

**“Your sins I remember
no more.”**



Isaiah 43:25

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our Lady of Lourdes February 19, 2012



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.

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 ad-
vance, please call the Parish Office.

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

Mission Statement

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

Vision...

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

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

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

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

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

Pastoral Team

Rev. Michael A. Vetrano
Pastor

Rev. Patsy Amabile
Associate Pastor

Rev. Robert Scheckenback
Associate Pastor

Rev. Ambrose Cabildo
In Residence

Rev. Michael Holzmann
In Residence

Deacon John DeGuardi

Deacon Tom Lucie

Deacon Jack Meehan
Coordinator of Stewardship

Deacon John Teufel

Sr. Margaret Bickar
Senior Ministry-SAGE

Sr. Nancy Campkin
Director of Religious Education

Trish Frodell
Director of Parish Social Ministry

Louise Jane Krol
School Principal

Sr. Diane Liona
Director of Religious Education

Mary McMahon
Business Manager

Robin Reynolds-Brennan
Coordinator of Worship

OLL Choir Director

Vita Scorcia
Ministry Spiritual Director

Sr. Betty Toohig
Senior Ministry-SAGE

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Eileen Rega

Vita Scorcia

Fr. Mike Vetrano

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Michael Buonaspina

Parish Organist

Jennifer Gallagher

Women's Chorale Director

Mary Anne Lettieri

Parish Office

Debbie Meyer

Bulletin Editor/Parish Office

Rosemary Multer

School Office

Rita Spera

Religious Education Office

Lori Walsh

Parish Office



Parish Office

661.3224 (option 1)

Monday-Thursday

9 AM - 7:30 PM

Friday: 9 AM - 5 PM

Saturday: 9 AM - 3 PM

Sunday: 9 AM - 2 PM

email: ParishOffice@ollchurch.org

fax: 661.7143

website: www.ollchurch.org

Our Lady of Lourdes School

587.7200 (option 2)

Monday-Friday

9 AM - 3 PM

email: lkrol@ollschool.org

Religious Education Office

661.5440 (option 3)

Monday-Friday

9 AM - Noon

1 PM - 5 PM

7 PM - 9 PM

email: ReligiousEd@ollchurch.org

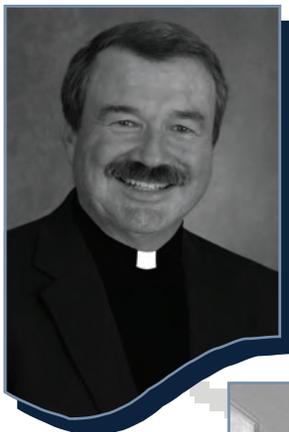
Parish Outreach Office

661.9262 (option 4)

Monday- Friday

9:30 AM - 3:30 PM

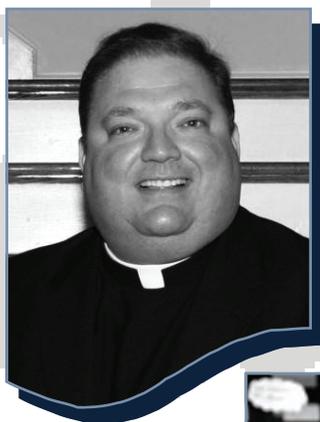
Mission 2012: Finding Joy, Hope, and Peace on God's Holy Mountain (of Life)!



Monday, February 27

Fr. Mike Vetrano

Joy: It's not just the summit – it's how you make the climb! Can we really be happy on the journey of life.



Tuesday, February 28

Fr. Jim Vlaun

Hope: Being a person of Hope – the best in life (the SUMMIT!) is yet to come!



Wednesday, February 29

Fr. John Sureau

Peace: Every Journey has its moments (those bumpy stretches on the trail that trip us up and make us work hard to get through!) Finding peace and serenity on the way.

**Come join us each night,
or any night,
7:30 PM in the Church.
All are Welcome!**



Thursday, March 1
Fr. Bob Scheckenback
**A Mass for Healing
and Peace**

"Hands On" Lent

The Children's Liturgy Committee will sponsor a "Hands On" Lent Program for children and their families this Lent. The families will gather together for a short time after Mass each Sunday. There will be an activity to encourage and help the families to get their "hands on" and live out the gospel message during the upcoming week.

