

The world in its present form



1 Corinthians 7:31

**is passing
away.**

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Our Lady of Lourdes • January 22, 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

Rev. Ambrose Cabildo
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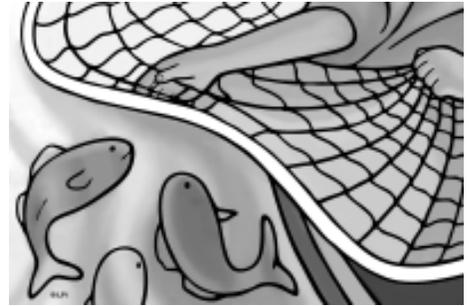
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Parish Office

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1 PM - 5 PM

7 PM - 9 PM

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Parish Outreach Office

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Monday-Friday

9:30 AM - 3:30 PM



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

Dear Parish Family,

With the celebrations of Christmas behind us it is time to get back to our program of "Renewing Our Spiritual Home." It was certainly wonderful to have good lighting for our Christmas Masses and there were so many wonderful comments about how alive and vibrant our church looks!

The next steps for our project are to renew our Parish Center. We are now finalizing the choices of material, carpet, ceiling, and window treatments in hopes that this can be worked on – perhaps as soon as Easter break.

We will also be scheduling some meetings with the architect who will help us redesign the entrances to the church and rectory areas.

Dom Lettieri and Jack Meehan have also been meeting with providers of pews and kneelers for our church. So much more renewal will be on its way soon.

Thank you to all who have been keeping up your pledges to the campaign. Without your generous support we would not be able to accomplish so much. And remember that it is never too late to join the effort. If you would like to make a pledge to the campaign just contact our Parish Office.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Mike



Lent is coming soon!

Save the dates of Our Parish Mission now...

February 27

Fr. Mike Vetrano

February 28

Fr. Jim Vlaun

February 29

Fr. John Sureau

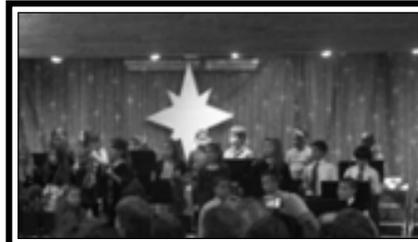
March 1-Healing Mass

Fr. Bob Schekenback

Celebrating the Life, Love, and Laughter of the parish family where All Are Welcome.

Our Lady of Lourdes School

Our Doors are Always Open



Open House Sunday, January 29 10:30 AM - 12 noon

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

Phone: 631.587.7200 ext.100

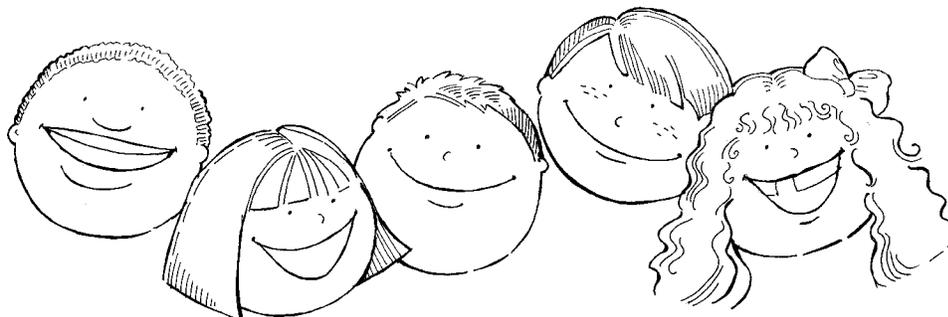
Fax: 631.587.4531

Please visit our Website: www.ollschool.org

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

Coming this week!



"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

Ninth Annual El Salvador Mission Trip 2012

For Students Grade 8 through College

Around Our Parish



Consider spending a week
this summer on a trip that
will change your life!



