



Isaiah 25:8

“The Lord God will wipe away
the tears from all faces.”



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

Anthony Trombino

Business Manager

Pastoral Council

Diane Ackerly

Stacie Baltrusitis

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: 9 AM - 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



On Monday, October 17, Our Lady of Lourdes Parish will hold a BLOOD DRIVE from 3:30 PM to 8:30 PM. The Drive will be held in the All Purpose Room.

All eligible donors are strongly urged to give blood.

About 50 percent of the population can donate, yet less than 5 percent actually do. If you live to the age of 76 in the United States, there is a 95 percent chance that you will need blood. The only way there will be an adequate supply of blood is if each and every member of the community does his/her part.

Take a moment to think of the miracle you can accomplish and the many lives your one donation can affect. Your donation can help at least 3 patients.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

All Souls Mass of Remembrance

We Remember We Celebrate We Believe



During this past year at Our Lady of Lourdes more than 100 Funeral Masses have been celebrated for members of our parish family who have died.

Their families will be invited to participate in a special **Mass of Remembrance and Communion Breakfast on Saturday, November 5 at 10:30 AM.**

If there is someone you wish to honor, whose Funeral Mass was not celebrated at Our Lady of Lourdes, please contact the Parish Office at 661.3224 no later than October 28.



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

Renewing Our Spiritual Home Projects

The Lights are here - 38 new fixtures arrive at OLL!

What can I say! Our new lighting system has many parts. We now have the lights and control system on hand. We expect final delivery of all the parts by the time you read this and hopefully next week I can announce the installation dates. It will take about two weeks to complete the installation once we start – but we do not expect any disruption of our Sunday schedule.

Parish Center

After the lighting is complete our next project will be the Parish Center. New rugs, seating, ceiling, lights, kitchenette, and storage will all be renewed in the early months of 2012.
Happy New Year for 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 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

Twelfth Annual Elizabeth Ann Seton Award Luncheon

Please join the Sisters of Charity-Halifax for the 12th Annual Elizabeth Ann Seton Award Luncheon to be held at the Milleridge Inn on Sunday, November 13, from 1 PM until 4 PM. Please join us in honoring this year's award recipients: Kathleen Moloughney (Co-Director, Sisters of Charity-Halifax Associate Program, Our Sisters who Minister & Volunteer at St. John's Bread & Life (Sisters Virginia Blend, Barbara Buxton, Josephine D'Agostino, Fran Fahey, Margaret Mary Fitzpatrick, Frances Gritte, and Judy Park) and Peter Siuzdak (Youth Award Recipient).

Our SAGE Sisters - Sister Betty and Sister Margaret, as well as Sister Barbara, our Sunday receptionist at the Parish Office, are all Sisters of Charity. Sponsorship and advertising opportunities are available. For further information or to make reservations, please contact Lauren Manning: 718.424.1813 or lmanning@schalifax.ca.



Welcoming the
ROMAN MISSAL THIRD EDITION
Deepen. Nurture. Celebrate

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

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Oct 9 - Matthew 22:1-4 or 22:1-10

5. Today, the parable Jesus tells compares the kingdom of God to a king who is throwing a wedding banquet for his son. You will hear about the king sending out servants with his repeated and personal invitations to join him and his family at this joyful feast. This action sounds a lot like what Jesus did during his three years of active ministry. Jesus continually extended God's invitation to people, calling them to leave behind their lives of selfishness and self-destruction and self-absorption. Jesus encouraged his first followers to live whole and holy and wholesome lives, surrounded by others who would do the same. Even to this day, Jesus' invitation to live a life of service to God and others is renewed in parishes throughout the world, as missionaries from home and from afar rededicate themselves to the task of alerting us to the presence of divine hospitality.

In a similar way, the words with which the priest or bishop who invites us to receive the Eucharist at the Table of the Lord will soon change. In just seven weeks, we will hear these words: "**Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world.** We recall that in the first chapter of the Gospel of John, John the Baptist, who had been preparing people to know the Lord Jesus as their Messiah and Lord, identified Jesus in the Scriptures publicly as the Lamb of God. We will also hear the presiding celebrant continue his invitation to communion by reminding us: "**Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.**" In this we recall that each Eucharist on earth is a foretaste and promise of the paschal feast of heaven, one that prepares us for the heavenly banquet that will last forever. May our share in the mystery of the Eucharist both humble us and strengthen us for service in Christ's church. Blessed be God, who gives us new life and new hope in Christ Jesus our Savior.

