

**Look at my hands and
my feet!**



Luke 24:39

Third Sunday of Easter

Our Lady of Lourdes April 22, 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
the Parish Office.

Mission Statement

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

Vision...

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

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

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

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

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

Pastoral Team

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

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Deacon Tom Lucie

Deacon Jack Meehan
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Deacon John Teufel

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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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Bob Natale

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Vita Scorcia

Fr. Mike Vetrano

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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

Welcome...

to Our Lady of Lourdes!

We are so happy to welcome everyone who has come to worship with us today! Whether you have come a long distance or you live locally, we are glad that you have decided to spend some time with us as we worship our Lord together. Please know that your presence today is a blessing to our parish family.

Would you like to know more about our parish family?

All are welcome at Our Lady of Lourdes and we do our best to reach out to everyone.

If you would like more information about our parish or if you would like one of our team to be in touch with you, please fill this form out and place it in any collection or offering basket, mail it to us, or send an email to parishoffice@ollchurch.org



Welcome...

to Our Lady of Lourdes!

I would like information about:

Religious Education of my Children Becoming a Catholic or Adult Confirmation
 Marriage or Annulment / Remarriage Spiritual Direction or Counseling
 Our Parish Catholic School Adult Education Senior Services
 Joining the Parish Baptizing my Children Other _____

I would prefer to be contacted by:

Phone at: _____ Email at: _____

Mail at: _____

Your Name: _____

Save the date...

Coming - Sunday, May 20!

Celebrating Our Heritage

One Faith – Many Traditions

The mosaic of our Parish Family comes alive!



This event will begin with **Mass at 12:30 PM on Sunday, May 20**. Our celebration will continue after Mass in the All-Purpose Room, as we celebrate the many heritages within our parish family. The celebration will include food, costumes, music and traditional dancing. Join us as we celebrate our heritage.

- We're asking each parish family to bring a **"food item"** (*a sampling*) according to their family heritage, and bring it to their country's table. This way, we will have something to share from all the different countries.
- Do you have a **costume** from your country of heritage?
Please **wear it or bring it** to display.
- Did you find your **"country of heritage"** on any of our **"One Faith – Many Traditions" posters**?
If not.... please contact us and let us know so we can add it.
- Sponsored by Evangelization Ministry...any questions...
please call the Religious Education Office at 661.5440, option 3 or
e-mail Religioused@ollchurch.org.

Upcoming Event

Religious Education

at Our Lady of Lourdes during the Easter Season...

For all in Grade 7 in our Parish Family...

Sponsor/Candidate Enrollment Sunday

Sunday, April 22

6 PM Mass

All seventh graders in our Parish Family choose a Sponsor in preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please come and join with all the seventh graders of our parish, their families and their newly chosen Sponsor, as we celebrate this commitment. They look to their Parish Family for prayers and support on their faith journey.

Reminder...

Important Confirmation Meeting

For all Eighth Grade Parents in OLL Parish Family -

Wednesday, April 25 at 7:30 PM in the Parish Center

or

Thursday, April 26 at 10 AM in the Parish Center

or

Thursday, April 26 at 7:30 PM in the Parish Center

For all in Grade 8 in our Parish Family...

“Rescue Closing”

Sunday, April 29

6 PM Mass

All eighth graders in our Parish Family, their Sponsors and parents share in celebrating their time together. The eighth graders and their Sponsors have been getting together and doing service for others.

For all in Grades 6/7/8 in our Parish Family...

Hang Out Nites continue...

Friday, May 18 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM Parish Center

Friday, June 8 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM Parish Center

Don't forget...there's something for everyone !

All 6th / 7th / 8th graders of our Parish Family- come play volleyball, basketball.

We have Guitar Hero 2, free raffles, music and more. DON'T MISS IT !

also...

Grades 9/10/11/12

ALL ARE WELCOME! Be a part of the Team. High School leaders help with set-up, participating in activities, refreshments, clean-up, etc... and assist Adult Chaperones. For more information, call 661.5440, option 3 or email religioused@ollchurch.org.

Did you know?

You can go to “eChalk” at www.ollreled.org to link and follow your “own” grade to find new and exciting activities, important parent info, and view our OLL Religious Education Calendar.

Our Lady of Lourdes School Presents . . .
Spring has Sprung! Plant Sale

Mother's Day Weekend

Sunday, May 12 after Masses

You can purchase *Beautiful Blooming Baskets*
& *Plants for Mom!*



Annual Spring Plant Sale (Pre-Order)

(You can find an order form at www.ollschool.org "In The Backpack")

Orders due Tuesday, April 24 in OLL School Office

Pick Up Saturday, May 5

Time TBD

(Delivery is available for a small fee.)

