

Our Lady of Lourdes • **Fourth Sunday of Easter** • April 25, 2010

**“There was a multitude
standing before the Lamb**



with palm branches.”



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

Mission Statement

As stewards of all that God has given us, the Parish Family of Our Lady of Lourdes serves and ministers to all who come to this place. Regardless of a person's history, ethnicity, gender, orientation, age or race, we commit ourselves to open wide the doors of our Parish to provide a place of welcome and hospitality.

Vision...

so that all may know that they are a vital part of the Body of Christ, we further recommit and challenge ourselves to...

Live out our Baptismal call passionately by caring for all of God's people with justice.

Grow in an understanding of God's role in each of our lives.

Respond to the Gospel in a radical way, inviting and inspiring all to form the Kingdom of God in every moment of life.

Acknowledge we are not complete without the willingness to grow, discern and discover the Spirit who moves and guides us.

Pastoral Team

Rev. Michael A. Vetrano

Pastor

Rev. Patsy Amabile

Associate Pastor

Rev. Robert Scheckenback

Associate Pastor

Rev. Ambrose Cabildo

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Lori Walsh

Parish Office

Parish Office

661.3224 (option 1)

Monday-Friday: 9 AM - 7:30 PM

Saturday: 9 AM - 3 PM

Sunday: 9 AM - 2 PM

email: ParishOffice@ollchurch.org

fax: 661.7143

website: www.ollchurch.org

Our Lady of Lourdes School

587.7200 (option 2)

Monday-Friday: 9 AM - 3 PM

email: lkrol@ollschooll.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, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday:

9:30 AM - 3 PM

S.A.G.E.

661.3224

(Senior Advocates for Growth
and Enrichment)

email: Sage@ollchurch.org

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

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: _____



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.

This is going to be an annual thing as you can see but it's purpose, besides getting the kids to lead and to help others, is to put youth ministry out there in the church community so it is very important that it gets as much attention as possible. The kids are going to be making posters for the buildings too.



Youth Group

High School students! Youth Group for grades 9-12 has moved from Thursdays to Mondays at OLL! We will still meet at 7 PM in Room 16. For a full list of dates please go to ollchurch.org/youth, email Allegra@ollchurch.org or check the bulletin board in the All Purpose Room!

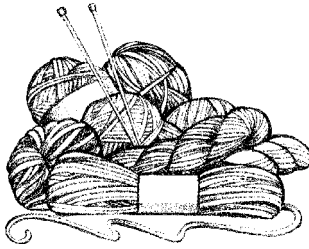
Rosary Christian Mothers

Sunday, May 2, will be our annual **May Crowning**. May Crowning will take place after the 9:30 AM Mass in front of the Rectory. **All are welcome.**

The Rosary Christian Mothers meet on the first Monday evening of each month. The next meeting will be **Monday, May 3**. We will begin with **the Rosary at 7:45 PM in the Church** followed by **meeting at 8 PM in the Parish Center**.

Holy Name Society

The Holy Name Society meets on the second Sunday of each month. The next meeting will be on **Sunday, May 9**. 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, May 12, 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.

Men's Group

An Invitation to all men from OLL and beyond...

We invite all men of the parish to meet for prayer and reflection after 8 AM Mass on **Thursday, May 20, in the Parish Center**. We meet once a month to read and discuss the Scriptures for the following Sunday. Come with your ideas and suggestions. We'll gather for conversation and fellowship. Join us in this pioneering experience for men. Call Jack Fitzgerald at 587.5548 for more information.

Save the date for...

The Great Ministry Event

Pentecost Weekend - May 22/23

Come and see how our many Ministries make a difference.
All are welcome!

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**.

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.

Donations to Outreach

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

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.

Senior Circle

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

SAGE

The SAGE Group (Senior Advocates for Growth and Enrichment) will meet on **Tuesday, April 27, in the Parish Center at 9 AM.**



Nocturnal Adoration

Nocturnal Adoration will follow the 5 PM Mass on **Saturday, May 1**, concluding with Benediction at 9:50 PM. Please come and pray with us. All are invited and welcome! Bring a friend.

