



“If it dies,

it produces

much fruit.”

John 12:24

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Our Lady of Lourdes March 25, 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...

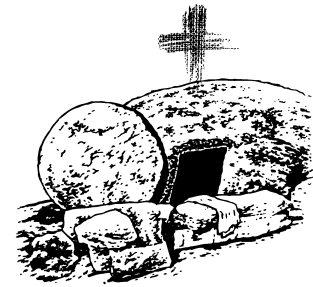
so that all may know that they are a vital part of the Body of Christ, we further recommit and challenge ourselves to...

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.



**5th
Sunday
in
Lent**

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

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Senior Ministry-SAGE

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Trish Frodell
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Vita Scorcia

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Director of Youth Choirs

Michael Buonaspina

Parish Organist

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Women's Chorale Director

Mary Anne Lettieri

Parish Office

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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

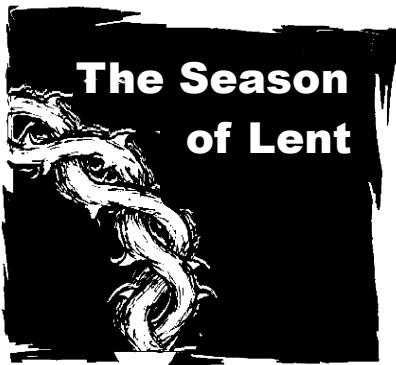
email: ReligiousEd@ollchurch.org

Parish Outreach Office

661.9262, option 4

Monday- Friday

9:30 AM - 3:30 PM



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...

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.

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!



Easter Mass-Sunrise Service

A beautiful Easter tradition at OLL is our Sunrise Mass at Captree State Park. Consider making this a new part of your Easter tradition.

Are you interested?

We will gather at Our Lady of Lourdes at 5:30 AM and caravan to Captree Overlook for this special celebration of the Eucharist! If the weather is not in our favor, we will gather in the Church for Mass-so come rain or shine! (Please bring your own chair for the beach)

Family Liturgies during Holy Week 2012



Thursday, April 5

Children's and Families Holy Thursday Service

4 PM Church

Friday, April 6

Children's Good Friday Service

12 noon Church

Saturday, April 8

Easter Egg Hunt

11:30 AM Great Lawn

Diocesan Day of Reconciliation

Monday, April 2

3 PM until 9 PM in the Church

Churches throughout the Diocese of Rockville Centre, including Our Lady of Lourdes, will be open between the hours of 3 PM and 9 PM for individual confessions.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a powerful way for our community to celebrate and pray for God's grace and healing. We also celebrate this Sacrament every Saturday from 4 until 4:45 PM in the Church and always by appointment with a priest.



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 religioused@ollchurch.org. Donation is a “free-will” offering.



Holy Thursday, April 5

Morning Prayer at 8 AM

Chrism Mass at St. Agnes Cathedral at 11 AM. All are invited

Children’s Washing of the Feet at 4 PM in the Church

Mass of the Lord’s Supper at 7:30 PM in our Church



Good Friday, April 6

Morning Prayer at 8 AM

Children’s Good Friday Service at 12 noon

Good Friday Liturgy of the Passion at 3 PM

Living Stations of the Cross at 7:30 PM



Holy Saturday, April 7

Morning Prayer at 8 AM

Confession 9:30—11 AM in the Church

Easter Egg Hunt at 11:30 AM

Blessing of the Food at 12 noon

No 5 PM Mass

Easter Vigil at 7:30 PM



Pi Day

Our Lady of Lourdes School recently held their third annual Pi Day Celebration. This year's festivity was organized by Mr. Paul Varughese, a new member of the school's outstanding and hardworking faculty. Students from grades four through eight celebrated the importance of the irrational constant by creating songs, poems, posters and t-shirts commemorating the unique role the number plays in calculating circumference, area and volume of circular objects. Students also brought in circular snacks or tried to memorize as many digits of pi as possible. The Math Department hopes that through this celebration, students will continue to appreciate the subtle beauty of math describing the world.

"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 20 and May 18 at 4:30 PM in Church. E mail to register at sdiane@ollchurch.org



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.

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 in 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.

SAGE

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

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 April 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 .



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/April 1—after all of the Masses.** The Easter Chocolate will be on sale in the Narthex.

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.

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.

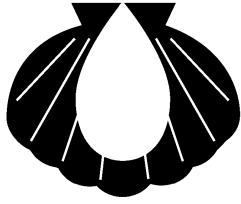
Men’s Prayer Group-*morning*

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.



Baptism

Joseph Daniel Bonge
Daniel and Janet
Anthony Louis DelPrete
Peter and Theresa
Kaiya Rayne Estevez
Andy and Betty
Isabella Tsarnas
John and Rosivette
Ryan Charles Abi-Zeid
Antoine and Dawn



Rest In Peace

Maddelena Lucchese died on March 12 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was March 15. We extend our prayers to her children, grandchildren, great-children, and entire family.

Christopher J. Sessa died on March 14 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was March 17. We extend our prayers to his wife, Karen, children, and entire family.