“Going to El Salvador was life changing, not only because it was a heart wrenching spiritual journey, also because it was a trip in which I made lifetime friends. For me, El Salvador is so special because it is one of the clearest places to see the face of God.”

-Maggie Frodell

“The trip to El Salvador was a life changing experience. I’m sure you have heard that before. It is impossible to get away from that fact. I learned so much about the resilience of humankind. This very beautiful country has such devastating poverty. I feel humbled to be able to do my small part to help. Our three-year relationship with our sponsored child brings us much joy. You should really think about going, adults and teens alike. You’ll be so glad you did!

-Elisabeth Dolan



If you are interested in participating in this life-changing experience, come to an information meeting on Thursday, February 2, at 7 PM in the Parish Center.

Adult Faith Formation



Fit for the King

“Walking in Divine Health”

presented by Dr. Rick Hess

Tuesdays - January 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.

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.

Nocturnal Adoration

Nocturnal Adoration will follow the 5 PM Mass on **Saturday, February 4**, concluding with Benediction at 9:50 PM. Please come and pray with us. All are invited and welcome! Bring a friend.

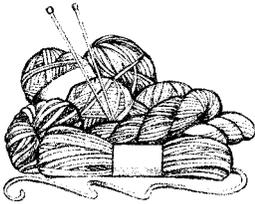


Prayer Shawl Ministry

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

Join us ...

Wednesday, February 8 at 9:30 AM in the Parish Center. All you need to bring is scrap yarn, knitting needles or crochet hooks (patterns and instructions will be given to you) and your gifts of love and prayer.



Support Groups

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

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

Prayer for Divine Mercy

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

We invite you to meet in prayer for the world and our nation to put their trust in God.

Our hope is that the nations will have a new spirit of morality.

Please come with your love and hope for humanity as well as your prayer requests.

We gather together every **Thursday at 1:30 PM before the Blessed Sacrament** for about one half hour. For more information, call Charles Argento at 586.8528.



Baptism

Evelyn Clare Boyle
Peter and Mary
Michael Peter Boyle
Peter and Mary

Rest In Peace

Eleanor Streib, former parishioner of OLL, died on January 6 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was January 10 in Titusville, Florida. We extend our prayers to her children, grandchildren, and entire family.



Upcoming Marriages

Madison Mitola, St. Cyril and Methodius, and
Thomas Eser, OLL
Wendy Mao, and
Christopher Stalter, both OLL

Welcome

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

Thomas and Nancy Nelan & family
Peter and Catherine Richardson & family
Brian and Francesca Hofacker & family
Johanna Rosado

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

Remembering...

Monday, January 23

8:00 AM Elinor Shaddock

Tuesday, January 24

Saint Francis de Sales, bishop and doctor of the Church

8:00 AM Joseph & Amelia Moscarelli

Wednesday, January 25

The Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle

8:00 AM Nancy Proctor

Thursday, January 26

Saints Timothy and Titus, bishops

8:00 AM Domenica Prudente

Friday, January 27

Saint Angela Merici, virgin

8:00 AM Donald Annino

Saturday, January 28

8:00 AM Joshua LaPointe, Kathleen Ferrara, Teresa Siriani,
Sally Befumo, Florence Grigonis, Mario Dodaro

5:00 PM Vera Connaughton

Fr. Pat Amabile

Sunday, January 29

8:00 AM Teresa Haffel

Fr. Ambrose Cabildo

9:30 AM Joseph Lehmann

Fr. Mike Vetrano

11:00 AM Dolores Haggerty

Fr. Michael Holzmann

12:30 PM Ruth Hiller

Fr. Michael Holzmann

6:00 PM People of the Parish, William McGrath, William McLaughlin,
Juan Diaz-Sanchez, Erna Dispenzieri, Fred Aita, Michael McGrath,
Toni & Sal Gaeta (*living*), Dennis McManus (*living*)

Fr. Bob Scheckenback



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.

