

"They paid him homage."



Matthew 2:11

The Epiphany of the Lord
Our Lady of Lourdes • January 8, 2012



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

Rosary
Daily after 8 AM Mass

Miraculous Medal Novena
Monday after 8 AM Mass

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 Office.

**Rite of Christian Initiation of
Adults(RCIA)** A process to be
embraced by the Catholic Church. For
non-Catholics and for Catholics who
have never received formal religious
education. If interested, please call the
Parish Office.

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

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Associate Pastor

Rev. Robert Scheckenback
Associate Pastor

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In Residence

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In Residence

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Rosemary Multer
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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

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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](mailto: Sage@ollchurch.org)

Welcome...

to Our Lady of Lourdes!

We are so happy to welcome everyone who has come to worship with us today! Whether you have come a long distance or you live locally, we are glad that you have decided to spend some time with us as we worship our Lord together. Please know that your presence today is a blessing to our parish family.

Would you like to know more about our parish family?

All are welcome at Our Lady of Lourdes and we do our best to reach out to everyone.

If you would like more information about our parish or if you would like one of our team to be in touch with you, please fill this form out and place it in any collection or offering basket, mail it to us, or send an email to parishoffice@ollchurch.org

Welcome...

to Our Lady of Lourdes!



I would like information about:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Joining the Parish | <input type="checkbox"/> Baptizing my Children |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Religious Education of my Children | <input type="checkbox"/> Becoming a Catholic or Adult Confirmation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Marriage or Annulment / Remarriage | <input type="checkbox"/> Spiritual Direction or Counseling |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Our Parish Catholic School | <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Education |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Services | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

I would prefer to be contacted by:

Phone at: _____ Email at: _____

Mail at: _____

Your Name: _____

Our Lady of Lourdes School

Our Doors are Always Open



**Visit our classes in session-
Have your child team up with a buddy for a day!**

What Makes Us Different?

NEW Fully Stocked Science Lab & Media Center, SmartBoard, Piano/Guitar/
Violin/Dance Lessons Included in Curriculum, Italian and Spanish Language,
Enrichment Clubs, Student Government, Classroom Laptops, Sports Program,
Student run TV Studio, Before and After Care, 8th Grade Academy of Inquiry
in partnership with Stony Brook Medical School, Distance Learning with
NASA, and Virtual Field Trips from Nursery through 8th Grade

Early Childhood Programs beginning at 2 years old!

**2012 -2013 Rolling Registration
Stop in or call to make an appointment**

Testimonial: *“My daughter is in the fifth grade and is in her first year at OLL. I am so very pleased with the challenges that fifth grade has given her so far. This has been such a positive change for my daughter. All her teachers have challenged her to do her very best and to not settle for less. I know she has only been here for a few months, but if this is any indication of what she is to expect in the coming years, we are in for a wonderful ride!”*
- B. Molina

Phone: 631.587.7200 ext.100

Fax: 631.587.4531

Please visit our Website: www.ollschool.org



Pep 4 Program

Our fourth graders are halfway through the classroom part of their program. We're preparing a special family celebration in January – and we're planning to have the children speak about their experience as pilgrims vs. nomads and how that impacts their spiritual growth. We also collected about 400 children's books which have gone to the Learning Connection in Brentwood — an educational venue for women learning English as a second language. Many of them never had a book of their own, and they want to be able to read to their children. Our wonderful youngsters not only brought in their favorite books, but wrote letters to the children who would receive them. Who knows – a pen-pal exchange might begin! I'm very proud of them!

Pep 3 Program

After our "fishing trip" with Father Bob in the fall (did you know that the qualities of a good fisherman are the same ones needed for a good disciple?), we're looking forward to the beginning of the classroom part of the program, which begins in January, with a great bagel breakfast! All are welcome after the 9:30 Mass on Sunday, January 22.



Pep 2 Program

Our Pep 2 students received the Sacrament of Reconciliation this fall, and will begin their Eucharist preparation after the Christmas vacation. They have been very earnest about their participation in class, at home and at weekly worship. They are really great at singing their "Vine and Branch" song, too!



Pep 1 Program



Our Pep 1 classes are a beehive of activity! This group of students wins the prize for being great friends of Jesus! They are so bright that I thought the 4th graders came in their place! Watch for upcoming news of the great things they will be doing in the coming weeks!

