

Our Lady of Lourdes • Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time • July 4, 2010

**“As a mother  
comforts her child,**



Isaiah 66:13

**so I comfort you.”**



## *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

**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 Scorcia**

Ministry Spiritual Director

**Sr. Betty Toohig**

Senior Ministry-SAGE

**Anthony Trombino**

Business Manager

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Lisa Cantalino

Sonia DaSilva

Nilo DeLeon

Jane Desthers

Jerry Esposito

Deacon Jack Meehan

John Muldoon

Bob Natale

Eileen Rega

Vita Scorcia

Mary Steck

Fr. Mike Vetrano

Christine Volk

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## *Parish Staff*

**Mary Anne Lettieri**

Parish Office

**Debbie Meyer**

Bulletin Editor/Parish Office

**Rosemary Multer**

School Office

**Rita Spera**

Religious Education Office

**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](mailto: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@ollschoool.org](mailto:lkrol@ollschoool.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](mailto: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](mailto:Sage@ollchurch.org)



## The Gift that Keeps on Giving

*Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Family and Religious Education will miss you, Barbara Catuosco!*

Back in the 1970's, Barbara Catuosco volunteered in the Religious Education Office, which was simply a closet. She later answered the call to become a catechist in the Religious Education Program. She shared her faith with the children beautifully and passionately for two years, but Barbara felt that her gift was to be in the Office rather than the classroom. She began as a volunteer and was officially hired when our first secretary, Dorothy Camplone, retired and moved.

Since that time, her "job" became her ministry, which has grown and deepened through the years. Barbara was drawn to the Pastoral Formation Institute, which she loved. It expanded the depth of her spirituality and enhanced her commitment to spreading God's Word.

In the twenty eight years of her ministry, Barbara has seen much growth and development as we all entered the "Computer Age" together. She has brought her enthusiasm to those she touched in our grade level programs, Adult Faith Formation and our ministries here at OLL. Before multitasking became the "in thing," Barbara answered telephones, greeted parents, solved problems, filled out endless forms, kept track of book orders and payments ~ all with her gracious and gentle manner. Her willingness to go the extra mile was always evident, and was certainly much appreciated. A familiar phrase spoken by Barbara is "No problem!"

Barbara and her husband Joe, have two daughters, who both attended our Religious Education Program. Barbara and Joe have five grandchildren. When they visit "Grandma", they see a woman of faith, with a sense of welcome and hospitality, serving all who come. She lives our OLL mission of "All Are Welcome."

Barbara will be leaving the Religious Education Office, but her joyful and generous heart will remain here. Barbara, a woman whose presence will always be treasured, a woman loved, a true gift from God! All our love and prayers to you, Barbara.

*Sister Diane, Sister Nancy, Rita Spera, our Parish Team, Staff, and all your Parish Family*

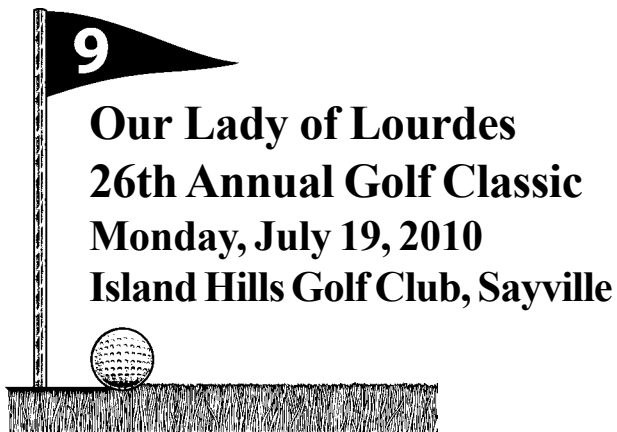
## Who's Who-Our Golf Classic Honorees are...

### John and Anne DeGuardi

Deacon John and Anne have been at the heart and soul of our parish for many years. They serve together in our ministry of consolation reaching out to so many who have lost a loved one. They support our stewardship and evangelization ministries which help our parishioners to find a place of belonging and service in our parish. A gifted artist, Deacon John has brought much beauty to our parish -- most recently a new processional cross (inspired by eighth graders in the class of 2009) and a new mural for the entrance to our church to be dedicated this fall. Deacon John has been an active supporter of Our Lady of Lourdes school and has been the spiritual guide for many graduating classes.

