

**The people who have walked in  
darkness have seen a great light.**



Isaiah 9:1

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Our Lady of Lourdes • January 26, 2014**



## *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**

8:30 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 at 8 AM

### **Miraculous Medal Novena**

Monday after 8:30 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.

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### *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.*

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### *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

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**Rev. Robert Scheckenback**  
Associate Pastor

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**Deacon John DeGuardi**  
**Deacon Tom Lucie**  
**Deacon Jack Meehan**  
Coordinator of Stewardship  
**Deacon John Teufel**

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**Sr. Nancy Campkin, CSJ**  
Director of Religious Education  
**Trish Frodell**  
Director of Parish Social Ministry  
**Louise Jane Krol**  
School Principal  
**Sr. Diane Liona, CSJ**  
Director of Religious Education  
**Mary McMahon**  
Business Manager  
**Robin Reynolds-Brennan**  
Coordinator of Worship  
OLL Choir Director  
**Vita Scorcia**  
Ministry Spiritual Director

## *Pastoral Council*

Msgr. Brian McNamara  
Eileen Rega  
Mary Borgs  
Lisa Cantalino  
Sonia DaSilva  
Nilo DeLeon  
Jerry Esposito  
Trish Frodell  
Pam Gagliano  
Deborah Lamb  
Rosalie Mangels  
Deacon Jack Meehan  
John Muldoon  
Josephine O'Malley  
Dottie Perdue  
Vita Scorcia

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## *Parish Staff*

**AnnMarie Buonaspina**  
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](http://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](mailto:Sage@ollchurch.org)

*Please join Father Brian McNamara and his parishioner's of  
Our Lady of Lourdes, on a Spiritual Pilgrimage to FRANCE*



**Paris\*Normandy Beaches\*Caen\*Lisieux\*Lourdes\*Toulouse  
September 3—10, 2014 (8 days)**

**Air & Land \$4034**

**Land Only \$2573**

**The Details**

**Tour Price:** \$2573 p/person (based on double occupancy; singles and triples available upon request)

**Air from JFK:** \$1461

**Insurance:** \$199, highly recommended to protect your vacation investment, must be paid at time of deposit to cover pre-existing conditions.

**Sightseeing:** Sightseeing as outlined in the itinerary with inside visits (including admission charges) Sightseeing with local guides where applicable.

**Tour director:** The services of a professional, multilingual Tour Director will be provided throughout.

**Accommodations:**

Paris— Le Meridien Etoile

Caen— Mercure Center

Lourdes— Grand Hotel Moderne

Toulouse— Toulouse Airport

**Meals:** 8 —Breakfasts (B), 1-Lunch (L), and 4— Dinners (D)

**NOT INCLUDED IN TOUR PRICE:** airport taxes (where applicable), excess baggage, meals not included in itinerary, all items of a personal nature such as laundry, cleaning, telephone, telex or fax expenses, beverages including tea and coffee (except at breakfast and at hotel dinners), wines, liquors, soft drinks, etc. and TIPS FOR THE MOTORCOACH DRIVER, TOUR DIRECTOR, AND LOCAL GUIDES. Tips for local guides are not included and must be paid while on tour.

**Deposit \$250**

**Final payment due by June 1, 2014**

**CruiseOne**

Contact: Monica Colonna

631.539.9756 or mcolonna@cruiseone.com

Dear Parishioners:

As I write this letter, it is snowing outside. I've had enough already and only about an inch has fallen so far!

As you know, Fr. Bob and I are speaking at all the Masses, giving a catechesis on the Mass. In addition, we encourage you to read the various bulletin inserts that will appear in the coming weeks. Just as we go for further education/training in our professional careers, we need to grow intellectually in our faith as well.

Today, throughout the Diocese, we celebrate **Catholic Schools Week**. Here at Our Lady of Lourdes, we are extremely blessed to have a parish Catholic school. As you may know, some Catholic schools have closed over the past few years. Fortunately, OLL School has done very well and we are in good shape.