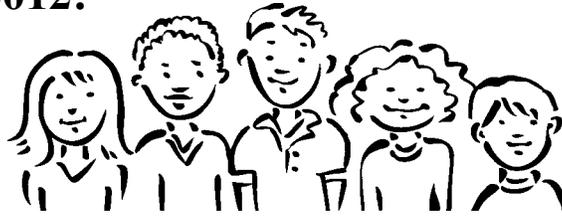
New Kindergarten Program

SPECIAL K

Watch the bulletin after Christmas for news of an upcoming program for kids of Kindergarten age. Plans are in the works for a special afternoon program – Friday at about 4:30 PM in the Church. We hope to provide some fun ideas for families to work on with young children to help them celebrate holy days and other events on a level that they can understand. More to come — we're under construction!

Are You Ready...Get set... in 2012!

Look at those 7th Graders... these kids are THE BEST



The 7th Graders in our parish family know how to love and serve...
and feel that sense of belonging.

As part of their Service Projects they help and learn more about our Ministries at OLL...

- Hosted refreshments for the Mass of Remembrance with Ministry of Consolation
- Packaged and gave Bread out on Thanksgiving Day with our Liturgy Committee
- Organized our missalettes/Music Issues for our Parish Family
- Helped put Advent Tags on our Parish Giving Tree and helped organize the presents for Parish Outreach
- Hosted refreshments for our St. Nicholas Night and Christmas Pageant
- Helped Art and Environment Ministry decorate our Church, All-Purpose Room and cafeteria



Grade 8... they're great

All Grade 8 Confirmation Candidates will meet with their Sponsors... for...
RESCUE... "*Religious Education Sponsor Candidate United Effort*"...with a kick-off some Sunday afternoons in January .

This night of prayer and reflection will provide them with an opportunity to learn about their new roles as sponsors and candidates, hear personal reflections about what it means to be a sponsor and commit to take a more active role in this process. Each evening will conclude with Sunday's 6 PM Mass. Look for them Sunday, January 8, 22, and 29. Sponsors and candidates plan to meet together three times on their own... including doing some service together. Sponsors and candidates work together at a soup kitchen or cook a meal for a soup kitchen, help an elder adult, help with Parish Outreach, etc., etc. Let's continue to pray for our parish's Confirmation Candidates.

GRADES 6/7/8... Hang Out Nites

Don't miss it...

Fridays...January 20, February 17, May 18, June 8

- We have KINECT !
- Basketball
- Volleyball
- And more

PLUS PRIZES and RAFFLES

They continue to serve those in need... they care...every month Grade 6/7/8 bring food/paper goods/and or \$1.00 for our Parish Food Pantry... wreaths decorated by our Hang Out Kids were given to our families who received "Giving Tree Gifts"... They're GREAT, too!!

Christmas Poster Contest **Holy Name Society Diocesan Union** ***“Christmas is Jesus’ Birthday”***

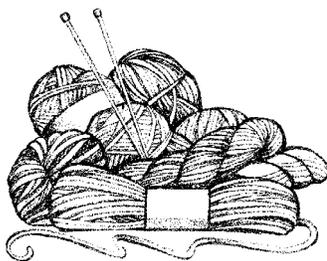


Every year posters are made by students up to eighth grade, from all over the Diocese of Rockville Centre, including children from our School and Parish.

The Award Ceremony this year will be sponsored by Our Lady of Lourdes, and be held here in our **school cafeteria on Sunday, January 8, 2012 from 2 PM-5 PM**. The former President for Our Lady of Lourdes Holy Name Society, *Ronald Koraus*, will be honored posthumously, with the award for Outstanding Service-Man of the Year, by the Diocesan Union.

Please join us in honoring Ron and celebrating the faith of our young people. The posters submitted this year were beautifully made, and show that our children still know the meaning of Christmas. Mark your calendars-

Sunday, January 8, 2012 from 2 PM to 5 PM in the school cafeteria.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

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

Join us ...

Wednesday, January 11 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.

Adult Faith Formation



Fit for the King ***“Walking in Divine Health”***

presented by Dr. Rick Hess

**Tuesdays - January 10, 17, 24, 31, and
February 7, 2012**

7:30 PM

Parish Center

A health and wellness program that asks the questions:

How can you be the best steward of the healthy body God intended for you?

Topics to include: *Walking in Divine Health, Foods that Empower, Foods that Devour, Great Health is about Great Healing, Cancer-proof Your Life, Ruling and Reigning Over Stress.*

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.

