

“Glorify God in your body.”



1 Corinthians 6:20

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Our Lady of Lourdes • January 15, 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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Pastor

Rev. Patsy Amabile
Associate Pastor

Rev. Robert Scheckenback
Associate Pastor

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In Residence

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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

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Our Lady of Lourdes School

587.7200 (*option 2*)

Monday-Friday

9 AM - 3 PM

email: lkrol@ollschool.org

Religious Education Office

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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-Friday

9:30 AM - 3:30 PM

Dear Parish Family,

When I became your pastor in June of 2000, I knew that pastors in our diocese are assigned for two six year terms and that one day I would be asked to accept a new assignment. Twelve years seemed to be such a long time and I feel that the time has gone quickly. I have learned so much from my first assignment as pastor and, hopefully I have helped the parish family of Our Lady of Lourdes to grow as a true community of faith. It is not easy to think about leaving here this June, a feeling that many of you have told me that you share. Almost every day someone asks me "so why do priests and pastors have to move." The answer, simply and honestly, is that change and challenge are good for our growth!

Over the next few weeks, I will be asked to look at the needs of parishes that will need a pastor this June. I will be in conversation with our bishops and personnel director about which of them might be a good change and challenge for me. And here at OLL, you will be invited to meet with Bishop John Dunne, Msgr. Brian McNamara (personnel director), and Msgr. Chris Heller (our Dean and pastor of St. Joseph in Babylon) to discuss the future leadership of Our Lady of Lourdes. They will be here to meet with you on **Wednesday, January 18, in the All Purpose Room. The meeting begins at 7:30 PM.**

There are three key questions which this committee would like to learn about as we prepare for a change of leadership. These questions will not only help in the appointment of a pastor but also can help guide a new pastor as he begins his ministry.

- *What are the strengths of your parish as you understand them at the present time?*
- *What are the areas of pastoral life that are most in need of attention at the present time?*
- *What specific qualities of leadership do you think would best serve the needs of your parish in the next six years?*

When I came to OLL in 2000 there was a similar meeting and I found the information very valuable. So this is a very important meeting.

After the meeting here is complete, eligible priests from our diocese will be invited to apply to the personnel director to be considered for assignment to our parish. The eligible candidates have all been screened by one of the auxiliary bishops and members of the Priest Personnel Assignment Board. Normally, each open parish would have a few priest candidates applying for the parish. The Priest Personnel Assignment Board members read through the information from the letters from the leadership people and the report from the meeting with parishioners. The Board then recommends candidates for the pastorate to Bishop Murphy. As the Diocesan Bishop, Bishop Murphy then chooses the next pastor of the parish.

I know that the Priest Personnel Assignment Board takes this responsibility very seriously. I ask for your prayers in the coming weeks so that the Holy Spirit will send a good shepherd to the people of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish. I am very confident that with the new pastor, your parish family will continue to live out the Gospel of Christ.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Mike

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 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!



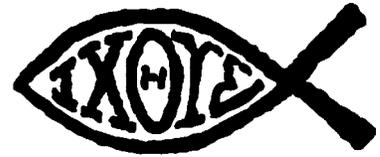
Pep 2 Program

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 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.

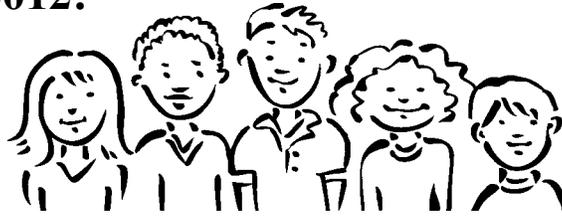


Pep 4 Program

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!

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!!

Coming soon!!!! "Special K"

A special program for children in Kindergarten will begin on January 27 at 4:30 pm in Church. Come see what's in store for young kids and parents.

We'll gather in the Church
for an opening prayer...
Then the kids will go to the Parish Center
for a special activity,
then we'll come together
for a closing ritual.
The Program will be about 45 minutes long...