If you have questions, please contact Bronwen Sessa at bsessa@ollschool.org

Easy Fundraising for OLL School

Just do normal shopping and our school benefits!

Stop & Shop

Just register at www.StopandShop.com/aplus

ID code: 15003 passwd: FZSB

Or

Target

You can register at www.Target.com/tcoe

[@mycokerewards.com/schools](http://mycokerewards.com/schools)



RCIA-Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

At the Easter Vigil,

- we celebrated the Baptism of *Jonathan Amdur*
- we celebrated the reception into the Church of *Charles Frith* and the Confirmation of *Charles Frith and Tina Hennessey*.

Their journey has become our journey. Their excitement and enthusiasm has inspired and excited us about our faith journey!

Their journey still continues as they enter The Period of Mystagogy which lasts from Easter Sunday until the completion of the Easter season, fifty days later on Pentecost Sunday and completes the initiation process. Let's continue to pray for them as they continue to more fully realize what the life of the Church has in store for them.

If you're interested in becoming a Catholic or completing your own initiation, please email to RCIA@ollchurch.org or contact Fr. Bob Scheckenback or Sister Nancy Campkin at 661.3224, option 1. We would love to welcome you!



Parish Outreach

Please help if you can....

Our pantry is empty.

Our shelves are bare and we are not able to provide food for our customers.

We know times are difficult for many, but you can help....

A can of food donated to OLL Parish Outreach would be a big help! You can drop off your donation to the Parish Outreach Office or to the baskets in the Narthex of the Church.

We are in most need of peanut butter, jelly, cereal and tomato sauce (jar).

Thank you for your continued support!

Ministry of Family Healing

Prayer-schmer

What is it?

How do I do it?

Why do it?

What good does it do?



TO PRAY OR NOT TO PRAY?

IS THAT REALLY A QUESTION?

Come join us as we ponder all these questions, with the **Ministry of Family Healing**, on **Thursday, May 3 at 7:30 PM in the Parish Center.**

Please remember to bring your HEART, MIND, SOUL, SENSE OF WONDER and HUMOR. Please call the Religious Ed Office at 631.661.5440 to register. As always, food and fellowship to follow. Hope to see you on May 3rd.

Support Groups

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

ALANON: Each Wednesday at 10 AM in Lourdes Hall-convent lower level.

(Free babysitting available)

Prayer for Divine Mercy

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

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

Our hope is that the nations will have a new spirit of morality. Please come with your love and hope for humanity as well as your prayer requests.

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

Discovery Summer Camp

June 25 - August 17, 2012

Eight week program *(one week Bible Camp available)*

9 AM—5 PM *(extended care available)*

Monday through Friday



Our Lady of Lourdes is proud to present our third year of day camp. Our program will be offered from June 25 through August 17. This eight week program will offer a full time day camp for students entering grades Pre K-7th. Our program will begin with an academic based morning and finish with a fun-filled afternoon of sports. Those wishing to stay the full eight weeks will participate in a week of Bible Camp (see separate registration form).

Camp will be closed July 4th for the holiday.

Registration now being accepted.

Check out our website at www.ollschool.org. Applications and program descriptions can be found in the “in the Backpack” section of the website.

For further information, contact Ms. Lisa Kennedy at 631.587.7200, extension 100 or email to LKennedy@OLLschool.org.

Vacation Bible Camp

July 23 - July 27, 2012

One week program

9 AM—12:30 PM

Monday through Friday

Campers should presently be in Pre-K (age 4) through 5th grade. Students in grades 6-12: we need you as volunteer counselors and assistants!

The camp director again this year is Ms. Trish Frodell, Director of Parish Social Ministry and OLL team member. She’ll be working with a volunteer team of adults and teens from our parish family.

The cost is \$75 per child. This fee includes all materials, snacks, crafts, and an official camp tee-shirt!

Please watch the bulletin for further details. The bulletin will include the registration form, which will also be available at the school and religious education office.

Nocturnal Adoration

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



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, May 15**. 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 the 8 AM Mass on **Thursday, May 17, in the Spiritual Life Center**.

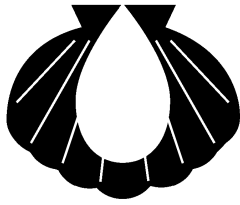
We meet once a month to read and discuss the Scriptures for the following Sunday. Come with your ideas and suggestions. We'll gather for conversation and fellowship. Join us in this pioneering experience for men. Call Jack Fitzgerald at 587.5548 for more information.



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.



