

**“For God so loved the world
that he gave his
only Son.”**



John 3:16

**Fourth Sunday of Lent
Our Lady of Lourdes March 18, 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.



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1 PM - 5 PM
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Monday- Friday
9:30 AM - 3:30 PM



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...

4th Sunday of Lent	March 18	Grade 7	" <i>Serve</i> " Service Project Sunday
5th Sunday of Lent	March 25	Grade 6	" <i>Sent</i> " to make a difference
Palm Sunday	April 1	Grade 5	" <i>Pray</i> " 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.



"Hands On" Lent

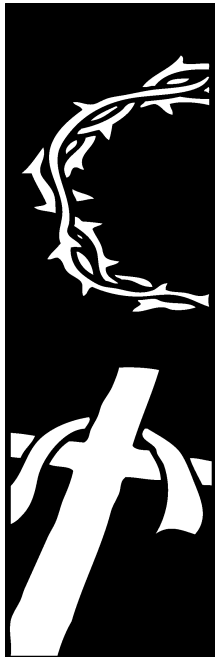
The Children's Liturgy Committee will sponsor a "Hands On" Lent Program for children and their families this Lent. The families will gather together for a short time after Mass each Sunday. There will be an activity to encourage and help the families to get their "hands on" and live out the gospel message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

Lenten Fair

All children and families are invited to our **Lenten Fair after 9:30 AM Mass on March 25**. Come and discover the history and meaning of many of the symbols and traditions of Lent and Easter.

There will be handouts to help you walk through Holy Week and to celebrate the wonder of Easter as a family.



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.



Ninth Annual

El Salvador Mission Trip 2012

Our next El Salvador meeting will be **Monday, April 16 from 7-8:30PM in Room 16** of the school.

Candy Sale

The students going on the El Salvador trip will be selling Easter Chocolate “pops” on **Palm Sunday weekend –March 31/April1—after all of the Masses.** The Easter Chocolate will be on sale in the Narthex.

SAGE

The SAGE Group (*Senior Advocates for Growth and Enrichment*) will meet on **Tuesday, March 27 in the Parish Center at 9 AM.**



Visit us...

In addition to our Parish website at www.ollchurch.org, please visit us on Facebook at **The Parish Family of Our Lady of Lourdes.**

Click “like” and you will receive the latest news on upcoming Parish events and information.



Living Stations of the Cross

The children of Our Lady of Lourdes School in grades 5-6-7-8 will present Living Stations of the Cross on **Friday, March 30 at 12 noon in the church.**

All are welcome!

Rosary Christian Mothers

The Rosary Christian Mothers meet on the first Monday evening of each month. The next meeting will be on Monday, April 2. We will begin with Rosary at 7:45 PM and meeting at 8 PM in the Spiritual Life Center. PLEASE NOTE LOCATION.



"SPECIAL K"

New Kindergarten Program!

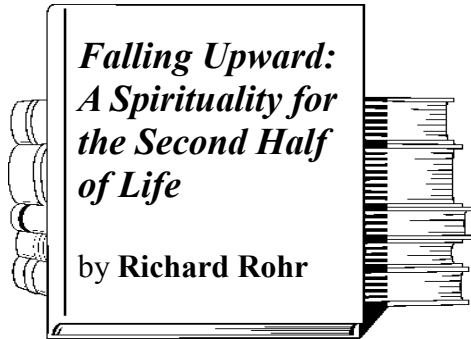
Our first session, which was held on January 28 was wonderful! We had twelve families come to the Church, where we had a gathering session with a story from the Bible. Jesus tells us that he stands at the door and knocks....and we have to let Jesus in.

