



**HE IS  
NOT HERE, HE HAS  
RISEN**

Easter Sunday

Our Lady of Lourdes \* April 4, 2010



## *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.*

## *Our Lady of Lourdes*

*455 Hunter Avenue  
West Islip, New York 11795*

**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

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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*

**Rev. Michael A. Vetrano**

Pastor

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**Rev. Patsy Amabile**

Associate Pastor

**Rev. Robert Scheckenback**

Associate Pastor

**Rev. Ambrose Cabildo**

In Residence

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**Deacon John DeGuardi**

**Deacon Tom Lucie**

**Deacon Jack Meehan**

Coordinator of Stewardship

**Deacon John Teufel**

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**Sr. Margaret Bickar**

Senior Ministry-SAGE

**Sr. Nancy Campkin**

Director of Religious Education

**Allegra D'Alo**

Youth Minister/Social Action

**Jennifer Gallagher**

Childrens' Choir/Women's Chorale

Summer Program Director

**Carol M. Goetz**

Parish Music Director

**Louise Jane Krol**

School Principal

**Sr. Diane Liona**

Director of Religious Education

**Mary McMahan**

Director of Parish Social Ministry

**Robin Reynolds-Brennan**

Coordinator of Worship

**Vita Scorcio**

Ministry Spiritual Director

**Sr. Betty Toohig**

Senior Ministry-SAGE

**Anthony Trombino**

Business Manager

## *Pastoral Council*

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Nilo DeLeon

Jane Desthers

Jerry Esposito

Deacon Jack Meehan

John Muldoon

Bob Natale

Eileen Rega

Vita Scorcio

Mary Steck

Fr. Mike Vetrano

Christine Volk

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## *Parish Staff*

**Barbara Catusco**

Religious Education Office

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Parish Office

**Debbie Meyer**

Bulletin Editor/Parish Office

**Rosemary Multer**

School Office

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Parish Office



### **Parish Office**

661.3224

Monday-Friday: 9 AM - 7:30 PM

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587.7200

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661.5440

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1 PM - 5 PM

7 PM - 9 PM

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### **Parish Outreach Office**

661.9262

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday:

9:30 AM - 3 PM

### **S.A.G.E.**

661.3224

(Senior Advocates for Growth  
and Enrichment)

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*Welcome...*

*to Our Lady of Lourdes!*

We are so happy to welcome everyone who has come to worship with us today! Whether you have come a long distance or you live locally, we are glad that you have decided to spend some time with us as we worship our Lord together. Please know that your presence today is a blessing to our parish family.

*Would you like to know more about our parish family?*

All are welcome at Our Lady of Lourdes and we do our best to reach out to everyone.

If you would like more information about our parish or if you would like one of our team to be in touch with you, please fill this form out and place it in any collection or offering basket, mail it to us, or send an email to [parishoffice@ollchurch.org](mailto:parishoffice@ollchurch.org)

*Welcome...*

*to Our Lady of Lourdes!*



*I would like information about:*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Religious Education of my Children | <input type="checkbox"/> Becoming a Catholic or Adult Confirmation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Marriage or Annulment / Remarriage | <input type="checkbox"/> Spiritual Direction or Counseling         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Our Parish Catholic School         | <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Education                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Services                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Joining the Parish                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Baptizing my Children              | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                               |

I would prefer to be contacted:

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone at: \_\_\_\_\_ Email at: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail at: \_\_\_\_\_

## *Life from the root...*

It is funny how simple stories and bits of wisdom can stay with you. In my last parish, there was a wonderful older man named Frank, who was a skilled gardener. He always brought plenty of his bounty to the rectory during the summer months. When I told Frank that I was interested in having a small garden of my own, he helped me prepare the ground and plant some of those great summer tomatoes, zucchini, and of course – lots of basil. One summer, I added a fig tree that I bought online. Frank thought that buying a fig tree was hysterical – apparently these treasures are supposed to pass from one generation to the next like family heirlooms!



He was also quick to tell me that fig trees required a lot of work – they are especially difficult to keep through the cold winter. He advised me that each fall I should dig a pit and cover the tree under mulch, leaves, and earth to help it survive. That seemed like too much work, so I took a shortcut I often saw growing up in Queens. I wrapped the tree in an old blanket and tar paper and put a bucket on top to keep it all dry. The winter that year was harsh, and between the wind and cold, the wrappings came off and by spring the tree looked dry and dead and beaten.