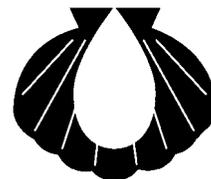
Family Liturgy and Children’s Liturgy of the Word

We need your help -

At the 9:30 AM Family Liturgy each Sunday, we invite all of the children in attendance to be dismissed for their own Liturgy of the Word. There is a committee of parishioners that take responsibility for the planning, and for the Scriptural presentation itself.

Of course, everyone is invited to be on the committee or to be a Scripture leader, but what we really need is: People to help escort the children to the Parish Center and to stay in the Parish Center while the Scripture Leaders offer the presentation. You would only be scheduled about once a month, maybe every six weeks. You would escort and help with the children. Please consider this an easy way to contribute to our Family Liturgy; the entire committee would be extremely grateful!

If you are interested or you have any questions, please contact Cathy Danowski at danowhouse@aol.com or call the Parish Office at 661.3224.



Baptism

Jackson Wade Boyd

Matthew and Donyale

Katherine Renee Boyd

Matthew and Donyale



Rest In Peace

Alice Carlin died on December 21 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was December 27. We extend our prayers to her husband, Frederick, children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and entire family.

Florence D. Grigonis died on December 31 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was January 5. We extend our prayers to her daughter, Marge Valenti, children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and entire family.

Welcome

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

Pawet and Elwira Pienkowski & family

Ezechias and Iva Pierre & family

Brian and Chantal Platt & family

Joseph and Palma Ponte & family

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

Remembering...

Monday, January 9

The Baptism of the Lord

8:00 AM Ann DiGregorio

Tuesday, January 10

8:00 AM George Garone

Wednesday, January 11

8:00 AM Fortunato & Carmela Maggi

Thursday, January 12

8:00 AM Vito Mastrorocco

Friday, January 13

Saint Hilary, bishop and doctor of the Church

8:00 AM James Wilson

Saturday, January 14

8:00 AM Phyllis Perrotta, Michael & Libby Fernandez,
Carmela Nieroda, Patricia Madigan, George DeLuca

5:00 PM Arthur McGuire

Fr. Mike Vetrano

Sunday, January 15

8:00 AM John & Margaret Kopitsch

Fr. Pat Amabile

9:30 AM Anne Marie Leyden

Fr. Ambrose Cabildo

11:00 AM Jerome Marino

Fr. Mike Vetrano

12:30 PM Giovanni Andriola & Matteo Danisi

Fr. Michael Holzmann

6:00 PM People of the Parish, Santo Barbagallo, Carlo Trombetta,
Elena Privitera, John Gaffney, Nickolas Gravitz,

Carthene McQuade, Kelly Barnes

Fr. Bob Scheckenback

Rosary Christian Mothers

The Rosary Christian Mothers meet on the first Monday evening of each month.

The next meeting will be **Monday, January 9**. We will begin with **Rosary at 7:45 PM in the Church** followed by **meeting at 8 PM in the Parish Center**.

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, January 17**. 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.

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, January 19, 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.

Daytime Eucharistic Devotion

The afternoon adoration for the month of January will be on **Wednesday, January 11 from 1- 3 PM**. All are invited and welcome! We will be praying for our children, our country, our men and women in the military and our clergy.



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

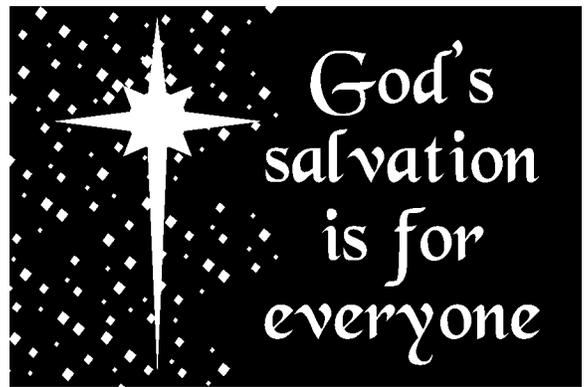
An invitation to all men and women to be part of God's plan.

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.



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Epiphany of the Lord

The prophet Isaiah returns one more time in this Christmas season, now on the feast of the Epiphany. In the final chapters of Isaiah (chapters 56-66), the prophet is proclaiming God's word to the Israelites who have returned to Jerusalem after the Exile in Babylon. What at first was a joyful return, has turned inward. Those who have taken up positions of power after returning to Jerusalem have marginalized even the Israelites who remained in the land during the Babylonian Captivity, not to mention the people of other nations whose defeat of Babylon actually facilitated Israel's restoration. In response, Isaiah proclaims that God's salvation is for all. Every nation will stream to Jerusalem to worship the Lord.

