

"Those who cry out to me I will hear



Exodus 22:22

for I am compassionate."

*Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Our Lady of Lourdes • October 23, 2011*



Welcome to our Parish Family!

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

455 Hunter Avenue
West Islip, New York 11795

Daily Mass
8 AM

Weekend Masses

Saturday: 5 PM
Sunday: 8 AM, 9:30 AM,
11 AM, 12:30 PM and 6 PM

Reconciliation

Saturday: 4 PM - 4:45 PM

Anointing of the Sick

Throughout the liturgical year.
If needed sooner, please call the
Parish Office.

Baptism

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to schedule an appointment.

Marriage

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Mission Statement

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

Vision...

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

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

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

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

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

Pastoral Team

Rev. Michael A. Vetrano
Pastor

Rev. Patsy Amabile
Associate Pastor

Rev. Robert Scheckenback
Associate Pastor

Rev. Ambrose Cabildo
In Residence

Rev. Michael Holzmann
In Residence

Deacon John DeGuardi

Deacon Tom Lucie

Deacon Jack Meehan

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Sr. Margaret Bickar

Senior Ministry-SAGE

Sr. Nancy Campkin

Director of Religious Education

Louise Jane Krol

School Principal

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Director of Religious Education

Mary McMahan

Director of Parish Social Ministry

Robin Reynolds-Brennan

Coordinator of Worship

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Nilo DeLeon

Jerry Esposito

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Rosalie Mangels

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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

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Rosemary Multer

School Office

Rita Spera

Religious Education Office

Lori Walsh

Parish Office



Parish Office

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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

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661.9262 (option 4)

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday:

9:30 AM - 3 PM

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661.3224, ext. 122

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and Enrichment)

email: Sage@ollchurch.org



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.

Ministry of Consolation

Our Lady of Lourdes Ministry of Consolation offers a personal and caring presence to our families at the time of the death of a loved one. The men and women in this Ministry are called “companions” as they accompany the family in special ways at this difficult time.

There are many opportunities for you to become involved in this very special Ministry:

Day Companions – meet with family members and assist with the planning of the Mass of Christian Burial, help select the Scripture Readings and music that will be used at the Funeral Mass, offer places during the Mass where the family can participate and are present at the Mass to support and represent our Parish Family.

Computer Literate Companions – are needed to prepare a booklet that will be used during the funeral liturgy.

Some aspects of the Ministry may be more comfortable for you and fit your schedule better. If your heart is moved to be available to help families during a difficult time, please call the Parish Office at 661.3224.



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

Renewing Our Spiritual Home Projects

Our lighting is to be installed!

The work began this week and there was a small glitch. Some parts were the incorrect size - but correct parts have been received and we are still on schedule! The process will actually take a couple of weeks, but most of the big work will be done.

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.

We are working now with a architect to design the new layout of our room with new storage spaces for our ministries.

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

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NOTE**

Due to the electrical work being done in the Church again this week, (10/24-10/28),
the 8 AM Mass will be
in the Parish Center.



Welcoming the
ROMAN MISSAL THIRD EDITION
Deepen. Nurture. Celebrate

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

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time **Oct 23 - Matthew 22:34-40**

7. Throughout human history, people have been writing and singing about the virtue of love. In one of the more familiar Scripture readings heard at weddings, St. Paul the Apostle describes at great length the attributes of love, as in “love is patient” and “love is kind.” In her poem entitled “How Do I Love Thee?” the nineteenth-century poet Elizabeth Barrett Browning writes: “I love thee with the breath, smiles and tears of all my life.” And the writing team of John Lennon and Paul McCartney remind us in song that “All You Need Is Love.”

As believers, we recognize that God is the author of authentic love, and that the power to give and receive love is one of our most-prized endowments. But among all the persons, places and things we may love, the question of whom we love with the most commitment is a key consideration for those who follow Jesus the Christ as their shepherd. For Jesus spent his earthly ministry instructing his apostles, disciples and followers to put God first by loving God freely, completely, and unconditionally. At the same time, Jesus teaches us to love our neighbor as ourselves, reminding us that in God’s plan heaven and earth are meant to be united in love.