Baptism

Christopher Ethan Hicks
Alfred and Audrey
Edward Thomas Kelly, Jr.
Edward and Amanda
Joseph Thomas Newcombe
Thomas and Gina
Jared Michael Wood
Jared and Dominique



Rest In Peace

Waltraud E. Murray died on April 7 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was April 12. We extend our prayers to her children, grandchildren, and entire family.

Welcome

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

Emilio & Carmela Lubrano and family
James Malone
Justin & Kathryn Grover
James & Theresa Gerry and family

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

Remembering...

Monday, April 23

Saint George, martyr

8:00 AM Kathy Delio

Tuesday, April 24

8:00 AM Bonaventura & Laura Cafaro

Wednesday, April 25

Saint Mark, evangelist

8:00 AM William Petersen

Thursday, April 26

8:00 AM Rev. Joseph C. Lukaszewski

Friday, April 27

8:00 AM Michael Reilly

Saturday, April 28

8:00 AM John Delre, Anthony LaFemina,
Raymond Anthony Liona, Helen Phelps,
Lucas Anderson (*living*), Robert Lazos

5:00 PM John Shillito
Fr. Ambrose Cabildo

Sunday, April 29

8:00 AM Michael Contino
Fr. Ambrose Cabildo

9:30 AM Baby Christopher Patrick Flynn
Fr. Bob Scheckenback

11:00 AM Mamie Bellomo
Fr. Mike Vetrano

12:30 PM Salvatore Graziano
Fr. Pat Amabile

6:00 PM People of the Parish, Vincent McGuire, Gloria Petrizze,
Viola & Sal Buonaspina, Mrs. Richards, Greg Nugent,
Robert Romer, Terrence O'Grady, Dolores E. Coyle,
Joseph Fitzgerald (*living*), Carol Zara (*living*),
Special Intention, Fauvell Family (*living*)
Fr. Michael Holzmann



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3rd Sunday of Easter

The traditional opening of the fishing season in many places takes place between the end of April and the middle of May. Although the exact day can vary by locale, usually by May 15, everything is fair game with the exception of a few sport fish, which are heavily regulated. Much like hunters who can't wait to go after their favorite game, fishermen anxiously wait for the opportunity to cast their lines into open water. Some look forward to participating in fishing contests to try to win a prize for the largest of a particular species. But most are happy just to catch enough to enjoy some good meals of fresh fish.

When Jesus appears to his disciples after his resurrection one of the things that he does, according to both Luke and John, is to eat fish in their presence. For the Gospel writers this is a way of indicating that the resurrected body, whatever it may actually be, is also a human body. The risen Lord is no ghost; he is bodily raised from the dead! This truth is at the core of our faith. As Peter states in the first reading today, "God raised him from the dead; of this we are witnesses."

We are witnesses of that same truth today. The old jokes about fishermen all have exaggeration as a theme. The biggest one always gets away. Fifteen-inch fish are suddenly twenty-five inches, and five pounders end up becoming ten pounds in the telling of the story. As Christians, we have our own story to tell. But it's not a fish story. It is a story about the One who conquered sin and death through his own death and resurrection. Through our baptism we are raised to new life by the Author of life. Like Peter, who was himself a fisherman, we are called to testify to this truth in the world. It's time to go fishing!

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Readings for the Week of April 22, 2012

Sunday:	Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48
Monday:	Acts 6:8-15/Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday:	Acts 7:51--8:1a/Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday:	1 Pt 5:5b-14/Mk 16:15-20
Thursday:	Acts 8:26-40/Jn 6:44-51
Friday:	Acts 9:1-20/Jn 6:52-59
Saturday:	Acts 9:31-42/Jn 6:60-69
Next Sunday:	Acts 4:8-12/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

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 ...

*Lucas Anderson, Joan Ansman, Joseph Badala, Jr., Henry Bauer, Eric Becker,
Gina Blydenburg, Frank Castellano, Beverly DeCanio, Jeanne DellaRagione,
Frank Edwards, Helen Esposito, William Farley, Jake Feldman, Thomas Fico,
Joann Fiorello, Kenneth Garretson, Dennis Hirt, Marie Impellizeri,
Margaret Jedlicka, Edward Kuska, Nora Lee, Lisa Letterel, Anne Losee,
Marge Marotta, Tony Marotta, Vicky Massaro, Margaret Meringolo,
Denise Michelback, Arlene Monte, Patricia Muller, Andy Nolfo, Philomena Owens,
Phyllis Pascuita, Vito Passanante, Ethel Pellegrino, Roger Phillips, Joanne Popper,
Hilda Poulos, Joe Radosti, Richard Riedemann, Barbara Romano, Louis Sanchez,
Teresa Saraceno, Joseph Schiavoni, Marie Schiraldi, Derek Stahl, Lyndsey Stahl,
Angelo Tedesco, Amparo Trossi, Nancy Turano, Louie Zaino*

The Unquiet Frontiers of our Lives

by Ron Rolheiser, OMI

Few books have garnered as much respect during the past five years as has Charles Taylor's, *A Secular Age*.

