

**Let us persevere in running the race
that lies before us.**



Hebrews 12:1

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Our Lady of Lourdes • August 18, 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

Pastoral Council

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John Muldoon

Bob Natale

Josephine O'Malley

Dottie Perdue

Vita Scorcia

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Michael Buonaspina

Parish Organist

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Rita Spera

Religious Education Office

Lori Walsh

Parish Office

Parish Office

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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

Good Bye

We invite everyone to come and say good-bye to Fr. Pat and wish him all the best!

All are invited to **Fr. Pat's Farewell on Sunday, September 8 at the 12:30 PM Mass** followed by light refreshments and fellowship. *Watch bulletin for further details...*

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.



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



Hi! from Fr. Bob,

It's hard to believe that it's already August, isn't it? The hopes and plans that define the spirit of the summer coming to an end. This time of the year, because of that, always reminds me how fleeting things can be. As you have heard me preach often, I also become aware of how little control I actually have in regards to my surroundings and how things are going to happen.

The summer started here with some new beginnings; some schedule changes, some new people and a new summer camp, then, a broken air conditioner and a heat wave.

I expected the usual furnace-like discomfort where I visit in the South, and you had it here instead. What was a place of drought for the past 10 years where I visit was literally flooded from rain that began in February and hasn't stopped yet. Corn crops failing because all the water leaches the nitrogen out of the soil and it can't grow (who knew?). I had rain, wind, lightening, and even HAIL (stones the size of a "shooter" marble, one actually cut my hand). I locked my keys in my jeep, fell on one of my fishing rods and broke it, got lost, locked out of a cabin, drove a friend's truck into a ditch, and with the same friend, found out how useless I can be at manual labor. None of this was part of "my plan", and now that I see it spelled out on paper, it sounds pretty awful. What's the point?

It was wonderful. What actually happened is that I had to ask for help and met people who were kind. I had to be humble, couldn't take my self so seriously. I learned how to improvise, go with the flow, actually trust in God, and trust that things truly were going to happen the way they should. I had to occasionally swallow my pride (don't worry; I washed it down with coffee and chocolate). I left some things up to "chance". I found trustworthy people. I tried harder not to judge. I saw places and things I had no intention of seeing, and experienced differently the ones that I did. I was given compassion, invited to be a part of a family, and taught that not everyone has the same gifts. I had to be honest about some of my shortcomings. All in all, it was a microcosm of what my life should always be but isn't.

Things ARE fleeting and we really DON'T have a lot of control over our surroundings. So why be so guarded? If we don't get too attached to our own plans, God will have plenty of room to implement some of his own. And... His are always better.

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish



Italian Family Feast 2013

September 11–15, 2013

Opens Wednesday thru Friday at 7 PM

Opens Saturday at 6 PM

Opens Sunday at 2 PM

Super Raffle

\$10,000 in prizes. Only 200 tickets to be sold. Each ticket \$100. Tickets on sale after Mass beginning August 10/11. Don't wait-these tickets sell out very quickly! Super Raffle drawing will be held on Sunday, September 15 at 8 PM.



Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are always needed and welcomed to support our annual Italian Family Feast. Can you help? If you're interested or have any questions, please call Frank Antonawich at 587.7988.

Feast Volunteer Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 4 at 7 PM in the Parish Center. We look forward to seeing all our volunteers at the meeting.

Walk with Mary Feast Mass

**Saturday, September 14
Procession at 4 PM
Mass at 5 PM**

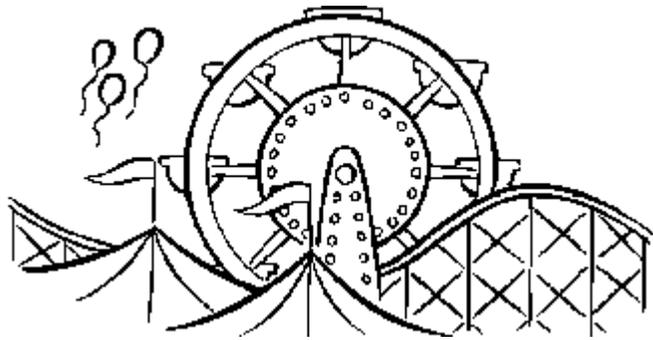
On Saturday, September 14 we celebrate our Feast Mass and Walk with Mary with a procession at 4 PM and Mass at 5 PM.