When we begin to pray the new translation of the Mass together in just five weeks, we will have many opportunities to proclaim our deepest love for God, as we express our faith in our Shepherd, Jesus Christ. After the priest sings or says the invitation words “the mystery of faith,” God’s People will respond to the Last Supper account of Christ Jesus giving us his Body and Blood with one of three memorial acclamations. The second of these acclamations underscores our love for God through the Eucharist we will receive: “When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.” By our own words, we acknowledge the longing we have for God to fill our hearts and souls, until Christ Jesus is all in all. Blessed be God, who gives us new life and new hope in Christ Jesus our Savior.

Adult Faith Formation



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.

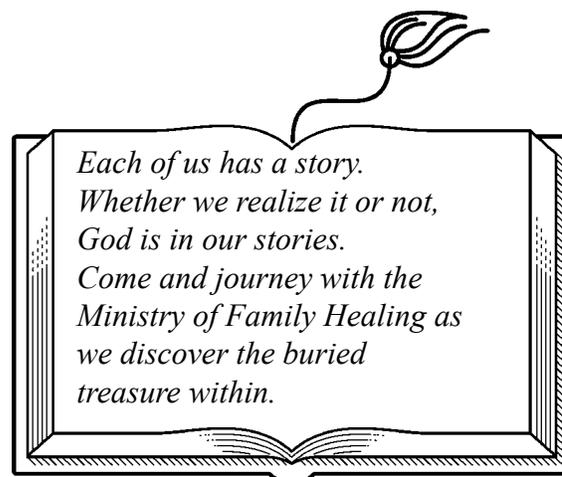
There is a \$5 fee for each session. No fee is required for those who have paid the Religious Education Family Fee or Our Lady of Lourdes School tuition.

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.

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.

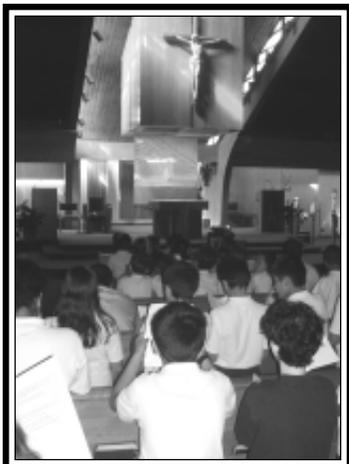


Join us on Thursday, November 3 at 7:30 PM in the Parish Center. *We welcome special guest Jackie. She will share with us Integrative Relaxation (Reflections Of Peace.)*

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.

School News



Holy Hour

On Friday October 7, the students at Our Lady of Lourdes School participated in Children's Holy Eucharistic Hour. As a school community, they gathered in prayer to light a unity candle and pray with children all over the world. As a school community, they prayed the Rosary and watched live via YouTube the Eucharistic Adoration from Washington, D.C. This was a special day for the students as they were able to see different cultures, and children from all over the world joining in prayer at the same time.

OLL Christmas Season Fundraiser

Please look in next week's bulletin for complete information and an "Order Form" for the upcoming OLL School Christmas Season Fundraiser. Everyone will have an opportunity to pre-order beautifully decorated fresh wreaths, cemetery pillows and blankets as well as gorgeous live poinsettias. The order deadline will be November 16 and the product will be delivered on December 3.



Congratulations Mike and Eleanor!

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 are the recipients of this year's St. Agnes Medal of Service.

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.

Religious Education



Pep 4 Program

Our fourth graders are into the swing of things...even though they have lots of holidays since their class day is Monday! They are learning ways to recognize God's Kingdom in their everyday experience.

This past Monday, they learned about the virtues of faith, hope and love. In their prayer ritual, they received a rock and reflected on the ways God was with them in the "rough" times and the "smooth" times. They pray with this rock each night as they experience God's activity in the their lives.

Pep 2 Program



Our Pep 2 students are doing very well as they prepare to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation in a month or so. We're still watering those plants and watching them grow! They love their "Vine and Branch" song!

To help them understand the importance of connection with Jesus – as their theme suggests, we had a little contest to see which class could think of the best ways to imagine how close to Jesus we can be. They came up with wonderful answers; some of them are:

We need to be as close to Jesus *as the leaf is on the vine*....