To let us know you will be coming, e mail
sdiane@ollchurch.org



Learning Through Play at Our Lady of Lourdes School

Mrs. Lisa Pryhocki and Miss Jeanne Sihksnel's preschool class at Our Lady of Lourdes School is learning about the five senses. What better place to hear, see, smell, taste and touch than at a restaurant! The OLL Restaurant opened on Monday, January 9th in our Pre K- 3 classroom.

The children played the roles of cooks, wait staff, and customers. They were encouraged to tell what sights, sounds and smells were in the restaurant. The restaurant served apple juice and chips to start. The rest was left to their imagination!

Adult Faith Formation



Fit for the King

“Walking in Divine Health”

presented by Dr. Rick Hess

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

7:30 PM

Parish Center

NOTE: Each class will be repeated Wednesday morning at 9 AM in the Spiritual Life 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 will be no fee for this course. There will be a free-will offering taken and donated to OLL Parish Outreach.

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.

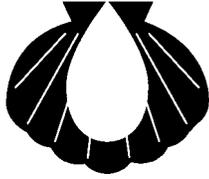
Family Liturgy and Children’s Liturgy of the Word

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

Skyla Hope Lamirata

Michael and Jennifer

Brendan John DelColle

Jamie and Janice

Michael Gerard DelColle

Jamie and Janice

Mary-Kate Anne Probert

Sean and Tara



Rest In Peace

Rose Badaracco died on December 26 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was December 29. We extend our prayers to her children, grandchildren, and entire family.

John K. Oleksiuk died on December 22 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was December 27 at St. Joseph's Church, Babylon. We extend our prayers to his wife, Dolores, daughter, grandchildren, and entire family.

Margaret Mary Cook died on January 3 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was January 9. We extend our prayers to her daughter, grandchildren, and entire family.

Edward W. McKay, Sr. died on January 5 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was January 9. We extend our prayers to his wife, Immaculate, children, grandchildren, and entire family.

Ernest Anthony Polini died on January 6 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was January 10. We extend our prayers to his children, grandchildren, and entire family.

Welcome

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

Anton and Andrea Mastrocco & family

Miguel and Doris Ramirez & family

Cecil and Dady Ramsay & family

Jason and Adrienne Andrews & family

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

Remembering...

Monday, January 16

8:00 AM Joseph Netska

Tuesday, January 17

Saint Anthony, abbot

8:00 AM Russ DeCeck

Wednesday, January 18

8:00 AM John Stehling

Thursday, January 19

8:00 AM Gertrude Hartley

Friday, January 20

Saint Fabian, pope and martyr

Saint Sebastian, martyr

8:00 AM Henry Reidemann

Saturday, January 21

8:00 AM Dorothy Proctor (*living*), John & Mamie Carbone,
Kevin Stiles, Antoinette Michaels, Janet Palucci,
Carmine Maiocco, John Herdina (*living*)

5:00 PM Tom Malcolm

Fr. Bob Scheckenback

Sunday, January 22

8:00 AM Joseph J. Fenlon

Fr. Bob Scheckenback

9:30 AM Ante Vulin

Fr. Mike Vetrano

11:00 AM Giovanni Andriola

Fr. Ambrose Cabildo

12:30 PM Ronald Koraus

Fr. Pat Amabile

6:00 PM People of the Parish, Francesca Miceli, Francis Quevedo,
Fedele Aita, Mavis LeTourneau, George DeLuca, Bill Beery,
Louise Mancusi (*living*), George L. Michael, Peggy Cook

Fr. Mike Vetrano



March for Life

On Monday, January 23, the March For Life will take place in Washington, D. C. beginning at noon with a Rally on the Mall followed by a walk up Constitution Avenue ending at the Supreme Court. The March encourages pro-life legislation, an end to abortion, and respect and protection for all human life born and preborn. Plan to bring your family to this historic event. For information on the March or to locate buses leaving from many Parishes in Nassau and Suffolk Counties for the one-day trip call the Respect Life Office of the Diocese at 516.678.5800 x626, e-mail respectlifeoffice@drvc.org or call the Long Island Coalition for Life at 631.243.1435.

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.

SAGE

The SAGE Group (Senior Advocates for Growth and Enrichment) will meet on **Tuesday, January 17**, in the **Parish Center at 9 AM**.

