

“Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, saying,

“Take; this is my body.”





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

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Director of Religious Education

Mary McMahon
Business Manager

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Coordinator of Worship
OLL Choir Director

Vita Scorcio
Ministry Spiritual Director

Sr. Betty Toohig
Senior Ministry-SAGE

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Parish Organist

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Women's Chorale Director

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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



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.

FAREWELL *to the* Pastor



Please join us as we say goodbye...

**FR. MIKE'S LAST MASS
WILL BE ON SUNDAY, JUNE 24
AT 12:30 PM.**

FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP TO FOLLOW.

ALL ARE WELCOME.



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)

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



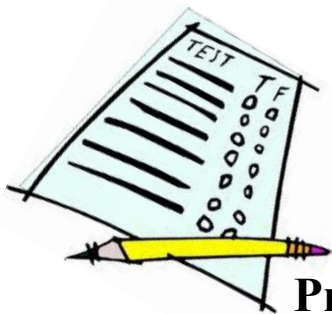
Our Lady of Lourdes is proud to present our third year of day camp. Our program will be offered from June 25 through August 17. This eight week program will offer a full time day camp for students entering grades Pre K-7th. Our program will begin with an academic based morning and finish with a fun-filled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

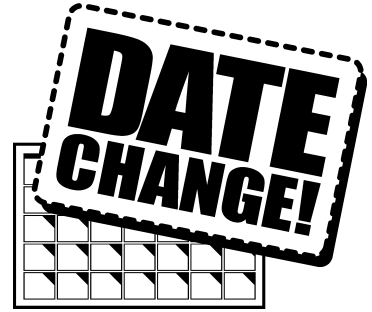
8 AM – NOON

(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.



Holy Name Society

The Holy Name Society invites the men of our parish, young and old, to join us. We can use the wisdom of the older men and the energy and fresh ideas of our younger men. Our next meeting will be on **Sunday, June 17**. We come together to pray the **Rosary at 7:40 AM in the Church** and the **meeting will follow the 8 AM Mass at 9 AM in Room 16**. Stop by, all are welcome!

SAGE

The SAGE Group (*Senior Advocates for Growth and Enrichment*) will meet on **Tuesday, June 12 in the Parish Center at 9 AM**.

Blood Drive

On **Monday, June 18, 2012, Our Lady of Lourdes Parish will hold a Blood Drive from 3:30 PM to 8:30 PM. The Blood Drive will be held in the All Purpose Room.** All eligible donors are strongly urged to give blood.

A closer look at Blood Needs -

Quite simply, blood is LIFE, but frankly, there sometimes isn't enough to go around. That's why it's critical for all of us to do our part in expanding the blood supply, so everyone who so desperately needs blood gets it.

Thank you in advance, on behalf of the patients you will be helping.

Spiritual Direction

What is Spiritual direction?

Spiritual Direction is a specialized ministry in the Church. The need for Spiritual Direction comes when you desire to develop a deeper relationship with God, when your search for God seems to be a crossroad, when you feel a need for a companion on your spiritual journey.

The director assists you in becoming more aware of whom God is for you, in helping you notice God's movement in the events of your life. The director is a companion on life's journey, asking reflective questions and pointing our resources that may help you on your spiritual journey.

The following is a listing of Commissioned Spiritual Directors here in Our Lady of Lourdes Parish.

Michael Dunne

Valerie Dunne

Deacon John DeGuardi

Jack Fitzgerald

Vita Scorcia

Margaret Valenti

Call the Parish Office at 661.3224, option 1, if you have an interest in Spiritual Direction.

You will be contacted by the Director you wish to meet with.

In summary, Spiritual Direction is about a desire toward a deeper understanding of three primary relationships, our relationship with ourselves, others, and God.

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.

The 2012 Golf Committee

will honor our Principal

LOUISE KROL

Please come and join us as we celebrate the wonderful things that have been done for our school.

Don't play golf?

Our live auction and dinner following the outing is just for you!

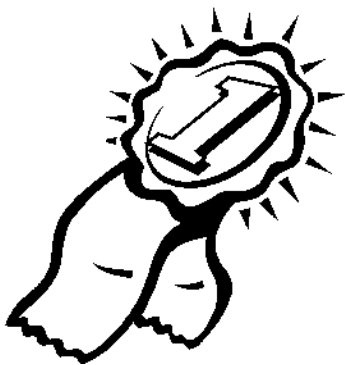
So grab some friends and hit the green, or come for the dinner

where we will honor Mrs. Krol and all she has done for our school.