...as the hair on our head

...as the teeth in our mouth

Altar Servers

For all Altar Servers already serving and for anyone interested in being a server (4th grade and up)-

There will be a series of training sessions on "how to serve the altar", including Sunday Liturgies, Weddings, and Funerals. They are:

Saturday, November 5 at 3 PM

Sunday, November 6 at 4 PM

Saturday, November 12 at 3 PM

Sunday, November 13 at 4 PM

Friday, November 18 at 4 PM

Saturday, November 19 at 3 PM

All sessions will be held in the Church.

Please make every effort to attend as many of these as possible!

For any information, please contact Mrs. Kuchler at nkuchler@ollschoool.org

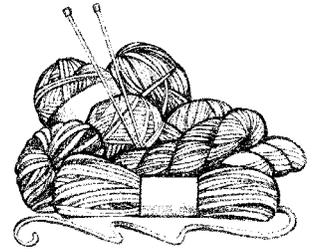
Prayer Shawl Ministry

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

Join us ...

Wednesday, November 9 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.



Operation Gratitude

Attention all knitters and crocheters!

The Prayer Shawl Ministry of OLL has been busy making ‘Scarves for Our Troops’. We will be sending them to Operation Gratitude in early December. All of these handmade items are created with love, and prayers are said over them for the safety and well-being of all who will wear them.

If you would like to add to our collection, please make these scarves ***according to instructions only from Operation Gratitude***. You may use your own patterns and yarn, but only certain sizes and colors are permitted. For exact instructions visit:

www.operationgratitude.com/2010/08/05/scarf-hat-cool-tie-project-details-materials-size-patterns/ Please call Vita Scorcia at 669.4717 for more information.

There will be a collection box in the Narthex for the scarves. Also, if you would like to donate a dollar or two for shipping costs, please leave it at the Parish Office, c/o Vita Scorcia. Any amount donated over what is needed to ship the scarves will be donated to Operation Gratitude for their own shipping costs. Thank you!

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, November 17, 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, November 15**. 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*

Welcome

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

Larry and Ann Bennett

Frances Hix

Paul and Gabrielle Shields & family

David and Kathleen Garthe & family

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

Rosary/Novena

Rosary:

Daily after 8 AM Mass

Miraculous Medal Novena:

Monday after 8 AM Mass

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Throughout the liturgical year.

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Remembering...

Monday, October 24

Saint Anthony Mary Claret, bishop

8:00 AM James Baney

Tuesday, October 25

8:00 AM Louis & Jerriann Ruocco

Wednesday, October 26

8:00 AM Valerie Moscarelli

Thursday, October 27

8:00 AM Salvatore & Vincenza Ricciardi

Friday, October 28

Saint Simon and Saint Jude, apostles

8:00 AM Elizabeth Homann & Joseph Netska

Saturday, October 29

8:00 AM Fred Scheckenback, Nick Lauth,
Tristen Bertuna, Kathleen Ferrara,
Irene Hoffman

5:00 PM Gabriel Negri

Fr. Mike Vetrano

Sunday, October 30

8:00 AM Joseph Zotto
Fr. Patsy Amabile

9:30 AM All Souls of Bertolotti Family
Fr. Mike Vetrano

11:00 AM Dolores Nizen
Fr. Patsy Amabile

12:30 PM James Alfred Anderson
Fr. Bob Scheckenback

6:00 PM People of the Parish, Margaret & Allen Ludden,
Kenneth LaMotte, Ida Girardi, Monika Rulli,
Thomas W. VanSchaick, Anthony Pelati, Minnie Polini,
Lawrence F. Kelly II, Vita J. Kelly, Robert J. Kelly
Fr. Bob Scheckenback

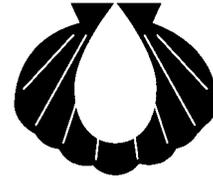
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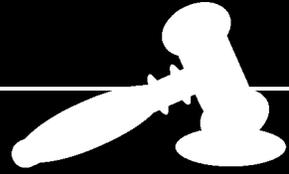
Anye Maeve Mikulasovich

Thomas and Catherine

Joseph Stephen Rago

Michael and Elizabeth



LOVE GOD AND
NEIGHBOR

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30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A high school classmate of mine decided after college that he wanted to become a lawyer. He loves the law. For him, it offers the best of both worlds. It is, first of all, an exacting science with great precision and specificity. That aspect of the law appeals to his orderly nature, his desire to categorize things and keep them in little boxes. But secondly, what my classmate also appreciates about the law is that it is open to interpretation. It has a breadth and depth that allow for variation in individual circumstances. This aspect appeals to my friend's more free-spirit nature, a characteristic of his life that left many of us wondering years ago how he would ever succeed in his chosen profession.