Please plan to join us.

We will process through the Feast grounds, concluding with a recitation of a decade of the rosary before the statue of Our Lady of Lourdes.

Pay-One-Price

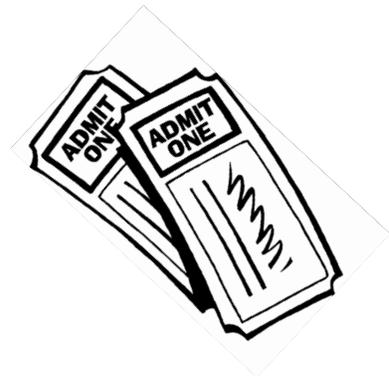
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Purchase your Pay-One-Price
tickets at the feast.**

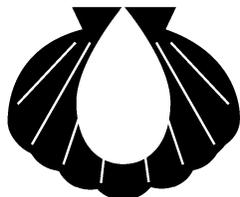


Television Raffle Tickets

**Purchase your raffle tickets to win a
Panasonic 50" Plasma Flat Screen Television.**

\$5 per raffle ticket-6 raffle tickets for \$20.





Baptism

Meadow Elizabeth Mentus

David and Jodianne

Lucianna Marie Abreu

Luis and Alisha

Alyssa Francesca Capezza

Frank and Anna

Dillan Johnathon Flynn

John and Cassandra

Grant Christopher Kauter

Christopher and Nadya

Mike Anthony Metaxas

Jerry and Melissa

Coltin James Mistretta

Salvatore and Stephanie

Brianna Marie Morales-Mistretta

Elmer and Margaret



Upcoming Marriages

Ann Siragusa, OLL and

Matthew Brown, St. Mary's, East Islip, NY



Rest In Peace

Michele Sandra White died on August 2 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was August 7. We extend our prayerful sympathy to her daughter, parents, siblings, and entire family

Patrick J. Byrne died on August 5 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was August 9. We extend our prayerful sympathy to his children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and entire family.

Rachel Eaton died on August 6 and celebration of the Mass of Christian burial was August 10. We extend our prayerful sympathy to her husband, William, children, grandchildren, and entire family.

Janet Zoeller died on August 6 and celebration of the Mass of Christian burial was August 12. We extend our prayerful sympathy to her children, grandchildren, and entire family.

Salvatore Castrianni died on August 10 and celebration of the Mass of Christian burial was August 13. We extend our prayerful sympathy to his children, grandchildren, and entire family.

Remembering...

Monday, August 19

8:00 AM Albert Ritacco

Tuesday, August 20

Saint Bernard, abbot and doctor of the Church

8:00 AM Edward Wernikowski

Wednesday, August 21

Saint Pius X, Pope

8:00 AM All Souls of the Bruno Family

Thursday, August 22

8:00 AM Sweeney and LaRocca Families

Friday, August 23

8:00 AM Carl Schmid.

Saturday, August 24

8:00 AM Sister Nina O'Brien, Doris Castaldo, Mary DeVivo,
Betty Anne White, John Lewicki, Michele White

5:00 PM Danny Salegna and Tricia Salegna-Maqueda

Fr. Bob Scheckenback

Sunday, August 25

8:00 AM Dolores R. Ryczek

Fr. Bob Scheckenback

9:30 AM John Holland

Fr. Bob Scheckenback

11:00 AM John Stehling

Fr. Patsy Amabile

12:30 PM Joseph and Mary Rizzo

Fr. Patsy Amabile

6:00 PM People of the Parish, Anna Korin, Laurette Lalaveras.

