

**“He has anointed me to  
bring glad tidings.”**



**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Our Lady of Lourdes • January 27, 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

**Robin Reynolds-Brennan**

Coordinator of Worship

OLL Choir Director

**Vita Scorcia**

Ministry Spiritual Director

## *Pastoral Council*

Msgr. Brian McNamara

Eileen Rega

Diane Ackerly

Stacie Baltrusitis

Mary Borgs

Lisa Cantalino

Sonia DaSilva

Nilo DeLeon

Jerry Esposito

Trish Frodell

Rosalie Mangels

Maryellen McKee

Deacon Jack Meehan

John Muldoon

Bob Natale

Vita Scorcia

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## *Parish Staff*

**AnnMarie Buonaspina**

Director of Youth Choirs

**Michael Buonaspina**

Parish Organist

**Jennifer Gallagher**

Women's Chorale Director

**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)

## Religious Education

### RESCUE - “*Religious Education Sponsor Candidate United Effort*”

All Grade 8 Confirmation Candidates will meet with their Sponsors... with a kick-off some Sunday afternoons in January. This night of prayer and reflection will provide them with an opportunity to learn about their new roles as sponsors and candidates, hear personal reflections about what it means to be a sponsor and commit to take a more active role in this process. Each evening will conclude with Sunday's 6 PM Mass.

Let's continue to pray for our parish's Confirmation Candidates.

## Adult Faith Formation

### Book Discussion: *Crossing the Desert, Learning to Let Go, See Clearly, and Live Simply* by Robert Wicks

Presenter: Tom Petriano/ Religious Studies Dept./ St. Joseph's College

Tuesdays January 29, February 12, 26, and March 12

Spiritual Life Center

7:30-9:30 PM

*Book will be available for purchase in the Religious Education Office. Cost is \$15  
It will be helpful to read Chapter 1 before first session.*

“*Crossing the Desert* is about the journey all of us are called to take-*especially* when we feel lost, under great stress, or during times of desolation. And it is about discovering the true freedom we need to make the journey successfully.” These words from the introduction to Robert Wicks' book, *Crossing the Desert, Learning to Let Go, See Clearly, and Live Simply* set the direction for this five week series based on Wicks' book. Weekly gatherings will be based on a discussion of key themes of this book.

- All are welcome
- Please join us
- Let the desert teach you

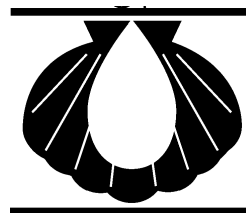
Come join us and be a part of lively discussions and interesting presentations. Don't miss it!

*There is a \$5 fee for each session. No fee is required for those who have paid the Religious Education Family Fee or Our Lady of Lourdes School tuition. Registration is necessary and helpful. This will enable us to have enough reading material and refreshments for all those attending.  
To register, please call the Religious Education Office at 661.5440, option 3 or email to [religious@ollchurch.org](mailto:religious@ollchurch.org).*

## Baptism Ministry

*“By water and the Holy Spirit they are to receive the gift of new life from God, who is love.”*

The Baptism Ministry will have the first meeting of the new year, for current and new members, on **Tuesday, February 5 at 7 PM in the Spiritual Life Center.**



## Senior Circle

The Senior Circle meets on the last Monday of each month. The next meeting will be held on **Monday, January 28 at 12:30 PM in the Parish Center.** We will be having our Christmas Party.

## 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. The next Nocturnal Adoration will be on **Saturday, February 2.** Please come and pray with us. Bring a friend!

## Always Our Children

*Always Our Children Ministry* for gay Catholics, their parents and families. Come meet with us and recognize where God is present our lives. **We meet the last Thursday of each month at 7:30 PM in the Spiritual Life Center. Our next meeting will be January 31.**

For more information, please call Stacie at 631.661.4254.