As they are presented in the Gospel of Matthew, the Pharisees certainly are the ones who can execute the specificity of the law. They are criticized for their intense scrutiny of the minutiae of life, designating whether something is permitted or forbidden. Jesus was not going to allow himself to be trapped in that mechanical application of law. Not that the law is bad. Indeed, for the pious Jew of Jesus' day, the law was the path to life.

But the Pharisees were looking for an argument, and Jesus was not going to enter into one. His response might give some guidance today for discussions with those who get incensed about displaying the Ten Commandments. When Jesus was asked about the law he does not reference the Decalogue. Instead, he cites the Shema, the prayer of a pious Jew in Deuteronomy 6: "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." And for good measure he adds a quote from Leviticus 19: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." My classmate would be happy. Law with specificity-love God and neighbor-but with enough flexibility to accommodate a variety of circumstances.

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Readings for the Week of October 23, 2011

Sunday:	Ex 22:20-26/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40
Monday:	Rom 8:12-17/Lk 13:10-17
Tuesday:	Rom 8:18-25/Lk 13:18-21
Wednesday:	Rom 8:26-30/Lk 13:22-30
Thursday:	Rom 8:31b-39/Lk 13:31-35
Friday:	Eph 2:19-22/Lk 6:12-16
Saturday:	Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29/Lk 14:1, 7-11
Next Sunday:	Mal 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10/1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13/Mt 23:1-12

Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Carol Grillo*.
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, James Bianco, Herbert Carlson, Nicole Cerny, Maria Chiarello, Eddie Cronin, Jeanne Marie DellaRagione, Frank Edwards, Baby Reagan Farrell, Jake Feldman, Marguerite Filippone, Ann Finn, Elizabeth Fredriksen, Kenneth Garretson, Baby Gavin Gradiska, Winifred Hanrahan, Baby Peter Horyczun, Max Iliano, George Impellizeri, Marie Impellizeri, Peter Joseph, Robyn Kerrigan, Richard LaFountaine, Francis Lenahan, Anne Losee, Christopher J. Maher, Marge Marotta, Tony Marotta, Rosa Mastrorocco, John McNevin, Baby Ryan Michael, Arlene Monte, Rae Morris, Patricia Muller, Evelyn Nonnon, Joanne Popper, Peter Porzio, Louise Posanti, Joe Radosti, Teresa Saraceno, Ann Marie Schiraldi, Rose Segreto, Baby Isabella Shaw, Angelo Tedesco, Nancy Turano, Joseph Yezek

On Not Running with the Crowd

by Ron Rolheiser, OMI

In the Gospels the word “crowd” is nearly always used pejoratively, so much so that nearly every time the word is used you could preface it with the adjective “mindless”.

Crowds don’t have a mind. They are fired and driven by whatever energy, hype, fad, ideology, or hysteria is current. In the Gospels this energy is called “amazement”. We see numerous instances in the Gospels where Jesus says or does something that surprises the crowd and almost invariably this is followed by the phrase, “and the crowd was amazed”.

Rarely is this a good thing.

Why? What’s wrong or dangerous about crowd-energy?

Crowd-energy is dangerous because, most times, it is non-reflective. It simply conducts and transmits energy rather than discerning and transforming it. An apt image for crowd-energy, amazement in the biblical sense, is an electrical cord. An electrical cord simply lets energy flow through it. It’s indifferent as to whether that energy is good or destructive. It’s a pure conduit. Whatever flows into it is exactly what flows out of it.