Monday, July 9

Southward Ho Country Club

Questions? contact cmacina@ollschool.org



“Be a Hero” Fundraiser

TEAM HEROS IS A NON PROFIT ORGANIZATION THAT RUNS CAMPS FOR CHILDREN WITH AUTISM

We are collecting used cell phones, ink cartridges, cameras, gps and laser cartridges A box will be in the Narthex and Hunter Ave exits for your donations. It will be labeled, "BE A HERO" Please deposit any used cell phones, ink cartridges, cameras, gps and laser cartridges.

Help us Help the Children. Thank you.

Welcome

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

Richard Schrimp

Donna Lehnert

Danny and Maryann Kelskey & family

Joseph and Elena Nador & family

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



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 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.

Men's Prayer Group-evening

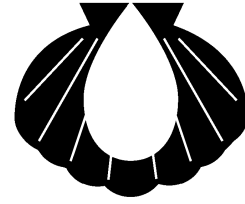
An evening Men's Prayer Group! It will be held once a month, on the third Tuesday of each month, from **7:30 PM until 8:30 PM in the Spiritual Life Center.** The next meeting will be on **Tuesday night, June 19**. Come with your ideas. We'll read and discuss the Liturgy for the following Sunday Mass. For more information, call Bob Natale at 893.3041, Charles Zeiss at 669.7189, or Cliff Proctor at 669.3198.



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

Keon Jarod Turnbull

Keba and Shashana

Mikayla Therese Murphy

James and Maureen

Leah Madison Kearns

Brian and Susan

Mackenzie Elizabeth Meehan

Christian and Lisa



Rest In Peace

Dolores Miniagi-Baez died on May 27 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was June 1. We extend our prayers to her children, grandchildren, great-grandchild, and entire family.

Robert P. Petito died on May 31 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was June 5. We extend our prayers to his wife, Lorraine, children, grandchildren, and entire family.



Upcoming Marriages

Jessica Cunn, OLL and

Owen Clark, Catholic Community of South Baltimore

Remembering...

Monday, June 11

Saint Barnabas, apostle

8:00 AM Joseph Netska

Tuesday, June 12

8:00 AM Fannie Cudlipp

Wednesday, June 13

Saint Anthony of

Padua, priest and doctor of the Church

8:00 AM Arthur Esposito

Thursday, June 14

8:00 AM Jay and Pasquale Perri

Friday, June 15

The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

8:00 AM James and Charlotte Quinn

Saturday, June 16

8:00 AM Julia Flynn, Filifx Revera, Michael Smith,
Stanley Gillette, Sr., Frances Pergamo (*living*),
Catherine & Nick DiFrisco, Robert Petito

5:00 PM Carmela Parasole

Fr. Bob Scheckenback

Sunday, June 17

8:00 AM Lucille Abbate

Fr. Michael Holzmann

9:30 AM Joseph Lehmann

Fr. Pat Amabile

11:00 AM Henry Reidemann

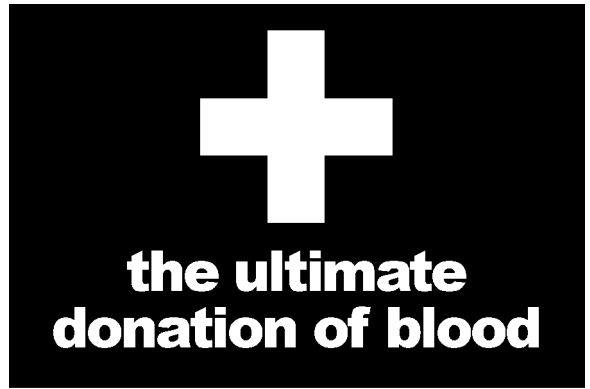
Fr. Mike Vetrano

12:30 PM Virginia Imbriale

Fr. Ambrose Cabildo

6:00 PM People of the Parish, Carl Hotton, Vincent McGuire,
Alfred Waters, Richard Seibert, Joseph A. Genduso, Jr.,
Joseph Benedetto

Fr. Bob Scheckenback



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Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

For centuries, blood has been perceived as the life force in humans. While most of us garnered a rudimentary understanding of the way blood functions during high school science classes, the complexity of what blood does as it courses through our bodies is lost to most of us. We do know that heavy bleeding is bad, and the loss of too much blood can be fatal. Our bodies need blood. But we can willingly part with some blood with little consequence to our health (aside from maybe a brief feeling of wooziness) when we donate blood to a local blood bank.