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, April 16 and May 18 at 4:30 PM in Church. E mail to register at sdiane@ollchurch.org

Adult Faith Formation

Book Discussion:



Presenter: Tom Petriano

Mondays-March 19 & 26
Spiritual Life Center
7:30-9:30 PM

*(Book will be available for purchase in the Religious Education Office. Cost is \$18
It will be helpful to read Chapter 1 before first session.)*

In *Falling Upward*, Fr. Richard Rohr seeks to help readers understand the tasks of the two halves of life. Most of us tend to think of the second half of life as largely about getting old, dealing with health issues, and letting go of life, but the whole thesis of this book is exactly the opposite. What looks like falling down can largely be experienced as "falling upward." In fact, it is not a loss but somehow actually a gain.

Explains why the second half of life can and should be full of spiritual richness
Offers a new view of how spiritual growth happens? loss is gain

Come join us and be a part of lively discussions and interesting presentations.

Don't miss it!

There is a \$5 fee for each session. No fee is required for those who have paid the Religious Education Family Fee or Our Lady of Lourdes School tuition. Registration is necessary and helpful. This will enable us to have enough reading material and refreshments for all those attending. To register, please call the Religious Education Office at 661.5440, option 3 or email to religioused@ollchurch.org.

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.

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)

Our Lady of Lourdes

Fr. Joe Lukaszewski

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Easter Flower Offering

As the Easter Season approaches, we invite you to join in our Easter Flower Offerings- you can have your loved one remembered. The name of your loved one will be listed on our Easter Sunday bulletin.

Please PRINT the name of your loved one on the Easter Flower Offering envelope and deposit the envelope, along with your donation, in the collection basket.

The deadline for Easter Flower Offerings, so that they appear in the Easter bulletin, is Sunday, March 25. Flower offerings received after this date will appear in a subsequent bulletin.

Senior Circle

The Senior Circle meets on the last Monday of each month.

The next meeting will be held on **Monday, March 26 at 12:30 PM** in the **Spiritual Life Center**.

Daytime Eucharistic Devotion

The afternoon adoration for the month of March will be on **Wednesday, April 11 from 1-3 PM**.

All are invited and welcome!

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

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 .



The Passover of the Lord-Our History

With Fr. Pat

Sponsored by Evangelization Ministry

Families of our parish are invited to join in a Passover-type celebration on **Tuesday, March 27 at 7 PM in the school cafeteria.**

A Seder is a family celebration, all members of the family are welcome. Experience a deeper understanding of the Mass and Eucharist by sharing a Seder-like celebration.

Reservations are necessary and helpful. This will enable us to have enough for all those attending. Please call the Religious Education Office at 661.5440, option 3 or email to religious@ollchurch.org. Donation is a “free-will” offering.

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 on **Tuesday night, April 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 sat 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, April 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.

Welcome

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

Michael & Sunday Corbett and family
Anthony & Catherine D'Agostino and family
Rick & Cecilia Fatscher and family
Joseph & Bernadette Walas and family

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



Rest In Peace

Graciela Virginia Tranzillo died on March 10 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was March 13. We extend our prayers to her children, and entire family.

Gary S. Galletta died on March 9 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was March 13. We extend our prayers to his wife, Maria, his children, grandchildren, and entire family.

Remembering...

Monday, March 19

Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 AM Angelone Family

Tuesday, March 20

8:00 AM Thomas E. Dowling

Wednesday, March 21

8:00 AM Valerie Clark

Thursday, March 22

8:00 AM Louise Reidemann

Friday, March 23

8:00 AM Mary Scollan

Saturday, March 24

8:00 AM Marie Turano, Regina Belyea, Amy Trott, Rose Rupnick,
Maryanne Williams, Charles Halia, Jean Rose Scandariato,
Joseph P. Perrettine, Joanne Haberstock

5:00 PM Patricia Heartt

Fr. Mike Vetrano

Sunday, March 25

8:00 AM Baby Joseph Ryan O'Hara

Fr. Mike Vetrano

9:30 AM Roslyn Palaia

Fr. Bob Scheckenback

11:00 AM Joseph & Patricia Santangelo

Fr. Bob Scheckenback

12:30 PM Frank Cafaro

Fr. Michael Holzmann

6:00 PM People of the Parish, Sienna Caballero, Patricia Brand,
Anthony Mannino, William A. Nelson, Jr., Anna Quadrino,
Paul Trinchese, Hugo Mascari, Carmen Sanchez-Lukondi,
Camille Narissi, Janet Nofi