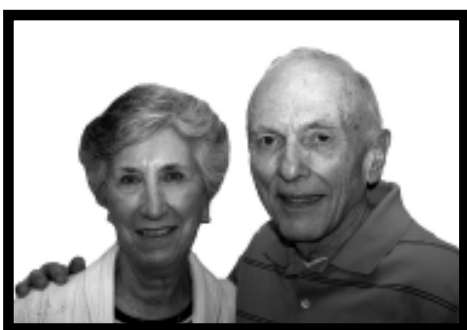
### Paul and Diane Munch

Many OLL parishioners know Paul as the person who is most responsible for the beauty of our parish grounds throughout the year -- Munch Landscaping always keeps us looking our best! Paul and Diane are also the first to support important programs here at OLL. They are good benefactors for our Summer Evening Prayer Program and also our Parish Italian Family Feast. They have helped us with the design and building of our Father Joe Garden including the beautiful Christmas tree in his memory. Diane is a very active member of the West Islip community and has been active in many projects of beautification for our town. They are true supporters of everything we do and we are happy to honor them this year.



**Our Lady of Lourdes  
26th Annual Golf Classic  
Monday, July 19, 2010  
Island Hills Golf Club, Sayville**

This year we will be honoring:



***Deacon John and Anne DeGuardi***



***Paul and Diane Munch***

*(see page 4 for more info)*

Golfing Package includes green fees, golf cart, driving range, lunch and dinner, all for \$250 per golfer.  
*Discounts for seniors 60+ and college students, \$200.*



*If you would like to join us for dinner only, \$75 per person.*

*Registration and BBQ is at 11 AM with a 12:30 PM shot gun tee off. Cocktail hour is 5:30 - 6:30 PM with dinner at 6:30 PM.*



Outing includes cocktails, raffles, roving beverage cart, Hole-in-one contest for a new car, contests-longest drive, most accurate, closest to pin.

**Journal Ads:**

- Full page \$ 100
- Half page \$ 75
- Quarter page \$ 50

**Sponsorships:**

- Dinner \$1,500
- Lunch \$ 750
- Driving Range \$ 500
- Individual Hole \$ 100

*For more information please contact Golf Committee member Rich at 661.5478.  
All proceeds will benefit Our Lady of Lourdes.*

The Tenth Annual  
Summer Evening Prayer 2010

*(YES! It's been TEN years)*



A LITTLE NIGHT MUSIC

*An old fashioned evening of music and fellowship  
Come each evening to enjoy God's gift of music*

Monday evenings      7 PM      Great Lawn

Beginning Monday, July 12

**The Hibernian Festival Singers**

All are invited to come and enjoy music and fellowship.  
Please bring a covered dish, a supper to share, and bring  
your own Irish Soda Bread.

*(Monday July 19th is our Annual Parish Golf Outing)*

**Monday, July 26**

**"An Evening with Laurie Mangano"**

We will celebrate Christmas in July!

Bring your Favorite Christmas dessert or cookies and bring a card  
with the recipe on it to share as well.

**Upcoming Evenings...**

Family Picnic with The Buonaspina's

Make your own "SUNDAE" night- with our very own OLL Cantors

Join us for a special evening of "High Tea" with the West Islip Symphony Quartet.