In his death on the cross, Christ made the ultimate donation of blood. He shed his blood and gave his life for our salvation. When Jesus hands the cup to his disciples at the Last Supper, he says to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many" (Mk 14:24). These words of the Lord are repeated at every Mass, reminding us that it is more than wine in the chalice we take up, and more than bread in the host we consume. Christ gives his flesh as real food, and his blood as real drink.

As we celebrate this solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, and the deep mystery that exists in that sacrament of Christ's gift to us, we realize that we are weak human beings as we stand before the power of God. In receiving the body and blood of Christ we are renewed, nourished, and healed. Like a blood transfusion for an ailing individual, the sacrament of Christ's body and blood gives us strength for our daily lives. Fortified by Christ, we can no longer be anemic in our faith. Rather, with the full vigor that comes from regularly sharing in the Eucharist we live out our lives as Christians filled with love for God and neighbor.

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Readings for the Week of June 10, 2012

Sunday: Ex 24:3-8/Heb 9:11-15/Mk 14:12-16, 22-26
Monday: Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3/Mt 5:1-12
Tuesday: 1 Kgs 17:7-16/Mt 5:13-16
Wednesday: 1 Kgs 18:20-39/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: 1 Kgs 18:41-46/Mt 5:20-26
Friday: Hos 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9/Eph 3:8-12, 14-19/Jn 19:31-37
Saturday: 1 Kgs 19:19-21/Lk 2:41-51
Next Sunday: Ez 17:22-24/2 Cor 5:6-10/Mk 4:26-34

Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Rose Grant*.

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, Baby Patrick Anthony, Joseph Badala, Jr., Henry Bauer, Eric Becker, Gina Blydenburg, Frank Castellano, Nicole Cerny, Beverly DeCanio, Jeanne DellaRagione, Bernadette DeVirgilis, Helen Esposito, William Farley, Jake Feldman, Thomas Fico, Joann Fiorello, Gaetano Fiorini, Mary Francis, Kenneth Garretson, Vivian Gordon, Margaret Hanly, Marie Iacopelli, Marie Impellizeri, Nora Lee, Anne Losee, Marge Marotta, Tony Marotta, Vicky Massaro, Margaret Meringolo, Denise Michelback, Rosalie Montanini, Andy Nolfo, Philomena Owens, Phyllis Pascuita, Ethel Pellegrino, Nydia Perrotta, Roger Phillips, Joanne Popper, Hilda Poulos, Joe Radosti, Baby Paige Rajotte, Richard Riedemann, Teresa Saraceno, Joseph Schiavoni, Ann Marie Schiraldi, Isabella Shaw, Derek Stahl, Lyndsey Stahl, John Stephen, Nancy Turano, Vincent Vela, Louie Zaino

Meaning and Happiness

by Ron Rolheiser, OMI

Am I happy? Is my life a happy one? Am happy inside my marriage? Am I happy with my family? Am I happy in my job? Am I happy with my church? Am I happy inside my own skin?

Are these good questions to ask ourselves? No. They're questions with which to torture ourselves. When we face our lives honestly this kind of question about happiness is more likely to bring tears to our eyes than solace to our souls because, no matter how well our lives are going, none of us live perfectly fulfilled lives. Always there are unfulfilled dreams. Always there are areas of frustration. Always there are tensions. Always there are deeper hungers that are being stifled. And always, as Karl Rahner so poignantly puts it, we are suffering the torment of the insufficiency of everything attainable as we are learning that here in this life there is no finished symphony. Are lives are always lived in quiet desperation. A lot of times it is not easy to feel happy.

But we are asking the wrong questions. The question should not be: Am I happy? Rather the questions should be: Is my life meaningful? Is there meaning in my life? Is there meaning in my marriage? Is there meaning in my family? Is there meaning in my job? Is there meaning inside my church? We need to ask the deep questions about our lives in terms of meaning rather than in terms of happiness because, for the most part, we have a false, over-idealized, and unrealistic concept of happiness.