Fr. Ambrose Cabildo



4th Sunday of Lent

Despite the countless efforts undertaken by road planners and highway departments throughout the country, dangerous conditions still exist on many of the roads that are used for daily travel. Treacherous curves, hazardous hills, and intersections with low visibility can all make driving a perilous endeavor in some areas. Alcohol and distracted driving continue to be major factors in many crashes, but improved vehicle safety and better road design have been credited with lowering the total number of fatalities, a trend that is even more notable given the increase in the number of drivers and vehicle miles driven through the past decade. Still, if one drives along any highway for some distance, there is likely to be a marker at some point memorializing a person who was involved in a fatal accident.

These roadside markers often have a cross, something that has become a ubiquitous sign of remembrance after a crash. This emblem marks the spot of the death of a loved one. It is often surrounded with flowers, and may sometimes have other memorabilia attached to it. While a gravestone may mark a loved one's final resting place, a roadside memorial becomes a more public tribute to the one who has been taken in death.

But the cross is more than a token of a deadly event. For us, it is the ultimate sign of life, which is why we use it on ourselves over and over again. Before and after prayers, we make the sign of the cross. We use the cross to bless, tracing it on our children's foreheads, making the sign over people and things, signifying a consecration to holiness. That this emblem of death should become a sign of life is the ultimate triumph of the power of Christ's resurrection. John writes in his Gospel that the Son of Man will be lifted up. Jesus is lifted on the cross, and in his death we are lifted to life as he rises on the third day.

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Readings for the Week of March 18, 2012

Sunday:	2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21
Monday:	2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Tuesday:	Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday:	Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30
Thursday:	Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47
Friday:	Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday:	Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53
Next Sunday:	Jer 31:31-34/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33

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 ...

Lucas Anderson, Deborah Anello, Gae Atteniese, Joseph Badala, Jr., Eric Becker, Gina Blydenburg, Frank Castellano, Nicole Cerny, Phyllis Clyde, Eddie Cronin, Beverly DeCanio, Jeanne DellaRagione, Frank Edwards, Helen Esposito, William Farley, Jake Feldman, Thomas Fico, Joann Fiorello, Elizabeth Fredriksen, Kenneth Garretson, Susan Gebhardt, Vincent Giannico, Ted Gladowski, James Grillo, Sr., Marie Impellizeri, Robyn Kerrigan, Nora Lee, Lisa Letterel, Anne Losee, Christopher J. Maher, James Martin, Vicky Massaro, Margaret Meringolo, Denise Michelback, Ralph Molaro, Arlene Monte, Patricia Muller, Andy Nolfo, Philomena Owens, Vito Passanante, Bob Petito, Helen Phillips, Roger Phillips, Hilda Poulos, Joe Radosti, Richard Riedemann, Teresa Saraceno, Joseph Schiavoni, Marie Schiraldi, Baby Isabella Shaw, Derek Stahl, Lyndsey Stahl, Angelo Tedesco, Matthew Triola, Nancy Turano, Glen Zachary, Louie Zaino

A Contemporary Apologetics

by Ron Rolheiser, OMI

One of the reasons why we don't often find a good Christian apologetics today is because so many of our best theologians write at such a level of academia that their thoughts are not really accessible to the ordinary person in the pews. Apologists like C.S. Lewis and G.K. Chesterton are rare. We have great thinkers in theology today, but unfortunately many of them cannot be profitably read outside of academic settings.

With this as a background, I would like to recommend a very helpful book, *Faith-Maps*, just published by Michael Paul Gallagher, a Jesuit professor at the Gregorian University in Rome. Gallagher has a background in literature which keeps him sensitive to the kind of language which can speak to the popular mind and still remain the language of depth and soul. That's the gift he brings to this book.