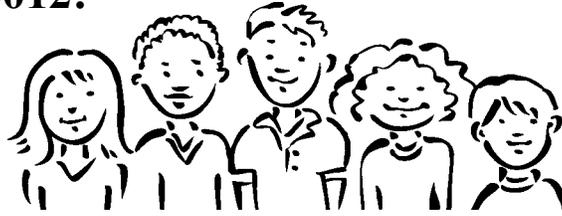


Pep 4 Program

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

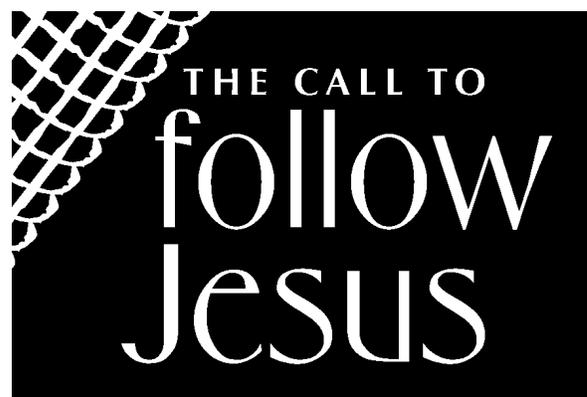
Don't miss it...

Fridays...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!!



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3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

For seven seasons the Discovery Channel's highly rated show *Deadliest Catch* has wowed viewers with the real life tales of extreme fishermen in the Bering Sea off the coast of Alaska. They are after crab, with hopes for a big payday if they're successful. But the challenges of weather, luck, and crew can leave a captain without a large enough catch and finally without a job. Viewers can watch from the comfort of their homes, settled back in an easy chair while a crew fights ice, high seas, equipment failure, and frayed nerves. What is entertainment for those watching the television is daily life on the boat for those who work at sea.

In the Gospel today, Jesus meets up with some fishermen. Simon and Andrew, James and John were casting their nets, probably not very far from shore. While the Sea of Galilee cannot compare to the Bering Sea, we know from the Gospels that storms can be violent on that body of water as well. Certainly at the time of Jesus fishing was as dangerous a job as it is today. So when Jesus called the two sets of brothers to follow him, were they looking for a safer job?

Unlikely! Fishing for men and women is a lot more difficult than fishing for fish. The disciples answered the call to follow Jesus. It is a call that he continues to issue today. Whether in the priesthood, the religious life, the married state, or the committed single life, Jesus is asking people to follow him, not in a job, but in a way of life. Just as the crew of a boat on the Bering Sea doesn't punch out after eight hours, the life of a Christian is more than a full-time job. Following Jesus forms the basis for our lives. We do it all day, every day. That is the call he gives.

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Readings for the Week of January 22, 2012

Sunday:	Jon 3:1-5, 10/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20
Monday:	2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday:	2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday:	Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22/Mk 16:15-18
Thursday:	2 Tm 1:1-8 or Tit 1:1-5/Mk 4:21-25
Friday:	2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Mk 4:26-34
Saturday:	2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Mk 4:35-41
Next Sunday:	Dt 18:15-20/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Rose Grant*.
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, Helen Esposito, William Farley, Elizabeth Fredriksen,
Russell Gebhardt, Susan Gebhardt, James Grillo, Sr., Marie Impellizeri,
Mary Kalian, Robyn Kerrigan, Baby Jonathan J. Lavin, Anne Losee,
Christopher J. Maher, James Martin, Vicky Massaro, Margaret Meringolo,
Denise Michelback, Arlene Monte, Rae Morris, Patricia Muller, Andy Nolfo,
Frances Parine, Bob Petitio, Helen Phillips, Roger Phillips, Peter Porzio,
Richard Riedemann, Marina Rios, Teresa Saraceno, Baby Isabella Shaw,
Angelo Tedesco, Nancy Turano, Jack Welch, Glen Zachary, Louie Zaino*

Rolling the Dice on the Gospel

by Ron Rolheiser, OMI

They hadn't understood about the loaves! The Gospels use those words to describe the crowd that Jesus had miraculously fed with five barley loaves and two fish. They ate, but they didn't understand. What didn't they understand?

