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Painting Sir Edward Burne-Jones

“...They were overjoyed at seeing the star & on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother.

They prostrated themselves & did him homage.

Then they opened their treasures & offered him gifts...”

# Epiphany of Our Lord

*Our Lady of Lourdes • January 6, 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**

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.

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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. Patsy Amabile**

Associate Pastor

**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**

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

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**Vita Scorcia**

Ministry Spiritual Director

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John Muldoon

Bob Natale

Vita Scorcia

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## *Parish Staff*

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Parish Organist

**Jennifer Gallagher**

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**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**

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**

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)

## **Rosary Christian Mothers**

The Rosary Christian Mothers meet on the first Monday evening of each month. The next meeting will be on **Monday, January 7**. We will begin with Rosary at 7:45 PM in the church, followed by meeting at 8 PM in the Parish Center.

## **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

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

Join us...

**Wednesday, January 9 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.

## **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. The Holy Name Society meets on the second Sunday of each month. Our next meeting will be on **Sunday, January 13**. 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!

## **Adult Faith Formation**

*Save the date...*

- Learning to let go
- See clearly
- Live simply

We will be sharing the book, "Crossing the Desert", by Tom Petriano beginning January 22, 2013. Watch the bulletin for further details...

## **SAGE**

The SAGE Group (*Senior Advocates for Growth and Enrichment*) will meet on **Tuesday, January 8 in the Parish Center at 9 AM.**

## **Bereavement Ministry**

### **Bereavement Support Group**

You are invited to join our next Bereavement Support Group. This is a wonderful opportunity to be supported in a small discussion group with people who have also experienced the loss of a loved one.

The group will meet on **Wednesdays starting January 9, 2013 from 7:30 PM to 9:30PM in the Spiritual Life Center**, in the convent. If you wish to be part of this eight week journey, please contact the parish office at 661-3224 or e-mail Diane Ackerly at [dkkkk710@hotmail.com](mailto:dkkkk710@hotmail.com) to register.

## **Special Keys**

### **New Religious Education Kindergarten program!**

We started this program last year and have expanded it so that we have a session each month:

*January 18, February 15, March 15, April 19, and May 17.*

We meet in the Church at 4:30 PM on Friday and the program lasts about 40 minutes. Come and see what wonderful opportunities for your kindergarten children to learn about their faith! Email to register at [sdiane@ollchurch.org](mailto:sdiane@ollchurch.org)

## **Attention High School Seniors**

Saint Michael's College (located in Colchester, Vermont, just outside Burlington) offers a "Parish Scholarship" worth \$20,000 over 4 years. This scholarship is awarded to a student who is nominated by his or her parish, applies for admission and is admitted by Saint Michael's College. The admissions and nomination form must be received by February 1, 2013. For more information, please contact MATTHEW SEKLECKI [mseklecki@smcvt.edu](mailto:mseklecki@smcvt.edu) or 1-800-SMC-8000).



## Calling all school families and parish families...

Please help turn your shopping trips into money to support our school.

*Here are two ways...*

1. When you are shopping, look for “Box Top” logos, clip them and send them into the school office.
2. Shop at Stop and Shop-Our Lady of Lourdes School is participating in the A+ School Rewards again this year. This program runs through March 28, 2013, Our Lady of Lourdes School will have the opportunity to earn cash through this program.  
School ID#: 15003

### All you have to do is:

Log on to [www.stopandshop.com/aplus](http://www.stopandshop.com/aplus) to register online

*OR*

Dial 1-877-275-2758 to register your card over the phone.

## All Visitors are Welcome!

Are you thinking about your child's educational future? Look no more! Consider the wonderful programs and opportunities offered by Our Lady of Lourdes School. We offer rolling admissions and ongoing private tours. Our Open House is scheduled for Sunday, January, 27 from 10:30 AM until 12 noon. You are welcome to call to schedule a private tour at your convenience at anytime.

Please call 631.587.7200, extension 100

Come and see us in action!

## The Sounds of Christmas...

The Our Lady of Lourdes kindergarten students participated in their Christmas pageant. Parents and family enjoyed watching the children sing the songs of the Christmas season. Bravo! Everyone did a great job and had fun, too!