Please join us in the rear of the All Purpose Room after **9:30 AM Mass** as we come together as a parish family.



Ash Wednesday

Distribution of Ashes

On **Ash Wednesday, February 22**, we celebrate **distribution of blessed ashes every hour on the hour** beginning at 7AM until 9 PM.

Celebration of the **Mass**, with distribution of ashes, will be at **8 AM and 8 PM**.

Stations of the Cross

We remember the road to Jesus' death and link his journey to our own as our parish deacons lead us through this beautiful devotion.

Come and pray with us...

Each Friday during Lent—12 Noon and 7 PM

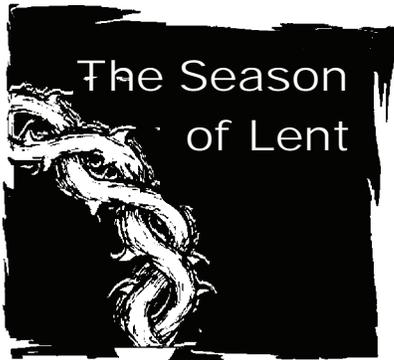
Save the date...

Living Stations of the Cross

Good Friday, April 6 at 7:30 PM in the Church

This is a wonderful opportunity for your Lenten and Holy Week journey! Our parish community comes together-led by our young people, our Music Ministries and members of our parish community-who share their own personal experiences on this most holy and solemn night. The celebration includes the Veneration of the Cross.





Lent is a season of soul-searching and repentance. It is a season for reflection and taking stock. Lent originated in the very earliest days of the Church as a preparatory time for Easter, when the faithful rededicated themselves and when converts were instructed in the faith and prepared for baptism. By observing the forty days of Lent, the individual Christian imitates Jesus' withdrawal into the wilderness for forty days.

Lent is a forty-day period before Easter. It Begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on the day before Easter Day. We skip Sundays, when we count the forty days, because Sundays commemorate the Resurrection. In the Roman Catholic Church, Lent officially ends at sundown on Holy Thursday, with the beginning of the Mass of the Lord's Supper.

Fasting is a spiritual discipline that does not involve starvation or dehydration. Quite often, our bodily appetites control our actions. The purpose of fasting is to make your bodily appetites your servant rather than your master.

LENT '12

Come and pray this Lent at "The Six"

Sunday, 6 PM Mass

All 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th graders and their families. Please join "The Six" with your grade...

3rd Sunday of Lent	March 11	Grade 8	"Celebrate" Religious Ed Week
4th Sunday of Lent	March 18	Grade 7	"Serve" Service Project Sunday
5th Sunday of Lent	March 25	Grade 6	"Sent" to make a difference
Palm Sunday	April 1	Grade 5	"Pray" as Holy Week begins

Lent begins Ash Wednesday-February 22. Ashes will be distributed every hour on the hour. Distribution will begin at 7 AM until 9 PM.



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

Dear Parish Family,

Over the next few weeks prepare to see our Parish Center come alive thanks to your generosity in the Renewing Our Spiritual Home Campaign!

Starting just after Ash Wednesday, we will begin gutting the interior of the room to make ready for all the new improvements. Some of the new improvements will include:

A new ceiling

Redesigned / more efficient storage

A new media center for movies, video, and presentations

New cabinets and a permanent island for hospitality

New rugs / floor tiles

New window treatments

Decorative wall panels

Full repair of our plumbing "problems"

Our "most loved" room will become even more welcoming and bright. Again, we could not do it without your support.

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, it is never too late to join the effort. If you would like to make a pledge to the campaign, just contact the Parish Office at 661.3224.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Mike

Mass Book of Intentions

The 2013 Mass Book of Intentions will be opening on **Tuesday, February 28 at 9 AM in the Parish Office.**

As always, we will do our best to accommodate your Mass Intention requests.

R.C.I.A. – The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

This Sunday, **February 19 at our 11AM Mass**, our Catechumen *John Amdur* who will be fully initiated into the Church at the Easter Vigil and our Candidates *Charles Frith* and *Tina Hennessey* will be dismissed with the “**Rite of Sending Forth**”. Please continue to pray for them as their journey continues.