Isaiah's message is reflected in Matthew's Gospel as he tells the story of the birth of Jesus. Christ comes for everyone! The followers of Christ in Matthew's community are not only the Jews who became Christians, but also the Gentiles who came to believe that Jesus was the Messiah. In Matthew's Gospel this latter group is represented by the Magi, who come from afar, while the Jewish Christians, who believe in God's word, are represented by Joseph, the faithful spouse of Mary.

While the Epiphany is a great and joyous feast, it contains a cautionary message as well. God's salvation is for everyone. That means that no one can be excluded from the invitation to follow Christ. And once they choose to do so, they become our brothers and sisters in the Lord. If that is the case, when we demean, cast aside, or ignore others, we open ourselves to the same condemnation with which Isaiah castigated the powerful in Jerusalem in the sixth century BC. If we add statues of the Magi to our Nativity scene, it also means that we must add the stranger, the foreigner, the person not like us, to our life in Christ.

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Readings for the Week of January 8, 2012

Sunday:	Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
Monday:	Is 42:1-4, 6-7 <i>or</i> Is 55:1-11 <i>or</i> Acts 10:34-38 <i>or</i> 1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11
Tuesday:	1 Sm 1:9-20/Mk 1:21-28 <i>or</i> 1 Sm 1:1-8 and 1:9-20/Mk 1:14-20 and 1:21-28
Wednesday:	1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Mk 1:29-39
Thursday:	1 Sm 4:1-11/Mk 1:40-45
Friday:	1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Mk 2:1-12
Saturday:	1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1/Mk 2:13-17
Next Sunday:	1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

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 ...

Joseph Badala, Jr., Frank Castellano, Nicole Cerny, Mildred Collado, Peggy Cook, Eddie Cronin, Jeanne Marie DellaRagione, Frank Edwards, William Farley, Jake Feldman, Elizabeth Fredriksen, Kenneth Garretson, Baby Gavin Gradiska, James Grillo, Sr., Baby Peter Horyczun, Marie Impellizeri, Peter Joseph, Mary Kalian, Robyn Kerrigan, Baby Jonathan J. Lavin, Anne Losee, Christopher J. Maher, Marge Marotta, Tony Marotta, Vicky Massaro, John McNevin, Margaret Meringolo, Denise Michelback, Arlene Monte, Rae Morris, Patricia Muller, Andy Nolfo, Evelyn Nonnon, Frances Parine, Bob Petitio, Peter Porzio, Joe Radosti, Teresa Saraceno, Ann Marie Schiraldi, Baby Isabella Shaw, Angelo Tedesco, Nancy Turano, Jack Welch, Joseph Yezek, Glen Zachary, Louie Zaino

Children within our Care

by Ron Rolheiser, OMI

Margaret Laurence's novel, *A Jest of God*, tells the story of two sisters: One of them, Rachel, single still and childless at mid-life, is a gifted, elementary school teacher. The other is a stay-at-home-mother, dedicating herself full-time to caring for her children.

As the years go by and Rachel finds herself still without children of her own, her frustration grows. She works with children all day, every day, but they are not her children. They come into her classroom, learn from her, pass through her life, but then move on to other classrooms and to a life away from her. She suffers deeply from this transience, this lack of possession. Most everything inside her screams for children of her own, children who will not simply pass through her life.

One day she shares this frustration with her sister, confessing how painful it is to have children pass through your life, a different group every year, and never have any that are really your own.

Her sister is less than fully sympathetic. She tells Rachel, in effect, that it is no different being a parent. Your children also pass through your life and move on to their own lives, away from you. They also are never really your children, someone you possess. Children are never really yours, irrespective of whether you are their natural parent, their foster parent, or their teacher. They have their own lives, lives that you do not own.

There are some important truths in that: Children are never really our own. They are given us, in trust, for a time, a short time in fact, during which we are asked to be their parents, their teachers, their mentors, their pastors, their uncles, their aunts, their guardians, but they are not, in the end, our children. Their lives belong to them, and to God. That's both challenging and consoling to realize.

The challenge is more obvious: If we accept this then we are less likely to be manipulative as parents, teachers, and guardians. We are less likely to see a child as a satellite in our own orbit or as someone whose life must be shaped according to our image and likeness. Rather, if we accept that they are their own persons, we will be able to offer our love, support, and guidance with less strings attached.