Crowds tend to work in the same way. They let energy flow through them indiscriminately without discerning whether that energy is good or bad. For example, we speak of being caught-up in certain energy. Sometimes this can be good, when crowds are caught-up in an energy that is positive, that helps build community. During the past weeks, for instance, many people in the world were caught up in the rescue of the trapped miners in Chile and that shared energy helped create community across national, ethnic, religious, and political lines. We see crowd-energy too as mostly a positive thing around certain sporting events like the World Cup of Soccer, the World Series of Baseball, or a number of tennis events.

But mostly the energy of a crowd is negative, the energy of ideology, fundamentalism, racism, fad, and hype. Crowd-energy is the energy behind a gang rape. It was also the energy behind the crucifixion of Jesus. It is instructive to look at the crowd before and during the crucifixion. Five days before he was crucified, Jesus entered into Jerusalem and the crowd enthusiastically shouted praise, wanting to make him their king. Five days later, with virtually nothing changed, the same crowd was shouting: “Crucify him! Crucify him!” Crowds are fickle because crowds don’t think. They simply conduct whatever energy is gripping them.

In the incident in the Gospels where a woman is caught

in adultery and is brought before Jesus by an over-zealous crowd, we see a perfect example of the dangerous, non-reflective energy of a crowd in contrast to the more reflective energy of an individual. The text tells us that a crowd brought a woman to Jesus and demanded that he morally share their intent to stone her to death. But Jesus, in a now-famous challenge, tells them: “Let the person among you who is without sin cast the first stone.” The response: “They walked away, one by one, beginning with the eldest.” A mindless crowd, caught up in the grip of a moral fever, brings a woman to Jesus. But they walk away as individuals, one by one, no longer inside the grip of that amazement.

Amazement, however, must be sharply distinguished from wonder and awe. Wonder and awe are the antithesis of amazement. In amazement, energy flows through you. In wonder and awe, energy stuns, paralyzes, and holds you. A clever quip from comedian, George Carlin, captures the difference. Explaining why he was congenitally skeptical of most “born-again” persons, Carlin famously quipped: “I distrust born-again people because they talk too much. When I was born I was so stunned I couldn’t talk for two years! When someone has a religious experience that is powerful enough to mute them for a couple of years, I will take them seriously!”

And in that lies the challenge: Beware of the energy that emanates from a crowd. Beware of the latest fad. Beware of hype of all kinds. Beware of the cheerleaders of both the liberals and the conservatives. Beware of any crowd who wants to stone someone to death in God’s name.

Think back to the various crucifixions that you have been involved in and recall how, later, in the sobriety and clarity of some different air, you asked yourself: How could I have been so wrong? So cruel? So stupid? Read accounts in the newspapers and on the internet of young people with decent, good hearts who, caught up in the energy of crowd, cyber-bully someone to the point where he or she commits suicide. Think how, in each case, the various persons responsible eventually walk away, one by one, a lot more sober and reflective than they were when they were caught up on the mindless energy of a crowd.

Then perhaps, more lightly, display some old photos of you showing your various hairstyles and clothing styles throughout the years, and you’ll have all the reminders you need about how fickle and mindless can be the energy of the moment.

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Financial Summary

October 16, 2011

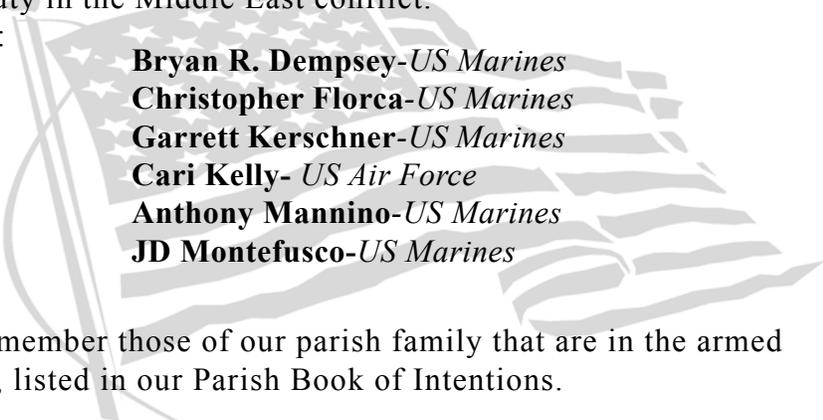
Weekly Collection	\$ 15,932.00
Weekly Budget	-\$ 19,000.00
+/- for the week	\$ (3,068.00)

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

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.