Daytime Eucharistic Devotion

The afternoon adoration for the month of July will be on **Wednesday, May 5 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.



Learning & Spirituality



Why We Pray the Way We Do

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

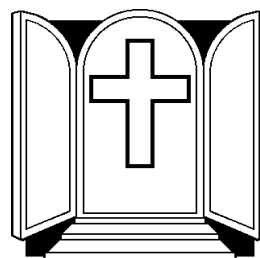
What's really happening when we go to Church on Sunday? Understand the liturgy and its role in your life and the life of the Church. Does God need the Sacraments? Understand the sacramental principle of Roman Catholicism and how we believe God communicates with us.

Open Wide the Door!

Let the Spirit In!

A Spiritual Evening for Women

Presenter: Sister Joy Casitlione, OP
Tuesday, May 18
7:30 - 9:30 PM
Parish Center



As women, we are always great with hospitality. Did you ever wonder what it would be like to welcome Jesus into your heart and entertain him there?

During our evening of prayer we will reflect on “opening the door” of our heart to have Jesus feel “at home” and how can we grow in a more intimate relationship with him.

As part of the evening, we will have group discussion, sharing, and a guided meditation.

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.

OLL School's Annual Spring Plant Sale is coming up on **May 1 and May 2**. We will be selling plants after Masses on that weekend. This year we are also offering Blooming Ornamental Selections specifically for those looking for Mother's Day gifts!



The Plant Sale flyer can be found at school website www.ollschool.org, under "In The Backpack", 2010 Plant Sale flyer. Pick-up **OR** delivery, whichever you prefer, will also be on May 1/2.

Discovery Camp

Sponsored by
Our Lady of Lourdes 44 Toomey Road, West Islip

Registration Now Being Accepted*

June 28th – August 6th
9am – 5pm, Monday - Friday

A full time day camp program for students entering grades K – 7 beginning with an academic based morning and a fun-filled afternoon of sports provided by F.A.S.T. Athletics.

Program choices include:
K – 1 "Under the Sea" or "Bugs Galore"
2 – 4 "Rain Forest" or "Space Camp"
5 – 7 "Mind Games" or "Teen Spirit"

Before / After Care and School Provided Lunch Available for an Additional Fee. For More Information Contact:

Lisa Kennedy, Director
lkennedy@ollschool.org 631.587.7200 ext.100

*non-refundable/non-transferable

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



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...

Friday May 21	7:30 PM - 9:30 PM	Parish Center
Friday June 18	7:30 PM - 9:30 PM	Parish Center

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.

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 to link and follow your “own” grade to find new and exciting activities, important parent info, and view our OLL Religious Education Calendar.

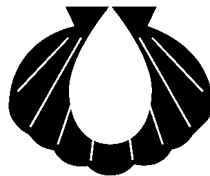
Support Groups

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-
9:30 AM beginners meeting
convent lower level.
(Free babysitting available.)