The consolation is not as obvious, but is my main point here: If we accept that our children are really not our

own, then we will also realize that we are not alone in raising them. How so?

Our children are not ours, they are God's children. In the end, we are only their guardians, all of us. God is the real parent and God's love, care, and anxiety for them will always be in excess of our own. You are never a single parent, even if you are doing the parenting alone. God is alongside, loving, caring, cajoling, worrying, trying to instill values, trying to awaken love, worrying about what company they are keeping, concerned about what they are watching on the internet, and spending the same sleepless nights that you are. God's worry exceeds our own.

Moreover God has the power to touch the heart of a child and break through to a child in a way that you, as a parent, often cannot. Your children can refuse to listen to you, turn their backs on you, reject your values, and walk away from everything you stand for; but there is always still another parent, God, from whom they cannot walk away. God can reach into places, including hell itself, into which we cannot reach. God is always there, with a love more patient and solicitousness more fierce than is our own. From that we can draw courage and consolation. Our children are surrounded always by a love, a concern, an anxiety, and an invitation to awaken to love, that far exceeds anything we can offer. God is the real parent and has powers we don't have.

This particularly important and consoling if we have ever lost a child tragically, to an accident that might have been prevented, to suicide, to drugs or alcohol, or to a set of friends and a lifestyle that ended up killing them and, as a parent or guardian, you are left feeling guilty and second-guessing: Why did I fail so badly in this? How much am I to blame for this failure?

Again, it is helpful to remind ourselves that we were, and are, not the only parents here and when this child died, however tragic the circumstances, he or she was received by hands far gentler than our own, was embraced by an understanding far deeper than our own, and was welcomed into the arms of a parent more loving than we. Our child left our foster care and our inadequacy to provide everything, to live with a mother and a father who can give him or her the protection, guidance, and joy that we could never quite fully provide.

*Used with permission of the author, Oblate Father Ron Rolheiser. Currently Father Rolheiser is serving as President of the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio, TX. He can be contacted through his website-
www.ronrolheiser.com.*

Financial Summary

December 18, 2011

Weekly Collection	\$ 19,734.00
Weekly Budget	-\$ 19,000.00
+/- for the week	\$ 734.00

December 25, 2011-Christmas

Collected Amount	\$ 37,810.00
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December 25, 2011-Parish Ministry

Collected Amount	\$ 6,549.00
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December 25, 2011-Weekly

Collected Amount	\$ 18,675.00
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January 1, 2012

Weekly Collection	\$ 18,618.00
Weekly Budget	-\$ 19,000.00
+/- for the week	\$ (382.00)

January 1, 2012-Solemnity of Mary

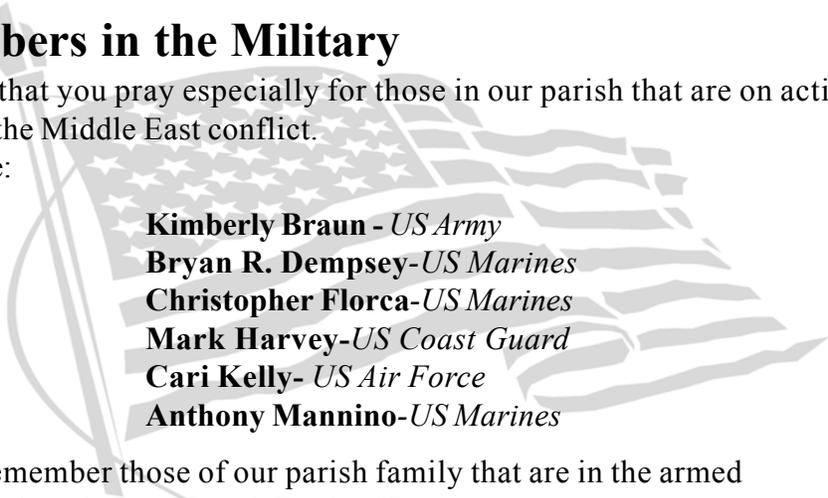
Collected Amount	\$ 4,427.00
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The estimated weekly collection needed to maintain and operate our parish buildings, ministries, programs and salaries is \$19,000.

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:



Kimberly Braun - US Army
Bryan R. Dempsey-US Marines
Christopher Florca-US Marines
Mark Harvey-US Coast Guard
Cari Kelly- US Air Force
Anthony Mannino-US Marines

...and remember those of our parish family that are in the armed services, listed in our Parish Book of Intentions.