Welcome

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

Michael & Gina D'Angelo and family
Wayne Martin
Michael & Denise Nilsen and family
Thomas & Laura Ferrandina and family

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

Remembering...

Monday, March 26

The Annunciation of the Lord

8:00 AM Alfred Waters

Tuesday, March 27

8:00 AM Barbara Darling Stauler

Wednesday, March 28

8:00 AM Elizabeth Homann and Joseph Netska

Thursday, March 29

8:00 AM James Ryan

Friday, March 30

8:00 AM James M. Fortunato

Saturday, March 31

8:00 AM John Varley, Rosemary Cox, Frances Varone,
Scott Craig (*living*), Lillian McGinley (*living*),
James Mascarella

5:00 PM Rose Monroe
Fr. Bob Scheckenback

Sunday, April 1

Palm Sunday

8:00 AM Jens G. Olsen
Fr. Ambrose Cabildo

9:30 AM James Baney
Fr. Michael Holzmann

11:00 AM Daniel Bailey
Fr. Mike Vetrano

12:30 PM John Andriola
Fr. Pat Amabile

6:00 PM People of the Parish, Patricia Wallace, Jean Virgilio,
Ross Goldin, Marilyn Toolan, Linda Francavilla,
Charles & Georgette Van Manen, Mary Jean Wilkinson,
Gertrude Azzolini, Margaret Bianchi
Fr. Bob Scheckenback



5th Sunday of Lent

Every year farmers go through the same cycle in an effort to reap a harvest. They prepare the ground, plant the seed, work to prevent weeds from overcoming the crop, do what they can to nurture the plants, and reap a harvest at the end of the growing season. Even for the few months that the ground lies fallow, farmers work to complete the sale of what the earth has produced and to prepare for the new season. Farmers in the field and scientists who support the work of agriculture know intimately the truth of Jesus' words in today's Gospel, "Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit."

In the last half century there has been a transformation in agriculture. Often called the "green revolution," the series of initiatives to breed high-yielding seeds, intensively use fertilizers, and channel irrigation to crops has helped to alleviate, though not eradicate, world hunger. The green revolution also has its critics, who contend that the long-term effects will be more destructive rather than helpful. Despite this criticism, modern farming practices seem firmly entrenched on producing the highest yield possible from the acreage that is planted.

Whatever one's view on long-term sustainability of contemporary agriculture, the desire for a "high yield" in the spiritual life is what we are after in this Lenten season. The seed of fasting is that dying to self that we plant at the beginning of Lent. We nurture the growth of our life in Christ with the prayer that we actively pursue throughout the forty days. And we bring forth a spiritual harvest through the almsgiving that characterizes our love of neighbor. Like the farmers who year after year till the soil, plant the seed, and reap the harvest, Lent is our growing season. Will we be ready to reap an abundant harvest on Easter?

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Readings for the Week of March 25, 2012

Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33

Monday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56

Next Sunday: Mk 11:1-10

or Jn 12:12-16 /Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1--15:47 *or* 15:1-39

Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Elizabeth Netska*.
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, Phyllis Pascuita, 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

Loving Our Enemies

by Ron Rolheiser, OMI

Lorenzo Rosebaugh, an Oblate colleague shot to death in Guatemala two years ago, used to share at Oblate gatherings some advice that Daniel Berrigan once gave him. Lorenzo, contemplating an act of civil disobedience to protest the Vietnam war, was told by Berrigan: If you can't do this without becoming bitter, then don't do it! Do it only if you can do it with a mellow heart! Do it only if you can be sure you won't end up hating those who arrest you!

That's hard to do; but, in the end, it's the ultimate challenge, namely, to not hate those who oppose us, to not hate our enemies, to continue to have gracious and forgiving hearts in the face of misunderstanding, bitter opposition, jealousy, anger, hatred, positive mistreatment, and even the threat of death.

And to be a disciple of Jesus means that, at some point, we will be hated. We will make enemies. It happened to Jesus and he assured us that it will happen to us.

But he also left us the ultimate example of how we need to respond to our enemies. When scripture tells us that Jesus saved the people from their sins, it doesn't just mean that in offering his death to his father as a sacrifice in one eternal act he took away our sins. It also points to his way of living and how, as he demonstrated, forgiving and loving one's enemies take away sin, by absorbing it. Jesus' great act of love, as Kierkegaard once said, is meant to be imitated not just admired.

But how do we do this? It seems that we don't know how to love our enemies, that we don't have the strength to forgive. We preach it as an ideal and naively believe that we are doing it. But, for the most part, we aren't. We really don't love and forgive those who oppose us. Too often we are distrustful, disrespectful, bitter, demonizing, and (metaphorically speaking) murderous towards each other. If there is much love and forgiveness of enemies in our lives, it's far from evident, both in our world and in our churches. As Ronald Knox once said, as Christians, we have never really taken seriously Jesus' challenge to love our enemies and to turn the other cheek.

I say this sympathetically. We need help. The old saying is true: To err is human, to forgive is divine. So how do we start?

