

**“Christ has forgiven our
transgressions, obliterated
the bond against us,
nailing it to the tree.”**

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Our Lady of Lourdes • July 28 2013



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/Confession

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 advance, please call the Parish Office.

Rite of Christian Initiation of

Adults (RCIA) A process to be embraced 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

Msgr. Brian McNamara
Pastor

Rev. Patsy Amabile

Associate Pastor

Rev. Robert Scheckenback

Associate Pastor

Deacon John DeGuardi

Deacon Tom Lucie

Deacon Jack Meehan

Coordinator of Stewardship

Deacon John Teufel

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

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Deacon Jack Meehan

John Muldoon

Bob Natale

Josephine O'Malley

Dottie Perdue

Vita Scorcia

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Director of Youth Choirs

Michael Buonaspina

Parish Organist

Anne Gregg

School Office

Mary Anne Lettieri

Parish Office

Debbie Meyer

Bulletin Editor/Business Office

Rita Spera

Religious Education Office

Lori Walsh

Parish Office



Parish Office

455 Hunter Avenue

West Islip, NY 11795

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

44 Toomey Road

West Islip, NY 11795

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

S.A.G.E.

661.3224, ext. 122

**(Senior Advocates for Growth
and Enrichment)**

email: Sage@ollchurch.org

My Dear Friends...

I wish to express my special thanks to Monsignor Brian for his thoughtful invitation, inviting me to share with Father (Msgr.) Jim Vlaun his 25th and my 50th Anniversary of priestly ordination, remembering those precious years when our priestly service coincided at Our Lady of Lourdes.

I also take this opportunity to thank so many of you who have, in one way or another, formed me in the priesthood.

Thank you and may God bless you for having been a part of my priestly journey, as well as all those who gave of their time and talent to make this MASS so memorable.

Father Bill Jablonski

Our Lady of Lourdes School

BBQ Classic

Save the date... **August 24 1—4 PM Great Lawn**

Welcome Back to School Picnic

Join us for complimentary food and drinks sponsored by Buffalo Wild Wings!

Meet your class families, meet the School Board, get informed.

Finger licking family fun!



Our Lady of Lourdes 29th Annual Golf Outing And Dinner

Thursday, October 10

Island Hills Golf Club

Sayville, NY

Golf and Dinner Package

\$275 per person

Foursome Golf and Dinner Package

\$1,100 includes: green fees, BBQ lunch,
driving range, cart, course contests,
cocktail hour and dinner

Cocktails and Dinner Package

\$75 per person

*To register, sponsor, or to make a donation, please
contact Golf Committee member Germain Collazo
at gcollazo@ollschool.org or call 347.683.0348.*

Event Schedule

11:00 AM—12:30 PM

Registration

BBQ Lunch

Putting Contest

12:30 PM

Shot Gun Tee Off

5:30—6:30 PM

Post Golf Cocktail Hour

6:30—10 PM

Dinner and raffles

Dear Parishioners:

As you know, Fr. Mike Vetrano, with the support of the Pastoral Council and the Finance Council, embarked on a 3-year Capital Campaign, to repair and improve the buildings in the parish. Due to your generosity, we have already created the beautiful Parish Center, overhauled the lighting system in the Church and replaced the carpets and all the pews in the Church. This summer/fall, we will be focusing on the next phase of the Capital Campaign: the repair/renovation/replacement of the sidewalks and parking lots. In addition, we will also be adding three new drains in the back parking section near the school and church. During heavy rains we have experienced flooding. Adding the drains should halt this flooding.

The Diocesan process requires us to “bid out” this work, consult with the Diocesan Construction and Renovation Department, and to seek formal permission for the project. We have received four (4) bids on the work. I have also sent a letter to Bishop Brennan, the Vicar General, asking for his permission to proceed with the project. In addition, I have been in close contact with the Diocesan Construction and Renovation Department. Once we have received permission, we will start the work. I am hoping it will begin by mid-August. We will start with the sidewalks in front of the school and the parking lot across Toomey Road. Depending on weather, etc., we may have to finish the project after the Feast. As you know, the parking lots are essential to hosting the Feast, so we need them functional for the Feast.

