



Isaiah 43:25

Your sins I remember no more.

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Our Lady of Lourdes May 20, 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 Jack Meehan
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Deacon John Teufel

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Director of Religious Education

Trish Frodell
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OLL Choir Director

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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



Our Lady of Lourdes Mission Awareness Trip 2012

Reflecting on the Gospel and Catholic Social Teaching

Why do we go to El Salvador?

The trip is very much a “retreat,” an opportunity to step back and reflect on our responsibilities and relationships with God and with our brothers and sisters. We go not just to “help,” but to grow in understanding—of another culture, of the nature of global relationships, and especially of the gospel mandate to serve the poor.

A fundamental principle of Catholic Social Teaching, the “preferential option for the poor,” means that God calls us to be advocates for the voiceless and the powerless among us and to be agents who restore right relationships.

The trip offers all who participate, and most especially the young people of our parish, an opportunity to experience and reflect on the importance of faith and on our call to be responsible stewards of the many gifts we have been given. It is so much more powerful to experience this reality than to read about it or hear it.

Visit our website, www.ollchurch.org/elsalvador, to follow the progress of our mission group.

Donations for our Sister Parish

We will be collecting School Supplies to bring with us and give to the children in our sister parish in El Salvador.

These supplies can be brought to the Spaghetti Dinner or dropped off in the Parish Office. We are requesting the following donated items:

- Paper*
- Peel-off stickers*
- Rulers*
- Crayons and colored pencils*
- Coloring Books*
- Pens and pencils with erasers*
- Watercolor paints*
- Backpacks*
- Dictionary (Spanish or Spanish/English)*



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.



OLL Vacation Bible Camp '12

July 23-27

9 AM - 12:30 PM daily

Camp Registration Form

Return to OLL Parish Office along with fees
(\$75 per child) before July 1.
Please make checks payable to
Our Lady of Lourdes Church.

We'll journey on an exciting journey of faith and fun as we learn about God, hear stories from the Bible, share cool science activities, and make crafts. And of course, we'll end our camp each day with our famous OLL camp sing-along!

Please list below the names and present grade levels of the children in your family who will attend camp. Camp is for Nursery (age 4) through Grade 5. Students entering grade 6 and up are volunteer counselors and assistants. There is a \$10 fee for counselors to cover the cost of a tee shirt and snacks.

Child's First & Last Name

Grade Level in Sept. '12

Full Names of Parents/Guardians: _____

Family Address (Street, Town, Zip): _____

Email: _____

Phone #: _____

Cell and/or Business Phone(s): _____

Name of Emergency Contact and Phone #: _____

Please indicate below any health problems, food allergies, or special situations that it might be helpful for the camp staff to know about your child.

You will receive a letter with your child's group name and all important information around July 15.

We need adult and teen volunteers!

We will hold registration and meetings for all volunteers in July.

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



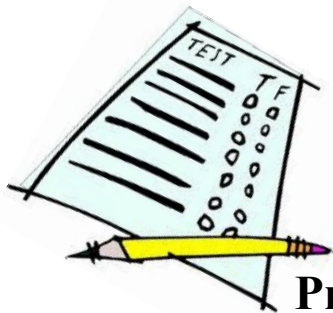
Our Lady of Lourdes is proud to present our third year of day camp. Our program will be offered from June 25 through August 17. This eight week program will offer a full time day camp for students entering grades Pre K-7th. Our program will begin with an academic based morning and finish with a fun-filled 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.



Prepare for the High School Co-op Exam

Catholic High School Cooperative Admissions Examination

At Our Lady of Lourdes School

6 weeks July 3-August 9

- *Verbal Skills*
- *Math Skills*
- *Test Taking Techniques*
- *Confidence Building Exercises*

Tuition - \$175 per course (plus materials)

8 AM – NOON

(Home in time to hit the beach!)

MATH - Tuesday July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, August 7

ELA – Thursday July 5, 12, 19, 26, August 2, 9

If you have any questions, please call the School Office at 587.7200, option2.

Religious Education

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

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

Hang Out Nites continue...