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

St. Paul: A person of faith...

A searcher with steadfast conviction in the power of Jesus...

just like us!



Presenter: Msgr. Jim McNamara

Tuesday - October 25, November 1, 8, and 15

7:30-9 PM

Parish Center

Come join us as we explore St. Paul's personal journey, spirituality, and life of faith by tracing his experience of conversion, commitment, grace and community.

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.

Holy Name Society

The Holy Name Society invites the men of our parish, young and old, to join us. We can use the wisdom of the older men and the energy and fresh ideas our younger men. The Holy Name Society meets on the second Sunday of each month. Our next meeting will be on **Sunday, October 9**. We come together to pray the **Rosary at 7:40 AM in the Church** and the **meeting will follow the 8 AM Mass at 9 AM in Room 16**.

Stop by, ALL ARE WELCOME!

Ministry of Family Healing

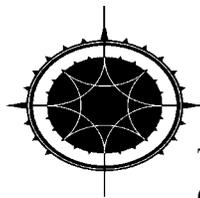
Where is God in your Story?

Jesus told stories all the time in the Gospels. Some about the most common things in the world - a lost sheep, a woman who sweeps her house in search of a coin, a man whose son runs away from home.

Each of us has a story. Whether we realize it or not, God is in our stories. Come and journey with the Ministry of Family Healing as we discover the buried treasure within.

Join us on Thursday, November 3 at 7:30 PM in the Parish Center.

Please call the Religious Education Office at 661.5440, option #3, to register. Please bring a friend, and as always food and fellowship to follow.



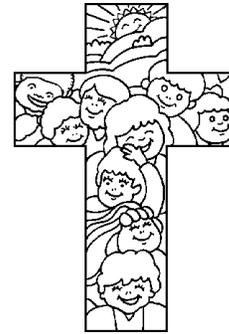
The Parish Office will be closed on **Monday, October 10** in observance of Columbus Day. The Parish Office will reopen on Tuesday, October 11 at 9 AM.

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.*



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.



Pep 4 Program

Our fourth graders began their Religious Education year with a prayer service in Church on Monday, September 19 with Father Bob presiding. The theme of this year is: **“Lord, Enlarge My Heart”**, taken from the prayer of Jabez, an Old Testament figure who asked God to watch over him, that he may never cause harm to anyone.

During this service, the children received a blessing, and, in turn, blessed their catechists and asked God’s grace for them during their time of study.

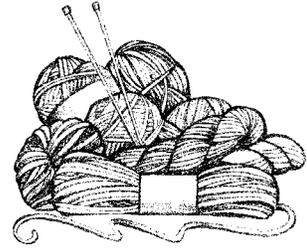
The curriculum this year includes learning about God’s Law of Love, the Ten Commandments, the Beatitudes and the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy. The students will learn how to incorporate these wonderful principles into their everyday lives.

Pep 2 Program



Our second graders began class on September 22 and received their special vine plant. As they care for this plant this year, they will reflect on the message that **“Jesus is the Vine and they are the Branches”**.

Each class day, they reflect on that Gospel, water their plant and sing their special song. This year, as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Sacrament of the Eucharist, they will experience more deeply, God’s intimate relationship with them.



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.



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.

Men's Prayer Group-morning

An Invitation to all men from OLL and beyond...

We invite all men of the parish to meet for prayer and reflection after 8 AM Mass on **Thursday, October 20, in the Parish Center**. We meet once a month to read and discuss the Scriptures for the following Sunday. Come with your ideas and suggestions. We'll gather for conversation and fellowship. Join us in this pioneering experience for men. Call Jack Fitzgerald at 587.5548 for more information.

Men's Prayer Group-evening

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, October 18**. 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.



Upcoming Marriages

*Natalie Negri, St. Joseph, Babylon and
Joseph Caleca, OLL*



Rest In Peace

John Hughes Duchman died on September 15 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was September 28.

We extend our prayers to his sister, Maryann Hernandez, and entire family.

Minnie Dellaria died on September 27 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was September 29. We extend our prayers to her son, Charles, children, grandchildren, and entire family.

Mary Bruno died on September 28 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was October 1.

We extend our prayers to her husband, Ludwig, children, grandchildren, great-grandchild, and entire family.