## Happy New Year!

We wish you a new year filled with wonder, peace, and meaning. May 2013 bring you 365 days of joy and faith. Let us all welcome this new year with smiles on our faces, and God in our hearts. Happy New Year to all our parish families and our school families. With love, Our Lady of Lourdes School Board

# Our Lady of Lourdes NIGHT AT THE RACES

*ALL IN THE PARISH ARE WELCOME*

JANUARY 11, 2013  
CAFETERIA DOORS OPEN AT 7:00  
POST TIME 7:30



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✱ A night of equine enjoyment ✱  
WHAT IS NIGHT AT THE RACES?

## Information

The event is open to all. Adults only please; no one under 21 will be allowed.

*\$20 entrance fee*

Includes Hot Dogs, Beer,  
Wine & Soda

*\$2 per race ticket fee*

10 full races will be run

*alalala*

Night at the Races is an event where the fun and excitement of "thoroughbred" horse racing is delivered to you in the form of manipulated chess-like pieces. Join the excitement of cheering your favorites on to the finish line! Attendees bet on their favorites of each race to win with payoffs. Wagers are in \$2 increments.

The racing line-up includes 10 races with 6 horses each. For the first 10 races, horses may be owned if purchased. Horses are \$20 each. If

purchased beforehand, the owners are recognized in the program. Each horse is randomly assigned to one of the 10 races and to a post position. The owners of the winning horses are then entered into the Winner's Circle for a chance to win a cash prize which is drawn at the end of the night. You can purchase horses without attending the event.

**Please Contact Keith with any questions:**

[kfscher@ollschool.org](mailto:kfscher@ollschool.org) or (631) 388-3032

Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Tickets to Attend "A Night at the Races" \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20 each ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Sponsorship Level:

___ Triple Crown Sponsorship .....	\$250	\$ _____
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___ Derby Sponsorship .....	\$50	\$ _____

Sponsor name as it should appear in the program: \_\_\_\_\_  
(or attach a business card)

Purchase a Horse ..... @ \$20 each ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Horse _____	Name of Horse _____	
Name of Horse _____	Name of Horse _____	Total enclosed \$ _____



## Make-A-Wish

Students in first grade at Our Lady of Lourdes School helped the Make-A-Wish Foundation as they were learning how to write friendly letters. With the guidance of Miss Cuttonaro, the children wrote letters to Santa Claus in Writer's Workshop. Then the children typed the letters with the assistance of Mrs. O'Sullivan in computer class using the Macy's Believe website. By mailing the letters at the Macy's Believe Mailbox, a donation will be made to the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

## Snowflakes for Sandy Hook

In response to a post on the Connecticut PTSA website, Our Lady of Lourdes sixth-eighth grade students made snowflakes for Sandy Hook.

The website stated, "Please help the students of Sandy Hook have a winter wonderland at their new school! Get Creative!! No two snowflakes are alike.

Make and send snowflakes to Connecticut PTSA, 60 Connolly Parkway, Building 12, Suite 103, Hamden, CT 06514, by January 12, 2013."





## Children's Liturgy of the Word

You are invited to a Birthday Party for Jesus on January 6 after the 9:30 AM Mass. Our party will be in the Parish Center.

Just as the Three Kings brought gifts for the new born king, we ask you to bring the *Gift of Yourself* to give to the Christ Child as we begin our new year.



## 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.)

## 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.

Dear Parishioners:

As many of you know, I am in the Air National Guard. Normally, this means that I am not in the parish on the first weekend of the month; I usually arrive back in the parish for the 6:00pm Mass on Sunday evening. I have been asked to go to Cannon Air Force Base, about 7 miles southwest of Clovis, New Mexico which I will be in the middle of nowhere! It is a base dedicated to Special Forces. That means I could tell you what goes on there, but then I would have to kill you! Or, as we say in the Air Force: that is on a need to know basis – and you don't need to know! Seriously, however, the Catholic priest assigned to the base is deployed overseas and since there is no Catholic parish in the area, they have asked a number of the Air Force Reserve priests to help out, to provide "backfill".