Frank laughed at my wrappings and my inexperience. He allowed that it was the most dead looking fig tree that he had ever seen. He cut back most of the branches. In fact, he practically cut it down. Then he stepped back, laughed again and said: “Don’t worry about your tree Father Mike; it will come back to life from the root.”

The tree did come back to life. There were figs that summer. Frank had a harder summer. A cancer he was battling came back and by fall he was gone. At his funeral Mass, I told his family the story about the fig tree. I told them what he said about coming to life from the root. They understood the connection.

Easter is about coming to life from the root. The root, of course, is the resurrection of Christ; the coming to life is about much more than fig trees and the springtime that warms the earth – it is about us. We come to life from this root. We find hope in the middle of difficulty, we find strength in the midst of trials, and we put our faith in the resurrection and coming to life of those who have died.

I am glad that you have chosen to come here and worship today. Our parish is a place of life and hope for all. Each day, we do our best to love and serve others with the mission of Christ – things like feeding the hungry, educating our young, lifting the spirits of those who are grieving and struggling, and most of all – week by week – praying and worshipping with each other. Our hope and strength comes from the faith of people like you.

I wish each and every person a very blessed and hopeful Easter!

Remember -- We come to life from the root!

*Sincerely yours in Christ,*  
*FR. Mike*  
*Fr. Mike Vetrano, Pastor*



## Divine Mercy Sunday

*“Jesus, we trust in You!”*

Our parish will be celebrating the feast of **Divine Mercy on the Sunday following Easter, April 11.**

This feast offers us an opportunity to reflect on the Lord’s mercy, love, and compassion. Jesus told St. Faustina that this Feast of Mercy would be a very special day when "all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened."

Our celebration will begin at the 12:30 PM Mass. Following Mass, all are encouraged and invited to participate in the opportunities offered to: pray, reflect, adore, and reconcile themselves with the Lord on this great feast. Here are the activities planned for this day.

- Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament immediately following the 12:30PM Mass. This will offer time to have quiet reflection, prayer, and adoration of the Lord.
- From 1:30 PM to 2:30 PM, there will be hospitality and a film on the Lord’s Divine Mercy in our Parish Center.
- The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered in the Church from 1:45 PM to 2:45 PM.
- The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed in the Church at 3 PM.
- We will close with the Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament which follows the praying of the Chaplet.

Please come for one or all of our activities planned for this day as we celebrate the Lord’s gift of mercy.

### Children’s Liturgy of the Word

*Did you know OLL loves to pray with our children?*

Every Sunday at the 9:30 AM Mass, we invite young people from age four to about fourth grade to process into the Parish Center. Here, they hear God’s word in a powerful and meaningful way for them. Consider coming to our 9:30 AM Mass and inviting others to do the same.

*Also – **Help is needed!***

We are looking for musicians and lectors to be part of the Children’s Liturgy of the Word in the Parish Center. If you think you can be a part of it – we’d love to have you!

If you have any questions or you are interested in helping out, please call the Parish Office at 661.3224 .

## Living Liturgy

### *Happy Easter!*

*We celebrate and believe!*

As you enter the Church today, you know we do just that here at OLL. Our Church is filled with signs of new life. Our Art and Environment Ministry has worked so hard to make our Church a place of new life and hope.

Our Holy Water fonts have been refilled with the water blessed at the Easter Vigil. Throughout the season of Lent, our fonts remained empty reminding us of the sacrifice that season brings. As Easter begins, we celebrate our connection to Jesus' death and new life through Baptism.

Our Baptismal font will be the source of blessings throughout the Easter season. Every Sunday of the great Easter season, we will be blessed with the Easter water as a reminder that we are always God's holy and beloved children.

The beauty of our Church is brought to life this day because of the work of our Art and Environment ministry! They have worked hard these past days to transform the Church from the starkness of Lent to the new life of Easter! Surely, from the looks of our Church, we know He is risen!

And our celebration continues! Easter and the sense of new life and new beginnings and new hope it brings is not only for today. Now we celebrate the fifty days of Easter- from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday. The Church tells us that this season should be celebrated in joyful exultation as one feast day, or better as one "great Sunday."