Bereavement Ministry

Bereavement Support Group

You are invited to join our next Bereavement Support Group. This is a wonderful opportunity to be supported in a small discussion group with people who have also suffered a loss.

The group will meet on Wednesday for 8 weeks starting February 1 from 7:30 PM to 9:30PM in the Spiritual Life Center, in the convent. To register and for more information please contact Diane Ackerly at 631.226.9373 or e-mail at dkkkk710@hotmail.com.

Support Groups

Alcoholics Anonymous: Monday and Tuesday at 8 PM and Saturday at 2 PM and 7 PM in Lourdes Hall-convent lower level.

ALANON: Each Wednesday at 10 AM in Lourdes Hall-convent lower level.
(Free babysitting available)

Prayer for Divine Mercy

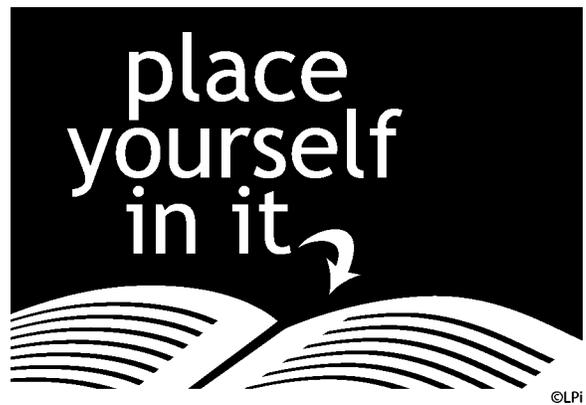
An invitation to all men and women to be part of God's plan.

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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2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

We're introduced this week to an unknown disciple in John's Gospel. Two disciples are followers of John the Baptist. When Jesus walks by, John points him out to them and says, "Behold, the Lamb of God." These two go and follow Jesus and spend the day with him. We find out in today's Gospel that one of the two was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, who then goes and gets Simon Peter and brings him to Jesus as well. So now there are three who will follow Jesus: Peter, Andrew, and this unknown disciple. As we'll discover in John's Gospel during Lent and the Easter season, this third person is the beloved disciple, the Gospel writer's stand-in for every Christian who follows Christ.

John wrote into his Gospel the beloved disciple to highlight the fact that every believer encounters Christ. His presence among us is not some past event. Christ is with us now, and we meet him in the breaking of the bread, in the poor at our door, and in the neighbor we encounter. And Christ is present in the word of God, the Scriptures.

There is a tried-and-true method of biblical prayer that capitalizes on this understanding of the presence of Christ. Take a Gospel story and place yourself in it as one of the characters. Read it and reflect on it as though you were in the setting. For example, with today's Gospel you could imagine that you are Andrew. You are chatting with John the Baptist when he points out Jesus. There is something about that man that immediately attracts you. What is it? Can you imagine that in your prayer? You and your friend go and spend the day with him. Imagine what took place. What entranced you that you had to go and find your brother, Simon, and bring him to Jesus? Let your prayer unfold, and see where it leads you.

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Readings for the Week of January 15, 2012

Sunday:	1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42
Monday:	1 Sm 15:16-23/Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday:	1 Sm 16:1-13/Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday:	1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Mk 3:1-6
Thursday:	1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Mk 3:7-12
Friday:	1 Sm 24:3-21/Mk 3:13-19
Saturday:	2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Mk 3:20-21
Next Sunday:	Jon 3:1-5, 10/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Monenna Kennedy*.
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 ...

*Frank Castellano, Nicole Cerny, Phyllis Clyde, Mildred Collado,
Eddie Cronin, Frank Edwards, William Farley, Elizabeth Fredriksen,
Russell Gebhardt, Susan Gebhardt, James Grillo, Sr., Marie Impellizeri,
Mary Kalian, Robyn Kerrigan, Baby Jonathan J. Lavin, Christopher J. Maher,
Vicky Massaro, Margaret Meringolo, Denise Michelback, Arlene Monte,
Rae Morris, Patricia Muller, Andy Nolfo, Frances Parine, Bob Petitio,
Helen Phillips, Roger Phillips, Peter Porzio, Marina Rios, Baby Isabella Shaw,
Angelo Tedesco, Nancy Turano, Jack Welch, Glen Zachary, Louie Zaino*

The Asceticism of Pressure and Duty

by Ron Rolheiser, OMI

The past several weeks have been some of most pressured weeks in my life. I have been trying to balance the pressures of teaching a three-hour-a-day Intersession course, my duties as an administrator, a series of emergencies to do with the deaths of a couple of close friends, along with trying to sustain some kind of prayer life, all the time nursing a nasty viral cold. It's been a pressured time.