On **Sunday, February 26**, John Amdur will participate in the **Rite of Election at St. Patrick’s R.C. Church in Smithtown at 7PM** with Bishop Murphy. All are welcome!! On **Sunday, March 4**, we will celebrate the **Call to Continuing Conversion** for our baptized candidates – *Charles Frith and Tina Hennessey* – also at **St. Patrick’s R.C. Church in Smithtown at 2:30PM**. All are welcome!! These are important steps in the journey of the R.C.I.A. It’s a clear sign to the community that they are coming closer to receiving the Sacraments of Initiation and full communion with the Church at our Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 8.

On **Sundays, March 11, March 18 and March 25, the Third Sunday of Lent, and continuing on the Fourth and Fifth Sundays of Lent, at the 11AM Mass** we will celebrate the “**Scrutinies**” – times for the candidates and the Elect to continue to remain “united with Christ and make progress in their efforts to love God more deeply”.

The Church gives us this public and life-giving process DURING LENT so that these good and holy people can be nourished and supported by our parish family. At the same time, we know that when we initiate others, we confront and renew our own identity as members of the Catholic Christian community.

Please continue to pray for these women and men and our RCIA team .

Nocturnal Adoration

Nocturnal Adoration will follow the 5 PM Mass on **Saturday, March 3**, concluding with Benediction at 9:50 PM. Please come and pray with us.

All are invited and welcome! Bring a friend.



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 Shawl Ministry

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

Join us...

Wednesday, March 14 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.

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.



Pajama Day at OLL!

Catholic Schools Weeks is always a special time at Our Lady of Lourdes. With all of the activities, school spirit and tours, both students and teachers cannot help but be excited to walk through these halls each day! Most recently the Our Lady of Lourdes family enjoyed Pajama Day, Student Appreciation Day, P.S. I Love You Day and OLL's yearly tradition of students versus the teachers/parents in a volleyball game! Parents, students, teachers and friends have all made this year's Catholic Schools Week a memorable time as we now look forward to enjoying the rest of our school year together.

“SPECIAL K”

New Kindergarten Program!

Our first session, which was held on January 28 was wonderful! We had twelve families come to the Church, where we had a gathering session with a story from the Bible. Jesus tells us that he stands at the door and knocks....and we have to let Jesus in.

Since we need keys to unlock doors, the children received the first of a whole set of keys.. The first key is PRAYER. When we pray, we open our hearts to Jesus.

It's not too late to join us ~~ the dates are Fridays, March 16, April 16 and May 18 at 4:30 PM in Church. E mail to register at sdiane@ollchurch.org

Ninth Annual El Salvador Mission Trip 2012

As many of you know, last year, a team of OLL parishioners traveled to El Salvador to pray and work with the communities of Mogotes and Tacuba. It is in keeping with Catholic Social teaching that we help others and share our faith with Catholics everywhere.

With the help of the parishioners here at home, the El Salvador Team has been raising money through our CASA project to build homes for those belonging to our sister parishes. Through the support of Our Lady of Lourdes, our young people have been able to experience another culture and help people in need. Thank you OLL!

This year, our Ninth Annual El Salvador Mission Trip will be held **the week of June 30 - July 6, 2012**. We ask for your prayers and continued support, as parishioners of OLL prepare for this life changing and spiritual trip.

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, February 21**. 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, March 15, 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.

Rest In Peace

John P. Viglietta died on February 3 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was February 7. We extend our prayers to his children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and entire family.

Pasquale Alessi died on February 3 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was February 7. We extend our prayers to his wife, Rinette, children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and entire family.

Robert W. Frank died on February 3 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was February 8. We extend our prayers to his children, grandchildren, and entire family.

Evelyn Ann Jaeger died on February 6 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was February 10. We extend our prayers to her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and entire family

Margaret T. Meyers died on February 2 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was February 7. We extend our prayers to her 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...

Meghan Sullivan

Craig and Claudia Szambel & family

Carlo and Antoinette Valenzisi & family

John and Susan Velez & family

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



The Parish Office will **closed on Monday, February 20** in observance of President's Day. The Parish Office will re-open at 9 AM on Tuesday, February 21.

Remembering...