## RCIA-Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Throughout the past year, our parish family has journeyed with those seeking Baptism, reception and full initiation into the life of the Church. From the Rite of Reception in January, to the Rite of Election, Call to Continuing Conversion and the Scrutinies celebrated during Lent, we have celebrated their faith and, in turn, renewed our own.

At the Easter Vigil,

- we celebrate the Baptism of *Scott Sender, Ronald Thomas, and Malik Wallace*
- we celebrate the Confirmation and full initiation into the Church of *Leslyn Armstrong, Carol Ann Civile, David Cohen, Timothy Keegan, Roy Miller, Scott Sender, Ronald Thomas and Malik Wallace.*

Their journey has become our journey. Their excitement and enthusiasm has inspired and excited us about our faith journey!

Their journey still continues as they enter The Period of Mystagogy which lasts from Easter Sunday until the completion of the Easter season, fifty days later on Pentecost Sunday and completes the initiation process. Let's continue to pray for them as they continue to more fully realize what the life of the Church has in store for them.

If you're interested in becoming a Catholic or completing your own initiation, contact Fr. Bob Scheckenback or Sister Nancy Campkin at 661.3224. We would love to welcome you!



## Taize-Prayer Around the Cross

**Friday, April 23 at 7:30 PM in the Church**

*Looking for another way to pray?*

Taize is a form of worship that provides some time in our busy lives where we can stop and focus on the love of God. Together we will share simple chants and prayers that will help guide us as we bring our concerns and hopes to the Lord. Please join us for a Taize Prayer Service on **Friday, April 23 at 7:30 PM in the Church.**

## OLL Music Ministry

This Spring ...SING A NEW SONG...WITH US!

There are so many ways to become involved in the OLL Music Ministry. If you've always wanted to sing with a choir or play with a music group, now is a great time to join!

The OLL Choir rehearses on Thursday night from 8-10 PM and sings weekly at 11 AM Mass. Adults who are proficient in playing a musical instrument and are interested in playing with the choir at 11 AM Mass are also invited to join.

The Contemporary Group, grade 8 through college age and young adult, rehearses on Sunday afternoon 4:30-6 PM and sings at "The Six." Students, we'd love to have you come and sing with us - bring a friend or two with you. Also, if you're proficient at a musical instrument, you're welcome to join our group.

If you can't commit to a weekly rehearsal schedule, consider becoming part of a group that performs less frequently throughout the year.

The Concert Choir performs several times a year and is open to singers with a musical background. This group is by audition only.

Our newly developed Taize Ministry welcomes singers/musicians who are interested in singing/playing at Taize prayer services throughout the liturgical year.

If you have any questions regarding the OLL Choir, Contemporary Group, Concert Choir, Taize Ministry please contact Carol Goetz at 661.3224 or [music@ollchurch.org](mailto:music@ollchurch.org).

Our Youth Choir, sings at 9:30 AM Mass on Sunday and Women's Chorale sings at 11 AM Mass on the first Sunday of the month. If you have any questions about the Youth Choir or Women's Chorale, please contact Jennifer Gallagher at 661.3224 or [jengallagher@ollchurch.org](mailto:jengallagher@ollchurch.org).



## First Annual Youth Relief Talent Show Youth Relief 2010!

*Friday, April 30 at 7 PM in the All Purpose Room* the  
OLL Youth Groups are sponsoring the First Annual Youth Relief Talent Show!

Admission to the Talent Show will be \$5 and all proceeds will be donated to a local homeless charity. All are welcome to attend and to show off their talent.

There are prizes to be won! If you sing, dance, act or do something special come down on Friday, April 30 and compete. The first ten acts to show up will get to perform.

### Youth Groups

We're Moving! High School youth group will now meet on Mondays at 7 PM. Our next meeting for both Middle and High School students will be Monday, April 5 at 6:30 PM in Room 16! We will be working on the Talent Show together! Come be a part of the new OLL!!

### Learning & Spirituality



#### Why We Pray the Way We Do

Fr. Bob Scheckenback  
Tuesdays, April 6, 13, 20, 27 and May 4  
7:30 - 9:30 PM  
Parish Center

What's really happening when we go to Church on Sunday? Understand the liturgy and its role in your life and the life of the Church. Does God need the Sacraments? Understand the sacramental principle of Roman Catholicism and how we believe God communicates with us.