What Gallagher does in *Faith-Maps* is take ten major Christian thinkers (John Henry Newman, Maurice Blondel, Karl Rahner, Hans Urs von Balthasar, Bernard Lonergan, Flannery O'Connor, Dorothy Soelle, Charles Taylor, Pierangelo Sequeri, and Pope Benedict XVI) and write a brief chapter on each of them within which he explains, in lay terms, the kernel of their major insight. Moreover he does this with a certain apologetic intent, that is, to have each of them deliver a short, clear challenge to our generation, especially as pertains to our struggle with faith and with church. And in doing this, Gallagher proves himself a both a gifted and an unbiased teacher: He lays out the central concepts of these thinkers in a way that, for the most part at least, is accessible to the non-professional and in a way that doesn't fall into either liberal or conservative bias.

I heartily recommend the book for all who want to familiarize themselves with these great thinkers and who are willing to let themselves be stretched a bit intellectually. I recommend it particularly to anyone who is struggling intellectually with his or her faith. This is a book on adult apologetics.

Allow me just one example of Gallagher's genius in his selection of thinker, theme, and challenge: In outlining some of the major themes in the thinking of Hans Urs von Balthasar he writes:

"Modern thinking has been dominated by the 'turn of the subject'. Insofar as Balthasar tried to purify the excesses of this school and to initiate a 'return to the object', his work questions deeply-rooted

assumptions in the culture around us and even in our personal living of faith. Under the influence of my literary training (a parallel to Balthasar) and then in the cultural revolution that religious life experienced in the 1960s and 1970s, my spirituality certainly became more subjective. Quietly, a whole tradition of asceticism was set aside, not only in the sense of abandoning external austerities, but of allowing self-fulfillment to replace self-sacrifice as a core value. Our generation discovered self-expression and affectivity. All this was exciting and worthwhile, and yet, on reflection, in danger of being one-sided. Almost imperceptibly we came to live a new set of priorities, where the subjective aspect of religion became stronger than the objective. Even prayer was often judged in terms of experience (initially a positive revaluing of a neglected dimension). 'How do I feel' became a litmus paper for growth. "

If I recognize how this new sensibility influenced spirituality, the reading of Balthasar raises awkward but important questions. His emphasis on 'objectivity' invites me to make room for adoration and for obedient reverence of God. This breaks the magnifying glass of subjectivism. His language of faith reminds me that the glory of God is greater than any possible response of mine. The glory that shines in the face of Christ is indeed a call to 'humanity fully alive' (to echo Irenaeus) but that glory goes beyond self-measured fullness, because it is the radiance of the Crucified Jesus as Risen Lord. It stands over against me rather as a great work of art, that moves me, but is always itself, not dependent on me for its power and beauty. In Balthasar's words (in one of his numerous evocations of the experience of art as a parallel for the experience of faith): 'the originality of a work of art' can only be perceived 'by the impression it gives of complete inevitability with perfect freedom, overwhelming the beholder, and making one say: it could only have been thus.'

A good apologetic has to make deep thought accessible, though without dumbing-it-down. It has to make things simple without being simplistic. Academic theologians generally struggle with the accessibility part of the equation, while popular spiritual writers, catechists, and preachers struggle with retaining the depth. Not many people can do both. Michael Paul Gallagher does both in this book. *Faith-Maps* reaches into the deep wells of ten major thinkers, extracts some of their gold, displays it in a way that makes it more visible to the untrained eye, challenges us to understand our faith more deeply, and gives us a rich arsenal of concepts with which to do that.

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Financial Summary

March 11, 2012

Weekly Collection	\$ 18,324.00
Weekly Budget	-\$ 19,000.00
+/- for the week	\$ (676.00)

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 support Parish Outreach Programs that serve more than 100,000 people in need each year by providing food, clothing, emergency fund support, and advocacy services.