This is the story: Jesus had been preaching to a large crowd, several thousand people. But they were in a remote place and, after a time, the people had been without food for a long time. They were hungry, so famished in fact that they lacked the strength to return to their own towns and villages. The disciples approached Jesus and asked him whether they should go into the neighboring towns and buy food for the crowd. Jesus told them instead to feed the people themselves. They protested that they had too little food, almost none. Jesus asked them what they in fact did have. Their answer: "Only five barley loaves and two fish." And this came with a question: What good is that among so many? The equation is hopeless: so little food, so many people.

And so Jesus asked them to bring the loaves and fish to him. He blessed the food and asked the disciples to distribute it among the hungry thousands. We know the rest of the story: They set out the food; everyone ate as much as he or she wanted, and they gathered up twelve baskets of scraps left over afterwards. And the crowd was impressed, so much in fact that the next day they followed Jesus around the lake, hoping for another such feeding. Jesus, for his part, was saddened by their lack of understanding: They hadn't understood about the loaves.

What hadn't they understood? Two things:

First: When the disciples initially approach Jesus and ask him whether they should go into the neighboring towns and buy bread, their question betrays that they are unaware that they are with the bread of life. They are in the presence of that which is the object of all the world's hungers and which, in its bounty, is unlimited and infinite. Yet they want to go off and buy food elsewhere. The lesson: When you are with the bread of life there is no need to go off to buy food, or anything else, elsewhere! You have all the resources you need to feed every kind of hunger. The disciples' wanting to go off to buy food elsewhere betrays their lack of awareness of this. They didn't see the incongruity, the irony,

in their request: Jesus is the bread of life, food for the life of the world, and they ask him if they should go off elsewhere to buy what is needed to feed the crowds.

The second thing they didn't understand was the meaning of the equation: so little food, so many people. A few small loaves of bread and a few fish are hopelessly inadequate to feed a crowd of thousands. It goes against common sense to put such a pathetically meager fare before so many people. How can five loaves and two fish feed a crowd of thousands?

Sometimes well-meaning homilists have tried to explain what might have happened by suggesting that Jesus' invitation to share drew out from the people the privately guarded resources of food that each had brought and, when everyone shared what he or she had, all were fed and there was food to spare. Such a homily has its own good lesson, but the point of the story is precisely the hopelessness of the equation. In essence, the resources of the Gospel always seem hopelessly dwarfed by the world's power, the world's hunger, the world's sin, and the resources that the world itself seems to offer.

Five loaves and two fish set out to feed a crowd of thousands is the Gospel equivalent of the famous story in the Jewish scriptures of the young shepherd boy, David, standing before the giant, Goliath: A young boy, barefoot, holding a boy's plaything, a slingshot, standing before a giant, a trained soldier, clothed in iron, with a sword-bearer carrying his weapons, is also a hopeless equation: So little power against so much strength. But the young boy triumphs because God is on his side. It's the same with the loaves and the fish.

What do we need to understand about the loaves? We need to understand that we are with the bread of life, everything we need to feed the world we already have. We don't need to go anywhere to buy anything. We have the resources already; though on the surface those resources will always look over-matched, hopeless, dwarfed, nonsensical, wishful thinking. On the surface, invariably, we will look like David before Goliath, puny and pathetic, not up to the task of defeating a giant or feeding a hungry, greedy world.