*2 To declare Your loving-kindness in the morning*

*And Your faithfulness by night,*

*3 With the ten-stringed lute and with the harp,*

*With resounding music upon the lyre.*

*4 For You, O LORD, have made me glad by what You have done,*

*I will sing for joy at the works of Your hands.*

# "DINO" Camp

*Digging Into the New and Old Testaments*

**OLL Vacation Bible Camp '10**

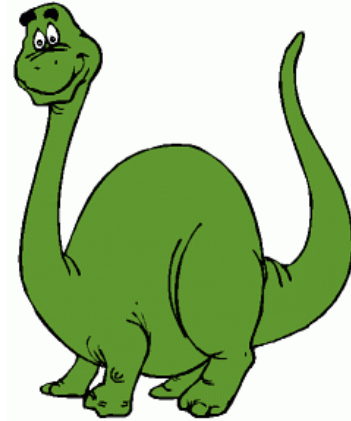
**July 26-30**

**9 AM - 12:30 PM daily**

**Camp Registration Form**

*Return to OLL Parish Office along with fees  
(\$75 per child) before July 7.*

*Please make checks payable to Our Lady of Lourdes Church.*



**OLL Vacation Bible Camp '10**

We'll journey on an exciting journey of faith and fun as we learn about God, hear stories from the Bible, share cool science activities, and make crafts. And of course, we'll end our camp each day with our famous OLL camp sing-along!

Please list below the names and present grade levels of the children in your family who will attend camp. Camp is for Nursery (age 4) through Grade 5.

**NEW this year:** Counselors are grades 6-12 and there is a \$10 fee for counselors.

**Child's First & Last Name**

**Grade Level in Sept. '10**

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**Full Names of Parents/Guardians:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Family Address (Street, Town, Zip):** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cell and/or Business Phone(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Emergency Contact and Phone #:**

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*Please indicate below any health problems, food allergies, or special situations that it might be helpful for the camp staff to know about your child.*

**Counselors needed!** We need students from grades 6-12 to help out with our campers.

**Very Important change!** This year, counselors must pay a \$10 registration fee. Check must be turned in with registration fee by July 1 deadline.

## 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.)



The parish office will  
be closed on Monday,  
July 5 in observance of  
the Fourth of July.  
The Parish Office will  
reopen on Tuesday,  
July 6 at 9 AM.

## **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.

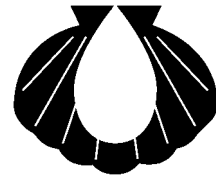
### **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults(RCIA):**

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.

## *Altar Bread and Wine*

In memory of

*Rick Munkwitz*



## *Baptisms*

*Sophia Rose Anzalone*

Joseph and Danielle

*Miley Ann DeRosa*

Nicholas and Connie

*Leo Christopher Mastroberti*

Glenn and Melanie

## *Upcoming Marriages*

*Maria Ladolcetta*, St. Peter's, Islip and

*Michael Cucciniello*, OLL

*Kerri Holland*, OLL and

*Michael Hogan*, St. Joseph's, Babylon

*Nicole Spiers*, OLL and

*Matthew Grucci*

*Toniann Laterza*, OLL and

*James Swain*

# Remembering...

## Monday, July 5

*Saint Anthony Mary Zaccaria, priest*

**8:00 AM** LaRocca & Sweeney Families

## Tuesday, July 6

*Saint Maria Goretti, virgin and martyr*

**8:00 AM** Carmela & Vincent Stumpo

## Wednesday, July 7

**8:00 AM** Rick Munkwitz

## Thursday, July 8

**8:00 AM** Angelina Primavera

## Friday, July 9

**8:00 AM** Thomas J. Manzi

## Saturday, July 10

**8:00 AM** James Celiberti, Roberta Arnold, Joseph Shields,  
Dante M. DeAnnuntis, Patricia Ann Ehlers, Virginia Karl,  
Leonardo Reyes Vicencio, Elizabeth Cunningham

**5:00 PM** Kathleen Petersen

*Fr. Mike Vetrano*

## Sunday, July 11

**8:00 AM** Bill Heartt & Rose Guider

*Fr. Bob Scheckenback*

**9:30 AM** John J. Goode, Sr. & Joan Goode

*Fr. Ambrose Cabildo*

**11:00 AM** Joseph & Patricia Santangelo

*Fr. Mike Vetrano*

**12:30 PM** James Celiberti

*Fr. Ambrose Cabildo*

**6:00 PM** People of the Parish, Lorraine Buccola, Joseph DiPalma, Jr.,  
Maryellen Robinson, Nicholas Cibelli, Debra Cameron, Patricia Ehlers,  
Guy Cassara, Joyce Mamalakis, Anthony P. D'Elia, Sr., Donald Rizer,  
Paul Lawrence, Filemon Alcasabas

*Fr. Bob Scheckenback*



## Rest In Peace

*George Bresler* died on June 20 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was June 23.