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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Baptism

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Remembering...

Monday, October 10

8:00 AM Rose and Frank Petrone

Tuesday, October 11

8:00 AM LaRocca 7 Sweeney Family

Wednesday, October 12

8:00 AM Dick Garcia

Thursday, October 13

8:00 AM Carmella Parasole

Friday, October 14

Saint Callistus I, pope and martyr

8:00 AM Frank Monroe

Saturday, October 15

8:00 AM Joan Bosshammer (*10th Anniverary*), Kathleen Kerrigan,
Benny Monteforte, Adrienne Smoker, Lucille Mazza,
Arnold Hutter, Dorothy Hahn, Joseph Rigby

5:00 PM Ema Schmid

Fr. Patsy Amabile

Sunday, October 16

8:00 AM John and Margaret Kopitsch

Fr. Mike Vetrano

9:30 AM Benjamin J. Calogero

Fr. Mike Vetrano

11:00 AM Michael J. Sullivan

Fr. Bob Scheckenback

12:30 PM Celia Cedenno (*101 Birthday*)

Fr. Ambrose Cabildo

6:00 PM People of the Parish, Sheila Timmer, Virginia Samu,
Dominick Badalato, Louise Milano, Fred Scheckenback,
Clare O'Keefe, Rose Sozio, Teresa Valenti

Fr. Michael Holzmann

Baptism

Ava Fay Frank

Brian and Kerri

Gavin Charles Gradiska

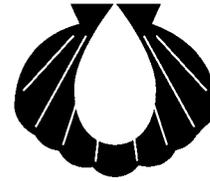
Dustin and Talia

Patrick Joseph Kropf

James and Lisa

Brian Joseph Winser III

Brian and Kaitlin





28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

One of the pranks I pulled a few times with friends in college was to crash a wedding feast at a local banquet hall. Three or four of us would dress up enough to not stand out in the crowd. We would arrive just before dinner and mill around a bit enjoying a free beer and hoping that there would be enough empty seats at a table that we could sit together and not be noticed too much. If the questions got too intense there was always the excuse that we were really there to scope out the band for the wedding of one of us. As a last resort to close scrutiny, there was always the exit. It took a larger event to get away with this kind of prank, something more difficult with today's smaller, more intimate celebrations.

In the Gospel, the king wanted a full banquet hall. But one man was unprepared, not appropriately attired. Even as college kids pulling a prank, we knew that we had no chance of getting a good dinner (or even a free beer) if we weren't at least half way decently dressed. Jeans and a T-shirt were not going to cut it for a wedding reception in those days. So on went the dress shirt and tie along with some nice pants to make a presentable outfit.

Of course, access to the kingdom of God is not a prank, and just putting on some nice clothes will not ensure entrance to heaven. What we have to do is put on Christ, and have an interior disposition that conforms to our outward expressions of love and charity. Our inner faith must be strong, and our actions toward others must express what we believe. The "wedding garment" that we put on is not a shirt and tie in hopes of a free meal, but a life of prayer, devotion, and care for others that will lead to the banquet of life.

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Readings for the Week of October 9, 2011

Sunday:	Is 25:6-10a/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10
Monday:	Rom 1:1-7/Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday:	Rom 1:16-25/Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday:	Rom 2:1-11/Lk 11:42-46
Thursday:	Rom 3:21-30/Lk 11:47-54
Friday:	Rom 4:1-8/Lk 12:1-7
Saturday:	Rom 4:13, 16-18/Lk 12:8-12
Next Sunday:	Is 45:1, 4-6/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21

Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Pat Wissing*.
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, Herbert Carlson, Nicole Cerny, Eddie Cronin, Jeanne Marie DellaRagione, Frank Edwards, 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, Max Iliano, Peter Joseph, Robyn Kerrigan, Krista Kinney Kearney, Francis Lenahan, Anne Losee, Christopher J. Maher, Charles Mai, Marge Marotta, Tony Marotta, Rosa Mastrorocco, John McNevin, Baby Ryan Michael, Rae Morris, Patricia Muller, Evelyn Nonnon, Joanne Popper, Peter Porzio, Joe Radosti, Teresa Saraceno, Ann Marie Schiraldi, Rose Segreto, Baby Isabella Shaw, Anne Tamney, Nancy Turano, Joseph Yezek

Maturity in Relationships and Prayer

by Ron Rolheiser, OMI

Several years ago, a friend shared this story with me: Raised a Roman Catholic and essentially faithful in going to church and in trying to live an honest moral life, he found himself, in his mid-forties, plagued by doubts, unable to pray, and unable (when he was honest with himself) to even believe in the existence of God.