I will be gone for a few weeks. I normally take my vacation time to go to various Air Force Bases because I think it is important that the parish does not unduly suffer while I am away. I know you will probably miss my jokes (or at least I hope you will miss my jokes!) but I am very confident that Fr. Bob and Fr. Pat will carry on admirably while I am away. The parish office will know my contact information so feel free to contact me. I ask for your prayers, especially for the airmen I will be serving. Please be assured of my prayers for you as well.

Today, we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany, the "manifestation" of the Christ-child to the whole world. In Europe, traditionally this is the day in which gifts are exchanged because this is the day the Wise Men, the Magi, gave their gifts to Christ. In Cologne, Germany, the relics of the Wise Men will be shown to the people at a Solemn Mass. In England, in the Royal Chapel, Queen Elizabeth will offer gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to a child. In Spain, there will be parades complete with the Wise Men riding on camels into the various Cathedrals. In Poland, this is a traditional time for all the parish priests to visit every home in their parish and to bless the home for the coming year. Polish families mark the wood over the front doors of their homes in this way:

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(It is the year 2013 separated by Caspar, Melchior and Balthazar, the three Wise Men)

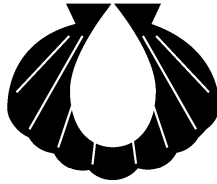
Sadly, we have lost many of these customs in the United States. But these traditional customs help us to remember what Christmas is about and who we are: the adopted brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the Son of Mary!

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

In Christ,

Msgr. Brian





## ***Baptism***

*Travis Joseph Albers*

Michael & Jennifer

*Viviana Dempsey*

Timmothy & Patrizia

*Derek Thomas Skladel*

Thomas and Lisaura

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### **Monday, January 7**

*Saint Raymond of Penyafort, priest*

**8:00 AM** Joseph Scollan

### **Tuesday, January 8**

**8:00 AM** Mary Scarlato

### **Wednesday, January 9**

**8:00 AM** Dorothy Proctor (*living*)

### **Thursday, January 10**

**8:00 AM** Michael & Margaret Glander

### **Friday, January 11**

**8:00 AM** Fortunato & Carmela Maggi

### **Saturday, January 12**

**8:00 AM** Margaret Cook, John Bardak

**5:00 PM** William Schettino

### **Sunday, January 13**

**8:00 AM** Robert Sullivan

**9:30 AM** Muriel Dorff

**11:00 AM** Dec'd mbrs of Sweeney and Primrose Family

**12:30 PM** Joseph Netska

**6:00 PM** People of the Parish



## The Epiphany of the Lord

When people in the entertainment industry reach a top level of fame and expertise in their profession, we talk about them as having a lot of star power. These are the men and women who eclipse lesser lights in the entertainment constellation. No matter the generation, there are always names like Monroe, Taylor, Burton, Olivier, McCartney, Springsteen, Madonna, Hanks, Streep, or Sarandon who will shine brighter than others who will also have their name inscribed on the Walk of Fame. Stars at this level of their craft can basically ask for whatever they want because they are sought after by just about everyone. Their performances, whether a live concert or on the screen, have the ability to unite people in a common experience.

The real "star" of Matthew's Gospel today is not the one that appears in the sky to the Magi. Yes, that star is an important sign—it led the Magi from the east to Jerusalem where they learned of the prophecy about Bethlehem. That star led them to the home of the Child they would worship. This Child is the real star of the Gospel story. He comes into the world. In the midst of conflict and division, exemplified by Herod's distrust and fear, Jesus comes as the newborn king to save his people from their sins. As Matthew tells it, Jesus is the One who unites faithful Jew and believing Gentile bringing together all those who would seek the truth and follow his teaching.

The feast of the Epiphany celebrates the manifestation of Christ to the world. His revelation means that people must choose whether to follow him or not. Herod had that choice. So did the Magi. Men and women from every race and nation come to Christ. Once they choose to follow Christ, they become brothers and sisters of one another. Christ unites all believers in a common experience, his call to love. That's star power beyond imagining!