Monday, February 20

8:00 AM Kathleen Kerrigan

Tuesday, February 21

Saint Peter Damian, bishop and doctor of the church

8:00 AM Dennis Mullally

Wednesday, February 22

Ash Wednesday

8:00 AM Frances Torina

8:00 PM Giovanni Andriola, Anna & Nicola Andriola

Thursday, February 23

Saint Polycarp, bishop and martyr

8:00 AM David McCarthy

Friday, February 24

8:00 AM Gertrude Parine

Saturday, February 25

8:00 AM John Flynn, James Carroll,
Christina Blake Calapietro

5:00 PM Thomas J. Calogero
Fr. Bob Scheckenback

Sunday, February 26

8:00 AM Aniello Grippo
Fr. Pat Amabile

9:30 AM George Gould
Fr. Mike Vetrano

11:00 AM Robert Beck
Fr. Ambrose Cabildo

12:30 PM Carmen Cajigal
Fr. Mike Vetrano

6:00 PM People of the Parish, Gerard Ambrosino,
Kurt Reuter, Caryl Rissland, Florence D. Grigonis,
Eileen Sinnott, Dominick J. DeCarlo, Jr., Rosina Stevens
Fr. Bob Scheckenback

Baptism

Paul Michael Terembes

Paul and Jillian



7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

It's astonishing to some people that we Catholics will spend time talking to a priest about our deepest faults. Confession of sins and being assured of God's forgiveness is not something that everyone readily understands. But when we take the time to really acknowledge our sinfulness, to admit to ourselves, to God, and to another person (the priest) what we have done wrong, we can experience the healing that comes from the confession of our sins.

The Gospel today explicitly reminds us that the forgiveness of sins is connected to healing. When we confess our sins, make an act of contrition, and receive absolution we are healed in that sacrament. The paralyzed man who was dropped through the roof in front of Jesus by his friends had his sins forgiven. Much to the astonishment of the crowd, the paralytic got up, rolled up his mat, and walked out the door. It was that easy.

There is a lot of misconception about the sacrament of penance. Once a person gets over the hurdle of fear or shame though, it really is as easy as the actions of the paralyzed man. There was a lot of work on the part of others to get him in front of Jesus. They had to carry him there, open the roof, and lower him down. And before we go to confession, there is some work we have to do. We have to examine our conscience, and be willing to be honest with ourselves and with God. But after that it's easy. We sit down, tell the priest our sins, receive a penance, pray a prayer of contrition, receive absolution, and then go on our way.

It is the work of reconciliation that takes much longer, sometimes even a lifetime. Because sin fractures relationships, confession really is the easy part. It is what we do afterwards to heal the wounds that is the most demanding. It is a good thing Lent begins on Wednesday!

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Readings for the Week of February 19, 2012

Sunday:	Is 43:18-19, 21-22, 24b-25/2 Cor 1:18-22/Mk 2:1-12
Monday:	Jas 3:13-18/Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday:	Jas 4:1-10/Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday:	Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20--6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday:	Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25
Friday:	Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15
Saturday:	Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32
Next Sunday:	Gn 9:8-15/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Marie Cirone*.
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 ...

*Eric Becker, Frank Castellano, Nicole Cerny, Eddie Cronin, Frank Edwards,
Helen Esposito, William Farley, Jake Feldman, Thomas Fico, Elizabeth Fredriksen,
Kenneth Garretson, Susan Gebhardt, James Grillo, Sr., Marie Impellizeri, Ellen Kane,
Robyn Kerrigan, Anne Losee, Christopher J. Maher, James Martin, Vicky Massaro,
Vinny Meade, Margaret Meringolo, Denise Michelback, Arlene Monte, Rae Morris,
Patricia Muller, Andy Nolfo, Frances Parine, Helen Phillips, Roger Phillips,
Peter Porzio, Hilda Poulos, Joe Radosti, Richard Riedemann, Patricia Sanchez,
Teresa Saraceno, Joseph Schiavoni, Ann Marie Schiraldi, Baby Isabella Shaw,
Derek Stahl, Lyndsey Stahl, John Stamer, Angelo Tedesco, Nancy Turano,
Glen Zachary, Louie Zaino*

Building an Ark

by Ron Rolheiser

*If you can keep your head when all about you
Are losing theirs and blaming it on you.*

You will recognize these words as the opening lines of Rudyard Kipling's famous poem, *If*, and they, as much as any scriptural commentary, provide the key to understand the story of Noah and the Ark.

What is the meaning of this story? Are we really to believe that at a certain time in history the whole earth was flooded and that one man, Noah, had the foresight to build a boat on which he had placed a male and female of every living species on earth so as to save them from extinction? Clearly the story is not to be taken literally, as a concrete event in the history of this planet. Like a number of other biblical stories of the origins of history, it is not an historical video-tape of what happened but is rather a story of the human heart, a story which is truer than true in that it happens again and again inside of our lives. And how does it happen? What is the meaning of the story of Noah and the Ark?