Anxious about this and looking for spiritual guidance, he went to see a Jesuit priest who had a reputation as a spiritual director. He anticipated the usual counsel about dark nights of the soul and how these are given to us to purify our faith and, already familiar with that literature, he wasn't expecting much. Certainly he wasn't expecting the advice he received.

His Jesuit guide didn't try to engage him in any deep theological reflections on doubt and dark nights of faith. Instead, like Elisha to Naaman, the Syrian leper, he gave my friend a counsel that sounded so simplistic that it triggered irritation rather than hope: The Jesuit simply told him: Make a promise to yourself to sit in silent prayer for a half an hour a day for the next six months. I promise you that if you are faithful to that you will, by that time, recover your sense of God.

My friend, beyond being upset with what he felt was an over-simplistic bit of advice, protested that the biggest part of his problem was precisely that he couldn't pray, that he couldn't talk to a God whom he didn't believe existed: How can I pray when I no longer believe that there is a God?

The Jesuit persisted: "Just do it! Show up and sit in silent prayer for half an hour a day, even if you feel like you are talking to a wall. It's the only practical advice I can give you."

Despite his skepticism, my friend took the Jesuit's advice and faithfully sat in silent prayer for half an hour a day for six months and, by the end of that time, his sense of God had returned, as had his sense of prayer.

This story, I believe, highlights something important: Our sense of God's existence is very much linked to fidelity to prayer. However, and this is the catch-22, it is hard to sustain a life of prayer precisely because our sense of God is often weak. Simply put, it is not easy to pray. We have easy words about prayer, but we struggle to sustain, long term, real prayer in our lives.

Prayer is easy only for beginners and for those

who are already saints. During all the long years in between, it is difficult. Why? Because prayer has the same inner dynamics as love and love is sweet only in its initial stage, when we first fall in love, and again its final, mature stage. In between, love is hard work, dogged fidelity, and needs willful commitment beyond what is normally provided by our emotions and our imagination.

Prayer works in the same way. Initially when we first begin to pray, like someone young and in love, we tend to have a period of fervor, of passion, a time when our emotions and our imaginations help give us a sense that God exists and that God hears our prayers. But as we grow deeper and more mature in our relationship to God, just as in a relationship to someone we love, reality begins to dispel an illusion. It's not that we become disillusioned with God, but rather that we come to realize that so many of the warm thoughts and feelings we believed were about God were really about ourselves. Disillusionment is a good thing. It's the dispelling of an illusion. What we thought was prayer was partly a spell of enchantment about ourselves.

When that disillusionment sets in, and this a maturing moment in our lives, it is easy to believe that we were deluded about the other, the person we had fallen in love with or, in the case of prayer, God. The easy response then is to back away, to quit, to see the whole thing as having been an illusion, a false start. In the spiritual life, that's usually when we stop praying.

But it the opposite is called for. What we need to do then is to show up, just as we did before, minus the warm thoughts and feelings, bored, uncertain, and stripped of our enchantment about ourselves. The deeper we go in relationships and in prayer, the more unsure of ourselves we become, and this is the beginning of maturity: It's when I say, I don't know how to love and I don't know how to pray, that I first begin to understand what love and prayer actually are.

Hence, there is no better advice than that given by this Jesuit priest to my friend who thought himself an atheist: Just show up! Sit in humility and silence long enough so that you can begin to hear someone else, not yourself.

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

October 2, 2011

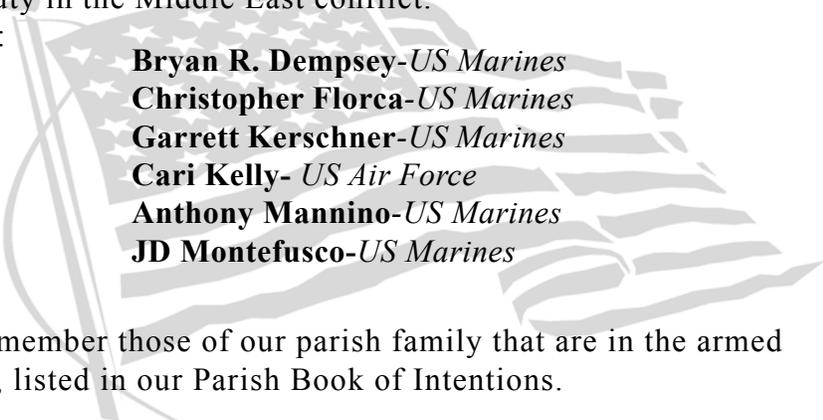
Weekly Collection	\$ 21,798.00
Weekly Budget	-\$ 19,000.00
+/- for the week	\$ 2,798.00