The challenge is to roll the dice on the reality of the Gospel. The Gospel works! It is adequate to the task, both of feeding the world and defeating the giant. It only needs to be trusted

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Financial Summary

January 15, 2012

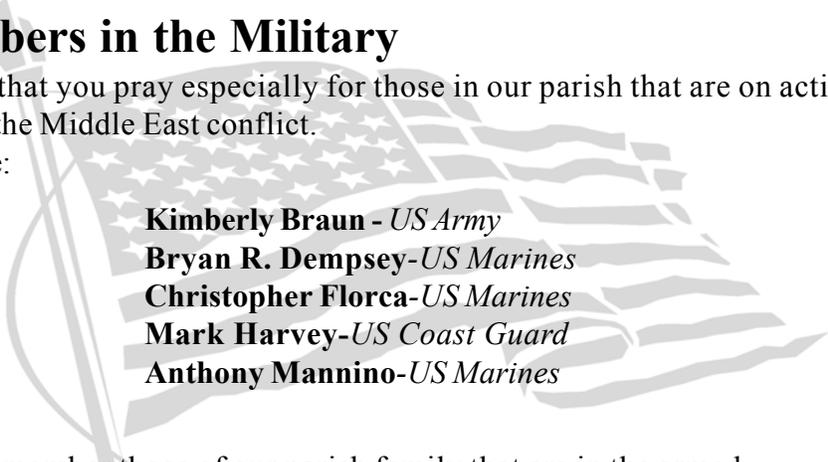
Weekly Collection	\$ 18,404.00
Weekly Budget	-\$ 19,000.00
+/- for the week	\$ (\$596.00)

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:



Kimberly Braun - *US Army*
Bryan R. Dempsey - *US Marines*
Christopher Florca - *US Marines*
Mark Harvey - *US Coast Guard*
Anthony Mannino - *US Marines*

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

Safely Home

Our whole parish family rejoices, with the Kelly Family, in gratitude for the safe return of Cari from active duty.

Cari Kelly - *US Air Force*, has returned to the United States safe and sound from her tour of duty in Iraq. Thank you, *Cari*, for your most generous service to our country! In addition, the Kelly Family would like to thank Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Family for all of their prayers.



The Habit of Prayer

What do I do each morning, in the first hour of my day? I usually read a biblical passage and reflect on it for a while. I pray the rosary and meditate on its mysteries. Sometimes I simply sit in the quiet and peace of the Lord's presence. And at times I fall asleep for a few moments!

There is no one particular hour each day that best suits everyone. The idea is to find the best hour—the one that fits your lifestyle, so that if you skip it you will miss it.

Similarly, there is no particular place for prayer that best suits everyone. Some like to pray in the privacy of their home or apartment. Others prefer to pray outdoors. Still others opt for the prayerful environment of their parish church.

The important thing is to pray each day. If you begin to set aside a definite time for prayer each day during Lent, you soon learn that it influences the rest of your day. And you will want to continue that habit of prayer every day throughout the year.

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661-9262, option 4

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Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday:
9:30 AM - 3 PM

Donations to Outreach

January Donations 2012

Parish Outreach has received many donations.

RoseAnn and Ken Larson, Elwin and Ada Larson, James and Carol Milliken, have made a donation to Outreach in memory of *John Oleksiuk*.

The Teams of Our Lady Prayer Group, Joe and Barbara Catuosco, Margaret Cassiano, have made a donation to Outreach in memory of *Florence Grigonis*.

Jean McNamara has made a donation to Outreach in loving memory of her husband, *Bill*.

Outreach has received a donation in loving memory of the members of the Barthel and Mifsud Families.

Rosalie and George Mangels have made a donation to Outreach in memory of Lucille Abbate.

Michael and Kathleen Kelly have made a donation to Outreach in memory of Margaret Mary Cook.

Frank and Tina Aparo have made a donation to Outreach in loving memory of Al Aparo and Dominic and Ann Bertino.

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.