That respect is well-deserved. Given secularity's convoluted history, there isn't any one, normative study that traces out its evolution; but, if there was, Taylor's analysis might apply for the distinction. Deeply versed in history, philosophy, literature, theology, and spirituality, Taylor has a deep well within which to dip to make his analysis. Few scholars, to my mind, bring so wide and deep a scholarship to the area of history and faith. Taylor confesses that he is, personally, a man of faith, but strives insofar as this is possible for anyone, believer or agnostic, to not let his own beliefs color his research. Few commentators, even those critical of the book, accuse him of that. He is generally as objective as the evening news, reporting what happened without either trumpeting or bemoaning it.

And what he traces out is the big story of how we moved historically from a culture and a consciousness within which it was virtually impossible not to believe in God to the situation within which we find ourselves today, namely, where belief in God is merely one option among others and indeed often not the dominant one. Until the full-flowering of modernity (and, for many of us personally that has really just happened in the past two generations) we lived with what Taylor calls a "porous" rather than a "buffered" consciousness. A porous consciousness is more naturally mystical. A buffered consciousness is what Karl Rahner had in mind when he said we would soon reach a time when someone would either be a mystic or a non-believer.

A porous consciousness is porous precisely in its incapacity to protect itself against spirits and angels, demons and superstition, against good religion and bad religion. We don't have to go far back to remember when we used to sign ourselves with the cross and holy water during a lightning storm. The other world, however it was understood, could bring us to our knees. We didn't always like how the supernatural could leak through our defenses but we were pretty helpless in preventing it.

A buffered consciousness is precisely one that is buffered against angels and demons, against good religion and bad religion, leaking through. Today rather than being frightened by a lightning storm, we enjoy the free fireworks, feeling quite safe and secure behind our modern glass windows. We are much more buffered against the other world and how it can break through in our consciousness. This makes secular consciousness (an awareness that, for the most

part, doesn't feel any conscious need to connect its existence, sustenance, meaning, and striving for happiness to anything beyond itself and the world) a genuine option for us and makes faith more a choice than a given.

But, as Leonard Cohen famously writes: There is a crack in everything. That's how the light gets in. There is too a crack in our buffered, secular consciousness. Taylor calls this "the unquiet frontiers of modernity". There are certain things against which we cannot buffer ourselves, and not just loss, depression, and fear of death. These can, and do, sometimes shake the secure foundations of our lives and drive us to our knees in helplessness. But we can be driven to our knees too for the opposite reasons: Love, beauty, hope, and joy can also break through our buffered shell and break us open to a meaning beyond what this world has to offer. There is disquiet and fragility on both frontiers, on those which threaten and frighten us and on those which beckon us towards deeper hopes.

Here's how Taylor puts it: The sense that there is something more presses in. Great numbers of people feel it: in moments of reflection about their life; in moments of relaxation in nature; in moments of bereavement and loss; and quite wildly and unpredictably. Our age is very far from settling in to a comfortable unbelief. Although many individuals do so, and more still seem to on the outside, the unrest continues to surface. Could it ever be otherwise?

The secular age is schizophrenic, or better, deeply cross-pressed. People seem at a safe distance from religion; and yet they are very moved to know that there are dedicated believers, like Mother Teresa. The unbelieving world, well used to disliking Pius XII, was bowled over by John XXIII. A Pope just had to sound like Christian, and many immemorial resistances melted. It's as though many people who don't want to follow nevertheless want to hear the message of Christ, want it to be proclaimed out there. The paradox was evident in the response to the late Pope. Many people were inspired by John Paul's public peripatetic preaching, about love, about world peace, about international economic justice. They are thrilled that these things are being said. God may not always seem evident in our world, but in our deepest fears and hopes we still have his calling card.

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Financial Summary

April 15, 2012

Weekly Collection	\$ 16,991.00
Weekly Budget	-\$ 19,000.00
+/- for the week	\$ (2,009.00)

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
Michael Fantauzzi-US Air Force
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.