The story might be recast this way: Every so often there comes a time in history when there is so little vision, faith, idealism, decency, and charity left on this planet that there is a real danger that the world itself will sink, will drown, and revert to a chaos that will kill everything that's precious. But one person, despite all that is going on around him or her, will keep his or her eyes on what's higher, keep faith intact, protect life, and refuse to compromise charity and decency. Eventually the earth will drown in chaos, but because of this one person's vision, idealism, faith, decency, and charity, a pocket of life, that still contains all that is precious, will be preserved and given a new chance to grow.

Noah's Ark is a boat of faith, vision, idealism, decency, and charity. These virtues give us the capacity to float above the chaos that drowns things. Moreover, our decency, charity, faith, and vision contain within themselves all that's precious and that needs to be protected and given a continued chance for life.

And there are different ways to build this ark. Here's one:

Daniel Berrigan is fond of issuing this warning: Beware, beware, or the culture will swallow you whole! It's easy to be swallowed whole and drowned by our culture. It is that kind of a narcotic. Recognizing this, at a point in his life, Daniel Berrigan chose to work full-time in a hospice for the dying. His motives were mixed: On the one hand, he sincerely wanted to

help dying patients in any way he could, physically and spiritually. On the other hand, he wanted to work with the dying because he recognized that they, the dying, precisely because they no longer have a meaningful place inside the culture and the future, could give him a privileged perspective on our culture and on our world. Simply put: When you see your culture and your world through the eyes of someone who is dying, things take on a very different perspective and a lot of what fires ordinary life (tiring our bodies, minds, and heart in its pursuit) is now exposed as secondary and as not worthy of all the attention and energy it is given.

For Daniel Berrigan, building an ark, meant attending to the dying so as to be given the faith and perspective to not drown in our culture.

And so we might paraphrase Rudyard Kipling this way:

If you can keep your faith when all about you they are losing theirs, but are comfortable in the feeling that there is strength in numbers, that everyone else is following suit, that so many million people can't be wrong;

If you can keep giving others respect when all about you this is seen as weakness, and disrespect is held as strength and passion for truth;

If you can remain courteous and retain your manners when all about you courtesy is seen as quaint, and crassness and crudity are paraded as sophistication;

If you can live in tension when all about you there is compromise because it is judged that it is better to let the devil take tomorrow than to live in tension today;

If you can refuse to settle for second-best when all about you it is accepted that this is all that life will offer;

If you can combine chastity and passion when all about you this is judged as naïve and impossible;

If you can make room for Sabbath amidst the pressures of life when all about you those pressures have begun to dictate all of life;

And, if you can bear down even more in charity and forgiveness, loving and forgiving those who hate you, when all about you they are advocating hate for hate;

Then, just as surely as Noah, you will have built an Ark!

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Financial Summary

February 12, 2012

Weekly Collection	\$ 15,621.00
Weekly Budget	-\$ 19,000.00
+/- for the week	\$ (3,379.00)

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*

Michael J. Clifford-*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.

2012 Catholic Ministries Appeal

One Faith, One Hope, Many Gifts

The Catholic Ministries Appeal helps our Church support many ministries, services, and programs in the 133 parishes across Long Island. Because of the tremendous generosity of the people of this parish and others throughout the diocese, the Appeal touches more than 600,000 people each year.

The Catholic Ministries Appeal supports our efforts to:

LIVE AND SHARE OUR FAITH by providing support for religious education programs for public school children, faith formation for those receiving the Sacraments, and vocations for the formation of our Priests, Deacons, and Lay Leaders.

CARE FOR GOD'S PEOPLE through support for the great works of our Parish Outreach programs and Catholic charities. The Appeal also supports other programs that help us care for God's people, including: our hospital and prison ministries that reach out to people at the most vulnerable times of their lives, Respect Life initiatives, and our Mission in the Dominican Republic.

BUILD GOD'S KINGDOM by supporting programs that reach out to Catholics of all races and backgrounds because we are one family united in Christ. We celebrate special needs Masses for children and adults, and we have vibrant college campus ministry and dynamic youth ministry programs that encourage our young people to live their faith each day.