*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 [religioused@ollchurch.org](mailto:religioused@ollchurch.org).*

## Rosary Christian Mothers

The Rosary Christian Mothers meet on the first Monday evening of each month. The next meeting will be **Monday, April 5**.

We will begin with **Rosary at 7:45 PM in the Church** followed by **meeting at 8 PM in the Parish Center**.

## Daytime Eucharistic Devotion

The afternoon adoration for the month of July will be on **Wednesday, April 7 from 1- 3 PM**. All are invited and welcome! We will be praying for our children, our country, our men and women in the military and our clergy.



## Nocturnal Adoration

Nocturnal Adoration will follow the 5 PM Mass on **Saturday, April 10**, concluding with Benediction at 9:50 PM. Please come and pray with us. All are invited and welcome! Bring a friend.

## Holy Name Society

The Holy Name Society meets on the second Sunday of each month. The next meeting will be on **Sunday, April 11**. We will begin with the **Rosary at 7:40 AM in the Church** and the meeting will follow the **8 AM Mass at 9 AM in Room 16**.

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

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

**Join us ...**

**Wednesday, April 14 at 9:30 AM in the Parish Center**. All you need to bring is scrap yarn, knitting needles or crochet hooks (patterns and instructions will be given to you) and your gifts of love and prayer.

## 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.

## Jesus, King of All Nations Prayer Group

The Jesus, King of All Nations Prayer Group meets each **Thursday afternoon** in the **Church**. The meeting is from **3 PM until 4 PM in front of the Blessed Sacrament**.

## Religious Education

at Our Lady of Lourdes during the Easter Season...

*For all in Grade 7 in our Parish Family...*

### Sponsor/Candidate Enrollment Sunday

**Sunday, May 2**

#### 6 PM Mass

All seventh graders in our Parish Family choose a Sponsor in preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please come and join with all the seventh graders of our parish, their families and their newly chosen Sponsor, as we celebrate this commitment. They look to their Parish Family for prayers and support on their faith journey.

*For all in Grade 8 in our Parish Family...*

### “Rescue Closing”

**Sunday, May 16**

#### 6 PM Mass

All eighth graders in our Parish Family, their Sponsors and parents share in celebrating their time together. The eighth graders and their Sponsors have been getting together and doing service for others.

*For all in Grades 6/7/8 in our parish family...*

### Hang Out Nites continue...

<b>Friday April 16</b>	<b>7:30 PM - 9:30 PM</b>	<b>Parish Center</b>
<b>Friday May 21</b>	<b>7:30 PM - 9:30 PM</b>	<b>Parish Center</b>
<b>Friday June 18</b>	<b>7:30 PM - 9:30 PM</b>	<b>Parish Center</b>

Don't forget... there's something for everyone !

All 6th / 7th / 8th graders of our Parish Family- come play volleyball, basketball.

We have Guitar Hero 2, free raffles, music and more. DON'T MISS IT !

*also...*

### Grades 9/10/11/12

ALL ARE WELCOME! Be a part of the Team. High School leaders help with set-up, participating in activities, refreshments, clean-up, etc... and assist Adult Chaperones. For more information, call 661.5440, option 3 or email [religioused@ollchurch.org](mailto:religioused@ollchurch.org).

*Reminder...*

### Important Confirmation Meeting

*For all Eighth Grade Parents in OLL Parish Family -*

**Wednesday, May 5 at 7:30 PM in the Parish Center**

*or*

**Thursday, May 6 at 10 AM in the Parish Center**

*or*

**Thursday, May 6 at 7:30 PM in the Parish Center**

### Did you know?

You can go to “eChalk” at [www.ollreled.org](http://www.ollreled.org) to link and follow your “own” grade to find new and exciting activities, important parent info, and view our OLL Religious Education Calendar.

## 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:

Each Wednesday at  
10 AM in Lourdes Hall-  
convent lower level.

(Free babysitting available.)