YOU HAVE
WHAT IT TAKES

4th Annual Catholic Men's Conference

On Saturday, March 31 the largest contingent of men, ever, from OLL (34 signed up) to attend the 4th Annual Catholic Men's Conference. 31 of us met in the parking lot at 8 AM (2 deacons and 1 layman were called back for family matters and couldn't join us) We all made it, by carpool, into Holy Trinity High School for the 9 AM Mass being celebrated by our Bishop Murphy.

The Bishop set the tone for the day with his light-hearted quip about talking with Cardinal Dolan who said he would warn the people in his diocese that the Bishop is a sexist, spending the day with a large group of men. In his homily, of the Gospel about Jesus-then-it was a time of great corruption of Jewish faith in Jerusalem. The bishop stressed that for us today, it is similar, but we are not just spectators but participants. We are here today invited to unity. He told us how proud he was of us, in spite of our inequities, we have confession here to restore our integrity again.

During Mass, a collection was made for a 13 month old, Tyler Farrell, who became an orphan this month-his both parents deceased. During the next presentation by the Bikers for Life, it was announced that they had collected and astounding \$5,125 for Tyler from the 700+ men attending. How appropriate that the next powerful message delivered to us was by these Bikers for Life, who work with the Sisters of Life and do rescues at abortion sites. Their theme "one baby at a time" making a demonstrative stand against the 3,500 abortions a day in our country.

Next up to speak was Fr. Tony Stanganelli, whom we of OLL remembered from years ago, as a young priest who gave homilies using puppets. He was dynamic then and polished now with his enthusiasm and wit describing what went wrong back in the Garden of Eden. He had us men laughing as we identified with Adam's "woundedness" and feelings of inadequacy. Fr. Tony encouraged us strongly to go to Jesus and ask Him for help and stop relying on self. He reminded us in closing that Our Father said, "Everything I have is yours." A lunch break for myself was shared with my son, John Jr., two of his friends, Don and Jaimey, fellow parishioners, Rob N., John S., Mike, Greg and Dave. I also ran into Men's Team Leaders from Cursillo and met the Chairman of the Conference, Anthony Gentile, who was so helpful and encouraging to me during the weeks before, getting all the men together. Back from lunch, we had the theme, "Belong More Deeply" personalized by Greg Willits, radio show host. He warned us of "misguided enthusiasm and inadvertent detours." It's time to step up to the plate, he challenged us. How? Three keys of Know, Live, Share.. First, know your scripture (10 minutes a day) for example. Second, Live-love, laugh and make a difference and third Share-give it away, a day at a time.

To send us off, we heard Fr. Doug Arcoleo whose background of an all public school education and working for NBC (Nepotism Before Competence) Letterman five years and SNL five years, as a master prop man, combined to bring us a dynamic, humorous challenge to go out and show others who Jesus is. We need to see the human face of God and the Divine face of man. To know we are sent-to give witness and "Be not afraid!"

-Jack Fitzgerald



Grandmothers ~ Mothers ~ Daughters

Your presence is requested at our

Victorian Tea

Sunday, April 29, 2012

2 PM - 5 PM

Our Lady of Lourdes

~ All Purpose Room ~

Tickets \$20 per person

Now on sale in the Outreach Office

Proceeds to benefit the works of Outreach



Dominican Village

Please join us for an **Open House on Thursday, April 22 from 1 PM until 3 PM**. Dominican Village is an independent retirement community that offers assisted living and respite care, outstanding programs, all-inclusive services and bountiful amenities. For more information, or to schedule a tour at your convenience, call 631.842.6091.

Golden Wedding Jubilee

This spring, couples that have been married fifty years or more will be honored at liturgy on **Sunday, May 20 at the church of Maria Regina in Seaford. Liturgy will begin at 2:30 PM**. Registration forms and complete instructions can be obtained at the Parish Office. *Registration must be received by the Office of Worship by May 3*. 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.

Families Anonymous

Are you concerned about a family member who appears to have an alcohol, drug or behavioral problem? FA can help. Meetings are held every **Saturday at 9:30 AM and every Wednesday at 7:30 PM in The Chapel @ Long Island Home/South Oaks, 400 Sunrise Hwy, Amityville**. For information, FamiliesAnonymous.org or 516.221.0303.

Bishop Reilly DHS Class of '67 Reunion

On **Saturday, June 23, 2012 at St. Francis Prep** (formerly Bishop Reilly High School) in Fresh Meadows, alumni from the second graduating class of Bishop Reilly HS will be getting together for a 45th Reunion, only the second in its history. The committee is trying to find as many graduates and former faculty as possible. Information and details of the vent can be found on the reunion website, www.Reilly67.com. Cost for the evening is \$67 per person and more than one hundred have already committed to the event.

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