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.



RCIA-Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

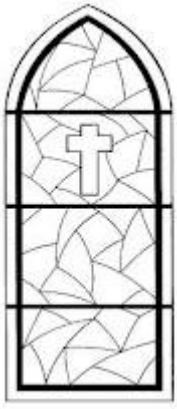
At the Easter Vigil,

- 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!



Religious Retirement Fund

The Religious Retirement Fund for the Rockville Centre Diocese was launched in 1985 when it became obvious that retirement plans for local religious orders were significantly under-funded. Today, retired Religious receive a minimal sum in Social Security benefits, well below what the average individual receives.

On **June 2/3**, we will have our special annual collection for the Sisters and Brothers of the Religious Communities who serve us throughout the Dioceses of Rockville Centre and Brooklyn. Many of us have had our lives touched by caring Religious. They have taught us in schools and given quality health care to many of us in hospitals and nursing homes.

Kindly consider a donation or a pledge, as generous as your means will allow, to the Religious Retirement Fund. You may use your envelope to place this donation in the mail or drop in the collection basket on the weekend of **June 2/3**.

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.

Mother's Day / Father's Day Mass
for parents who have lost a child
Saturday, June 9 at 10:30 AM



Mother's Day and Father's Day can be difficult times for parents who have lost a child. Whether you have lost a child in childhood or adulthood, to stillbirth or miscarriage, this Mass will be celebrated to bring you God's peace and consolation.

We would like to invite any parent who has lost a child to a special Mass on **Saturday, June 9 at 10:30 AM.**

Mass will be followed by hospitality in our Parish Center. Please feel free to invite family or friends with you. For more information, or to let us know you will be able to attend, please call the Parish Office at 661.3224, option 1.

Nocturnal Adoration

Nocturnal Adoration will follow the 5 PM Mass on **Saturday, June 2**, concluding with Benediction at 9:50 PM. Please come and pray with us. All are invited and welcome. Bring a friend!

Senior Circle

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

The next meeting will be held on **Monday, May 21 at 12:30 PM**
in the Spiritual Life Center.

Welcome

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

Guixhard and Lizette Voltaire & family
Frank and Jeanine Bilich & family
Paul and Joy Doherty & family

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

Single Seniors

The Single Seniors are at it again!

July 10-12, 2012 (3 days/2 nights)

Tour of the Amish Country including ticket for the “Jonah” Show at the Sight & Sound Millennium Theatre. Included are bus transportation, lodging, meals – all for \$285 per person.

For more information, please call the Outreach Office at 661.9262, option 4.

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, June 19**. 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, June 21, in the Spiritual Life Center**.

We meet once a month to read and discuss the Scriptures for the following Sunday.

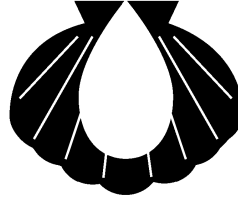
Come with your ideas and suggestions. We’ll gather for conversation and fellowship. Join us in this pioneering experience for men. Call Jack Fitzgerald at 587.5548 for more information.



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

Giovanni Joseph Grucci
Shawn and Angela
Hunter Joseph Hojnacki
Paul and Samantha
Aiden Levi Maclin
Gabrielle
Arielle Luisa Rosado-Ruotolo
Nicholas and Barbara
Ava Grace Tamasi
Damon and Suzanne



Rest In Peace

Linda A. Starr died on May 5 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was May 9. We extend our prayers to her husband, Kenneth, and entire family.

Victor J. Zino died on May 5 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was May 9. We extend our prayers to his wife, Patricia, children, and entire family.

Barbara Ann Close died on May 5 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was May 9. We extend our prayers to her son, and entire family.

Josephine Kosiczky died on May 8 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was May 12. We extend our prayers to her children, grandchildren, and entire family.

Bruce J. Muller died on May 9 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was May 15. We extend our prayers to his children, grandchildren, and entire family.



Upcoming Marriages

Melissa Delcid, and
Anthony Anitra, both OLL

Remembering...