We extend our prayers to his children, grandchildren, and entire family.

*Lloyd "Jerry" Castonguay* died on June 20 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was June 24. We extend our prayers to his wife, Susan, children, grandchildren, and entire family.

*Anne M. Willett* died on June 21 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was June 25.

We extend our prayers to her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and entire family.

Celebrating Sacraments



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## 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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There were many little incidents that led up to the Revolutionary War. Open-ended warrants, taxation without representation, the Stamp Act requiring fees on newspapers and other printed matter, and the quartering of troops in private homes are just a few examples of actions the colonists objected to in the two decades before the start of the war. In itself, no single event is seen as the definitive cause for the revolution. But the cumulative effect of the grievances—most outlined in the Declaration of Independence—saw many in the colonies rise up against the British, whose army, once thought of as protectors, was now thought of as an occupying force. Those whom we call patriots today, were thought by some of their fellow citizens to be rabble-rousers and criminals. History has a way of sorting things out.

In today's Gospel, Jesus sends his disciples out to announce the kingdom of God. This was not a move for political power (though some saw it that way) or even for earthly success. It was not even so much a rebellion against the past as a fulfillment of promises made by God long ago. "The kingdom of God is at hand for you," the disciples proclaimed.

The message of Jesus has lasted far longer than nations or kingdoms. Christ is not allied with any government or political faction. God's kingdom exists apart from any political boundaries or human limitations. As Christians, we recognize our responsibility to seek justice and peace. Our calling is to promote the common good, even at the expense of our own self-interest. While we celebrate independence, we also understand that liberty does not mean unfettered license to do what we please. The kingdom of God is not so much a place of individual right as one of communal responsibility. And as citizens of that kingdom we submit ourselves to the law of love for God and for our neighbor.

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### Readings for the Week of July 4, 2010

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<b>Sunday:</b>	Is 66:10-14c/Gal 6:14-18/Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 <i>or</i> 10:1-9
<b>Monday:</b>	Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22/Mt 9:18-26
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/Mt 9:32-38
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Mt 10:1-7
<b>Thursday:</b>	Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9/Mt 10:7-15
<b>Friday:</b>	Hos 14:2-10/Mt 10:16-23
<b>Saturday:</b>	Is 6:1-8/Mt 10:24-33
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	Dt 30:10-14/Col 1:15-20/Lk 10:25-37

## 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.

## Altar Society

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

## Daytime Eucharistic Devotion

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



## Pray for Our Sick

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

*Roy Anderson, Susan Aviza, Grace Barbero, Deacon Dick Barry, Ben Bellotti, Antoinette Bongiorno, Nicholas Buscemi, Jr., John Cilluff, Michael Ciotkosz, Donald L. Coffey, Regina Cranor, Mike DeJong, Jeanne DellaRagione, Jean Dies, Ann Donlon, Tony Drexler, Debbie Eichen, Mike Gaffney, Vivian Gordon, David Hannigan, Sr., Edward Herger, Brian Hinkelman, Lili Hinkelman, Max Illiano, Diana Kaehne, Mary Kaval, Kathleen Kerrigan, Josephine Kosiczky, Ella Lanzieri, Joseph Lehmann, Kara Lobasso, Charlie Maccio, John Maestri, Louise Malcuit, Vicky Massaro, Michele McCann, Peter McCann, Sr., Dorothy Meloni, Rick Mirabella, Rae Morris, Brenden Muldoon, Ruth Murray, Evelyn Nonnon, John O'Brien, Arthur Petrino, Joanne Popper, Laura Prichard, Joe Radosti, Carol Randazzo-Hopkins, Baby Skyler Rene, Michael Savino, Ann Marie Schiraldi, Jayna Schmidt, Dorothy Shiavone, Roy Sorrese, Derek Stahl, Mary Clair Stephen, Stephen Straub, Sr., John Tramazzo, Nancy Turano, Vera Vieni, Pat Wallace, Kyle Williams, Geraldine Wloszczyna, Joe Yezek*

## 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.

## Our Lady of Lourdes School New Nursery Class!

Now opening a two day Tuesday/Thursday morning Nursery Class.