# Our Lady of Lourdes School

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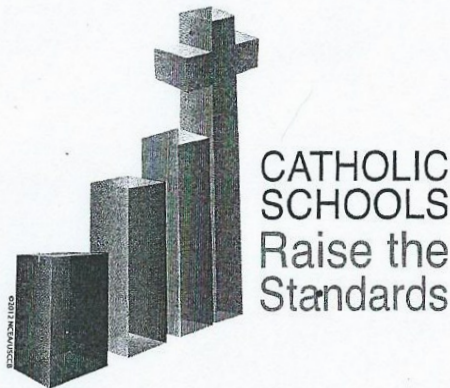


## Annual celebration set for January 27 to February 2— National Catholic Schools Week 2013 theme focuses on standards

**C**atholic Schools Raise the Standards” is the theme for Catholic Schools Week 2013, the annual celebration of the high-quality, faith-based education the nation’s Catholic schools provide. The observance is scheduled for January 27 to February 2.

The 2013 theme highlights the recent launch of a new initiative, the National Standards and Benchmarks for Catholic Elementary and Secondary Schools, to ensure consistent high standards at Catholic schools across the country. The logo designed for the week illustrates a chart of steady growth culminating in the highest achievement of all, a cross representing the faith that underscores all Catholic education.

“Catholic schools have always aimed for academic excellence while fostering spiritual growth, but our



Catholic Schools Week theme for 2013 draws special attention to our new national standards,” said Dr. Karen Ristau, president of the National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA). “Making the standards initiative the focus of our theme for the week is a great way to demonstrate our commitment to revitalizing Catholic education across the country to provide the best for students and families.”

The standards provide guidance on a range of practices that schools should include in their policies, including those related to mission and Catholic identity, governance and leadership, excellence and operational vitality.

“This is a tremendous opportunity to underscore the long-standing leadership of Catholic schools in maintaining and striving for the highest standards in providing an excellent education steeped in the traditions of the Catholic faith,” said Sister John Mary Fleming, O.P., executive director of the Secretariat of Catholic Education of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. ✦

*Editors note:*

Logo merchandise and gifts are available from [www.keylinesolutions.net](http://www.keylinesolutions.net).

### 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.

## School News...

Our Lady of Lourdes 8th graders, *Brooke Wainwright and Bianca Valenti*, performing the flute for Mrs. Hardy's Nursery Class. Throughout the month, Ms. Fatsis' band and orchestra students will be sharing their musical talent by introducing the different instruments to the Nursery and Pre-K classes.



Ms. Kozuboski's 5<sup>th</sup> grade class took a virtual field trip to the Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum. The Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum provides an opportunity for people of all ages to discover and enjoy the wonder of science, math and technology in an interactive environment. They took part in a fraction game show! The fifth grade students out how much they knew about fractions as they work together to survive three rounds while constructing, observing, and dancing to solve math problems. Fractions can be fun!

## Our Lady of Lourdes School...

*Would you like to know what makes us DIFFERENT?*

Our Lady of Lourdes is a place where imagination takes route and flourishes, a place where values are learned and lived, and a place where our children grow and succeed. Please come and discover the difference.

*Did you know....*

As the world around us advances in technology, so do we...

- SMARTBOARDS.. in use every day making technology and lesson plans seamless.
- VIRTUAL FIELD TRIPS.. Keeps costs down and allows us to travel to places a bus could never reach. For instance, the 3rd grade students traveled to Mexico to learn the Danza de los Viejietos.
- Our 4th grade students visited the rainforest.
- Laptops.. for all academy students.
- iPads.. for all grades to share.
- Media center.. stocked with computers and a current selection of books.
- LIVE T.V. NEWS STUDIO.. every morning at 8:15 check out our students in the daily news feed [ollschool.org](http://ollschool.org)
- Flip Classrooms.. computer to home lessons
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*We also include...*

- Theater Arts is a part of every students schedule.
- Ballroom dance lessons for our students 4th - 8th grade
- Violin, guitar and piano lessons are a part of our music program.
- All students 1st -8th grade take part in our annual holiday and spring concert.

***Please come see us in action-Take a tour today then join us for refreshments!***

## 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:

*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)

## 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.





## Rest In Peace

*Sam Longo* died on January 13 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was January 17. We extend our prayerful sympathy to his children, grandchildren, great-grandchild, and entire family.