Monday, May 21

8:00 AM Molly Sweeney

Tuesday, May 22

Saint Rita of Cascia, religious

8:00 AM Susan Aviza

Wednesday, May 23

8:00 AM Phyllis Conforte

Thursday, May 24

8:00 AM Harry Gleckler

Friday, May 25

Saint Gregory VII, pope

8:00 AM John G. Meditz

Saturday, May 26

8:00 AM Ethel Isola, Orville Fred, Mildred M. Conway,
Catherine Lipari, Michael Keller, Donald Thurber,
Thomas McLoughlin, Patrick S. Rodemeyer

5:00 PM Catherine M. Peterson

Fr. Ambrose Cabildo

Sunday, May 27

8:00 AM Al Waters

Fr. Ambrose Cabildo

9:30 AM Brenda & Phillip Bello

Fr. Pat Amabile

11:00 AM Patrick & Donald Manning

Fr. Bob Scheckenback

12:30 PM Geraldine Harkins

Fr. Michael Holzmann

6:00 PM People of the Parish, Rose Fodera Genna, Jean Glaser,
Sean A. Rooney, Albert Boasi, Marilyn Krill, Matt Correll,
Frances Lembo, Catherine Thornby, Richard Hulse,
Jennie Quigley

Fr. Pat Amabile



7th Sunday of Easter

All of us have friends. Some are mere acquaintances, people whom we casually know through work or the neighborhood, with whom we get along and can have fun at the company picnic or local block party. Then there is that closer circle of friends: people we may invite to a party, or folks with whom we golf or get together with for some other activity. Finally, there are our closest friends, the two or three individuals in whom we confide almost everything about our lives. If you are on Facebook, you may have a hundred of the first kind. Some of those you may barely know because they are really friends of friends. On the other hand, your closest friends may not be friends on your Facebook account at all.

In the Gospel today, Jesus prays for his disciples at the Last Supper. He had just washed their feet and had finished speaking to them about the fellowship that was theirs through the gift of the Holy Spirit. He spoke about his disciples not as servants, but as his friends. And now he prays for them. In his prayer, Jesus asks his Father in heaven to protect his followers, to guard them and to keep them safe. Jesus prays that they may be united as one, just as the Father and he are one. At the Last Supper, this prayer of Jesus is a moment of deep and abiding intimacy with his disciples, bringing them to the Father in prayer.

The prayer of Jesus for his friends raises the issue of our own experience of friendship. In what ways do we value the friendship and intimacy of those who are close to us? God has placed these individuals in our lives and has given us the opportunity to enjoy some deep relationships. This might be the time to give thanks to God for friendship, and to pray for those who are our friends.

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Readings for the Week of May 20, 2012

Sunday: Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/1 Jn 4:11-16/Jn 17:11b-19

Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: *Morning:* Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Jn 21:20-25

Next Sunday: *Vigil:* Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39

Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Ez 37:1-14/Jl 3:1-5/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39

Day: Acts 2:1-11/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Carol Grillo*.

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 ...

*Caryl Alfieri, Lucas Anderson, Baby Patrick Anthony, Joseph Badala, Jr.,
Catherine Battiota, Henry Bauer, Eric Becker, Gina Blydenburg, James Bowers,
Frank Castellano, Nicole Cerny, Beverly DeCanio, Jeanne DellaRagione,
Frank Edwards, Helen Esposito, William Farley, Jake Feldman, Thomas Fico,
Joann Fiorello, Gaetano Fiorini, Kenneth Garretson, Dennis Hirt, Jennifer Horne,
Marie Iacopelli, Marie Impellizeri, 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, Ethel Pellegrino, Roger Phillips, Joanne Popper, Hilda Poulos,
Joe Radosti, Baby Paige Rajotte, Richard Riedemann, Teresa Saraceno,
Joseph Schiavoni, Marie Schiraldi, Isabella Shaw, Derek Stahl, Lyndsey Stahl,
John Stephen, Angelo Tedesco, Nancy Turano, Vincent Vela, Louie Zaino*

God and Violence

by Ron Rolheiser, OMI

God is non-violent. God does not prescribe violence. Violence should never be rationalized in God's name. That is clear in Christian revelation.