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### Readings for the Week of January 6, 2013

<b>Sunday:</b>	Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
<b>Monday:</b>	1 Jn 3:22--4:6/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
<b>Tuesday:</b>	1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44
<b>Wednesday:</b>	1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52
<b>Thursday:</b>	1 Jn 4:19--5:4/Lk 4:14-22a
<b>Friday:</b>	1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16
<b>Saturday:</b>	1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	Is 42:1-4, 6-7 <i>or</i> Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Acts 10:34-38 <i>or</i> Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

*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 and I pray that you will all enjoy this beautiful Christmas Time.

Peace and love,

*Phil Ambrosino*



## **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, Joseph Badala, Jr., Iris Bass, Catherine Battiata, Joe Bucci, Rebecca Ann Budriss, Robert Capasso, Marie Cirone, Neil Coogan, Paula Dannhauser, Anthony D'Auria, Beverly DeCanio, Jeanne DellaRagione, John Desmond, Frank Edwards, Franklin Edwards, Eileen Eisele, Betty Fallon, Jake Feldman, Joann Fiorello, Denise Frame, Elizabeth Fredriksen, Billy Fuchs, Rudy Fusco, Kenneth Garretson, Domenica Garzillo, Vincent Giannico, Vivian Gordon, Dennis Horne, Max Iliano, Terry Keegan, Debbie Lamb, Christopher Maher, Anthony Marotta, Marge Marotta, Vicky Massaro, Danielle Mazzarone, Baby AJ Messina, Denise Michelback, Elizabeth Minicozzi, Allen Minkler, John Muldoon, Patrick O'Connor, Jr., Phyllis Pasciuta, Thomas Petrizzi, Joseph Radosti, Sanchez Family, Joseph J. Schiavoni, Joseph S. Schiavoni, Ann Marie Schiraldi, John Sweeney, Nancy Turano, Vera Vieni*

## Books That Have Found Me In 2011

2012-01-01

Since time is always at a premium, I try to be selective in what I read. As well, I like to keep my diet wide, reading novels, books on spirituality, theological treatises, biographies, and essays on psychological and anthropological issues.

How do I select a book? I read reviews, get tips from colleagues, receive books as gifts, and occasionally browse in bookstores, but what I actually end up reading is often more the result of a conspiracy of accidents than of a studied choice. Books that we need to read have a way of finding us.

What books of note found me this year?

### **Among novels:**

· Jonathan Franzen's, *Freedom*, is a John-Updike type of commentary on contemporary culture. It's an easy read, but packs good emotional intelligence.

· Oscar Wilde's, *The Picture of Dorian Gray*, is stunning both in language and content. A classic that deserves to be read. In a culture that tends to prize good looks and looking good above most everything else, Wilde's *Picture of Dorian Gray* contains some inconvenient warnings.

· Cormac McCarthy's, *The Road*, is a witness to the raw drive to stay alive. This isn't John Steinbeck's, *The Grapes of Wrath*, but it touches some of the same places inside us.

· Wally Lamb's, *The Hour I First Believed*, is 200 pages too long, but, like all of Lamb's books, is deeply insightful apposite to our struggle to forgive and reconcile. Lamb's central character is invariably someone out of touch with his own anger who is eventually brought to his knees in a way that redemptively exposes his anger to himself.

· Par Lagerkvist's, *Barabbas*, is a very imaginative take on what happens to Barabbas after Jesus' crucifixion.

· Oscar Casares, *Brownsville Stories*, and *Amigoland*: Warm, emotionally insightful, good stories, with special appeal to anyone living near the borders of Mexico.

· Michael Ondaatje's, *The Cat's Table*, is one of the best reviewed novels of 2011, deservedly so.

· Pascal Mercier's, *Night Train to Lisbon*, is your novel, if you're looking for an intellectual hit.

### **Among spirituality and theological treatises:**

· Judy Cannato, *Radical Amazement*: Insights and hints about getting into the present moment and seeing the hidden depth within life.

· John Shea, *On Earth as it is in Heaven*, *The Spiritual Wisdom of the Gospels for Christian Preachers* and

*Teachers*: If you are dissatisfied with the homily you listen to every Sunday, buy these commentaries on the Sunday readings.

