into this world, as the author of the Book of Ecclesiastes tells us, he put "timelessness" into our hearts and because of that we don't make easy peace with our lives.

We read this in the famous passage about the rhythm of the seasons in the Book of Ecclesiastes. There is a time and a season for everything, we are told: A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to gather in what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal ... so the text goes on. But after listing this natural rhythm of time and the seasons, the author ends with these words: God has made everything suitable for its own time, but has put timelessness into the human heart so that human beings are out of sync with the rhythms of this world from beginning to end.

The Hebrew word used to express "timelessness" is *Ha olam*, a word suggesting "eternity" and "transcendence". Some English translations put it this way: God has put a sense of past and future into our hearts. Perhaps that captures it best, at least in terms of how we generally experience this in our lives.

We know from experience how difficult it is to be inside the present moment because the past and the future won't leave us alone. They are forever coloring the present. The past haunts us with half-forgotten lullabies and melodies the trigger memories, with loves that has

been found and lost, with wounds that have never healed, and with inchoate feelings of nostalgia, regret, and wanting to cling to something that once was. The past is forever sowing restlessness into the present moment.

And the future impales itself into the present as well, looming as promise and threat, forever asking for our attention, forever sowing anxiety into our lives, and forever stripping us of the capacity to simply drink in the present. The present is forever being colored by obsessions, heartaches, headaches, and anxieties that have little to do with people we are sitting with at table.

Philosophers and poets have had various names for this: Plato called it "a madness that comes from the gods"; Hindu poets have called it "a nostalgia for the infinite"; Shakespeare speaks of "immortal longings", and Augustine, in perhaps the most famous naming of them all, called it an incurable restlessness that God has put into the human heart to keep it from finding a home in something that is less than infinite and eternal: You have made us for yourself, Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you.

And so it is very difficult to be peacefully present to our own lives, restful inside of our own skins. But this "torment", as T.S. Eliot, once named it, has its purpose. Henri Nouwen, in a remarkable passage that both names the struggle and suggests what it is ultimately for, puts it this way: Our life is a short time in expectation, a time in which sadness and joy kiss each other at every moment. There is a quality of sadness that pervades all the moments of our life. It seems that there is no such thing as a clear-cut pure joy, but that even in the most happy moments of our existence we sense a tinge of sadness. In every satisfaction, there is an awareness of limitations. In every success, there is the fear of jealousy. Behind every smile, there is a tear. In every embrace, there is loneliness. In every friendship, distance. And in all forms of light, there is the knowledge of surrounding darkness. But this intimate experience in which every bit of life is touched by a bit of death can point us beyond the limits of our existence. It can do so by making us look forward in expectation to that day when our hearts will be filled with perfect joy, a joy that no one shall take away from us.

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

September 18, 2011

Weekly Collection	\$ 16,640.00
Weekly Budget	-\$ 19,000.00
+/- for the week	\$ (2,360.00)

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.

Pantry Needs

canned pasta
mac and cheese
pasta/sauce
rice
instant potatoes

Outreach Update

Open wide the doors to Outreach and what will you find?

The Faces of Need in West Islip...

A self-employed painter; father of three children- struggling for three years to met the monthly mortgage payment, feed the family and just keep up with the financial obligations of three children. Did I mention his wife is working at minimum wage....Single mother- recently injured and out of work for at least 8 weeks with only one more paycheck coming home....single mom of a teen with severe developmental disabilities....single mother of two small children, son has autism-husband died two years ago.....teen mom with a two year old....single mother of five recently evicted and living in shelter.....family with three children recently evicted and living in shelter....young married couple with one year old son; both mom and dad working to keep up with rent, groceries, childcare.....young man living in the Pathmark Shopping Center on Deer Park Ave, needs clothing and food....

Open wide the doors to Outreach and what will you find? You will find people helping people, generous spirits and compassionate hearts. In response to our plea for food-the pantry was filled however the need for food continues. My birthday is in September...I don't enjoy the limelight that birthdays bring. In fact, I try to make myself scarce on that day-celebrating quietly with my children...we have ice cream for breakfast and bake a cake in the afternoon which the kids fill with candles-(and I mean fill!). I make a wish-usually just a simple wish for peace, and than I attempt to blow out the candles. Simple, low-key, no big deal!

This year, I am making my birthday wish early-before we bake the cake ...my birthday wish this year...I wish that everyone who reads this would bring one can of food to Outreach for the pantry....simple, low-key, no big deal! (If we receive many cans-I will know that you read the bulletin....if we don't, than I will just have to speak at all the Masses and I really don't want to do that!) So, please, if you read this and can spare a can...drop it in the Outreach bin! Thanks.

The Blood Drive is on the calendar for Monday, October 17-our goal is 75 pints.

Outreach is the Gospel in action. You are Gospel People. Thank you for your continued support.

-Mary McMahan

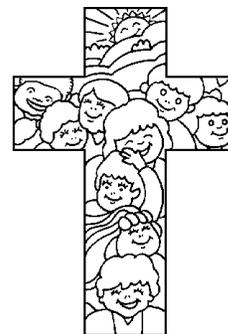
Director of Parish Social Ministry

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 Mtg)

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 and Religious Education Office. If you have any questions, please call the OLL School Office at 661.7200, option #2 or Religious Education Office at 661.5440, option #3.

Help Feed the Hungry

The Mercy INN Soup Kitchen in Wyandanch is in need of volunteers to pick up food in Plainview at mid-morning, on Monday, once a month. If you can help, please call Kathy at 631.422.1420.

Tea with Spirit

The former students and staff of Dominican Commercial High School are invited to attend a special celebration at the **Queen of the Rosary Motherhouse, Amityville on Sunday afternoon, October 2**. Please call Benincasa Family Services at 631.842.6000, extension 351 for further information.

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 29, 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.

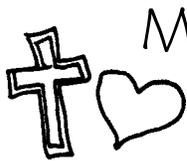
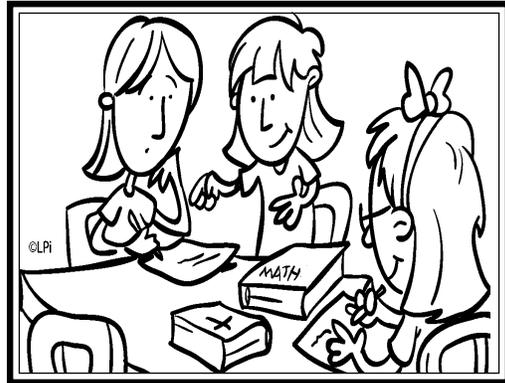
Religion & Rock

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 **"Relationships."** 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

Maybe you have heard that actions speak louder than words. It means that the things you do are more important than the things you say. Show kindness to others. Trust God. He wants what is best for you, so find out how to work for God. Then do what he asks.



Mission for the Week

Show kindness to a friend. Help someone pick up a mess they made, just because you love Jesus.



Puzzle

Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:

Go and work today in the vineyard.

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Prayer



God,
I want to show you
that I love you.

Something to Draw



Draw a picture of
yourself washing
the dishes.