*Frank Bevilacqua* died on January 8 and a Memorial Mass was celebrated in St. Mary's, East Islip on January 18. We extend our condolences to his wife, Eva, and entire family.

*Peter Reilly* died on January 9 and celebration of the Mass of Christian burial was January 14 at Resurrection Ascension Church, Rego Park. We extend our prayerful sympathy to his wife, Barbara, children, grandchildren, his brother, James, and entire family.

## The Gospel of Luke

If asked to name their favorite story from the Bible, most Christians would probably choose something from the Gospel of Luke. These stories are indeed unforgettable, and the Christian tradition is graced by this gospel from Luke's hand. It is the only one of the four gospels to describe the angel's annunciation of the coming birth of Jesus to Mary, and the visit of the shepherds at his birth; it is the only one to tell the parables of the Good Samaritan, of the prodigal son, and of the rich man and Lazarus; it is the only gospel to relate the story of Jesus and the disciples on the road to Emmaus after the resurrection. In addition to that, Luke's Christmas story is proclaimed by Linus on the Charlie Brown Christmas special!

Archeologists and textual experts usually date the writing of the Gospel of Luke to around 80 CE. One piece of evidence that helps with the dating is that the gospel contains nearly all of Mark, and from this we know that it was composed after 70 CE (about when Mark was written). In addition to having Mark as a source, the Gospel of Luke shares a large chunk of material with Matthew, material that appears neither in Mark nor in John. From this we assume that there was another source for Luke, one that he and the writer of Matthew used together. Luke also had a source of information that only he used.

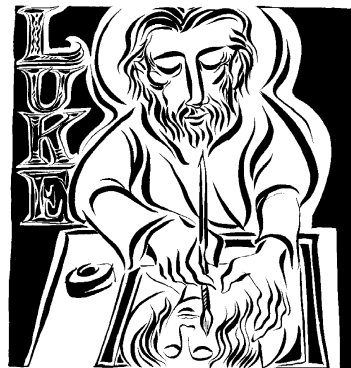
The evangelist Luke is also the author of the Acts of the Apostles, which is, in a sense, the second part to the gospel. This is evident from the very polished Greek of these two books, but more specifically, from the fact that both books are addressed to Theophilus, a fellow believer. (See Luke 1:3 and Acts 1:1.) Luke's contribution, therefore, makes up more than one-quarter of the second testament.

The portrait of Jesus in the Gospel of Luke is of an itinerant prophet who is attracted to the poor and the outcast. He explains that his ministry is to them, and he envisions the heavenly banquet as filled with the poor and disenfranchised. The evangelist draws powerful portraits of despised members of the society, and much of the wonder of this compelling gospel is in its address to sinners.

The Gospel of Luke is proclaimed in Year C, the years 1998, 2001, 2004, 2007 and so on.

In art, the evangelist Luke is portrayed with a bull by his side. The feast of Saint Luke is October 18.

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DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE  
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

January 2013

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

In response to the many new challenges to our life as Roman Catholics in America today, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Committee on Pro-Life Activities and the USCCB Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty have launched a nationwide postcard campaign: “**Project Life and Liberty**”. Prompted by the Church’s pro-life and religious freedom concerns, this campaign would call upon Congress to prevent federal funding and promotion of abortion and protect rights of conscience in health care. To that end, the committee requests that each diocese throughout the country participate in a postcard campaign during the weekend of February 9<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>. This is a means that will allow us as informed Catholics to let our elected officials know and understand where we stand on issues of life and liberty.

In order to demonstrate our conviction that we hold firm to our beliefs, I urge you to participate in this campaign by signing postcards after Mass on February 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. The postcards will be collected in each parish and sent to our elected officials at their offices in Washington DC. By signing the cards you are giving public witness to our commitment as a Church to respect life at all levels and to uphold and affirm the religious liberty which is ours as members of this great country.

Additional information about this campaign can be found on our website [www.drvc.org](http://www.drvc.org).