I would like to highlight a few aspects of the project. When the work starts, this will probably entail some inconvenience regarding parking, etc. We will try to minimize that inconvenience, but we have to realistically expect some inconvenience. I ask for your patience during this time as we make these needed improvements and repairs.

One of the improvements we will be making will be the narrowing of the sidewalk leading to the main entrance of the Church. This will provide us with increased safety because it will widen the “street”; it also allows for increased handicapped parking. In addition, there are two large pine trees in front of the stained glass windows that need to be cut down. They are undermining the sidewalk in that area and the trees themselves also have a blight. This is one of the reasons why the trees are shedding so many needles (which have found their way into the church building and the air conditioning unit). We are also exploring the possibility of placing attractive lettering on the outside wall of the Church where the stained glass window is located. This way, people driving on Hunter Avenue can identify that we are Our Lady of Lourdes Church. Finally, we will have improved signage throughout the parish grounds to identify where the Parish Center, Church entrance, etc., are located. Many times visitors to our Parish get lost, so this improved signage should help.

Because of your generosity, we have accomplished so much already. I thank you for being so faithful to fulfilling your pledges to the Capital Campaign. The Capital Campaign concludes next year. In the coming year, we will focus on the main entrance to the Church building, including new doors and improve the entrance to the rectory/parish offices as well.

Remember: Together, we can do something beautiful for God!

In Christ,

Fr. Brian

SAGE

The SAGE Group (*Senior Advocates for Growth and Enrichment*) will meet on **Tuesday, July 30 in the Parish Center at 9 AM.**

Senior Circle

The Senior Circle meets on the last Monday of each month. The next meeting will be held on **Monday, July 29 at 12:30 PM in the Parish Center.**

Nocturnal Adoration

Nocturnal Adoration will follow the 5 PM Mass on **Saturday, August 3**, concluding with Benediction at 9:50 PM. Please come and pray with us. All are invited and welcome. Bring a friend!

Family Gathering

All families (young and old) are invited to a **Family Gathering after the 9:30 AM Mass on July 28.**

Fr. Pat will be sharing his special fun and caring with his activities and games. Join us in the Parish Center after Mass. Light refreshments will be served.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Bring your prayer and creativity together in a gift of love.

Join us...

Wednesday, August 14 at 9:30 AM in the Parish Center.

All you need to bring is scrap yarn, knitting needles or crochet hooks (patterns and instructions will be given to you) and your gifts of love and prayer.

Religious Education

PEP 1 Registration Dates 2013

For children entering public school, grade 1-September – 2013.

Meetings will take place in the Parish Center, (room opposite the playground on Hunter Ave.)

*Please note: **Baptismal Certificates required** for any child being registered in PEP 1.*

Tuesday, September 24	10 AM and 7:30 PM
Wednesday, September 25	10 AM and 7:30 PM
Wednesday, October 16	10 AM and 7:30 PM

If this is your **first child in our program**, the registration fee (Family Fee) is \$185 and textbooks are \$25 (if needed). Details will be provided at the meeting.

All Religious Education information may be obtained by going to our OLL website ollchurch.org and click on Religious Education link or go to our echalk website ollreled.org and click on Religious Education Calendar, or Religious Education Programs, or Adult Faith Formation.

Men's Prayer Group-*morning*

We invite all men of the parish to meet for prayer and reflection after the 8 AM Mass on **Thursday, August 15, 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. 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, August 20.** 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.

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.

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.

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: Wednesday at 10 AM in Lourdes Hall (convent lower level.) *Free babysitting available*
Beginner's meeting at 9:30 AM.

AA Day-by-Day/Girls Night Out: Thursday at 7:30 PM in Lourdes Hall (convent lower level.)

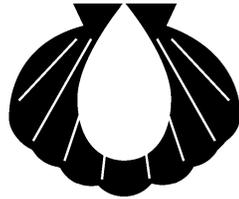
Men's Bible Based Recovery Group: 1st three Wednesdays of the month at 8 PM in Lourdes Hall (convent lower level.) Open to men with any addiction, a 12 step program using the "Life Recovery Bible."

Children's Liturgy of the Word

There will be **NO** Children's Liturgy of the Word during the month of August. The children will **NOT** be dismissed to the Parish Center on August 4, August 11, August 25 and September 1.