We are having an **OPEN HOUSE** for **Our Lady of Lourdes School this Sunday, January 26 from 10:45am – 1:00pm**. In addition, school tours will be conducted during the week from 9:00am – 11:00am. OLL School goes from 3 years olds (Nursery) to the 8<sup>th</sup> grade. I urge everyone to go to the Open House. Catholic schools are so different from when I was in Catholic elementary school. Our Fine Arts/Drama program is outstanding and our computer technology is second to none. Stop by and check us out.

As you may have read in the bulletin, we are planning a Parish pilgrimage to Lourdes, Paris and Lisieux (with a visit to the beaches of Normandy). It should be a great time; if you have never been to Lourdes, you owe it to yourself to go. I have been to Lourdes twice and Lourdes is a very spiritually moving place. I highly recommend Lourdes. Consider coming on the pilgrimage; you'll have a wonderful experience.

In Christ,

Fr. Brian

PS: As you know, I push ways in which our parish can receive what I call "free money". One of the ways is by clipping "**BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION**" coupons from various products (Please see an abbreviated list on the next page.). I am happy to report that the Parish School received a check for \$626 for all the BOX TOPS we had collected from April 1 – November 30, 2013. Because each BOX TOP is usually worth 10 cents, that means we collected over 6,000 BOX TOPS! Kudos to everyone who has helped out! Keep up the good work; if you haven't started collecting them yet, please do so. There is a BOX TOPS box in the main vestibule near the bulletin board. Help us to receive that "free money"!



# Our Lady of Lourdes School

EXCELLENCE IN CATHOLIC SCHOOL EDUCATION

44 Toomey Road, West Islip, NY 11795

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## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2014

# OPEN HOUSES

Sunday, January 26th  
10:45 a.m.—1 p.m.

Monday, January 27th through  
Friday, January 31st  
9—11 a.m.



- **Registration for 2014-2015** school year
- **Tours of school** facilities including classrooms, media center, TV studio, science lab, cafeteria, etc.

PROGRAMS: "Someone Special & Me," Nursery, Pre-Kindergarten,  
Kindergarten (full day), Grades 1-8

Extended Care, After School Enrichment Activities, Sports Teams, Theatrical Arts

Visit our school web site at: **[www.ollschool.org](http://www.ollschool.org)**  
for more information about our  
exciting programs!

*Call the School Office at*

*631-587-7200 ext. 100 if you have questions.*



# CLIP BOX TOPS AND EARN CASH FOR YOUR SCHOOL!

It's easy to find Box Tops. In fact, you may have some in your home right now.

Clip Box Tops from hundreds of your favorite products.

Each Box Top is worth **10¢** for your school and that adds up fast!

## APPAREL

Hanes printed shirts/sweatshirts  
Hanes boys'/girls' underwear  
Hanes boys'/girls' socks

## CEREAL

Basic 4® cereal  
Cascadian Farm® cereal  
Cheerios® cereal  
Chex® cereal  
Cinnamon Toast Crunch® cereal  
Cocoa Puffs® cereal  
Cookie Crisp® cereal  
Fiber One® cereal  
Golden Grahams®  
Oatmeal Crisp® cereal  
Kix® cereal  
Lucky Charms® cereal  
Nature Valley® Light & Crispy  
Raisin Nut Bran cereal  
Reese's Puffs® cereal  
Total® cereal®  
Trix® cereal  
Wheaties® cereal

## FOOD STORAGE

Ziploc® Containers  
Ziploc® Storage Bags

## BAKING & BAKEWARE

Betty Crocker® Bars & Brownies  
Betty Crocker® Cake & Frosting  
Betty Crocker® Complete Pancake Mixes  
Betty Crocker® Dessert Mixes  
Betty Crocker® Gluten Free  
Betty Crocker® Muffin and Cookie Mixes  
Betty Crocker® Pizza Crust  
Betty Crocker® Quick Breads  
Bisquick®  
Reynolds® Non-Stick Baking Pans  
Fiber One® Mixes  
Gold Medal® Flour  
Reynolds® Staybright Baking Cups  
Reynolds® Genuine Parchment Paper

## PAPER PRODUCTS

COTTONELLE® Flushable Cleansing Cloths  
KLEENEX® Dinner Napkins (50 count)  
KLEENEX® Facial Tissues  
SCOTT® Bath Tissue  
SCOTT® Do It Yourself  
SCOTT Naturals  
SCOTT® Paper Towels

...and many more! Look at the school website at [ollschool.org](http://ollschool.org) and visit the link for a complete list of products.