Sun from Cloud

The twelfth day of Christmas is the solemn feast of the Epiphany, January 6. In the United States, the celebration of the Epiphany is transferred to a Sunday so that all may celebrate. The word *epiphany* comes from the Greek and means "revelation," and so we celebrate the revelation of Christ to the magi, who were gentiles and did not belong to the people of Israel.

Learn this Appalachian folk song in honor of the star that guided the magi to the Christ child. Find out if anyone you know is familiar with it and could teach it to you. (Take the time!) Or check a local record store's folk section. (If that fails, try shopping around on the Internet.) The words are:

Bright mornin' star's arisin'
Bright mornin' star's arisin'
Bright mornin' star's arisin'
Day is breakin' in my soul.

The daily prayer of the Orthodox churches gives us these lovely verses for the solemn feast of the Epiphany:

The magi who had been led
on their way by a divine star
stood before you in wonder
at your marvelous birth;
and bearing gifts they see the sun
who rose from the virgin cloud.
Let the people who sat in darkness
see shining forth the light
that knows no evening,
him whom the stars once manifested
to the fire-worshipping Persian kings.

Glory in heaven and peace on earth, now
and forever!

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Parish Outreach

Office telephone:

661-9262, option 4

Office hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday:

9:30 AM - 3 PM

Pantry Needs

canned chili
canned fruit
canned vegetables
pork & beans
soups
tuna

Donations to Outreach

Parish Outreach has received many donations.

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

Congratulations!

The following students have made the Honor Roll for the Second Quarter at St. Anthony's High School.

Mark Barbera

Michael Carboni

Elizabeth Conklin

Christie Finn

Eva Gallegos

Rachel Hunter

Shaun McGuire

Taryn McLees

Timothy Mounsey

Juliana Nador

Ellena Nador

Megan Pauze

Mia Rogers

Jason-Michael Saint Laurent

Lee Ann Santore

Tyler Secreto

Jake Shapiro

Maria Tobin

John Tozzi

Mark Vandenburg

Women of Hope

You are Invited to Attend our Champagne Luncheon

St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School will be celebrating the Sixth Annual Women of Hope Champagne Luncheon on **Sunday, February 5, 2012 at 11 AM** at the Timber Point Country Club in Great River. Tickets are \$75 per person and there are journal opportunities as well.

Please contact the Development Office at 587.8000 x 177 to receive a formal invitation. RSVP by February 1 as seating is limited and by reservation only.

Congratulations to the 2012 Women of Hope Honorees

Lisa Dicarlo Yancigay '81, *Alumna and Parent*, **Kathy Lehmann Holland**, *Alumna and Parent*, **Loyda Goodbody**, *World Language Faculty Member*, and **Ann Munkwitz**, *Parent*.

Contemplative Outreach of Long Island/Queens

Presents An Enrichment Day With Darlene Eason

A unique biblical presentation of the Parable of the Potter & the Clay. As the message unfolds, God's Love for us comes into focus.

When: January 21, 2012

Where: Parish Center - 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM

Donation: \$25

Please bring a bag lunch. For further information, please call: Diane Garretson 587.0966

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.

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 "**Life's Struggles.**" 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

Jigsaw puzzles are fun. Solve a puzzle with your whole family, and it comes together even faster. God helped the wise men solve a puzzle. They wanted to find the newborn king. Together the wise men read God's promises, did their homework, and followed the star. When all of their answers fit, they found baby Jesus.



Mission for the Week

Solve a puzzle together with your family. Work together like the wise men did.

Puzzle

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

WISE MEN
STAR
HEROD

MESSIAH
WORSHIP
EXCITED

GIFTS
WARNED
DREAM

U	W	A	R	N	E	D	E	K	O	E
J	I	N	E	G	A	J	W	I	N	G
A	S	U	T	O	F	I	O	S	A	I
N	E	X	C	I	T	E	D	U	D	F
O	M	I	Y	U	B	A	U	W	E	T
H	E	R	O	D	E	N	Y	O	G	S
W	N	A	H	R	T	Y	H	R	S	F
S	O	Y	I	E	O	M	A	S	T	U
T	I	B	V	A	H	U	D	H	Y	M
A	S	U	L	M	E	S	S	I	A	H
R	E	W	A	Y	I	L	E	P	O	Y

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Prayer



God,
thank you for all
the people who
helped me
find Jesus.

Something to Draw



Draw a picture of
the people who
help you learn
more about Jesus.