But that immediately poses the question: What about the violence in scripture that is attributed to God or to God's direct orders?

Doesn't God, in anger, wipe out the entire human race, save for Noah and his family? Doesn't God ask Abraham to kill Isaac on an altar of sacrifice? Doesn't Moses have to talk God out of destroying Israel because God is angry? Didn't God give an order to Israel to kill everybody and everything (men, women, children, and even the animals) as she entered the Promised Land? Didn't the Mosaic Law, attributed to God, prescribe stoning women to death for adultery? Didn't Jesus kick over the tables of the money-changers in anger? And what about all the wars and capital punishment that have been done in God's name through the centuries? What about extremist Islam today, killing thousands of people in God's name? God, it seems, has prescribed and sanctioned a lot of violence and killing from ancient time right down until today. How do we explain all the violence attributed to God?

Two things need to be kept in mind:

First: Whenever scripture speaks about God as being offended, as getting angry, as wanting to wreak vengeance on his enemies, or as demanding that we kill somebody in his name, it is speaking anthropomorphically, that is, it is taking our own thoughts, feelings, and reactions and projecting them into God. We get angry, God doesn't. Our hearts crave vengeance, God's heart doesn't. We demand that murderers be executed, God doesn't. Scripture contains a lot of anthropomorphisms that make for a bad and a dangerous theology if read and understood literally. To read parts of scripture literally is to turn God into a tribal God in competition with other gods.

When scripture says that we experience God's wrath when we sin, it doesn't want us to believe that God actually gets angry and punishes us. There's no need. The punishment is innate, inherent in the sin itself. When we sin it is our own actions that punish us (the way excessive use of alcohol dehydrates the brain and the dehydration causes a headache). We may feel that the punishment as coming from God, from God's anger, from God's wrath, but it is nature's wrath and our own that we are feeling. God has no need to extrinsically punish sin because sin already punishes itself. Nature is so constructed. There is a law of karma. Sin is its own punishment.

But at the level of feeling, this is felt as if God is punishing us. However, as Jesus shows in forgiving his own killers and forgiving everyone who betrayed him, God forgives sin. God has no need for vengeance or for a justice that extracts a pound of flesh for a pound of sin. Nature already does that. Indeed, given a proper understanding of God's nature and transcendence, it is presumptuous on our part to even believe that we can "offend" God.

More important still, the biblical texts that attribute violence to God are also archetypal, namely, they are texts that teach us things about the deep rhythms of the human heart but are not meant to be taken literally. Taken literally, they are often the very antithesis of the revelation of God.

But still what do we do with the biblical texts that prescribe violence to God? For instance, how can we interpret God's ordering Israel to kill all the Canaanites as she entered the Promised Land?

In archetypal stories, killing is metaphorical not literal. It's about a death inside the heart. God's command to kill all the inhabitants of Canaan is simply a hard metaphor for what Jesus refers to when he says that you have to put new wine into new wineskins so that the new wine will not burst the old skins.

Anyone who has gone through a 12-step addiction program knows what it means to have to kill all the Canaanites. To move into the promised land of sobriety and remain there, something hard and cruel needs to happen that can't happen through half-measures: To move into the promised land of sobriety, you have to clean out ("kill") your entire liquor cabinet, all the "Canaanites": All the beer, scotch, bourbon, rum, vodka, wine, cognac, and brandy, every ounce of alcohol has to go. If you allow yourself even one drink you will eventually lose your sobriety.

Virtually every text in the bible which ascribes violence to God or puts into his mouth a command to do violence needs to be read in that same way. The violence and killing are metaphorical, even as the text is asking the heart to do something which cannot be a half-measure.

Walter Brueggemann once commented that "God is in recovery from all the violence that has been attributed to him and done in his name." It's time that the churches entered the same recovery process.

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Financial Summary

May 13, 2012

Weekly Collection	\$ 16,073.00
Weekly Budget	-\$ 19,000.00
+/- for the week	\$ (2,927.00)

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.