News from Outreach

Catholic Charities Senior Housing: Catholic Charities, sponsor of St. Anne's Gardens in Brentwood, has low income housing for Seniors 60 and older. Income guidelines as follows: Individuals: \$15,425 - \$36,360; Couples: \$17,300 - \$41,500. Contact Catholic Charities at 516.733.7076 for more information.

Free Food for those in Need: The Commodity Supplemental Food Program (C.F.S.P.) funded by USDA and NYSDOH and administered by Catholic Charities provides free food for Seniors (aged 60 and older); children from age 5 up to their 6th birthday and women who are 6-12 months post-partum. Food distributed includes cheese, milk, cereals, juices, canned fruits and fish and more. This is a needs-based program based on income. For information please call: 631.491.4156.

Free Prescription Medicine: Free Medicine Foundation helps people apply for enrollment in one or more of the many patient assistance programs now available. This program is for those who are falling through the cracks financially-those who make just enough money so they don't qualify for Medicaid but not enough to afford a prescription coverage plan or to buy their own medications. For more information, please check their website at: www.FreeMedicine.com.

Cleaning for a Reason: Free housecleaning available once a month for those undergoing chemo-therapy. To register contact: www.cleaningforareason.org.

Finally: Outreach Needs Food....Please don't forget our pantry!

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.

Annual Harvest Ball

Woman of the Year Maureen McKean will be honored at the St Patrick Division 2 of the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians (LAOH) Annual Harvest Ball, Saturday, November 5, from 7:30 PM to 12:30 PM. \$40 tickets include dinner, dancing to the Ed Ryan Band and open bar. Four fabulous prizes to be raffled. 27 Locust Ave, Babylon Village. For reservations please call Adele O'Shea 587.9782 or Sheila McCann 487.8677

A Day with Mary III Marian Conference

Sunday, October 30 from 8 AM until 5:45 PM at Bishop Kellenberg Memorial High School, Uniondale. A Healing Mass will be celebrated at 2:15 PM. You may bring your own breakfast and lunch or purchase food in the cafeteria. Some scheduled speakers are Msgr. Peter Vaccari, Seminary Rector, Bro. James McVeigh, OSF, director of New Evangelization Fr. Giordano Belanich, celebrant, Healing Mass, among others. Tickets are \$30 per person. For tickets or further information, please call Gina at 516.676.1669.

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 or visit us at mesnforum@sspj.org.

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.

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.

Mystery Dinner Show

The Rosary Altar Society of Our Lady Assumption Parish, Copiague presents ***The Whacked Family Reunion*** Mystery Dinner Show on Friday, October 28 in the auditorium located on Dante Avenue, Copiague at 7 PM. Join this wacky family as they come together to celebrate Uncle Vincenzo's success but...watch out! Someone just might end up being whacked. For only \$30 per person, enjoy a delicious meal of Chicken francaise, potatoes and string beans marinara, salad, garlic bread, soda, coffee and cake. All this and entertainment, too!

For more information, please call Flo at 631.226.3902.

Dominican Village

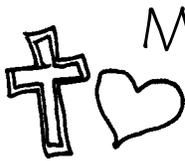
Please join us for an Open House on Thursday, October 27, from 1 PM until 3 PM. Dominican Village is an independent retirement community that offers assisted living and respite care, outstanding programs, all-inclusive services and bountiful amenities. For more information, or to schedule a tour at your 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 "**Living with Possessions.**" 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

When you have a choice to make, think about what God wants. Make sure your choices are good and that they help other people. When you follow God's example, you will be ready to love other people. With God's help you can be gentle, forgiving and kind.



Mission for the Week

As a family, help an elderly person in your neighborhood. Help them clean up their "home or their yard."

Puzzle

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

GREATEST
LAW
LOVE

LORD
HEART
SOUL

MIND
NEIGHBOR
YOURSELF

T	R	E	W	A	H	C	I	H	C	E
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Prayer



God,
help me to love you
and other people
more and more
every day.

Something to Draw



Draw a picture of
yourself praying to
God for someone
who hurt your
feelings.