With my prayers and my gratitude for your participation in this effort in support of human life and religious freedom, I am

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Bishop of Rockville Centre

## Remembering...

### Monday, January 28

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

**8:00 AM** John Weiss

### Tuesday, January 29

**8:00 AM** Patrick J. Meade

### Wednesday, January 30

**8:00 AM** Frank Isola

### Thursday, January 31

*Saint John Bosco, priest*

**8:00 AM** Eugene Olsen

### Friday, February 1

**8:00 AM** Mark Polito

### Saturday, February 2

**8:00 AM** Anna Lettieri, John & Edith Meditz,  
Nancy Vaccaro, Marie Battiato

**5:00 PM** Carl Schmid

*Fr. Bob Scheckenback*

### Sunday, February 3

**8:00 AM** Andrew Franzone

*Fr. Bob Scheckenback*

**9:30 AM** Dorothy A. Padula

*Fr. Bob Scheckenback*

**11:00 AM** Emma Cameron

*Fr. Patsy Amabile*

**12:30 PM** Dec'd mbrs of Zucco Family

*Fr. Patsy Amabile*

**6:00 PM** People of the Parish, Pasquale Alessi,  
Ronald Fenster, Vincent Ray, Mary Carroll,  
Winifred Maune, Anna Vavrica

*Fr. Patsy Amabile*



## 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

When parents bring their children for baptism, the first thing in the ceremony that the priest or deacon asks them is, "What name have you given to your child?" Parents select the names they bestow on their children for a host of reasons: family tradition, personal meaning, a connection to admired individuals, the beauty of how it sounds, or a name's particular meaning are but a few. Even if a child later on chooses to be known by some other name, most often it will be a variation of the original given by the parents. Elizabeth can become Betty or Liza; Robert turns into Bob; Jason shortens to Jase; and Caroline can be known as Carly.

Scripture scholars are divided on whether the person named at the beginning of Luke's Gospel is a particular individual, or whether he stands for all those who would hear the story of Jesus. His name, Theophilus, means one who loves God, so the name could be just as likely allegorical as actual. In any event, the story of Jesus that Luke organized and wrote is directed toward someone whose very name suggests a connection to the divine. The good news of Jesus is intended for one who loves God.

That does not mean to exclude every Tom, Dick, and Harry (or Barb, Jane, and Mary for that matter). No matter what our first name actually means, as a son or daughter of God in baptism, we are all "Theophilus," that is, lovers of God. The story of Jesus—the welcome he gives to the poor and the outcast, the Spirit that is poured out on him and on his followers, the journey to Jerusalem where the fulfillment of the Father's will is accomplished—is our story. And as we listen to the Gospel from Luke in the year ahead we can pray that we become ever more lovers of God, who calls us all by name.

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### Readings for the Week of January 27, 2013

<b>Sunday:</b>	Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21
<b>Monday:</b>	Heb 9:15, 24-28/Mk 3:22-30
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Heb 10:1-10/Mk 3:31-35
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Heb 10:11-18/Mk 4:1-20
<b>Thursday:</b>	Heb 10:19-25/Mk 4:21-25
<b>Friday:</b>	Heb 10:32-39/Mk 4:26-34
<b>Saturday:</b>	Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/1 Cor 12:31--13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30

## **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.



## **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., Catherine Battiata, Dorothy Bosshammer, Joe Bucci, Rebecca Ann Budriss, Robert Capasso, Marie Cirone, Neil Coogan, Paula Dannhauser, Anthony D'Auria, Beverly DeCanio, Joseph DeCicco, Jeanne DellaRagione, John Desmond, Frank Edwards, Franklin Edwards, Arlene Egloff, Eileen Eisele, Betty Fallon, Jake Feldman, Joann Fiorello, Denise Frame, Elizabeth Fredriksen, Billy Fuchs, Rudy Fusco, Donna Galindez, Kenneth Garretson, Vivian Gordon, Christopher Huckstadt, Max Iliano, Terry Keegan, Robyn Kerrigan, Debbie Lamb, Patrick J. Lillis, John Liona, Christopher Maher, Anthony Marotta, Marge Marotta, Vicky Massaro, Danielle Mazzarone, 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*

## Other Sheep Not Of Our Flock

2012-01-29

by Fr. Ron Rolheiser

I grew up with strong, conservative, Roman Catholic roots: the Baltimore Catechism, the Latin mass, daily rosary, daily mass if possible, and a rich stream of devotional practices. And that's a gift for which I'm deeply grateful.