The Committee hopes to use this time to rest and re-fuel. We will also be planning for the coming months and Advent 2013.

Please keep us in your prayers.



Baptism

Tristan José Aquino

Armando & Lady

Adriana Loretta Iacopelli

Vincent & Danielle

Anthony Joseph Iacopelli

Vincent & Danielle

Andrew Ryan Wagner

Craig & Carrie

Dylan Thomas Simicich

Thomas & Christina

Rest In Peace

Connie Fuchel died on June 30 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was July 5 in St. Anthony of Padua Church, Rocky Point. We extend our prayerful sympathy to her sister, Tina Aparo, and entire family.

Helena C. Kollman died on July 14 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was July 17. We extend our prayerful sympathy to her children, grandchildren, and entire family.

Brian Contelmo died on July 14 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was July 18. We extend our prayerful sympathy to his wife, Rose, daughter, Christina, and entire family.

Doris C. Sullivan died on July 16 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was July 19. We extend our prayerful sympathy to her children, grandchildren, and entire family.

Vincenza Salerno died on July 16 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was July 22. We extend our prayerful sympathy to her husband, Gasper, children, grandchildren, and entire family.

Remembering...

Monday, July 29

Saint Martha

8:00 AM Vera Vieni

Tuesday, July 30

Saint Peter Chrysologus, bishop and doctor of the church

8:00 AM Gens Olsen

Wednesday, July 31

8:00 AM Lillian LaRocca

Thursday, August 1

Saint Alphonsus Liguori, bishop and doctor of the church

8:00 AM Arthur Serdock

Friday, August 2

8:00 AM Neven Vulin

Saturday, August 3

8:00 AM Mary Pansino, Jose Pereira

5:00 PM Patrick McCarthy

Fr. Bob Scheckenback

Sunday, August 4

8:00 AM John Lovari

Fr. Patsy Amabile

9:30 AM Ronald Haff

Fr. Patsy Amabile

11:00 AM Josephine Grossi

Fr. Bob Scheckenback

12:30 PM Dec'd members of the Critchley Family

Fr. Bob Scheckenback

6:00 PM People of the Parish, Charles Gremler, Helen Lawroe
Mary & Frank Carbone, Sr., Frank Carbone, Jr.,
Catherine Brady, Lillian Cummings McLaughlin,
Edward McLaughlin

Fr. Brian McNamara

Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Maria Tumminello*. If you would like to help care for our altar needs, please call the Parish Office at 661.3224.

we are *beggars*
every time we *pray* the
Lord's Prayer



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17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Big cities can have a special attraction. The commercial areas can be alive with such hustle and bustle. Walking past store windows and sidewalk restaurants can enliven one's spirit as the great mass of humanity seems to be undulating with all the excitement of commerce and exchange. In large cities one can often hear multiple languages just by walking a few blocks as people from different parts of the world mix together on the sidewalks of America. Walk a few blocks in any big city and it is likely that you will come upon someone begging or panhandling on the street. In some places the beggars are very discreet, just sitting on a bench or a sidewalk with a paper cup in their hand that may have a few coins in it so as not to attract the attention of the police. In other places, the begging may be more aggressive with requests hurled at passersby. In a big city, every beggar has his regulars who give him something when they see him. But there are also the hundreds who will pass by. And then there are the occasional visitors who are unsure whether to heed the beggars' pleas or not.

In the Gospel this weekend, the disciples of Jesus ask him to teach them how to pray. He then goes on to describe for them the nature of prayer. He reminds the disciples not to give up. They must be persistent in their prayer, asking for what is needed.

Most of us probably can't ever conceive of ourselves as beggars sitting on the street corner of some large city, even though it is likely that at some point in our lives we have seen them (and maybe even given them something!). But that is exactly what we are every time we pray the Lord's Prayer. After all, we pray, "Give us this day our daily bread." You can't be much more of a beggar than that!