We tend to equate happiness with two things, pleasure and lack of tension. Hence we fantasize that for us to be happy we would need to be in a situation within which we would be free of all the tensions that normally flood into our lives from: pressure, tiredness, interpersonal friction, physical pain, financial worry, disappointment in our jobs, frustration with our churches, frustration with our favorite sports teams, and every other headache and heartache that can appear. Happiness, as it is superficially conceived of, means perfect health, perfectly fulfilled relationships, a perfect job, no anxiety or tension in life, no disappointments, and the time and money to enjoy the good life.

But that isn't what constitutes happiness. Meaning is what constitutes happiness and meaning isn't contingent upon pain and tension being absent from our lives: Imagine if someone had come up to Jesus as he was dying on the cross and asked him the question: Are you happy up there? His answer, I am sure, would have been unequivocal: "No! And today in particular I am not happy!" However, the perspec-

tive is quite different if, while on the cross, Jesus would have been asked this question: "Is there meaning in what you are doing up there?" There can be deep meaning in something even if there isn't happiness in the way we superficially conceive of that.

We more easily grasp this when we reflect back on various periods of our lives. Looking back, from the perspective of where we are today, we see that sometimes certain periods of our lives that were fraught with all kinds of struggles and within which had to make do with very little were indeed very happy times. We look back on them now with fondness and warmth. They were meaningful times and our present perspective washes back through time and purges the pain and highlights the joy. Conversely, we can also look back on certain periods of our lives when there may have been pleasure in our lives but that phase of our lives now appears clearly as an unhappy time. We look back at it with a certain heaviness and regret. What seemed like light then seems like a time of darkness now.

C.S. Lewis taught that happiness and unhappiness color backwards: If our lives end up happy, we realize that we have always been happy even through the trying times, just as if our lives end up unhappy we realize that we have always been unhappy, even during the pleasurable periods of our lives. Where we end up ultimately in terms of meaning will determine whether our lives have been happy or unhappy. Many people, including Jesus, suffered great pain but lived happy lives. Sadly, the reverse is also true. Happiness has a lot more to do with meaning than with pleasure.

In his autobiography, *Surprised by Joy*, C. S. Lewis tells his readers that his journey to Christianity was not an easy one. By his own admission, he was "the most reluctant convert in the history of Christendom." But one of the things that ultimately brought him around to the Christianity was precisely the realization that meaning trumps our normal conception of happiness. He came to understand, he writes, that the harshness of God is kinder than the softness of man and God's compulsion is our liberation.

Money can't buy happiness. It can buy pleasure, but, as life itself eventually teaches us, pleasure is not necessarily happiness.

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Financial Summary

June 3, 2012

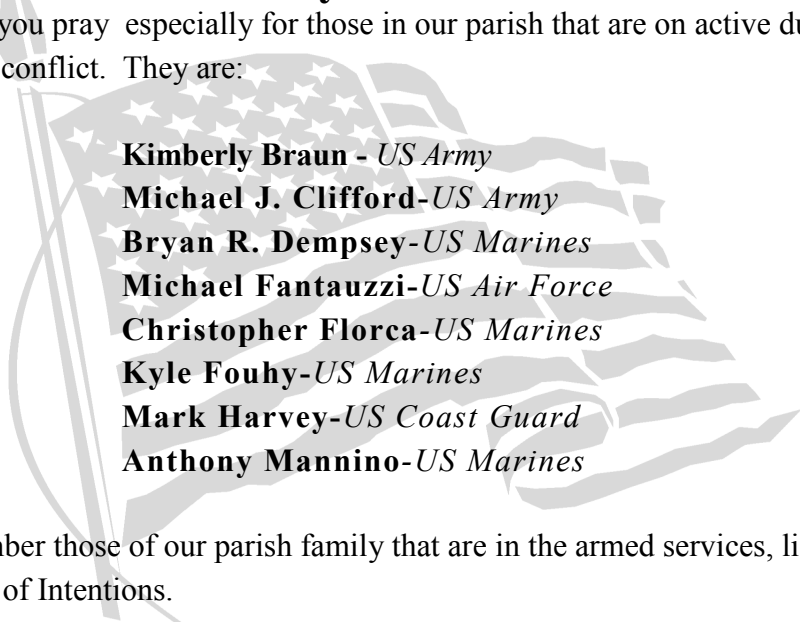
Weekly Collection	\$ 17,071.00
Weekly Budget	-\$ 19,000.00
+/- for the week	\$ (1,929.00)