Pantry Needs

laundry soap
personal care products
soap
toilet paper
toothpaste

Christmas Flower Offerings



*Mary & Lawrence Bamberger
M/M Glenn Messina
M & W Phillips
Paul Donat
Anna Esposito
Douglas & Doris Killane
Joseph Ennis*

*Lawrence Killane
M/M Henry J. Kollmer
M/M William King
John Howrigan
James & Mary Randazzo
Gregg Corrigan
Bill McNamara*

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.

American Sign Languages Classes

Cleary School for the Deaf is offering evening Adult Education classes in American Sign Language. The Spring session will be from February 1 through May 2. Call Carolyn Kelly at 631.588.0530 or email Cleary ASL@hotmail.com for more information.

Divorce and Beyond

Separated and Divorce Support Group-A ten week program for those separated or going through the process of divorce. The group meets every Friday beginning February 3 at 7:30 PM at St. William the Abbot Church, Seaford. Cost for the ten week program is \$20. For Further information and registration, please contact Angie at 516.868.2503 or Carol at 516.423.2241 or email BeginningToday@gmail.com.

Good Samaritan Prayer Group of L.I.

The Good Samaritan Prayer Group of Long Island holds their **meetings every Friday (except the first Friday of the month) at OLL School in Room 16 from 8 PM until 10 PM**. All are welcome to experience singing, praying and fellowship each evening.

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 **"Searching for a Meaning."** 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

There's a colorful envelope addressed to you on the kitchen table. You see it's from your friend. You open it and find a party invitation inside. You parents say you can go! When Jesus invited Peter, Andrew, James and John to come along with him, they were just as excited to go. Jesus was the Savior and a good friend. They couldn't wait!

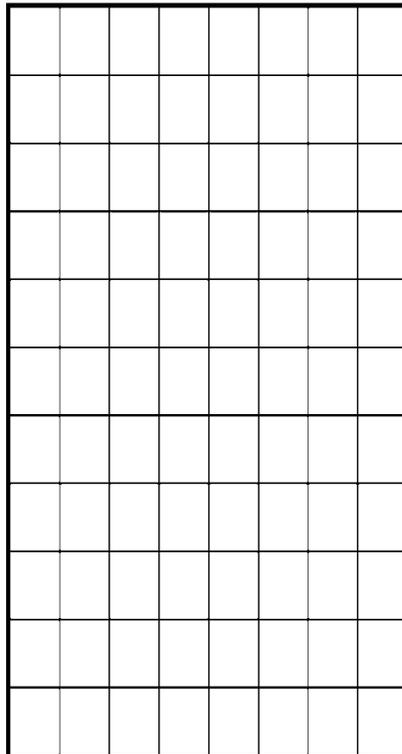
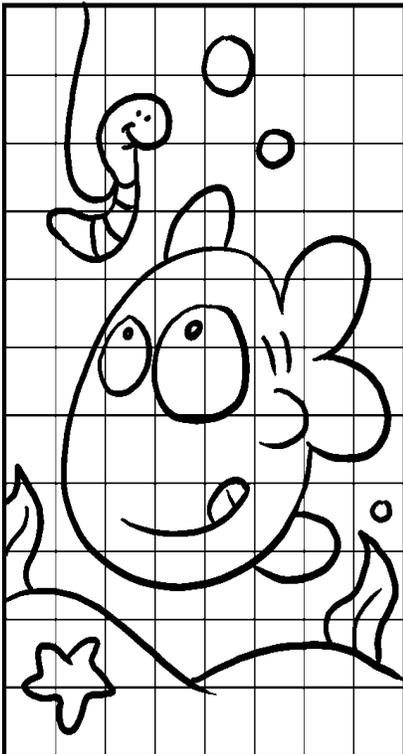


✝️ Mission for the Week

Jesus wants you to come to his home in heaven. Make a party invitation from Jesus to you. Use this invitation as a bookmark in your Bible.

🧩 Puzzle

Copy the picture square by square.



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Prayer



Jesus,
I thank you for
inviting me to
spend time
with you.

Something to Draw



Draw a picture of
Jesus smiling and
waving to you.