We've all had similar seasons in our lives, sometimes lasting for years, not just for a couple of weeks. Sometimes the pressures of life simply put us on a treadmill from which, for awhile at least, there is no stepping off. What happens at those times is that we tend to beat ourselves up for getting caught in that situation. Frequently too friends and spiritual directors join in, berating us for not taking better care of ourselves, for not saying no to more things, and for not having the discipline to schedule regular prayer, exercise, and leisure into our lives.

Their challenge is not without value. We do need to take care of ourselves and it is not always a virtue to respond to every need that presents itself. But, that being said, it also needs to be said that sometimes, perhaps most of the time, the pressures of life, those duties and demands that rob us of leisure and rest and time for formal prayer, are not necessarily a bad thing. There is a fasting and prayer too, by conscription.

Jesus, the Gospels tell us, once went into the desert for forty days and forty nights, taking no food and no nourishment. He fasted. In essence, what this says is that he deprived himself of the normal comforts and supports of ordinary human life. He voluntarily submitted to an asceticism designed to help move him to a deeper level of understanding, love, and maturity (the purpose of all voluntary asceticism). He actively sought out the desert.

Sometimes however the desert finds us. Whenever a season of our life is so full of pressure so as to deny us the normal comforts and supports of ordinary life, then we too are in the desert and afforded the opportunity to use that deprivation as an asceticism that can help move us to a deeper level of understanding, love, and maturity; except in our case the asceticism is conscriptive rather than freely chosen.

Former spiritualities tried to teach this through a concept they called living out our duties of state. In an oversimplification, the idea was this: God puts us on this

earth not just for leisure and enjoyment, but also to serve others and to give our lives over in unselfish duty. Our private happiness, and indeed our private sanctity, is not our highest goal. Once we accept this and begin to give our lives over in service, the duties innate within marriage, family, vocation, church, society, and the needy will, at times, consume us in ways that can for long periods of time take away our freedom, our leisure, our rest, and even our time to pray as we ideally should. But that response to duty is also a healthy asceticism, albeit a conscriptive one, which can do for us the very things that private prayer and voluntary fasting can do, namely, push us beyond a self-centered life.

Biblically, this is captured in Jesus' remark to Peter at the end of John's Gospel: After Peter had three times affirmed his love and commitment, Jesus turned to him and said: Up to now, you have gird your belt and walked wherever you wanted to go, but now, after this commitment, others will put a belt around you and take you where you would rather not go. What Jesus is telling Peter is that the duties that will now follow upon his commitment of faith and love will rob him not just of his leisure and his own plans for his life, but ultimately too they will rob him of his freedom and his very life. Duty can do that, and often does.

I know a woman whose children are now grown who once confessed to me that, while her children were toddlers, she sometimes went through long periods when she could not even carve out sufficient time for herself to go to the bathroom, not alone find time for leisure or time to pray or sit in solitude. Today she is one of the most unselfish and prayerful persons I know. Obviously her time in the desert of her own home, her feet held to the fire by duty, fasting by necessity from ordinary leisure, did for her what the desert did for Jesus and what the conscriptive rope did for Peter.

Unwelcome pressure, tiredness that we haven't the luxury to address, and duties that take us beyond our own agendas, if accepted without resentment, can function as God's conscriptive, ascetical hook, taking us, as if against our own will, to deeper and more mature places.

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Financial Summary

January 1, 2012

Weekly Collection	\$ 20,399.50
Weekly Budget	-\$ 19,000.00
+/- for the week	\$ 1,399.50

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.



Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, January 16 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. The Parish Office will reopen on Tuesday at 9 AM.