· Michael Paul Gallagher, *Faith Maps*, *The Religious Explorers from Newman to Joseph Ratzinger: A mature apologetics for those seeking to articulate reasons for their hope.*

· Frederick Buechner, *Telling the Truth - The Gospel as Tragedy, Comedy, and Fairy Tale: A great piece of writing on the power of language and the language of the Gospels.*

· Rob Bell's, *Sex God*, *Exploring the Endless Connections Between Sexuality and Spirituality*, and *Love Wins*, *A Book about Heaven, Hell, and the Fate of every Person who Ever Lived*, come from the pen of a young minister who writes with extraordinary balance, good insight, and an equal feel for both the Gospel and the culture.

### **Biography:**

· Two of the most powerful books I read in 2011: *Bush Dweller*, *Essays in Memory of Father James Gray OSB*, Edited by Donald Ward, and *Joan Didion*, *Blue Nights*: Both powerful stories; the first about a Hermit who meets and counsels the world from his hut, and the second about a woman struggling to find life in the face of a number of bitter deaths.

### **Varia:**

· John S. Porter's, *The Glass Art of Sarah Hall*, is a spectacularly beautiful book replete with photos that belongs on every coffee table and in every library.

· David Servan-Schreiber, *Anti-Cancer, A New Way of Life*. This book was handed to me at the cancer clinic just as I was beginning chemotherapy and, among the many books on cancer I have perused these past months, I found this one to be the most challenging and helpful.

· Kathleen C. Berken, *Walking on Rolling Deck: Life on the Arc*, Foreword by Jean Vanier: Berken <<http://faithjourneyhope.com/kathy-berken-jean-vanier.html>>, a journalist who lived for some years inside the community of L'Arche, takes us inside an alternative world, but without false sentiment or naïve romanticism.

These are books that have touched me, but, as St. Augustine once famously said: Concerning taste, we should not have disputes! Read at your own risk!

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## Altar Society

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

### Financial Summary

#### December 30, 2012

Weekly Collection	\$
Weekly Budget	-\$ 19,000.00
+/- for the week	\$

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

Due to a change in the bulletin deadline, the collection amount for December 30 will appear in a subsequent bulletin.

## 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:



**Brian Clark**-*US Army*  
**Bryan R. Dempsey**-*US Marines*  
**Jeremy deRoxas**-*US Air Force*  
**Michael Fantauzzi**-*US Air Force*  
**Christopher Florca**-*US Marines*  
**Kyle Fouhy**-*US Marines*  
**Anthony Mannino**-*US Marines*  
**James Rooney III**-*US Marines*  
**Christopher Wilson**-*US Marines*

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

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## Cenacle Retreat Center

**Jan. 11-13, 2013 Weekend**

*Healing Life's Hurts with Contemplation* – Silent Retreat. Ignatian contemplation on the life of Jesus to heal fear, anger, guilt, shame in our lives. Fr. Matt Linn, S.J.

**January 13, 2013, Sunday, 2:30 to 5 PM**

**Hurricane Sandy: An Act of Nature or Act of God?** Presented by Matthew Linn, S.J.

Come to share your experience of Hurricane Sandy. How has it been a crisis with both danger and opportunity? The afternoon will include a healing prayer process to bring new life wherever the crisis has challenged your life. The program will close with a prayer of gratitude. Free will offering.

For more information or to register, please call the Cenacle Retreat Office at 631.588.8366.

## American Sign Language Classes

Cleary School for the Deaf is offering evening Adult Education classes in American Sign Language, levels 1, 2, 3, and Intermediate/Advanced.

**Spring Session is January 30 through May 1, 2013.** (ages 12 and up)

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## 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 "**Fresh Start.**"



## Sharing the Gospel

Isn't God amazing? He made all the stars and planets to move, so every night the sky looks a little different. When God created the world, he planned exactly when the wise men would see the star. He wanted them to find Jesus.



### Mission for the Week

Visit a planetarium to learn more about the star of Bethlehem.



### Read the Gospel and Color



### Prayer

Dear God,  
thank you for making  
the planets and stars  
so the wise men could  
find Jesus.



### Something to Draw

Draw a picture of  
stars and planets  
shining in the night  
sky.