## Adult Bowling Night

*(Faculty fundraiser for additional instructional material)*

**Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Babylon Lanes**

8:00pm check-in

Bowling 9-11pm

Registration due by: **January 29, 2014**

\$30.00 per person

Door prizes and Raffles

# INTRODUCTORY RITES

## THE PROCESSION

The PROCESSION is not merely a practical way to get from Point A (the vestibule) to Point B (the altar area). The PROCESSION symbolizes our earthly pilgrimage toward heaven. We make our way through life to God in heaven as a family, as a community. The Catholic Church is that family. The PROCESSION moves outwardly at a dignified pace (usually accompanied by music/hymn and with a crucifix leading the way). However, spiritually and inwardly we are moving toward heaven.

## SIGN OF THE CROSS

The liturgy begins with the SIGN OF THE CROSS: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. This simple gesture carries with it a great theological truth: We proclaim that God is a Trinity of Persons yet the gesture reminds of the Oneness of God. Notice how we say “in the **name** of the Father, etc. We do not say “in the **names**” of the Father, etc.

We bless ourselves in the SIGN OF THE CROSS to acknowledge the cross upon which Christ died and to acknowledge that the cross and sacrifice of Christ on Calvary is made present at the Mass through the action of the priest who stands *in persona Christi* (in the person of Christ).

## PENITENTIAL RITE

In a recent interview, Pope Francis was asked to describe himself. He said, “first and foremost, I am a sinner.” It is a description that should resonate with each one of us: each one of us is a sinner! We have not lived up to the call of Christ. As the Book of Proverbs says, “The just man falls even times a day.” Thus, we are all in need of God’s forgiveness. The PENITENTIAL RITE challenges us to acknowledge our failings and humbly turn to God to ask His cleansing power to come upon us.

The PENITENTIAL RITE can take a few forms. The simple prayer asking for forgiveness: “Lord, have mercy...Christ, have mercy...Lord, have mercy”. This can be spoken or chanted. Occasionally (often during Advent and Lent), parishes use the Greek version: “Kyrie eleison...Christe eleison...Kyrie eleison (Kyrie means Lord in Greek).

At Mass, we can use the longer prayer called *The Confiteor* (A Latin word that means: “I confess”.): “I confess to Almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters,...” In this prayer we repeat three times “through my fault, through my fault, through my grievous fault”. The prayer emphasizes my own personal responsibility for my sinful actions: what I have done (sins of commission) and what I have failed to do (sins of omission).

The priest then concludes the PENITENTIAL RITE by asking God to forgive our sins and bring us to everlasting life.

## **GLORIA**

The GLORIA is a prayer of praise proclaiming the glory of God; in fact, the GLORIA is the quintessential prayer of praise. The GLORIA has been around since 128 A.D. when it was added to the nighttime Mass at Christmas by Pope Telesphorus. The GLORIA takes the opening lines of this prayer from St. Luke's Gospel when the angels praise the birth of the new-born king (Luke 2: 13-14). Thus, the GLORIA adds a little touch of Christmas to every Sunday Mass.

The GLORIA continues with a litany of Scriptural titles for God: heavenly King, God, almighty God, only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father. The GLORIA praises all three Persons of the Trinity in all their heavenly glory.

The GLORIA is not used during the seasons of Advent and Lent. During these seasons, the liturgy is more penitential in nature and hence the GLORIA is not appropriate.

## **OPENING PRAYER**

The priest then offers an OPENING PRAYER which is also called the "collect". This prayer emphasizes the theme of the Mass. The congregation responds by saying "Amen".

## **CONCLUDING RITES**

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

The priest recites a brief concluding prayer which highlights the effects and benefits the gift of the Eucharist.

### **BLESSING AND DISMISSAL**

The priest blesses us as we leave the Church building to go out and to live the Gospel, strengthened by the Eucharist we have just received. We strive to live in a way that reflects our communion with Jesus. At times, the priest imparts a solemn blessing in which the people respond "amen" to each of the three blessings.



DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE  
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

January 26, 2014

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Catholic Schools Week will be celebrated around our nation from January 26 – February 1, 2014. The theme for this year is **Catholic Schools Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service**. This theme truly captures the essence of Catholic schools. Our schools strive to build community, share faith, increase our students' knowledge of the faith and encourage them to give service. It has been my experience as I visit the Catholic schools in the Diocese of Rockville Centre that our administrators, teachers and parents are committed to making sure that each student lives up to his or her potential to learn and to be formed in the Catholic faith.

During my time as Bishop of the Diocese of Rockville Centre, I have been so impressed by the dedication to, interest in, and concern for each student that the administrators and teachers show each day, often at great personal sacrifice. To each of them I say thank you for all that you do to make our schools places where academic excellence is expected of all and where the Faith is taught, experienced and lived out on a daily basis.

Parents have a fundamental right and responsibility to make sure that their children are educated. All parents, whether they choose independent, religious or public school for their children bear additional expenses beyond what they pay in state and local taxes. As we see more and more, all schools need additional revenue to offset the rising costs of educating our children today.

The New York State Catholic Conference has been working to get the legislature to enact an education investment tax credit designed to increase individual and corporate donations for education. The goals of these initiatives are to:

- Provide a dollar-to-dollar state tax credit against the personal income tax and the corporate franchise tax for nations made to public schools and school districts, nonprofit organizations for providing instruction and programming to schools (e.g. arts, civics, etc.), education scholarship programs for public scholarship programs
- Provide school personnel with a tax credit for up to \$75.00 for the purchase of classroom instructional materials and supplies.

I encourage you to go to the New York State Catholic Conference web site ([www.nyscatholic.org](http://www.nyscatholic.org)) and become a member of the Catholic Advocacy Network. We need to work together so that we can strengthen both public and non-public schools in the State of New York. Tax credits would benefit all schools and enable additional funding for the many educational programs needed to insure that all students meet the standards for 21<sup>st</sup> Century learning and working.

We have much to be proud of in the Catholic elementary and high schools we have in the Diocese. The Catholic schools in the Diocese of Rockville Centre integrate technology into the curriculum and offer teachers staff development opportunities to meet the changing needs of educating students in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. We invite you to come and see this for yourselves during Catholic Schools Week where you will experience our **Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service**.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Bishop of Rockville Centre

## Remembering...

**Monday, January 27** (2 Sm 5:1-7, 10, Mk3:22-30)

*Saint Angela Merici, virgin and religious founder*

**8:30 AM** Shannon K. Smith

**Tuesday, January 28** (2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19, Mk 3:31-35)

*Saint Thomas Aquinas, priest and doctor of the Church*

**8:30 AM** Joseph Capo

**Wednesday, January 29** (2 Sm 7:4-17, Mk 4:1-20)

**8:30 AM** Catherine Ricchiuti

**Thursday, January 30** (2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29, Mk 4:21-25)

**8:30 AM** Tony Squeo

**Friday, January 31** (2 Sm 11:1—4a, 5-10a, 13-17, Mk 4:26-34)

*Saint John Bosco, priest*

**8:30 AM** Nancy Turano

**Saturday, February 1** (2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17, Mk 4:35-41)

**8:30 AM** John & Elizabeth Meditz, Paul Aquilina

**5:00 PM** Carmela Constantino

*Fr. Brian McNamara*

**Sunday, February 2** (Mal 3:1-4, Heb 2:14-18, Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32)

**8:00 AM** Mark Polito

*Fr. Brian McNamara*

**9:30 AM** Carl Schmid and Emma Cameron

*Fr. Bob Scheckenback*

**11:00 AM** Joseph & Mary Rizzo

*Fr. Bob Scheckenback*

**12:30 PM** Margaret & Andrew Jordan

*Fr. Brian McNamara*

**6:00 PM** People of the Parish, Michael G. Avella, Sr.

*Fr. Bob Scheckenback*



## Baptism

*Caleb Thomas Grover*

*Justin & Kathryn*

## Rest In Peace



*Joseph S. Schiavoni* died on January 11 and Mass of Christian Burial was January 18 in Pennsylvania. We extend our prayerful sympathy to his wife, Ida (Arenella), daughter, Joanne Maher, children, grandchildren, and entire family.