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

cereal
cookies
crackers
juice
peanut butter/jelly

Old Mary

Walking through the school cafeteria during lunch time one day last week, I was stopped by a little boy in the nursery program. He thrust a juice box at me, demanding that I open it for him. My little friend stood next to me, watching - a very pensive expression on his face.

He took the juice box from me, eyed me up and down and offered a most profound statement: "You is old!" With that, he ran back to his lunch table. Well, I thought, at least I am not as old as Father Mike!!!

Thank you for the overflowing food bins last weekend. The Outreach volunteers loaded five carts with donated food! Thank you for reading the bulletin and donating food from our list. Please, the next time you are shopping for your family, remember that our needs in Outreach are ongoing-all it takes is one can of food.

Outreach is gearing up for the holidays. More information will follow in the next few weeks.

Thank you again for reading the bulletin and responding with such generosity.

- "Old Mary"

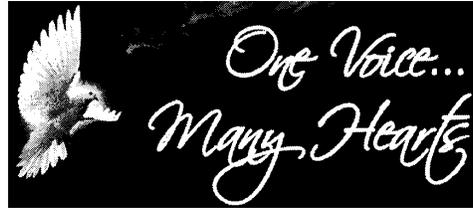
Director Parish Social Ministry

Donations to Outreach

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

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

The Men's Forum
at Saints Philip and James Church
1 Carow Place
St. James, NY 11780



In affiliation with the Office of New Evangelization of the Diocese of Rockville Centre, please join us on Monday, October 24 at 7:30 PM in the Chapel (old church) for **The Turning Point**. A special evening with Fr. Brad Sweet, a convert to the Catholic Faith, Pastor, parishes of Saints Philip & James; Our Lady of Mt. Carmel & St., Anne, Prince Edward Island, Canada. Call 631.584.5454 to register of visit us at mesnforum@sspj.org.

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.

Pipe and Drum

Saffron United has been one of the premier pipe bands in the NY area for almost 50 years. Located in Babylon, the band is offering classes in piping and drumming on Thursday evenings at 7 PM. If interested, please contact Pipe Major Eric Stein for more information at 631.241.5757 or erics@mozy.com.

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

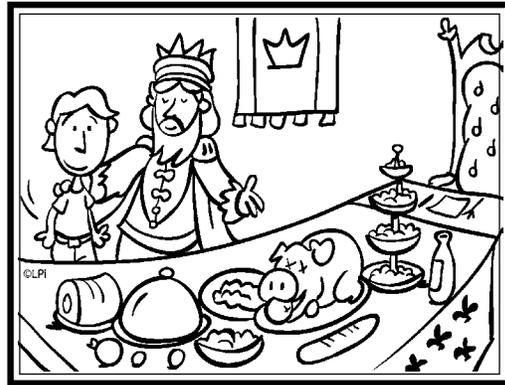
Please join us for an Open House on Saturday, October 22, from 1 PM until 3 PM. Dominican Village is an independent retirement community that offers assisted living and respite care, outstanding programs, all-inclusive services and bountiful amenities. For more information, or to schedule a tour at your 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 **"Discovery (Columbus Day)."** 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

Imagine how it would feel to be invited by a king to come to his palace for a party! Well, you have been invited! God wants you to come. People who ignore God will not go to heaven. Don't ignore God. Say "yes" to his invitation. Go to God's party in heaven!



Mission for the Week

As a family, plan a special party. Let each person make their favorite foods and play their favorite "music. Heaven will be even better!

Puzzle

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

wedding	banquet	king
servants	field	ready
guests	invited	business

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kign _____

redya _____

bnaqeut _____

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Prayer



Thank you for inviting me to heaven, God. I want to go!

Something to Draw



Draw a picture of yourself at a party in heaven with God.