Teacher: Ms. Michele Atanasio

For more information or to register, please call the school office at 631.587.7200, extension 100 or visit our website at [www.ollschool.org](http://www.ollschool.org)

### Discovery Camp

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

Registration Now Being Accepted\*

June 28<sup>th</sup> – August 6<sup>th</sup>  
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](mailto:lkennedy@ollschool.org) 631.587.7200 ext.100

\*non-refundable/non-transferable



## Financial Summary

### June 27, 2010

Weekly Collection	\$ 16,398.00
Weekly Budget	-\$ 19,000.00
+/- for the week	\$ (2,602.00)

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

## June Donations to Outreach

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

- Outreach has received a donation in memory of *Joe Shields* from the Giuffre family.
- Outreach has received an anonymous donation to honor the memory of *Jerry Castonguay*.
- The Goode Family has made a donation to Outreach in memory of *Matthew Chiarello*.
- The Cassidy Family has made a donation to Outreach in memory of *Jerry Castonguay*.
- The Sage Ministry has made a donation in honor of *Fr. John Ryan* on the occasion of his ordination.
- Bob and Lorraine Petitto have made a donation to Outreach in honor of *Fr. John Ryan*.
- The MacGregors have made a donation to Outreach in memory of their son, *Alexander MacGregor III*.
- Nicole Behr has made a donation to Outreach in memory of *Jerry Castonguay*.
- The Agengos have made a donation to Outreach in memory of *Jerry Castonguay*.
- The Gottsch Family has made a donation to Outreach in memory of *Douglas Garrett*.
- Outreach has received a donation in memory of *Jerry Castonguay* from the Tremblay Family.
- Mr. and Mrs. Charles Metz have made a donation to Outreach in memory of *Jerry Castonguay*.
- The Mahl Family has made a donation to Outreach in memory of *Jerry Castonguay*.

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

## Non-discrimination Embrace that still Speaks its Truth

by Ron Rolheiser, OMI

Be compassionate as your heavenly Father is compassionate. Jesus challenged us with those words and there is more in them than first meets the eye. How is God compassionate?

Jesus defines this for us: God, he says, lets his sun shine on the bad as well as the good. God's love doesn't discriminate, it simply embraces everything. Like the sun it doesn't shine selectively, shedding its warmth on the vegetables because they are good and refusing its warmth to the weeds because they are bad. It just shines and everything, irrespective of its condition, receives its warmth.

That's a stunning truth: God loves us when we are good and God loves us when we are bad. God loves the saints in heaven and God loves the devils in hell equally. They just respond differently. The father of the prodigal son and the older brother loves both, one in his weakness and the other in his bitterness, and his embrace is not contingent upon their conversion. He loves them even inside their distance from him.

And we are asked to love in the same way.

How do we do that? First of all, it poses this question: If God loves us equally when we are bad and when we are good, then why be good? This is an interesting question, though not a deep one. Love, understood properly, is never a reward for being good. Instead goodness is always a consequence of having been loved. We aren't loved because we are good, but hopefully we become good because we experience love.

But how do we, like God, embrace indiscriminately? How do we let our love shine on the bad as well as the good, without saying that nothing matters, that it is okay to live in any way and do anything? How do we love as God loves and still hold true to who we are and what are values are?

We do so by holding our personal and moral ground in a gracious and loving way. And, for this, we have Jesus' example. He embraced everyone, sinners and saints alike, without ever suggesting that sin and virtue aren't important. Indeed, a truly loving embrace suggests the reverse.

Let's take an example: Imagine that your college-age daughter comes home for a weekend, along with her boyfriend. You already know that they are living together, but the awkward question still arises: Do you challenge

them to sleep in separate rooms while they are at your house? You do and your answer is clear, you tell your daughter, gently but unequivocally, that while they are under your roof and unmarried they will sleep in separate rooms. She objects: "That's hypocritical, my values aren't the same as yours, and I don't believe this is wrong in any way!"