Baptisms

Skylar Gabrielle Rene

Vincent and Erin

Charlie Nicole Gonzalez

Maurice and Lisa

Giavonna Carmelina Gonzalez

Anthony and Jennifer

Madison Elizabeth Pawloski

John and Kristin

Julianna Paige Tsarnas

John and Rosivette

John Paul Ficalora

John and Natalie

Sophia Jacqueline Howe

David and Tara

Skylar Madison Labossiere

Yves and Daine

Daniel Jon Muller

Thomas and Kelly

Patrick Thomas Muller

Thomas and Kelly

Ryan Joseph Muller

Thomas and Kelly

Isabella Rosemarie Palazzo

Robert and Raffaella

Michael William Tumminello

Vincent and Lizabeth

Ryan Harris Walker

Russell and Lisa

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 26

8:00 AM Michael Reilly

Tuesday, April 27

8:00 AM William Petersen

Wednesday, April 28

Saint Peter Chanel, priest and martyr

Saint Louis Mary de Montfort, priest

8:00 AM Mae Willenbacher

Thursday, April 29

Saint Catherine of Siena, virgin and doctor of the Church

8:00 AM Nicholas C. Liss

Friday, April 30

Saint Pius V, pope

8:00 AM Patrick Corrigan

Saturday, May 1

8:00 AM Joseph C. Walsh, Veronica Kenny, William McDonald,
Mary Fannon, Thomas Courtney, Linda Kelly (*living*)

5:00 PM Andrew "Al" Velten

Fr. Mike Vetrano

Sunday, May 2

8:00 AM John & Brian Stowell

Fr. Pat Amabile

9:30 AM Laura & Charles Abela

Fr. Pat Amabile

11:00 AM John & Mary Flynn

Fr. Mike Vetrano

12:30 PM Carmela Capparelli

Fr. Ambrose Cabildo

6:00 PM People of the Parish, Maria Rosa Sgambati, Fred Russo,
Edna Barrera (*Millie*), Eugene Squillanti, John McAllister,
Patricia Brennan, Souls in Purgatory, Ross Goldin,
Anne Eastwood, Patricia Wepler, John Dolan, Sr.

Fr. Bob Scheckenback



Rest In Peace

Patricia Wepler died on April 13 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was April 16. We extend our prayers to her children, grandchildren, and entire family.

Celebrating Sacraments



4th Sunday of Easter

We can't approach the highly symbolic language of the Book of Revelation with logical thinking. If we try to do so, we will falter, and miss out on the richness of the images that are presented to us. In today's selection, John—not the writer of the fourth Gospel, but another John—sees a vast crowd. One of the elders tells him that these are the ones who have survived the time of trial. This makes eminent sense since Revelation was written at a time when the church was undergoing great persecution from both the Jewish leaders who were expelling the Jewish followers of Jesus from the synagogues, and from Roman officials who saw Christians as disruptive apostates since they did not acknowledge the Roman gods. The ones who have survived "have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb" (7:14).

Here is where logic fails. Every laundry detergent bottle and stain-fighting additive will tell you that you don't make something white by washing it in blood. But when we immerse ourselves in the symbolism, we understand what the writer intends. Through the shedding of his blood on the cross, the Lamb of God (Jesus) cleanses us from sin. Like the white garment given at baptism to symbolize new life, those who have remained faithful during trial and persecution share in the victory of the One who conquered sin and death.

The message for us today is that Christ has brought us into the fold, and that we are called to be faithful no matter what may beset us in life. It is unlikely that any of us will face overt persecution for what we believe. But we must also guard against the subtle denials of Christ that sometimes creep into our daily lives.

2010 Liturgical Publications Inc

Readings for the Week of April 25, 2010

Sunday:	Acts 13:14, 43-52/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30
Monday:	Acts 11:1-18/Jn 10:1-10
Tuesday:	Acts 11:19-26/Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday:	Acts 12:24---13:5a/Jn 12:44-50
Thursday:	Acts 13:13-25/Jn 13:16-20
Friday:	Acts 13:26-33/Jn 14:1-6
Saturday:	Acts 13:44-52/Jn 14:7-14
Next Sunday:	Acts 14:21-27/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

Our Lady of Lourdes

Fr. Joe Lukaszewski

“Walk of Life”

In Loving
Memory of
Mary Jones

Peter Jacobs
Baptized
January 2002

In Gratitude
Jean & John
Reilly

God Bless the
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Financial Summary

April 18, 2010

Weekly Collection	\$ 18,427.00
Weekly Budget	-\$ 19,000.00
+/- for the week	\$ (573.00)

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:

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

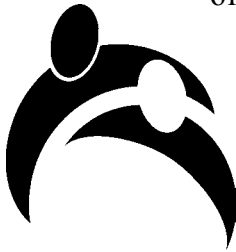
...and remember those of our parish family that are in the armed services, listed in our Parish Book of Intentions.

Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Ronnie Martorano*.
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, Ben Bellotti, Antoinette Bongiorno, Theresa Buffa, Nicholas Buscemi, Jr., Jerry Castonguay, Nicholas Cibelli, Michael Ciotkosz, Donald L. Coffey, Regina Cranor, Jeanne DellaRagione, Ann Donlon, Debbie Eichen, John Fallon, 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, Michele McCann, Peter McCann, Sr., Donie McDermott, Dorothy Meloni, Rick Mirabella, Rae Morris, Brenden Muldoon, Ruth Murray, Evelyn Nonnon, John O'Brien, Joyce Petersen, Arthur Petrino, 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

Facing the Dragon-Confronting Grandiosity in our Lives

by Ron Rolheiser, OMI

Every so often a book comes along that is truly important. I remember ten years ago reading Gil Bailie's, *Violence Unveiled*, and sensing that this was a book of major significance. I had that same sense again recently reading Robert L. Moore's, *Facing the Dragon: Confronting Personal and Spiritual Grandiosity*. This is no ordinary book, to be read, enjoyed, and put away. It is a book to be studied many times over.

Who is Robert L. Moore? He is not a professional theologian and thus is not well-known within popular church circles, though he has had a major impact there through his influence on many who minister within church circles. He is Professor of Psychoanalysis, Culture, and Spirituality at the Chicago Theological Seminary and founder of an Institute for Spirituality in Chicago. What he does in his research and teaching is bring together spirituality, anthropology, history, and psychology so as to create a unique vision within which the human person can be understood, particularly in terms of the human struggle with sin and grace, inflation and depression, violence and greatness.

I first heard him speak in San Francisco nearly 20 years ago. A former student phoned me one day and announced that he was taking me to hear "an extraordinary thinker". I went along and wasn't disappointed. A lot of thinkers are brilliant, but what I heard from Robert Moore contained something else, decades of hard research all tied together in a rare balance. There was no liberal or conservative ideology coloring things, no piety or iconoclasm that was shadow-boxing with its past or with the culture, and no subtle religious or anti-religious bias. I felt like I'd finally found a mentor.

I soon bought every book and lecture-tape by Moore that I could find and during the next half-dozen years, spent literally hundreds of hours (usually driving) listening to his lectures on tape. I also began to integrate his thought and his structure into my own writings and lectures. Whenever I would introduce students to his thought they would eagerly inquire what books they could read to pursue his ideas further. Unfortunately, at that time, Moore's books were not as fertile as his oral presentations. That changed with the release of *Facing the Dragon: Confronting Personal and Spiritual Grandiosity*. Now, finally, we have a book that brings together his key insights and does justice to his thinking.

What, in caption, are those insights?

Moore asserts, as do our scriptures, that each of us is born with an incurable, innate grandiosity and, because of that, we have larger fantasies and wishes for ourselves than our real life experiences can support. We want, most days, to jump out of our own skins because our lives seem too small for us. But there is an adequate reason: We each have within us the Image and Likeness of God. This is more than just a beautiful icon stamped inside us; it is a fire and an energy that, like God, has no boundaries. We come into this world with the imprint of God stamped in us and that dignity and energy create a godly grandiosity inside us.

And that grandiose energy spawns appetites that are not easily held in check. When we look at the roots of the greed, ambition, addiction, bitterness, rage, violence, and pathological restlessness, we see that there can be no real understanding of these until we first understand that fiery grandiosity inside each of us. Simply put, when you have 6 billion people on small planet and each of those people is secretly nursing a god or goddess inside, then it is no accident that we often have violence and war. All of us carry a dangerous and a pathological pride.