Susan shared her story of how she was helped by the Catholic Ministries Appeal.

Susan, a registered nurse, became disabled and unable to work. Shortly after, her husband of many years left and she became the sole supporter of their children. Susan felt hopeless and didn't know where to turn. Praying for guidance at Mass one Sunday, Susan saw a story about the outreach program in the Parish bulletin. The outreach program was an answer to her prayers.

“They have helped my children and me in so many ways, never judging-being there like a family would be. Without this program we wouldn't have survived-they even helped to pay for Religious Education-so that my children could know what God is all about. God is about Love and they need to know that God is there for them and that people besides their family love them too.”

Parish and Catholic Charities food programs have seen an increase in requests for help by 35-40% over the last year.

Please consider donating to the Appeal in order to help those in need. Thank you!

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

Cereal
Cookies
Crackers
Juice
Peanut butter/jelly

Donations to Outreach-March Donations

Parish Outreach has received many donations.

Outreach has received a donation from Dottie Perdue in honor of Fr. John Sureau.

Jeanette Villa has made a donation to Outreach in memory of Regina Belyea.

Outreach has received donations in memory of Pearl Amabile from: John and Matilda Al-
locca, Proviann and Larry Bennett, Camille and John Watts, Joe and Vera Vieni, Anne
Basso, Betty Goode, Mary DeVivo, The Sage Ministry, Marie Ricigliano, Bob and Joyce
Petersen, Edward and Angela Critchley, Lehmann, Holland and Walsh Families, Barbara
McCarthy, Michael and Eleanor Carrano.

Outreach has received a donation in memory of Fanny Chiarella, Frances Caccaro, and
Madeline Lyons.

Dorothy McDermott has made a donation to Outreach in loving memory of Margaret
Cook.

The Ladies Auxillary, 69th Regiment has made a donation to Outreach in loving memory of
Margaret Cook.

Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, Babylon Division has made a donation to Outreach.

Geralyn Cook has made a donation to Outreach in memory of Peggy Cook.

Clare Hopkins has made a donation to Outreach in memory of James Casey.

*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.*



Victorian Tea Sunday, April 29

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.

The Journey Cross & Crucifixion

The Journey, Cross and Crucifixion is a journey back through time. It is and opportunity to walk with Christ and become one with Him and the people who walked with him. A dramatic presentation of the stations of the Cross presented by Creative Ministries on **Sunday, March 25 at 2 PM at the Montfort Spiritual Center, Bay Shore.** For further information, please call 631.666.7500.

Golden Wedding Jubilee

This spring, couples that have been married fifty years or more will be honored at liturgies on Sunday, April 22 at the Church of Saint Lawrence the Martyr in Sayville and on Sunday, May 20 at the church of Maria Regina in Seaford. Both liturgies will begin at 2:30 PM. Couples may register for ONE liturgy. Registration forms and complete instructions can be obtained at the Parish Office. Registration must be received by the Office of Worship by April 5 for the April liturgy and by May 3 for the May liturgy. There will be additional celebrations in the fall for those who may find that more convenient. If you have any questions, you may call 516.678.5800, ext.207.

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.

Bereavement Support Program

Mangano Funeral Home, Deer Park's only family owned funeral home, is pleased to announce the start of a monthly bereavement support program. The program will be led by social worker, Theresa Agliardo, who boasts an extensive background in death & dying and grief support. The group will meet on the following Saturdays at 12noon at Mangano Funeral Home; March 31, April 21, May 12, June 9 and June 23. There is no cost to attend and the entire community is invited to participate. For more information or to reserve a place, please contact Sal Mangano at 631.586.3600 or salfmangano@aol.com.