Caiazzo, McLaughlin and Drozd Families,

Talia Joy Castellani, Robert Martinez

Fr. Brian McNamara

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 18, 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.

We are **called** to
proclaim clearly
what we **believe**



20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Even one hundred and fifty years after it took place, the effects of the Civil War in the United States can still be felt. Even though the shifting population has tempered perceptions, those who work in the social sciences can still point to sections of the country where certain attitudes hold a greater sway than in others. And even though it may be unfair, there are times when a particular region will be categorized in a way that harkens back to an earlier era. The battles of the war are still fought by teams who meticulously reenact the events in a harmless historical hobby. More nefarious are those who use code words and false ideas to resurrect an era that should be consigned to history.

The divisions that Jesus attests to in this weekend's Gospel spring from the real experience of the early Christian community in the first century of its existence. For some, Christianity was a dangerous philosophy that needed to be eradicated. Some of its propositions threatened the security of the state, like the worship of the one God and the equality of everyone before the Lord referenced in Paul's famous words to the Galatians: "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free person, there is not male and female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus" (3:28).

The Gospel today is not an encouragement to family arguments. Jesus is not asking households to be so rigorous that our faith becomes a point of contention. But the Scripture does allude to a stress point that many of us may confront in our lives. Being a believer means that sometimes we must take a stand. We are called to proclaim clearly what we believe and to do that when it may be uncomfortable for us. We won't necessarily become a martyr, but there are times when there is a cost to our faith.

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Readings for the Week of August 18, 2013

Sunday: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53
Monday: Jgs 2:11-19/Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a/Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15/Mt 20:1-16
Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a/Mt 22:1-14
Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Mt 22:34-40
Saturday: Rv 21:9b-14/Jn 1:45-51
Next Sunday: Is 66:18-21/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30

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

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NOVEMBER 11—19, 2013

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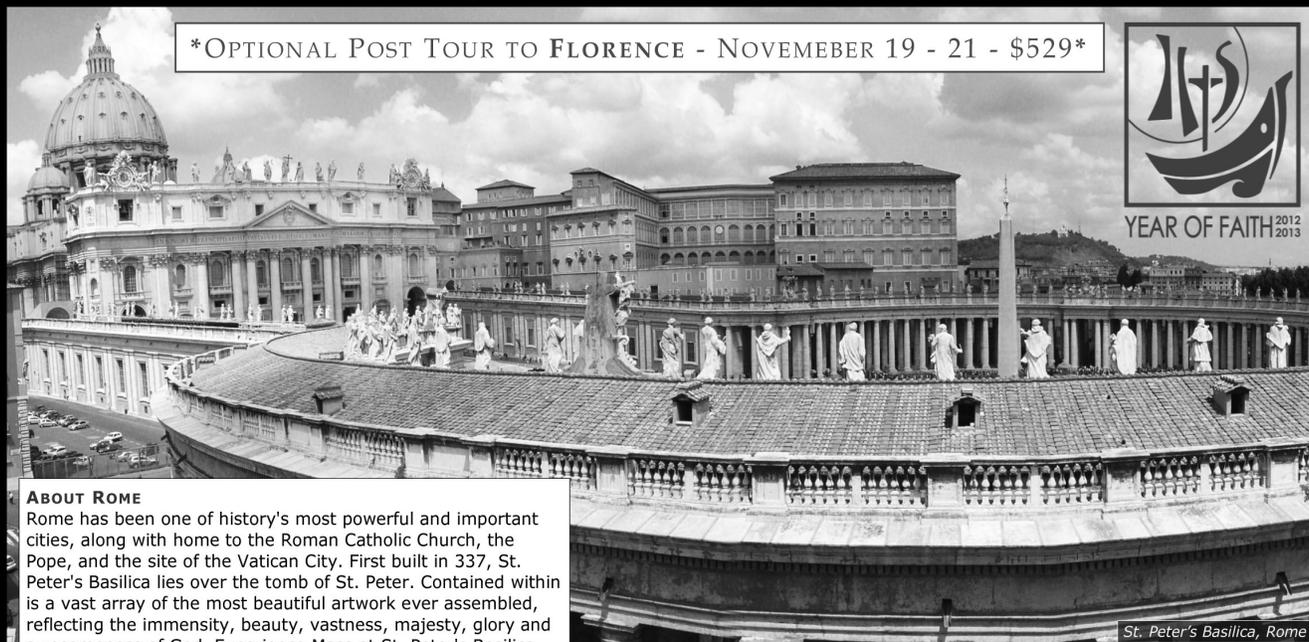
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ROUND TRIP AIRFARE, ALL AIRPORT TAXES & FUEL SURCHARGES, 7 NIGHTS FIRST CLASS HOTELS, TRANSFERS, BREAKFAST & DINNER DAILY, WINE WITH DINNERS, AIR-CONDITIONED MOTOR COACH, PROFESSIONAL LOCAL CATHOLIC GUIDE(S), SIGHTSEEING & ADMISSIONS FEES, CATHOLIC 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!