We might start by both acknowledging our failure and admitting our helplessness, individually

and as churches. We aren't very loving and forgiving in the face of opposition! Next, we need to highlight this inadequacy and the importance of this failure in our preaching and teaching. Loving our enemies is the real moral and religious litmus test! We don't have a right to call anyone a "cafeteria Christian" or a compromised follower of Christ unless, first of all, we, ourselves, are persons who are gracious, respectful, loving, and forgiving in the face of anyone who opposes us. Let's start, all of us, from this humble place of admittance: We aren't very much like Jesus in the face of opposition.

Then, perhaps most important of all, we need to seek each other's help, akin to the dynamics of an Alcoholics' Anonymous meeting. Alone we haven't the strength to love those who hate us. We need grace and community, God's power and others' support, to retain the most difficult of all sobrieties, that is, to walk within a steady strength that enables us to remain warm, gracious, forgiving, loving, and joyful in the face of misunderstanding, jealousy, opposition, bitterness, threat, and murder.

Speaking personally, I consider this to be the greatest challenge of my life, morally and humanly. How to love an enemy: How do I not let a jealous glance freeze my heart? How do I not let a bitter word ruin my day? How do I not demonize others when they oppose me? How do I remain sympathetic when I'm misunderstood? How do I remain warm in the face of bitterness? How do I not give in to paranoia when I feel threatened? How do I forgive someone who doesn't want my forgiveness? How do I stop myself from slamming the door of my heart in the face of coldness and rejection? How do I forgive others when my own heart is bitter in self-pity? How do I really love and forgive as Jesus did?

I often wonder how Jesus did it. How did he retain peace of mind, warmth in his heart, graciousness in his speech, joy in his life, resiliency in his efforts, the capacity to be grateful, and a sense of humor in the face of misunderstanding, jealousy, hatred, and death threats?

He did it by recognizing that this was, singularly, the most important challenge of his life and mission, and, under the weight of that imperative, by falling on his knees to ask for the help of the One who can do in us what we can't do for ourselves.

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Financial Summary

March 18, 2012

Weekly Collection	\$ 19,003.00
Weekly Budget	-\$ 19,000.00
+/- for the week	\$ 3.00

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.



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.

Pantry Needs

Canned pasta
Macaroni and cheese
Pasta sauce
Rice
Instant potatoes

2012 Catholic Men’s Conference

The Catholic Men’s Ministry of Long Island is a group of Catholic men, from all vocations and walks of life, that have come together to make a difference in the minds and hearts of people of Long Island...and that difference, we believe, begins with faith-filled men.

Please join us for our fourth annual **Catholic Men’s Conference, “Belong More Deeply” on Saturday, March 31 at Holy Trinity High School, Hicksville.**

The agenda includes morning Mass at 9 AM celebrated by the Most Reverend Bishop William Murphy. Guest speakers include Lou Fielak, Pro Bikers for Life, Fr. Anthony Stanganelli, pastor, Sts. Philip and James, Fr. Douglas Arcoleo, pastor, Our Holy Redeemer. Keynote speaker will be Greg Willitts, co-host of “The Catholics Nest Door” on Sirius/XM’s The Catholic Channel.

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 noon 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

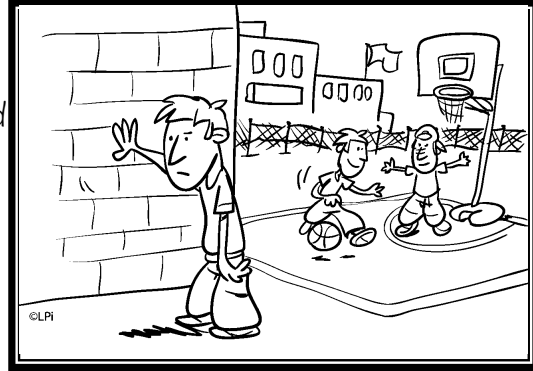
Come enjoy some thought-provoking movies that touch upon many themes of Ignatian spirituality and dynamics found in the Spiritual Exercises. Facilitated by Fr. Damian Halligan and Joe Daly. \$15 pp per session. **Upcoming date-March 27 at St. Ignatius Jesuit Retreat House, Manhasset.** If you have any 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 **"Being Joyful."** 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 you act bossy, selfish, or rude, no one will want to spend time with you. You will be lonely and unhappy. Follow the example of Jesus instead. Be strong in your faith. Do all that God asks you to do, even when it is not easy. Be honest. Be kind. Share what you have been given. Be helpful. Forgive. Show everyone what God is like. When you follow Jesus' example, you won't be lonely. When people around you see that your faith is real, they will come to you for help. They will want to know what makes you different. Then you can point them to Jesus.



Prayer

God, help me to follow Jesus. I want to show everyone how great you really are.



Puzzle

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

grain	wheat	dies
suffer	glory	voice
give	life	serve

raing g r a i n

wehat _____

desi _____

iveg _____

lefi _____

serev _____

fusfer _____

glyro _____

oicev _____

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Mission for the Week

Look for ways to be helpful in your family. Help set the table. Take the trash out. Put away your toys and books without being asked. When your family notices you being so helpful, tell them you are trying to follow Jesus' example.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of yourself sharing your lunch with a friend who has no food.