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

understanding the basics • defending a right

Limiting Freedom: The HHS Mandate (3 of 7)

On January 20, 2012, President Obama approved new regulations from the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) that would require most private health insurers, including, with few exceptions, all Catholic employers, to cover sterilization, contraception and drugs that induce abortion, even if they have religious objections against doing so. Despite a so-called accommodation by the Administration on February 10, the sweeping HHS mandate stands today little changed. Some were satisfied with the President's concession, but not our shepherds. Speaking for his brother bishops about the current regulations, Cardinal Dolan said, "We're still as worried as ever."

In an unprecedented way, the Administration's plan for better healthcare impinges upon the religious liberty of the nation's citizens. The HHS regulations will both force religious institutions to facilitate and fund a product contrary to their own moral teaching and purport to define which religious institutions are religious enough to merit protection of their religious liberty. Upon taking effect next year, the mandate will force religious employers, like Catholic Health Services of Long Island and Catholic Charities, which provide services beyond the Catholic community, to violate their moral convictions and religious beliefs.

Some see the issue as concerning only contraception or sterilization, but it encompasses much more. As Archbishop-designate William Lori of Baltimore testified to Congress, "This is not a matter of whether contraception may be prohibited by the government. This is not even a matter of whether contraception may be supported by the government. Instead, it is a matter of whether religious people and institutions may be forced by the government to provide coverage for contraception or sterilization, even if that violates their religious beliefs."

Bishop Murphy makes clear what is at stake: our cherished freedom. "This mandate," he says, "directly interferes with the freedom of conscience of individuals and with the freedom of religious belief and practice of our Catholic institutions. The Administration has chosen to cast aside the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, denying to Catholics our nation's first and most fundamental freedom, that of religious liberty and free exercise of conscience."

The HHS mandate is alarming. It is the most recent infringement upon our nation's understanding of religious freedom. It shrinks the grandeur of religious freedom that Americans have long valued as both freedom to worship and freedom of conscience. It continues a pattern that seeks to marginalize faith, making it a purely private matter, irrelevant to the shaping of the life of the nation.

"As a community of faith, we must commit ourselves to prayer and fasting that wisdom and justice may prevail and religious liberty may be restored."

BISHOP WILLIAM MURPHY

PRAYER

Almighty God, Father of all nations, for freedom you have set us free in Christ Jesus (Gal 5:1).

We praise and bless you for the gift of religious liberty, the foundation of human rights, justice, and the common good. Grant to our leaders the wisdom to protect and promote our liberties; By your grace may we have the courage to defend them, for ourselves and for all those who live in this blessed land.

We ask this through the intercession of Mary Immaculate, our patroness, and in the name of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with whom you live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

*Third in a series of seven bulletin inserts.
for further information visit www.usccb.org and www.drvc.org*



Canned pasta
Macaroni and cheese
Pasta sauce
Rice
Instant potatoes

Donations to Outreach

Parish Outreach receives many donations.

If you would like to make a donation to Parish Outreach in memory of a loved one, please call Trish Frodell, Director of Parish Social Ministry at 661.3224, option 4.

Dominican Commercial High School Class of 1962 Reunion

The graduates of Dominican Commercial High School Class of 1962 invite you to attend a 50th Class Reunion on **Saturday afternoon September 29, 2012.**

Please contact Eileen Kendrick Nockler at 516.599.3864 or Regina Dunne Keller at 631.385.7961, by June 1 for further information and to help in locating 1962 lost alumni.

Retrouvaille

Retrouvaille is a peer ministry. Couples who have had problems in their own marriages and have recovered from those problems, share their experiences with couples in troubled marriages with the hope that they too will see that their marriage can be saved.

For more information about the upcoming Retrouvaille weekend that begins on **Friday, June 8 at the Montfort Retreat House in Bay Shore**-please call 1.800.470.2230 and you will be connected (confidentially) to an experienced couple from Long Island/Metro Retrouvaille who can help.

Dominican Village

Please join us for an **Open House on Thursday, May 24 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.