## Easter Flower Offerings

*Brien & O'Brien Family*  
*Grace Cavalluzzo*  
*Barbara McAdams*  
*Biagio Mingoia*  
*Frances & John Miglino*  
*Carmela & Vincent Vieni*  
*Leonard Parine*  
*Kenneth Meyer*  
*Eugene & Lois Parine*  
*Virginia & Joseph Beno*  
*Vera DeSantis*  
*Joseph Snopkowski*  
*Michael Podhany*  
*Robert J. Boyd*  
*Dec'd mbrs of Colletti &*  
*Guarino Families*

## Upcoming Marriages

*Lee-Ann Capozzi and*  
*Justin Puccia, both OLL*

*Petrino & Reinbold Families*  
*Gloria K. Damp*  
*Virginia A. Petrino*  
*Stephen A. Petrino*  
*Hilbert & Capitema Families*  
*Luke & Leah MacQuade*  
*Kaminski Family*  
*Lodespoto Family*  
*Angelone Family*  
*Virginia Cruse*  
*Edward White*  
*M/M Robert Petersen*  
*Crescenzo Picone*  
*Pasquale & Clara Strocchia*  
*Severino Family*  
*Guider & Heartt Families*  
*Alice Hess*  
*Veronica Pasini*  
*Alan Doran*  
*M/M Joseph Castiglione*  
*M/M Andrew Nangano*  
*Salvatore Castiglione*  
*Ed Kelley*  
*Dan Flesch*  
*Tori-Ann Cohen*  
*John Vollmer*  
*Jerry Esposito*

## Rosary/Novena

### Rosary:

Daily after 8 AM Mass

### Miraculous Medal Novena:

Monday after 8 AM Mass

### Anointing of the Sick

Throughout the liturgical year.

If needed sooner, please call the Parish Office.

### Baptism

Please contact the Parish Office to schedule an appointment.

### Marriage

Arranged at least six months in advance, please call the Parish Office.

### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults(RCIA):

A process to be embraced by the Catholic Church. For non-Catholics and for Catholics who have never received formal religious education. If interested, please call the Parish Office.

# Remembering...

## Monday, April 5

8:00 AM Carmela & Vincent Stumpo

## Tuesday, April 6

8:00 AM Paul Ermert

## Wednesday, April 7

8:00 AM Anthony LaRocca

## Thursday, April 8

8:00 AM Valerie Moscarelli

## Friday, April 9

8:00 AM John Lovari

## Saturday, April 10

8:00 AM Rita O'Brien, Danny Miranda,  
Richard Dziepak, Helen Ianno,  
Linda Kelly (*living*)

5:00 PM James Peter Olsen

## Sunday, April 11

8:00 AM Thomas D'Angelo

9:30 AM Marie D. Turano

11:00 AM Nettie Pizzella

12:30 PM James J. Werner

6:00 PM People of the Parish, Rosemaria Russo,  
Charles & Georgette Van Manen, Jack Timmer,  
Alexander MacGregor, Mary Chimento, Helen Kolar,  
Lawrence Bergin, Veronica Kenny, Delores Cardoso,  
Margaret Ohlmiller, Jeffrey Fink



## Rest In Peace

*James B. Coleman* died on March 11 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was March 15. We extend our prayers to his wife, Gertrude, children, grandchildren, and entire family.

*John A. McCarthy* died on March 13 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was March 19. We extend our prayers to his children, grandchildren, and entire family.

*Suzanne P. Ferguson* died on March 15 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was March 19. We extend our prayers to her children, grandchildren, and entire family.

*Anthony Cannizzaro* died on March 15 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was March 19. We extend our prayers to his wife, Margaret, children, and entire family.

*Dorothy A. Fee* died on March 19 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was March 22. We extend our prayers to her children, grandchildren, and entire family.

*Rita Lyons* died on March 19 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was March 22 at St. Bartholomew, New Jersey. We extend our prayers to her daughter, Pat Young, and entire family.

## Parish Outreach

**Office telephone:**

661-9262, option 4

**Office hours:**

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday:

9:30 AM - 3 PM

## Outreach Memorial Donations

### March Donations

*Parish Outreach has received many donations in memory of loved ones.*

Frances Hodgkins made a donation to Outreach in memory of her husband, *John R. Hodgkins*.

The McKenna's have made a donation to Outreach in memory of *Edna "Millie" Barrera*.

Outreach has received an anonymous donation in memory of *Flo Worysz*.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ricciotti have made a donation to Outreach in memory of *Barbara Cazzalino*.

The Ambrosinos have made a donation to Outreach in memory of *Joseph Walsh*.