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Readings for the Week of July 28, 2013

Sunday: Gn 18:20-32/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13
Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35/Mt 13:44-46
Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Mt 13:47-53
Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Mt 13:54-58
Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17/Mt 14:1-12
Next Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21

JOIN **FR. BRIAN MCNAMARA** ON A PILGRIMAGE TO

ITALY

ROME * ASSISI (ST. FRANCIS) * CASTEL GANDOLFO



NOVEMBER 11—19, 2013

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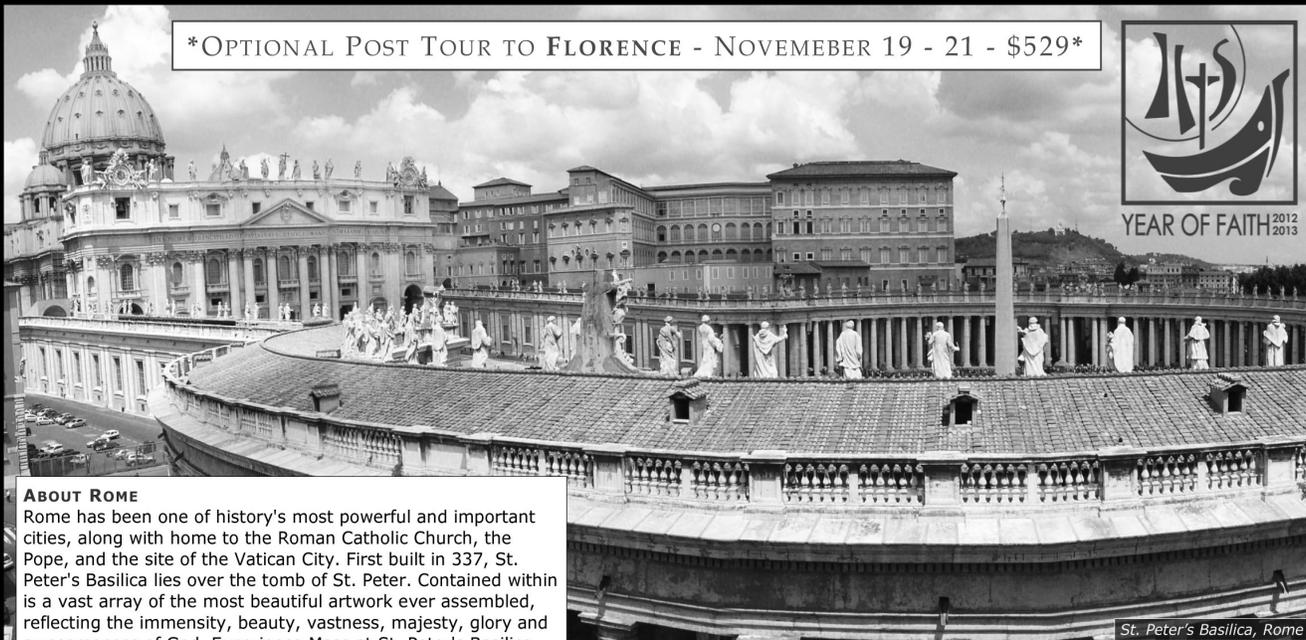
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HIGHLIGHTS OF INCLUSIONS

ROUND TRIP AIRFARE, ALL AIRPORT TAXES & FUEL SURCHARGES, 7 NIGHTS FIRST CLASS HOTELS, TRANSFERS, BREAKFAST & DINNER DAILY, WINE WITH DINNERS, AIR-CONDITIONED MOTOR COACH, PROFESSIONAL LOCAL CATHOLIC GUIDE(S), SIGHTSEEING & ADMISSIONS FEES, CATHOLIC PRIEST FOR SPIRITUAL DIRECTION, MASS DAILY & SPIRITUAL ACTIVITIES, LUGGAGE HANDLING & FLIGHT BAG.

OPTIONAL POST TOUR TO FLORENCE - NOVEMBER 19 - 21 - \$529



St. Peter's Basilica, Rome

ABOUT ROME

Rome has been one of history's most powerful and important cities, along with home to the Roman Catholic Church, the Pope, and the site of the Vatican City. First built in 337, St. Peter's Basilica lies over the tomb of St. Peter. Contained within is a vast array of the most beautiful artwork ever assembled, reflecting the immensity, beauty, vastness, majesty, glory and awesomeness of God. Experience Mass at St. Peter's Basilica, The Sistine Chapel & The Vatican Museum, & Audience with Holy Father!