Religious Retirement \$ 4,622.00

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*
Kyle Fouhy-*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

Speaking for the Church: Our Shepherds (6 of 7)

Our Catholic faith is clear: Christ is present in his Church. What seems to many a mere institution is in fact a holy people. It is a mystical body that has Christ as its head. It is a pilgrim people that journeys to the Father. By baptism, it is us. And by Christ's design, it is hierarchically ordered. This order, like any good order, ensures unity, vitality, and growth. Out of love, the Lord Jesus gave us, his body, overseers to teach, govern, and sanctify. Striving to be faithful imitators of Christ the Good Shepherd, those overseers, the bishops, lay down their lives in service so that God's people may be built up and Christ proclaimed.

This basic teaching of our faith is important to remember amid the current conversation surrounding the HHS mandate. After all, there are many voices in the debate, even in the Catholic fold, and the tendency today is to treat the voice of the bishops as one among many. To do so though is to forget their Christ-given place among us. Bishop Murphy reminds us that the bishops speak for the Church. "There are many opinions among Catholics," he says, "but if you want to know what the Church teaches and what her faith demands, ask the bishops who, alone as the successors of the apostles in union with the pope, are the ones who can be trusted to offer, not an opinion, but the authentic teaching of the Catholic Church."

To assist them in their role as shepherds of the flock, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops formed an Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty in September 2011. The committee was charged with identifying threats made towards religious freedom and addressing the profound impact those threats would have on the faithful. Archbishop-designate William Lori of Baltimore was named as chair. Under his leadership, its members have worked closely with national organizations, charities, ecumenical and interreligious partners, and scholars to form a united and forceful front in defense of religious freedom for every American. Since January 2012 the committee has clearly articulated the specific ways in which the HHS mandate poses serious threats to America's heritage of religious freedom and has shown how the mandate's regulations impact Catholic institutions.

Recognizing the importance of educating the faithful in this matter, the committee has provided on its website various resources and legislative updates to help Catholics around the country stay informed. Most recently, the committee has issued a guiding document entitled *Our First, Most Cherished Liberty: A Statement on Religious Liberty*. In that statement, the overall sentiment is made clear in the opening lines: "We are Catholics. We are Americans. We are proud to be both...To be Catholic and American should mean not having to choose one over the other."

"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.

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



Pantry Needs

Canned pasta

Macaroni and cheese

Pasta sauce

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.

Honor Roll

The following students have made the Honor Roll for the third Quarter at St. Anthony's High School.

They are:

Mark Barbera

Michael Carboni

Elizabeth Conklin

Christie Finn

Eva Gallegos

Shaun McGuire

Taryn McLees

Aidan McShane

Sean McShane

Timothy Mounsey

Juliana Nador

Ellena Nador

Jason-Michael Saint Laurent

Lee Ann Santore

Tyler Secreto

Jake Shapiro

Michael Strack

Maria Tobin

John Tozzi

Shannon White

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 "**Thingdom vs. Kingdom.**" 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

Ever since the night Moses led the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt, God's people remembered that special night with the Passover meal. They ate flat bread, just as the Israelites did the night they left Egypt. They drank wine, remembering the lamb's blood that saved the Israelites from the Angel of Death. Jesus ate the Passover meal with his disciples. As they ate, Jesus taught his disciples that, under God's new agreement, his own body and blood would save them.



Mission for the Week

Using the concordance found at the back of your Bible, look up the word "Passover." As a family, write down the verses, find them in your Bible, and read them out loud. Sometimes Jesus is referred to as the Lamb of God, or the Lamb sacrificed for our sins. Talk about how Jesus took our sins away when he died on the cross.

Puzzle

Count the objects in each group. Draw lines to **match** the groups with the right **number**. Then color in all the pictures.



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Prayer



Dear God,
help me to be truly thankful for the way Jesus gave up his own body and blood to save me from my sins. Amen.



Something to Draw

Draw a picture of Jesus serving wine and flat bread to his disciples. (Flat bread looks a little bit like pita bread.)