Your response is the non-discriminating, discriminating embrace of Jesus: You hug your daughter and tell her that you love her, that you know that she is already sleeping with her boyfriend, but that she may not do so in your house, under your roof. Everything inside of your body language, your embrace, and your person, will clearly tell her two things: "I love you, you're my daughter, I will always love you no matter what. But I don't agree with you on this matter."

Your embrace doesn't say, "I agree with you!", it simply says, "I love you!" and the affirmation of your love, even as you hold your personal and moral ground will, perhaps more than anything else you can offer her, invite her to reflect upon your moral ground and why you hold certain things so deeply.

This kind of embrace which radiates a wide compassion and understanding even as it holds your moral ground is needed not just in families and friendships, but in every area of life - church, moral, ideological, and aesthetic. Catholics and Protestants, Evangelicals and Unitarians, Christians and Jews, Jews and Muslims, Christians and Muslims, Pro-Life and Pro-Choice, liberals and conservatives, people who have different views on marriage and sexuality, people with classical tastes and people with popular tastes, all must find enough compassion and empathy to be able to embrace in a way that expresses love and understanding even as the embrace does not say that differences are of no importance.

There is a time to stand up for what we believe in, a time to be prophetic, a time to draw a line in the sand, a time to point out differences and the consequences of that, and a time to stand in strong opposition to values and forces that threaten what we hold dear. But there is also a time to embrace across differences, to recognize that we can love and respect each other even when we don't hold the same values, when what is common to us eclipses our differences.

There is a time to be compassionate as God is compassionate, to let our sun shine indiscriminately, on both the vegetables and the weeds without denying which is which.

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# 2010 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

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One Faith, One Hope,  
Many Gifts.

<b>Parish Goal</b>	\$101,839
<b>Amount Pledged</b>	\$ 82,667
<b># of Donors</b>	376
<b>Average Pledge</b>	\$ 220
<i>as of May 31, 2010</i>	

**100% of all money raised by the Catholic Ministries Appeal goes to support the five critical ministries of the Appeal.**

Every year, through the support and commitment of individuals and organizations, we serve more than 500,000 people in our Long Island community. This support enables our children to continue to receive the gift of spiritual formation, sacramental preparation, and quality education. It allows seminarians, deacons, and lay leaders to fulfill their calling to serve their community. With your support Catholic Charities can maintain its services for the poor and disadvantaged, and we can continue to reach out to our young people and others to find the best ways to guide and pass on our faith from generation to generation.

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## CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

*Supporting the Community Around Us*

To provide funds I/we agree to make a gift of:

Pledge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Initial Payment \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Balance \$ \_\_\_\_\_

If you would like to charge your contribution to your credit card, please check here and see reverse side of this form.

Signature of Donor \_\_\_\_\_

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### A Guide To Giving

Pledge	8 Payments
<input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000	\$125.00
<input type="checkbox"/> 500	62.50
<input type="checkbox"/> 250	31.25
<input type="checkbox"/> 150	18.75

**Every Gift Counts!**

Please make checks payable to:  
Catholic Ministries Appeal  
Thank you for your support

For gifts of securities, please call the Appeal Office for instructions. (516) 379-5210, Ext. 2  
**Matching gifts:** if you qualify for a matching gift from your employer, please forward to the cma office.

## The Beginning Experience

Help for the heartache of divorce, separation, and widowhood, A weekend away for a lifetime of change. The next weekend is August 20-22. For information and reservations, call John at 516.822.0635, Karen at 201.736.8200, or Jim at 718.474.3779.

## Help Feed the Hungry

The Mercy INN Soup Kitchen of Wyandanch is in need of a volunteer to coordinate a team of volunteers on Fridays. The duty would be to assure that the day runs smoothly. Also, a few daily volunteers are needed for Wednesday and Friday. The volunteer hours are 9 AM until 2 PM. If you can help, please call Kathy at 631.422.1420.