12th Annual Sisters of Charity-Halifax Golf Outing

Tickets are now on sale for the 12th Annual Sisters of Charity-Halifax Golf Outing to be held on **Monday, July 9 at the Cherry Valley Club, Garden City**.

This year's honoree is Todd Althenn, of C.S. Bartholomew & Son funeral Home. Golfers-RSVP by June 1 to take advantage of special early bird pricing! For further information or to make reservations, please contact Lauren at 718.424.1813 or email lmanning@schalifax.ca

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.

Centering Prayer Retreat Weekend

June 15 - June 17

St. Ignatius Retreat House - Manhasset, NY

Contact: Barbara Sullivan @ 516.481.0472

Bishop Reilly DHS Class of '67 Reunion

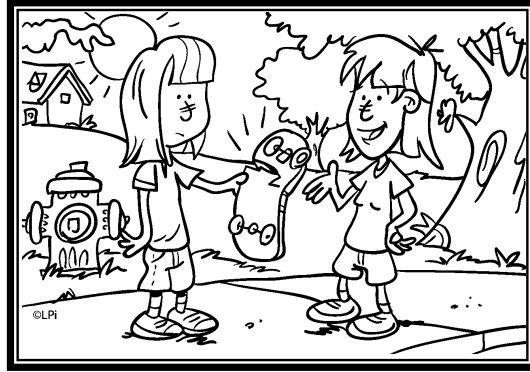
On **Saturday, June 23, 2012 at St. Francis Prep** (formerly Bishop Reilly High School) in Fresh Meadows, alumni from the second graduating class of Bishop Reilly HS will be getting together for a 45th Reunion, only the second in its history. The committee is trying to find as many graduates and former 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.

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 "**Prayer.**" 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

"I forgive you." Those are small words that make a huge difference. If a friend accidentally broke one of your toys, you would have a choice to make. You could get angry at your friend, or you could forgive her. Your toy will stay broken. Don't break your friendship, too. In today's Gospel, Jesus taught the importance of friendship and forgiveness.



Mission for the Week



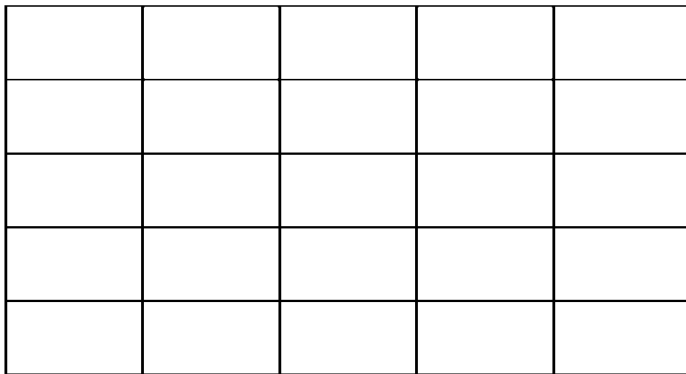
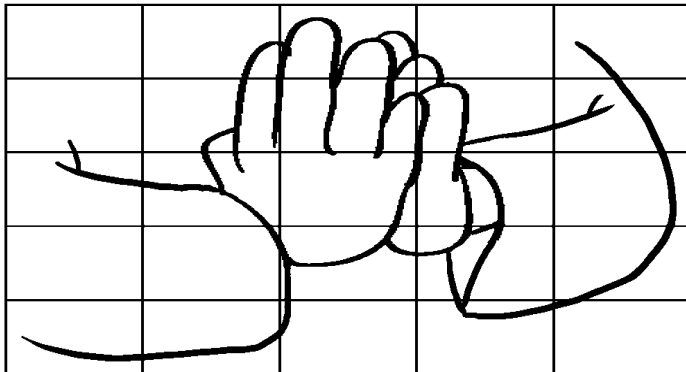
Jesus forgives you every day.

Make sure you forgive other people, too.



Puzzle

Copy the picture square by square.



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Prayer



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



Something to Draw

Draw a picture of a friend forgiving you.