Donations to Outreach

December Donations 2011

Parish Outreach has received many donations.

Barbara Kittner has made a donation to Outreach in memory of *Roz George and Alan Kittner*.

Terry Reilly has made a donation to Outreach in memory of *Willey Rivers*.

Sylvester Bonacci has made a donation to Outreach in loving memory of his wife, *Alice*.

Kathleen and William Small have made a donation to Outreach in honor of *Rose Small*.

Catherine and Joseph Jacobs have made a donation to Outreach in memory of *Joseph Nizzari*.

Virginia and John Dowd have made a *Christmas Donation* to Outreach.

Jill and Steve Hopfenmuller have made a donation to Outreach in honor of *Fr. John Sureau*.

Ruth Fitzgerald has made a donation to Outreach in memory of "*The Unstoppable Trio!*"

The Quinn Family has made a donation to Outreach in memory of their beloved *Mom and Dad*.

Jean Fisher has made a donation to Outreach in memory of *Robert Keith Fisher*.

Outreach has received a donation from Jean Fisher in memory of *Rose and John Zollo* and in memory of *John J. Montemagno*.

Mary Wernikouski has made a donation to Outreach in loving memory of her husband, *Edward*.

Ellen LaSalle has made a donation to Outreach in memory of *Donald Eck*.

Don and Lori Morrissey have made a donation to Outreach in loving memory of the *deceased members of the Morrissey and Michalski families*.

The Killane Family has made a donation to Outreach in loving memory of their mother, *Frances*.

Maryann Abela-Tamaro has made a donation to Outreach in honor of *Fr. John Sureau*.

Marge and Ed Valenti wish all their Family and Friends a Merry Christmas and Blessings in the New Year. In lieu of cards, the Valenti's have made a *donation to Outreach*.

Katherine Hafele has made a donation to Outreach in memory of *John Oleksiuk*.

Alexander and Anastasia MacGregor have made a donation to Outreach in memory of their son, *Alexander MacGregor III*.

Parish Outreach

Office telephone:

661-9262, option 4

Office hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday:

9:30 AM - 3 PM

Pantry Needs

cereal
cookies
crackers
juice
peanut butter/jelly

December Donations 2011

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Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Schmid have made a donation to Outreach in memory of *Teresa Troise*.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Calabris have made a donation to Outreach in memory of *Frances Doris Killane*.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Muller have made a donation to Outreach in memory of *John Oleksiuk*.

In lieu of gifts, Christine and Ronald Wilson, James Thomson, and Timothy and Patrica Thomson have made a donation to Outreach in honor of their parents, *Claire and William Thomson*. "We stand in awe of their selflessness and thoughtfulness and we feel honored and blessed to have you as our parents."

Kelly and Christopher Molinari have made a donation to Outreach in honor of their cousin, *Fr. John Sureau*.

Justin Adkison has made a donation to Outreach in honor of *Fr. John Sureau*.

Greg and Stacie Baltrusitis have made a donation to Outreach in honor of *Fr. John Sureau*.

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.

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.

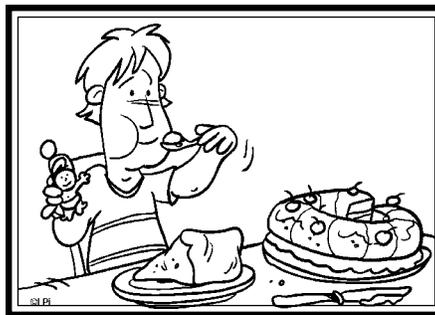
Religion & Rock

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 "**Unity.**" 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

Mexican families share a special treat called a Kings' Cake on January 6th. Hidden inside the cake is one tiny little doll shaped like the baby Jesus. If you find Jesus in your piece of cake, you tell everyone. In today's Gospel, Andrew met Jesus for the first time. Andrew was so excited to find the Savior, he ran to tell his brother he had found Jesus.



Mission for the Week



Ask your family if you could include Kings' Cake in your holiday celebrations next year.



Puzzle

Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:

We have found the Messiah.

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Prayer



Jesus,
help me tell my
family and friends
about you.

Something to Draw



Draw a picture of
yourself telling a
friend about
Jesus' love.