But that wonderful grounding also brought with it a distrust of all religious things not Roman Catholic. I was taught that the Roman Catholic Church was the only true church and the only road to heaven; so much so that we were strongly discouraged and tacitly forbidden to participate in any Protestant church services. In fairness to that catechesis, we didn't believe that Protestants and other religious communities were doomed to eternal perdition, but we struggled mightily to articulate how this might take place. Among other things, we postulated a place we called Limbo, where sincere, non-Roman Catholics with good souls might spend eternity, happy but without God.

But as T.S. Eliot once wrote, "home is where we start from". And home is a good place to start from in terms of how we as faith communities, divided from each other, might better understand each other and each church's own particular relationship to Christ.

And often times the impetus for that comes not as much from biblical and theological insights as it does from an ecumenism of life. As we interact with each other we begin to sense that the question of who has access to God and Christ is infinitely more complex than can be captured in any theological formula. In John's Gospel (10, 16), Jesus says: I have other sheep too, that are not of this sheepfold. I must bring them also. They will listen to my voice, and there will be one flock and one shepherd.

I've learned the truth of that statement through personal experience. Within my nearly forty years in ministry I have met, befriended, and become a faith-companion to men and women from every type of denomination and religion: Protestants, Episcopalians, Anglicans, Evangelicals, Unitarians, small free Churches of all kinds, Jehovah Witnesses, Hindus, Moslems, and Buddhists. In all of these denominations and religious communities, I have met men and women of deep faith and outstanding charity.

And this has caused me to ask myself the question that Jesus once asked those who approached him and told him that his mother and family were outside the circle he was talking to, asking for him: "Who is my mother? And who are my brethren? And he stretched forth his hand toward his disciples, and said, Behold my mother and my brethren! For whosoever does the will of my Father which is in heaven, is my brother, and sister, and mother. (Matthew 12:46-50)

We tend to believe that "blood is thicker than water" and so we sometimes defend our own families, ethnic groups, countries, and churches, even when they do wrong things. What Jesus affirms is that "faith is thicker than blood" and, even more deeply, that faith is also thicker than denominational or religious affiliation.

St. Paul agrees: In his Epistle to the Galatians, he asks the question: Who is living inside the Holy Spirit? Who really has genuine faith? His answer: Those whose lives manifest charity, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and chastity. The presence of these virtues manifests faith and Christ. Conversely, he warns that we shouldn't delude ourselves when our lives manifest, among other things, adultery, hatred, factionalism, strife, and envy. Our real brothers and sisters in faith are those whose lives manifest charity rather than selfishness, love rather than hatred, large hearts rather than selective sympathies, gentleness rather than hardness, and kindness rather than mean-spiritedness. Virtue trumps denominational identity.

I will always be a Roman Catholic, just as I will always be a member of my biological family, the Rolheisers, and my religious community, the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate. I've been baptized into these families and baptism, as the old catechisms rightly teach, leaves an indelible mark on our souls. These will always be my families; but they may not be my only loyalty. I have other families too, not of these sheepfolds: non-Roman Catholics, non-Rolheisers, non-Oblates. And I don't love the Roman Catholic Church, my biological family, or the Oblates of Mary Immaculate any less because of this. Paradoxically, I love them more.

When Jesus asks the question: "Who is mother and brother and sister to me?" he answers that whoever does the will of God is his true mother, true brother, and true sister. But, as the Gospels writers have at that point already strongly emphasized, his biological mother, Mary, was the first person who fit that description. Hence, he is not denigrating his mother, but re-establishing her worth and importance at a higher place.