Films that Speak to the Spirit

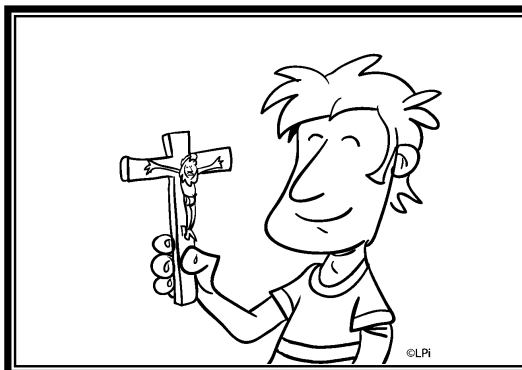
Come enjoy some thought-provoking movies that touch upon many themes of Ignatian spirituality and dynamics found in the Spiritual Exercises. Facilitated by Fr. Damian Halligan and Joe Daly. \$15 pp per session. **Upcoming date-March 27 at St. Ignatius Jesuit Retreat House, Manhasset.** If you have any questions, please call 516.621.8300, extension 15.

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 "**Traditions.**" Don't miss it! To listen online or receive more information regarding "Religion & Rock" go to www.religionandrock.com or at "Religion & Rock" on ITUNES. Don't forget to tune into TELECARE, Cablevision Channel 29/137 or Verizon FIOS 296 for the Best in Catholic Television!

Sharing the Gospel

When the Hebrews sinned in the desert, snakes came to bite them. Moses lifted up a metal snake in the desert. If God's people looked at the metal snake, their painful snake bites would be healed. Instead of dying from their snake bites, they would live. Our sins are a lot like those snake bites. Sins turn us away from God, hurt us, and hurt other people. When Jesus was lifted up on the cross, he washed our sins away. Jesus gave us healing and forgiveness. We don't need to die from our sins. We can believe in Jesus, follow God with our whole hearts, and live forever.



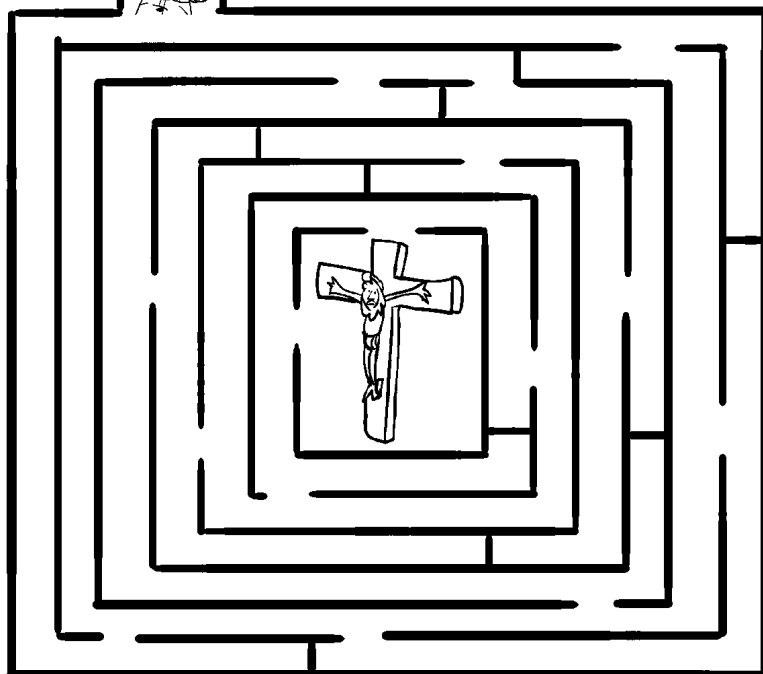
Prayer

God, thank you for sending Jesus to wash away my sins.



Puzzle

Help the boy find Jesus.



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Something to Draw

Draw a picture of Jesus on the cross. Around the cross, write down your sins in pencil, then erase them. This will show that Jesus has washed all of your sins away.

Mission for the Week

Help your parents wash dishes. As you take dirty dishes and wash them clean, talk about how Jesus washed our sins away on the cross.