*August (Fred) Fuchs* died on January 16 and Mass of Christian Burial was January 20. We extend our prayerful sympathy to his wife, Carmella (Liz), children, grandchild, and entire family.

## Financial Summary

### January 19, 2014

Weekly Collection	\$ 17,930.00
Weekly Budget	<u>-\$ 18,200.00</u>
+/- for the week	\$ (270.00)

*The estimated weekly collection needed to maintain and operate our parish buildings, ministries, programs, and salaries is \$18,200.*

## 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*

**John Filosa**-*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.

## Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Rosemary Kaste*.  
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.

## Parish Spiritual Care Companions

Do you know a parishioner who is homebound and would welcome a visit from one of our trained Parish Spiritual Care Companions. Please call Rick Danowski at 586.2192, Vita Scorgia at 669.4717 or Charlie Zeiss at 669.7189.

## Pray for Our Sick

Please remember to keep in your thoughts and prayers ...

*Salvatore Albanese, Cathrine Battiata, James Bianco, Artie Clemens, Patti Clemens, Rose Conway, Regina Cranor, Allen Crowley, Neil Coogan, Beverly DeCanio, Jeanne DellaRogiane, Mark DellaRogiane, Harry Denyse, Frank Edwards, Jake Feldman, Billy Fuchs, Kenneth Garretson, Donna Gerek, Dan Golden, Vivian Gordon, Patrick Anthony Heffron, Baby Alex Jolly, Shena Kahn, Baby Lana Charlotte Keenan, Robyn Kerrigan, Kelly (Kuntz) Lee, Lisa Letterel, John Liona, Christopher Maher, Jean McCauley, Michele Nonnon List, Patrick O'Connor, Eugene Olsen, Baby Joseph Onofrietti, Ayn Paolella, Connie and Fred N. Polik, Joanne Popper, Shirley Roefs, Gasper Salerno, Joseph J. Schiavoni, Ann Marie Schiraldi, Joseph Sepe, Kathleen Squillanti-Diamond*

## A NOTE OF



Hi My Fellow Parishioners,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support of our recent parish project, "Saint Francis Tells the Christmas Story," the real reason for the season. Thank you for your monetary support as well as your presence at one of the performances.

God bless all of you.

Peace and love,  
*Phil Ambrosino*

## Always Our Children

We are gay and lesbian Catholics, their family members and friends who meet once a month pray, support each other and discuss how God is present in our lives. We look forward to meeting next month on **Thursday, January 30 at 7:30 PM in the Spiritual Life Center**. Each month a relevant different topic is discussed and reflected upon. Come join us, all are welcome.

## Nocturnal Adoration

*"Come to me all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest."*

This is Jesus Christ's invitation every first Saturday of the month. The Blessed Sacrament is taken to the main altar after the 5 PM Mass and will be exposed up to 9:50 PM. Everyone is invited to spend some time in front of the Blessed Sacrament to offer prayers, petitions, and thanksgiving to Jesus. Nocturnal Adoration will follow the 5 PM Mass on **Saturday, February 1**, concluding with Benediction at 9:50 PM. Please come and pray with us. All are invited and welcome. Bring a friend!



We are women, mothers, daughters, sisters and wives, married and single, of all ages and stages in our lives. We come together to pray, share and discuss how our faith fills us and gets us through our lives. We welcome all women to come and share how God made us special and how we bring that into our world. We meet the first Thursday of each month in the Spiritual Life Center.

There are two opportunities to gather-**Mornings 9:30 AM and Evenings 7:30 PM**. Come join us. Your story is what we need to hear. **Our next meetings are on February 6**. For more information call Vita Scorcia at 669.4717 or Stacie Baltrusitis at 661.4254.



## **2014 El Salvador Mission Trip**

Our second meeting will be Tuesday, February 4 at 7PM in the Parish Center. This will be a sign up meeting. A \$200 deposit will be collected. Please bring copies of passports. Anyone under 18, at the time of the trip, will be required to have a parent at this meeting to sign release forms.

## **Respect Life Ministry**

Respect Life Ministry meeting to be held on **Thursday, January 30 from 7-8PM** in Room 16 of the school. we are looking for new members to join! This is only our second meeting of the new ministry.