Dotty Perdue has made a donation to Outreach in memory of *Joseph Walsh*.

The Altar Servers have made a donation to Outreach in memory of *Ross Goldin*.

Outreach has received a donation in memory of *Rita Lyons* from the Fogarty's, the Marsden's and the Lettieri's.

Doris and Richard Shaddock have made a donation to Outreach in memory of their children, *Baby and Richard Joseph*.

Marie Ricigliano has made a donation to Outreach in memory of *Matthew Badamo*.

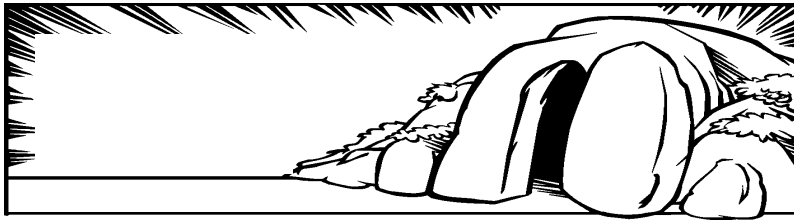
Outreach has received a donation from Doris and Doug Cameron in memory of *Thomas J. Courtney*.

John Moscarelli has made a donation to Outreach in memory of *Valerie Moscarelli*.

Phyliss Diesso has made a donation to Outreach in memory of *Charles Diesso*.

*If you would like to make a donation to Parish Outreach in memory of a loved one, please call Mary McMahon, Director of Parish Social Ministry at 661.3224, option 4.*

## Easter Greetings from Outreach!



As people of faith-we celebrate Resurrection. This feast, in the Church, is the cornerstone of our Hope. With death, life as we know it changes, but continues. It is this Hope that we are baptized into-this Hope which gives expression to great strength and courage in the face of struggles and finally this Hope which encourage us to embrace others in their struggles. As Christians we define the meaning of our lives based on the Hope of the Resurrection. And for this today, we rejoice-we believe and we celebrate as a faith community.

In the Ministry of Outreach, Hope is a quality that is vibrant-palpable. Where else to turn when doors close, food is in short supply, electric has been shut off, medical bills need to be paid? This faith-filled, Gospel Community of Our Lady of Lourdes continues to witness to Hope in your continuing support to Outreach. Hope is made tangible in the food donated weekly, financial assistance offered, the donations made to honor the memory of loved ones who are now alive in the Resurrection.

On March 20, through a joint effort with the Holy Name Society, Rosary Christian Mothers and Outreach, we hosted the St. Patrick/St. Joseph Dance.

This event was a tremendous success thanks to the many sponsors who donated goods and services. We would like to extend our gratitude to the following merchants:

*West Islip Wines and Liquors.*  
*Anthony's Restaurant and Pizzeria*  
*The Irish Rose Cottage*  
*Manhattan Beer Distributors*  
*Modern Italian Bakery*

Thank you, too, to all the ministries who so generously donated baskets for the Chinese Auction. The proceeds of this event were donated to Outreach-your good works and witness to Hope continue.

Finally, please think about joining Outreach for our first **Victorian Tea on April 18, from 2–5 PM in the Parish Center.** This event will honor two dedicated Outreach Volunteers who died this year, *Anne Nardone and Flo Worysz.*

Don't put away your Easter Bonnet-Victorian Dress is encouraged. This will be a fun-filled afternoon for the women of our Parish-grandmothers, mothers, daughters. Tickets are on sale in the Outreach Office for \$20 per person. Proceeds to benenefit the works of Outreach.

## Financial Summary

### March 28, 2010

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 Palm Sunday will be published in an upcoming 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:

**Bryan R. Dempsey**-*US Marines*

**Christopher Florca**-*US Marines*

**Michael Mallimo**- *US Army*

**Anthony Mannino**-*US Marines*

**JD Montefusco**-*US Marines*

**Peter Provenzano**-*US Army*

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



## OLL Golf Outing

**Monday, July 19, 2010**

**Island Hills Country Club, Sayville**

Do you miss the outdoors? Do you miss the warm feeling of sunshine?

Join us and swing ahead to summer!