Assisi Basilica, Assisi



The Trevi Fountain, Rome

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To book, contact **Stefanie** or **Samantha:**

(800) 206-8687

stefanie@206tours.com

samantha@206tours.com

Financial Summary

July 14, 2013

Weekly Collection	\$ 16,099.55
Weekly Budget	-\$ 19,000.00
+/- for the week	\$ (2,900.45)

July 21, 2013

Weekly Collection	\$ 15,641.03
Weekly Budget	-\$ 19,000.00
+/- for the week	\$ (3,358.97)

The estimated weekly collection needed to maintain and operate our parish buildings, ministries, programs, and salaries is \$19,000.

2013 Catholic Ministries Appeal

Serving God by Serving Others

Parish Goal	\$110,900
Amount Pledged	\$ 69,928
# of Donors	313
Average Pledge	\$ 223

What are some of the ways gifts are used?

Gifts are used to live and share our faith, care for God's people, and build God's Kingdom. For example, a gift of \$25 may help pay the gas for a Meals-On-Wheels van to deliver food for a day. A gift of \$50 may help pay for teaching materials for a volunteer catechist. A gift of \$100 may help care for a newborn in the Catholic Charities Regina Residence. A gift of \$250 may help subsidize housing for a developmentally disabled adult. A gift of \$1,000 may help support a Seminarian's education at our Seminary.

PARISH SPIRITUAL CARE COMPANION

Have you ever **NOT** visited someone who was homebound or in the hospital or in a nursing home because you were worried or afraid you wouldn't know what to say? We might be able to free you from that concern or fear.

Catholic Health Services of Long Island (CHSLI) is sponsoring a **FREE**, 3-week training for volunteers, offering basic pastoral care skills and information to become a caring, attentive, listening presence. These training sessions will help you to become a visitor to a homebound parishioner. If you are already an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist or a Hospital Visitor, these sessions will greatly enhance your training and experience. Topics include: understanding spiritual pain, communication skills, concerns of the sick and homebound, spiritual companionship, grief, death and dying, ethical issues and more.

The training sessions will be on **Saturdays, September 21, October 5 and October 19 from 9:30am – 1:30pm in the Parish Center.** Registration is required. For more information and to register for this special training, please call: Rick Danowski (586-2192), Vita Scorcia (669-4717) or Charles Zeiss (669-7189).



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 ...

Salvatore Albanese, Baby Patrick Anthony, Cathrine Battiata, James Bianco, Jennifer Bonamico, Leonora Campolo, Artie Clemens, Patti Clemens, Ellen Collins, Regina Cranor, Neil Coogan, Maureen D'Ambramo, Beverly DeCanio, Harry Denyse, Frank Edwards, Franklin Edwards, Jake Feldman, Billy Fuchs, Kenneth Garretson, Dan Golden, Vivian Gordon, Joy Grimes, Arthur Gross, Shena Kahn, John Keane, Robyn Kerrigan, Kathy Kruger, Kelly (Kunz) Lee, John Liona, Christopher Maher, Jean McCauley, Allen Minkler, Michele Nonnon List, Eugene Olsen, Ayn Paoletta, Frances Parine, Mary Petersen, Joanne Popper, Myra Rafferty, Shirley Roefs, Gasper Salerno, Joseph J. Schiavoni, Joseph S. Schiavoni, Ann Marie Schiraldi, Joseph Sepe, Kathleen Squillanti-Diamond, Nancy Turano



An Awesome Adventure
OLL Vacation Bible Camp '13
August 19-23
9 AM -12:30 PM daily

Camp Registration Form

*Return to OLL Parish Office along with fees (\$75 per child) before August 5. Please make checks payable to **Our Lady of Lourdes Church.***

We'll journey on an exciting adventure of faith and fun as we learn about God, hear stories from the Bible, share cool 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 T- shirt and snacks.

Child's First & Last Name

Grade Level in Sept. '13

Full Names of Parents/Guardians:

Family Address (Street, Town, Zip):

Email:

Phone #

**Cell and/or Business-
Phones):**

Name of Emergency Contact and Phone #:

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

We need adult and teen volunteers! We'll hold meetings for all volunteers on August 12, 13 or 14 at 7 pm. (You must attend one of the meetings.)