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Financial Summary

August 11, 2013

Weekly Collection	\$ 16,069.00
Weekly Budget	-\$ 19,000.00
+/- for the week	\$ (2,931.00)

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

Altar Society

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

Baptism Ministry

We invite current members, as well as people who would like to join the Baptism Ministry to come to our meeting scheduled for **Tuesday, August 27 at 7:30 PM in the Parish Center**. All are welcome!

Senior Circle

The Senior Circle meets on the last Monday of each month. The next meeting will be held on **Monday, August 26 at 12:30 PM in the Parish Center**.

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.

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

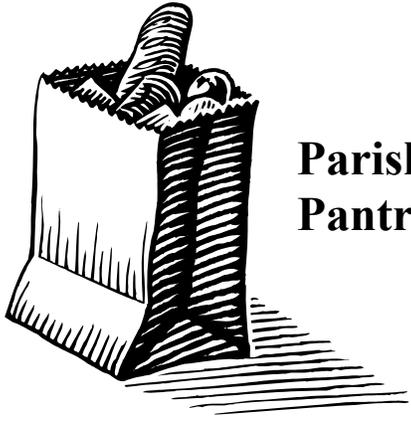
Please call the Parish Office at 661.3224 to leave the names of parishioners who:

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



Parish Outreach Pantry Needs

Mom, there's nothing to eat!" I don't think I'd be able to count all the times I've heard those words from my own kids. It seems like when they are all home in the summer, the food is just inhaled!

Summer can be a difficult time for our Outreach families, too. Their children are home from school which means they need more food to keep them fed.

Thanks to all who continue to donate to our pantry during the summer months. Right now our shelves are bare. We are especially in need of jelly, canned pasta, canned vegetable, soups, as well as snacks for kids.

We will also be collecting donations of school supplies for the next few weeks.

Any notebooks, loose-leaf paper, folders, pencils, pens, crayons, backpacks etc. will be gladly accepted. Thanks for your continued support and generosity!

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."



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:

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

Free Children's Health Update

Good Samaritan Hospital is hosting a **Free Children's Health Update** event at the **Westfield South Shore Mall in the Children's Playtown area on Saturday, August 24, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm**. Attend your choice of five, 15-minute mini-lectures presented by Good Sam children's health experts. Topics include "Pediatric Sleep", "Vaccinations", "Transitions" and "Picky Eaters". Some lectures are available in Spanish. Bring the family and enjoy a day of fun, games, giveaways and activities.

Shop for a Cause Day

Good Samaritan Hospital will be joining the Macy's 8th Annual Shop For A Cause Day of Shopping at the **Westfield South Shore Mall in Bay Shore on Saturday, August 24 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm**. Educational information tables of services and programs of the hospital in addition to blood pressure screenings and self breast exam instructions will be available.

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 Collette at 631.665.7052.



You Can Help Heal Your Marriage

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse?

Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped thousands of couples worldwide experiencing ALL TYPES of marital difficulties. For confidential information about the Retrouvaille program, or to register for the upcoming weekend that begins on **Friday, September 6th at the Montfort Retreat House in Bay Shore**, please call 1-800-470-2230 and you will be connected directly and confidentially to a couple from Long Island/Metro Retrouvaille who can help.

Help Yourself-Help Others-Help God

Exercise Program Available

Our Lady of Consolation is offering generous volunteers an opportunity to be part of an Exercise Program - free of charge - on Sunday mornings 9:30 - 11:30 AM.

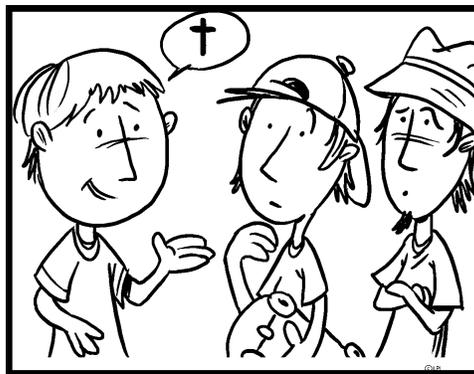
By pushing wheelchair-bound residents to and from the 10:30 AM Mass, you'll be getting enough exercise to last all week! To volunteer, call the Pastoral Care Department at 631.587.1600 X 8297.

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 **"Accepting Differences."**

Sharing the Gospel

When you talk about Jesus, you will probably get a strong reaction from people. Some people love Jesus with their whole heart, and their lives really show it. Other people don't want to follow Jesus, and talking about him may even make them angry. Families and friends can be torn apart by that anger. No matter what, stay close to Jesus, and he will stay close to you.



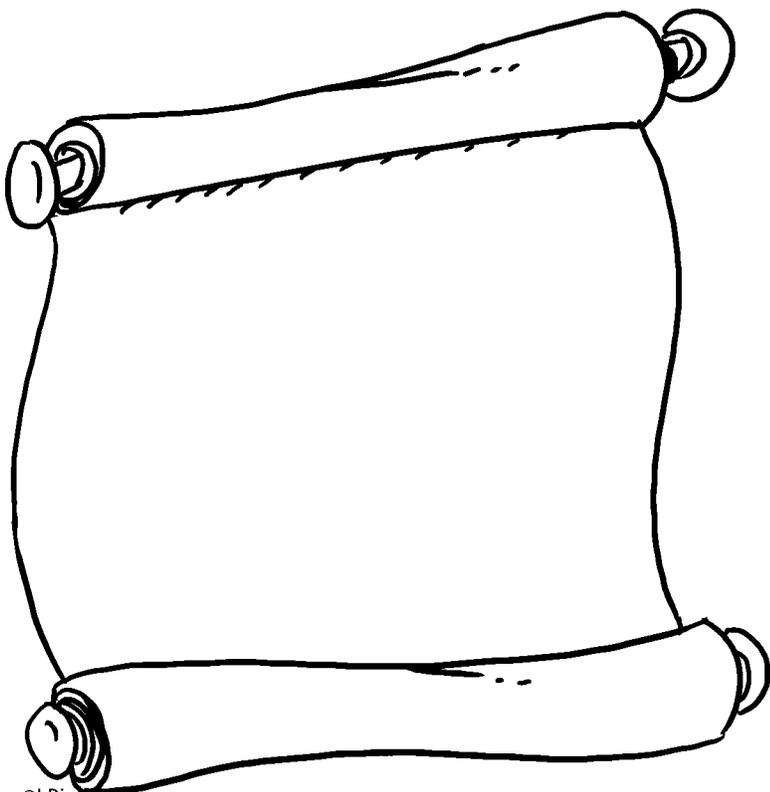
Mission for the Week

Be very loving when you tell others about Jesus.



Puzzle

Write a little poem for Jesus.



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Prayer

Dear Jesus,
help me to stay close
to you always.



Something to Draw

Draw a picture of a family broken apart because Jesus makes some of them happy, and Jesus makes the rest of them angry.