## **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. This is a 12 step program using the "Life Recovery Bible."

## Spaghetti Dinner and Raffle

“Friends of Troop 179” are having our annual **Spaghetti Dinner and Raffle on Saturday, February 2**. It runs from **4:30PM-7:30PM in the OLL school cafeteria**. The price is \$5.00 per ticket (children under 5 are free). There will be raffle tickets for purchase that night.

## Open Your Heart to Health

Good Samaritan Hospital will host a Free community event “Open Your Heart to Health” on **Saturday, February 8, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm at Westfield/South Shore Mall** by the Lord & Taylor court. Event will feature a mega inflatable walk thru heart, giveaways, expert discussions, information, raffles and more.

## Retrouvaille

### *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, February 7th, 2014** 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.

## Hope House Ministries

In honor of the Hope House Ministries Endowment Fund, Fr. Francis Pizzarelli, SMM and the entire Hope House Ministries family, we are proud to extend to you a very special invitation to attend The Twelfth Annual Endowment Fund Event. Our dinner gathering will be held on Thursday, March 13th from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the beautiful Villa Lombardi's in Holbrook, New York. This year we are proud to be honoring Richard and Mary Morrison of The Morrison Family Foundation. For ticket, journal and sponsor information, please call Anne Hudlow at (540) 241-3577

## Worldwide Marriage Encounter

We are searching for the Longest Married Couple in the U.S. Maybe it's your parents... grandparents...that nice couple who live down the street. Nominations are accepted from anywhere in the United States. Send nominations to:  
[dickanddiane66@bellsouth.net](mailto:dickanddiane66@bellsouth.net). Nominate a couple you know today!

## 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 **“Searching for a Meaning.”**

## Sharing the Gospel

Today's Gospel talks about people living in darkness. When you think about darkness, you may also think about stumbling, falling, or even being afraid. That's what your life could be like without God. You could stumble around trying to find love or happiness, but without God you will only fall. Jesus brings light into a dark, unhappy world. With Jesus, you no longer need to fall, and you don't need to be afraid. God loves you.



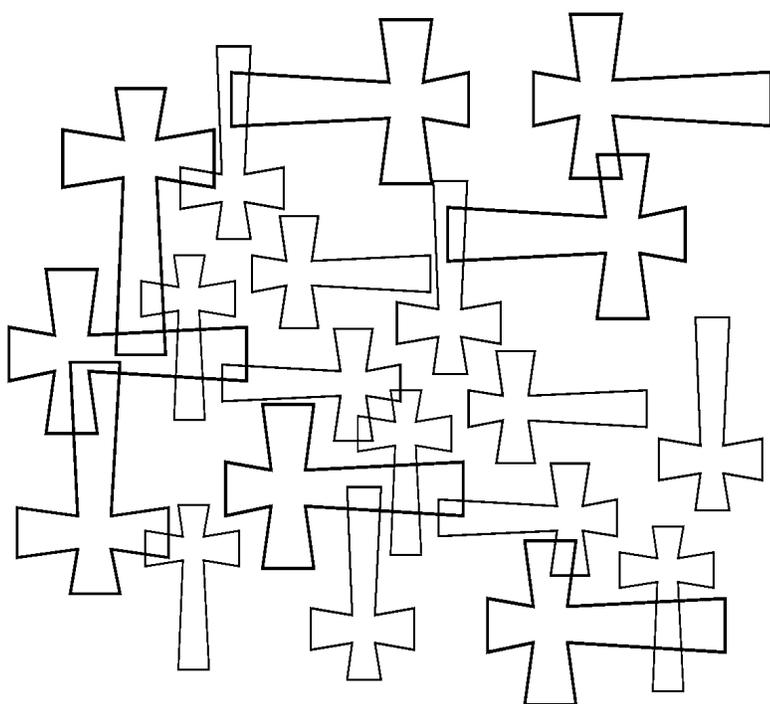
### Mission for the Week

Sing the song, "This Little Light of Mine."



### Puzzle

How many crosses can you count?



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THE ANSWER IS TWENTY CROSSES



### Prayer

Dear God,  
thank you that with  
Jesus I don't need to  
be afraid.



### Something to Draw

Draw a picture of  
Jesus bringing light  
and love into a dark  
world.