This year we will be honoring:

***Deacon John and Anne DeGuardi***

***Paul and Diane Munch***

For more information contact Rich Maher at [rmaher@ollschool.org](mailto:rmaher@ollschool.org)

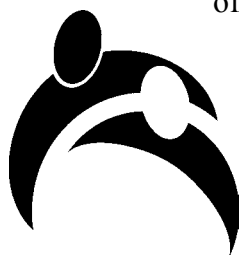
## Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Joyce Petersen*.

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 ...

*Roy Anderson, Susan Aviza, Deacon Dick Barry, Andrew Bartlett, Ben Bellotti, Antoinette Bongiorno, Theresa Buffa, Nicholas Buscemi, Jr., Nicholas Cibelli, Michael Ciotkosz, Donald L. Coffey, Thomas Courtney, Regina Cranor, Jeanne DellaRagione, Ann Donlon, Debbie Eichen, Edward Herger, Brian Hinkelman, Lili Hinkelman, Max Illiano, Diana Kaehne, Mary Kaval, Kathleen Kerrigan, Josephine Kosiczky, Joseph Lehmann, S. Diane Liona, Kara Lobasso, Charlie Maccio, Louise Malcuit, Vicky Massaro, Philip Matzen, Michele McCann, Peter McCann, Sr., Margaret McHugh, Dorothy Meloni, Matthew Mirabella, Rick Mirabella, Rae Morris, Brenden Muldoon, Ruth Murray, Evelyn Nonnon, John O'Brien, Arthur Petrino, Helen Pitkowitz, Joanne Popper, Laura Prichard, Joe Radosti, Carol Randazzo-Hopkins, Baby Skyler Rene, Reneida Rivera, Michael Savino, Ann Marie Schiraldi, Jayna Schmidt, Dorothy Shiavone, Joe Shields, Derek Stahl, Mary Clair Stephen, Stephen Straub, Sr., John Tramazzo, Nancy Turano, Vera Vieni, Pat Wallace, Kyle Williams, Geraldine Wloszczyna, Joe Yezek*

we are renewed  
and saved



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## Easter Sunday

At the Easter Vigil, the deacon sings the great hymn of light, the "Exsultet." He calls on the heavenly powers, the earth, and the church to rejoice and exult (hence the name for the hymn) because Christ has conquered death and vanquished darkness forever. This is a song of faith! We believe that the risen Christ is more powerful than evil, greater than sin, and stronger even than death itself-that ancient enemy to which we all fall victim.

In renewing our baptismal commitment this Sunday, we profess our own belief in the communion of saints and the resurrection of the body. All of us who are baptized-those in the past, and those living today-are united beyond death by the power of the risen Lord. By uniting ourselves to him in baptism, we are already sharing in his risen life. His Spirit, "dwelling within us, gives us on earth the hope of unending joy" (Preface 34).

The rebirth of the natural world each spring puts our faith in context. God continually renews creation, bringing to birth that which seemed dead and lifeless. And God does the same for us. Even though sin may have taken hold of our lives, through Christ we are renewed and saved from our sinful past. Through repentance and conversion we are brought to new life, rejoicing again in our baptismal innocence. And, through our faith in Christ, we are saved from that final death that comes at the end. We believe that Jesus will raise up our mortal bodies to be like his own in glory. Just as that which seems to be dead comes back to life in the spring, so too, do we believe that those who have gone before us will also rise to share in the fullness of life in Christ. This is the day in which God has won the victory, and his people rejoice and are glad!

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### Readings for the week of April 4, 2010

<b>Sunday:</b>	Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4 <i>or</i> 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 <i>or</i> Mk 16:1-7
<b>Monday:</b>	Acts 2:14, 22-33/Mt 28:8-15
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Acts 2:36-41/Jn 20:11-18
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Acts 3:1-10/Lk 24:13-35
<b>Thursday:</b>	Acts 3:11-26/Lk 24:35-48
<b>Friday:</b>	Acts 4:1-12/Jn 21:1-14
<b>Saturday:</b>	Acts 4:13-21/Mk 16:9-15
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	Acts 5:12-16/Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31

# 2010 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

CMA 2010

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- We delivered or served more than 500,000 meals to senior citizens and families.
- Parish outreach centers, including our food pantries, have seen a 25% increase in demand, and provided direct services to more than 17,000 individuals and families every month.
- Our Office of Hospital Ministry served more than 300,000 people in local hospitals.
- 17,000 volunteer Catechists taught religious education to more than 110,000 of our children in public schools.
- In our 133 Parishes there were more than 17,000 Baptisms, 17,000 First Communions, 19,000 Confirmations and 3,000 weddings.
- Over the past two years, 17 men were ordained to the priesthood after attending the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington.
- We provide safe and affordable housing to people in our community with 15 senior housing facilities with more than 1,200 affordable apartments.
- 99% of all our diocesan high school graduates went on to college