The same should be true for us in our relationship to the faith families into which we have been baptized, even as we open up our hearts more and more to embrace those others who are not of our fold. Faith is thicker than blood - and thicker even than religious affiliation.

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## Financial Summary

### **January 20, 2013**

Weekly Collection	\$ 16,940.00
Weekly Budget	-\$ 19,000.00
+/- for the week	\$ (2,060.00)

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

## Members in the Military

We ask that you pray especially for those in our parish that are on active duty in the Middle East conflict. They are:



**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.

## Spiritual Care Companion

Would you like to learn to become a beacon of hope to support the spiritual needs of those in your parish who are hospitalized, living in nursing homes, homebound or adults with special needs? Come learn more about sharing your gift of time and presence as a Spiritual Care Companion.

Catholic Health Services of Long Island sponsors this fee three-week training, for volunteers of all faiths, with basic pastoral care skills and information to become a caring, attentive, listening presence. Our training includes communication skills, concerns of the sick and homebound and adults with special needs, spiritual companionship, grief, death & dying, ethical issues and more.

**Information Session:** *Saturday, February 9 from 9:30-11:30 AM*

**Trainings:** *Saturday, March 9, 23 and April 6 from 9:30-11:30 AM*

**Location:** *CHS of Long Island, 245 Old Country Rd, Melville*

To register, please call Carol Cella at 631.465.6307 or Trish Luvini at 631.465.6306.

## Hospice for the Grieving Heart

Good Samaritan Hospital, in conjunction with Good Shepherd Hospice, will host a free seminar: Bridge to Hope: Hospice for the Grieving Heart this Valentine's Day. Encouragement, education and support to help cope with the loss of a loved one this Valentine's Day. The seminar will be held on **Wednesday, February 6 from 6:30 to 8 PM. The seminar will take place at the West Islip Library, 3 Higbie Lane, Room A.** Please call Diane McNamara at 631.465.6382 to reserve your seat or for more information.

## Spaghetti Dinner and Raffle

"Friends of Troop 179" are having our annual **Spaghetti Dinner and Raffle on Saturday, February 2. It runs from 4:00PM-7:30PM in the school cafeteria.** The price is \$5.00 per ticket (children under 5 are free). There will be raffle tickets for purchase that night.

## Women of Hope Champagne Luncheon

St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School cordially invites you to the Seventh Annual Women of Hope Champagne Luncheon on Sunday, **February 10 at 11AM at Timber Point Country Club.**

The 2013 Women of Hope honorees are *Mary Fonseca Gleckler, Anne Joy* (OLL parishioner), *Jen-Marie Kelly Kovalevich*, and *Sr. Peggy McVetty, OP.* Tickets are \$75 per person. Please contact the Development Office at 587.8000, ext 177 to receive your invitation. RSVP by February 1 as seating is limited and by reservation only.

## 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

The prophet Isaiah wrote about Jesus a long time before he was even born. When Jesus read Isaiah's words, they described Jesus perfectly. Jesus did come to free people from sin, to help those in pain, and even to help blind people see.



## Mission for the Week



Look up Isaiah chapter 61 and read it with your family.  
Then read Luke 4:14-21. Jesus kept all of those promises!

## Puzzle

Circle these words from today's Gospel:

SPIRIT  
CHOSEN  
POOR

FREEDOM  
SIGHT  
SUFFERS

LORD  
JESUS  
TRUE

I	A	M	J	L	U	I	T	L	A
S	B	C	H	O	S	E	N	V	E
U	P	A	T	R	H	A	R	T	I
F	R	E	E	D	O	M	A	W	H
F	N	H	C	A	L	E	I	W	S
E	F	O	J	E	S	U	S	H	P
R	B	D	S	M	I	W	L	G	I
S	I	G	H	T	L	P	O	O	R
T	Q	E	W	A	S	F	L	W	I
I	A	T	R	U	E	M	J	E	T

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## Prayer

Dear God,  
thank you for sending  
Jesus to help us.



## Something to Draw

Draw a picture of Isaiah,  
the prophet, writing  
about Jesus.