For Moore, the failure to recognize this grandiosity as the root of our struggles constitutes perhaps the most dangerous naiveté of all. The modern fantasy, he writes, believes that we are better off without God and the churches, but that fantasy does not take into account "the rise of the culture of narcissism with its worsening epidemic of pathological grandiosity"

What's his solution? Humility. But can there be genuine humility, given our innate grandiosity?

Yes, we can attain genuine humility and indeed it is our only hope. But, for him, genuine humility consists in two things: Knowing your limits and getting the help you need. For Moore, it is never a question of: "Am I dangerously proud?" But only a question of: "How do I get the help that I need to deal with my grandiosity?"

For him, that help ultimately lies in a relationship with God which lets us healthily accept and use our divine energies even as it makes clear that we may never identify with those energies. We are not God, albeit we need to use divine energy. Our life-long struggle between depression and inflation is, in essence, a struggle to pray properly.

To ignore this struggle is, as he puts it, to "continue arranging unconsciously our own last rites."

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Amount Pledged	\$ 64,979
# of Donors	292
Average Pledge	\$ 223

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Some of us find God at church on Sundays, but finding God the other six days of the week can be a puzzle.

Other6.com is a community of people answering two simple yet profound questions: *Where have you found God today?* and *Where do you need to find God today?*

Other6.com, brought to you by Loyola Press, a Jesuit Ministry, is based on “examination of consciousness” - a prayerful review of the day intended to help us recognize God in our daily routines.

This is a free service of the Jesuit ministry. The sole purpose of **Other6.com** is to help people in their desire to draw closer to God.

Get in shape and stay in shape!

Our Lady of Consolation is offering free opportunities to exercise every morning from 10 - 11:30 AM. Come and help transport wheelchair residents to and from Mass any day that you're free.

Call the Pastoral Care Department at 587.1600, extension 8297.

You can help your marriage now!

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue or have you just stopped talking to each other?

Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. For confidential information about the Retrouvaille program, or to register for the upcoming weekend that begins Friday, May 21 at the Montfort Retreat House in Bay Shore, please call 1.800.470.2230 and you will be connected to a couple who can help.

27th Annual Dutch Festival

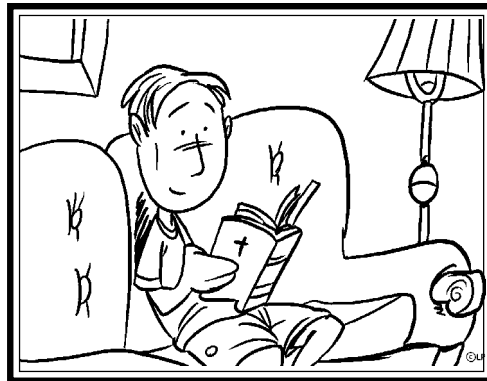
Sunday, May 2, 11 AM until 5 PM at Hofstra University, South Campus (rain or shine). This year, classical jazz music will fill the gardens and tents. Enjoy delicious Dutch fare, shop with local vendors, stroll our beautiful grounds, and pick up a plant or two at our annual arboretum sale. Admission is \$5 per adult, children 12 and under admitted free.

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 “**Doing and Being.**” Don’t miss it! To listen online or receive more information regarding “Religion & Rock” go to www.religionandrock.com or at “Religion & Rock” on ITUNES. Don’t forget to tune into TELE CARE, Cablevision 29 or Verizon FIOS 296 for the Best in Catholic Television!

Sharing the Gospel

Jesus loves you so much! He knows what makes you happy and what makes you sad. You are his precious child, and he wants to be close to you forever. Get to know Jesus by reading about him in your Bible. Find out what makes him happy. Learn how he loves people who need help, and try to follow his example.



Mission for the Week



Every night before you go to bed, read from a Bible storybook. Ask God to help you love him more and more.



Puzzle

Find your way through the bible maze.



Prayer



Dear Jesus,
help me to
stay close to you.

Something to Draw



Draw a picture of
yourself reading a
Bible storybook.