*You can make a difference in your parish and in the lives of those around us by making a gift to this year's appeal.*

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## Seeing the Resurrection

by Ron Rolheiser, OMI

God never overpowers, never twists arms, never pushes your face into something so as to take away your freedom. God respects our freedom and is never a coercive force.

And nowhere is this more true than in what is revealed in the resurrection of Jesus. The Gospels assure us that, like his birth, the resurrection was physical, real, not just some alteration inside the consciousness of believers. After the resurrection, we are assured, Jesus' tomb was empty, people could touch him, he ate food with them, he was not a ghost.

But his rising from the dead was not a brute slap in the face to his critics, a non-negotiable fact that left sceptics with nothing to say. The resurrection didn't make a big splash. It was not some spectacular event that exploded into the world as the highlight on the evening news. It had the same dynamics as the incarnation itself: After he rose from the dead, Jesus was seen by some, but not by others; understood by some, but not by others. Some got his meaning and it changed their lives, others were indifferent to him, and still others understood what had happened, hardened their hearts against it, and tried to destroy its truth.

Notice how this parallels, almost perfectly, what happened at the birth of Jesus: The baby was real, not a ghost, but he was seen by some, but not by others and the event was understood by some but not by others. Some got its meaning and it changed their lives, others were indifferent and their lives went on as before, while still others (like Herod) sensed its meaning but hardened their hearts against it and tried to destroy the child.

Why the difference? What makes some see the resurrection while others do not? What lets some understand the mystery and embrace it, while others are left in indifference or hatred?

Hugo of St. Victor used to say, "Love is the eye!" When we look at anything through the eyes of love, we see correctly, understand, and properly appropriate its mystery. The reverse is also true. When we look at anything through eyes that are jaded, cynical, jealous, or bitter, we will not see correctly, will not understand, and will not properly appropriate its mystery.

We see this in how the Gospel of John describes the events of Easter Sunday. Jesus has risen, but, first of

all, only the person who is driven by love, Mary Magdala, goes out in search of him. The others remain as they are, locked inside their own worlds. But love seeks out its beloved and Mary Magdala goes out, spices in hand, wanting at least to embalm his dead body. She finds his grave empty and runs back to Peter and the beloved disciple and tells them the tomb is empty. The two race off together, towards the tomb, but the disciple whom Jesus loved out-runs Peter and gets to the tomb first, but he doesn't enter, he waits for Peter (authority) to go in first.

Peter enters the empty tomb, sees the linens that had covered the body of Jesus, but does not understand. Then the beloved disciple, love, enters. He sees and he does understand. Love grasps the mystery. Love is the eye. It is what lets us see and understand the resurrection.

That is why, after the resurrection, some saw Jesus but others did not. Some understood the resurrection while others did not. Those with the eyes of love saw and understood. Those without the eyes of love either didn't see anything or were perplexed or upset by what they did see.

There are lots of ways to be blind. I remember an Easter Sunday some years ago when I was a young graduate student in San Francisco. Easter Sunday was late that year and it was a spectacularly beautiful spring day. But on that particular day I was mostly blind to what was around me. I was young, homesick, alone on Easter Sunday, and nursing a huge heartache. That colored everything I was seeing and feeling. It was Easter Sunday, in spring, in high sunshine, but, for what I was seeing, it might as well have been midnight, on Good Friday, in the dead of winter.

Lonely and nursing a heartache, I took a walk to calm my restlessness. At the entrance of a park, I saw a blind beggar holding a sign that read: It's spring and I'm blind! The irony wasn't lost on me. I was blind that day, more blind than that beggar, seeing neither spring nor the resurrection. What I was seeing were only those things that reflected what was going on inside my own heart.

Christ is risen, though we might not see him! We don't always notice spring. The miraculous doesn't force itself on us. It's there, there to be seen, but whether we see or not, and what precisely we do see, depends mainly upon what's going on inside our own hearts.

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