You can make a difference in your parish and in the lives of those around us by making a gift to this year's appeal. Visit the CMA website at www.CatholicMinistriesAppeal.org for more information, or to view the video.

Pantry Needs

Canned pasta
Mac and cheese
Pasta/sauce
Rice
Instant potatoes

Donations to Outreach-February Donations

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 Trish Frodell, Director of Parish Social Ministry at 661.3224, option 4.

Save the date...

Victorian Tea

Sunday, April 29



Victorian Tea

We are going to begin collecting any items that you would like to donate and perhaps re-gift for the raffle baskets for our Victorian Tea. Start your “Spring Cleaning” early and begin looking in your closets and nooks for any item that you would like to donate.

Please watch the bulletin for further details.

At the Foot of the Cross: Reflection on the Spirituality of the Seminary Chapel

Msgr. Peter Vaccari will present a **Lenten Day of Prayer at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington on Sunday, March 11 from 9:30 AM to 3 PM.** Program includes conferences, lunch, opportunity for confession, and Mass. Donation-\$25 for non-Friends.

Sponsored by Friends of the Seminary. Reservations required. Please call 631.423.0483, extension 102 or bmalone@icseminary.edu.

Spiritual Care Companions Needed

Catholic Health Services of Long Island will hold a training program for volunteers interested in becoming Spiritual Care Companions. Some of our parishioners have taken the program and found it helpful in their ministry as well as in their own personal lives. The free program will offer individuals the skills necessary for caring and listening to people who are sick or elderly. Those interested may attend an information session on Tuesday, February 7 from 9:30 – 11:30am at Our Lady of Consolation, West Islip. There will be six training sessions which will run from February 28 – April 3. Spanish-speaking volunteers are particularly needed. For further information, call Carol Cella at 465-6307 or Trish Luvin at 465-6306.

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 **“Sacrifice.”** Don’t miss it!

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Sharing the Gospel

"I forgive you." Those are small words that make a huge difference. If a friend accidentally broke one of your toys, you would have a choice to make. You could get angry at your friend, or you could forgive her. Your toy will stay broken.

Don't break your friendship, too. In today's Gospel, Jesus taught the importance of friendship and forgiveness.



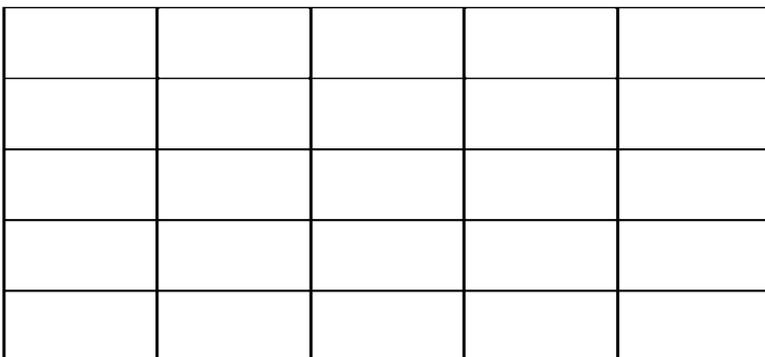
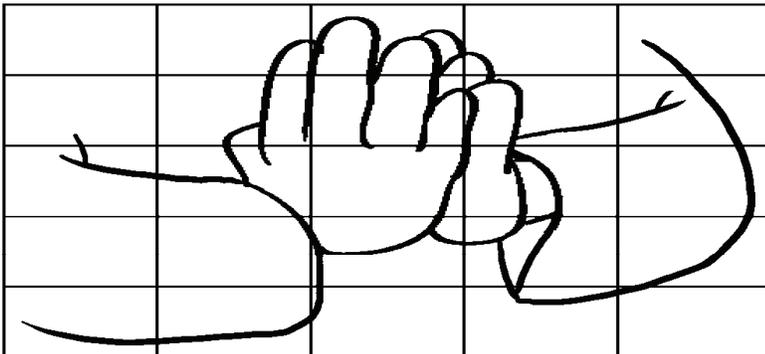
Prayer

Jesus, thank you for teaching me to forgive others, just as you forgive me.



Puzzle

Copy the picture square by square.



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Something to Draw

Draw a picture of a friend forgiving you.

Mission for the Week

Jesus forgives you every day. Make sure you forgive other people, too.