## American Sign Language

Cleary School for the Deaf is offering evening Adult Education classes in American Sign Language-levels 1, 2, 3 and Intermediate/Advanced. The summer session will be July 7 - August 4 for ages 10 and up. Call Carolyn Kelly at 631.588.0530 or email [ClearyASL@hotmail.com](mailto:ClearyASL@hotmail.com) for more information.

## Upcoming Reunions

### St. Michael's Commercial High School-Class of 1960

The 1960 graduating class of St. Michael's Commercial High School, East New York Brooklyn, is celebrating their 50th Anniversary Reunion. The reunion will be held on Sunday, September 12 at St. Ignatius Retreat House, 251 Searingtown Road, Manhasset. For information, email [vonbay@optonline.net](mailto:vonbay@optonline.net) or call Regina (Breen) von Hof at 516.488.6741.

### 100 Year Alumni Reunion

Holy Child Jesus Parish, Richmond Hill, is celebrating its 100 Year Anniversary this year and is inviting alumni back for a Homecoming Celebration. The 100 Year Alumni Reunion will be held on Saturday, September 18. Please either call the Parish Office at 718.847.1860 or email at [hcjchurch@aol.com](mailto:hcjchurch@aol.com). Please call or email your name, address, and the year of graduation.

## 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 "**Independence Day.**" Don't miss it! To listen online or receive more information regarding "Religion & Rock" go to [www.religionandrock.com](http://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 sent out 72 of his followers to spread the good news about God. They were not to bring anything with them - no food, no extra clothes or shoes, not even money to spend. They were to visit strangers and completely depend on God to give them what they needed. That took a lot of faith!



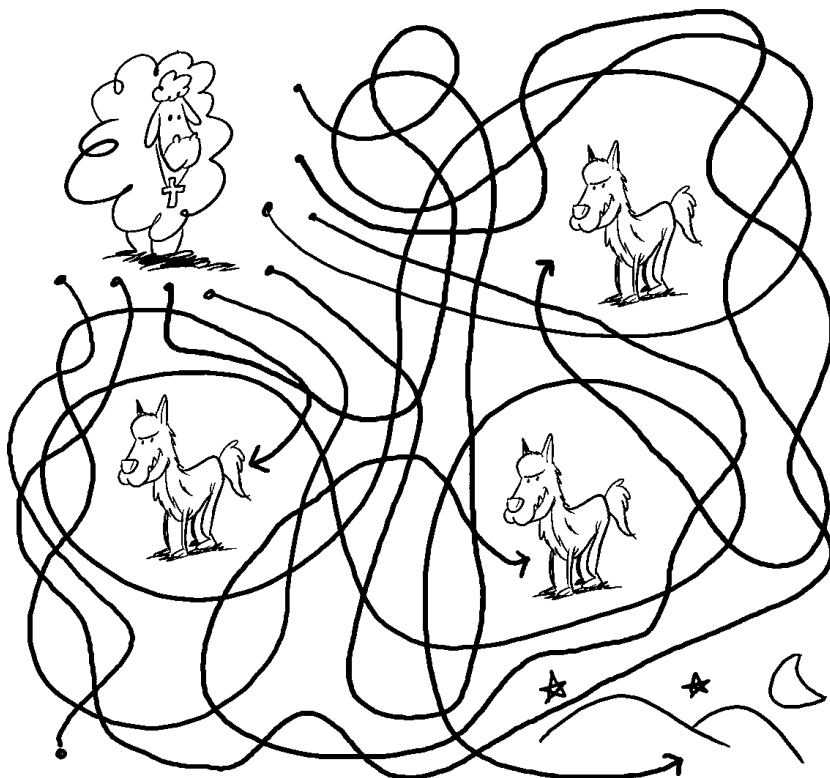
## Mission for the Week



Make a card for one of your neighbors, and tell that person, "Jesus loves you!"

## Puzzle

Find the safest way to get to the mountain.



## Prayer



Dear God,  
help me to remember  
that you will give me  
what I need."

## Something to Draw



Draw a picture of  
yourself telling a  
friend about Jesus.