In celebration of the Year of Faith, the Diocese of Rockville Centre offers this pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC.

Please save the date and join us, together with faithful from all across our diocese, on **Saturday, September 28, 2013** for a day-long experience filled with opportunities for prayer, reflection, reconciliation, and fellowship.

We will be traveling with parishioners from St. Patrick's, Bay Shore. The fee for the coach bus will be \$25. If you are interested, or have any questions, please call the Parish Office at 661.3224 or email Fr. Brian at frbrian@ollchurch.org.

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:

Bryan R. Dempsey-*US Marines*

Michael Fantauzzi-*US Air Force*

Christopher Florca-*US Marines*

Kyle Fouhy-*US Marines*

Anthony Mannino-*US Marines*

James Rooney III-*US Marines*

...and remember those of our parish family that are in the armed services, listed in our Parish Book of Intentions.

Safely Home

Our whole parish family rejoices with the Clark Family in gratitude for the safe return of Brian from active duty. **Brian Clark**-*US Army*, has returned to the United States safe and sound from his tour of duty in Afghanistan. Thank you, *Brian*, for your most generous service to our country! The Clark Family would like to thank Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Family for all of their prayers.

Summer Pops Concert

West Islip Symphony Orchestra invites you to come hear a beautiful symphony under the stars on **Wednesday, July 31 at 8 PM on the West Islip Library field**. Phil Preddice, guest conductor will include Americana themes, Broadway musical themes, and motion picture and film themes. Don't forget a folding chair or blanket. Rain location will be West Islip High School.

Gennesaret Retreat

for those facing serious illness.

A retreat especially designed for persons who live with a serious illness is planned September 20, 21, and 22 at Montfort Spirituality Center, Bay Shore. This retreat offers a respite, a quiet time, an oasis, to enable one to continue the journey. The retreat focuses on God's love, His forgiveness, and His faithfulness. To register, or receive more information, please call Colette at 631.665.7052.

Blood Drive

Good Samaritan Hospital invites the community to participate in a blood drive **Tuesday, August 6, 10 AM to 4 PM**. Registration will be conducted in the main lobby of the hospital. A Long Island Blood Services mobile unit will be available in the main parking lot for the convenience of participants, and each donor will receive a gift in appreciation. Donors must be at least 17 years old (or 16 with a parent's consent) and weigh a minimum of 110 pounds. Also, each participant should bring valid identification. For more information or to schedule an appointment, please call 631.376.4444.

Fun Fair Vacation Bible School

Westminster Presbyterian Church invites you to the Fun Fair Vacation Bible School, **August 5 through August 9, 5:30 until 8:30 PM**. There is a \$20 registration fee. Family dinner is at 5:30 PM. If you are interested or you have any questions, please call Dottie at 587.2286.

Life Center of Long Island's Fun Night Out Fundraiser

Long Island Ducks Baseball Game

When: Tuesday July 30th 2013 7:05 PM

Bethpage Ballpark Central Islip NY

Tickets \$18.00 each/Free Parking Post Game Grucci Fireworks Show!

Contact: Margie@Lifecenterli.org or 631-839-2854

The Beginning Experience

The program helps grieving single-again persons emerge from the darkness of grief into the light of a new beginning and move into the future with renewed hope. Turn the pain of loss into and experience of positive growth.

The Beginning Experience weekend August 16-18, 2013 at the Montfort Spiritual Center in Bay Shore. For information and reservations, call John at 516.822.0635 or Karen at 201.736.8200. You can also email at beginningexperienceLI@hotmail.com

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 **"Volunteering/Giving."**

Sharing the Gospel

Do you know how to pray? All you need to do is talk to God. He is your loving Father. Tell him how you would like to make him happy. Ask him to give you the things you really need. Ask him to help you forgive other people, just like he forgives you. God loves you, so talk to him often.



Mission for the Week

Make time to pray every day this week.



Puzzle

Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:

You are not ashamed to keep on asking.

	A	S	K	I	N	G

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Prayer

Dear God,
thank you for
loving me and
listening to me.



Something to Draw

Draw a picture of
your favorite place
to talk to God.