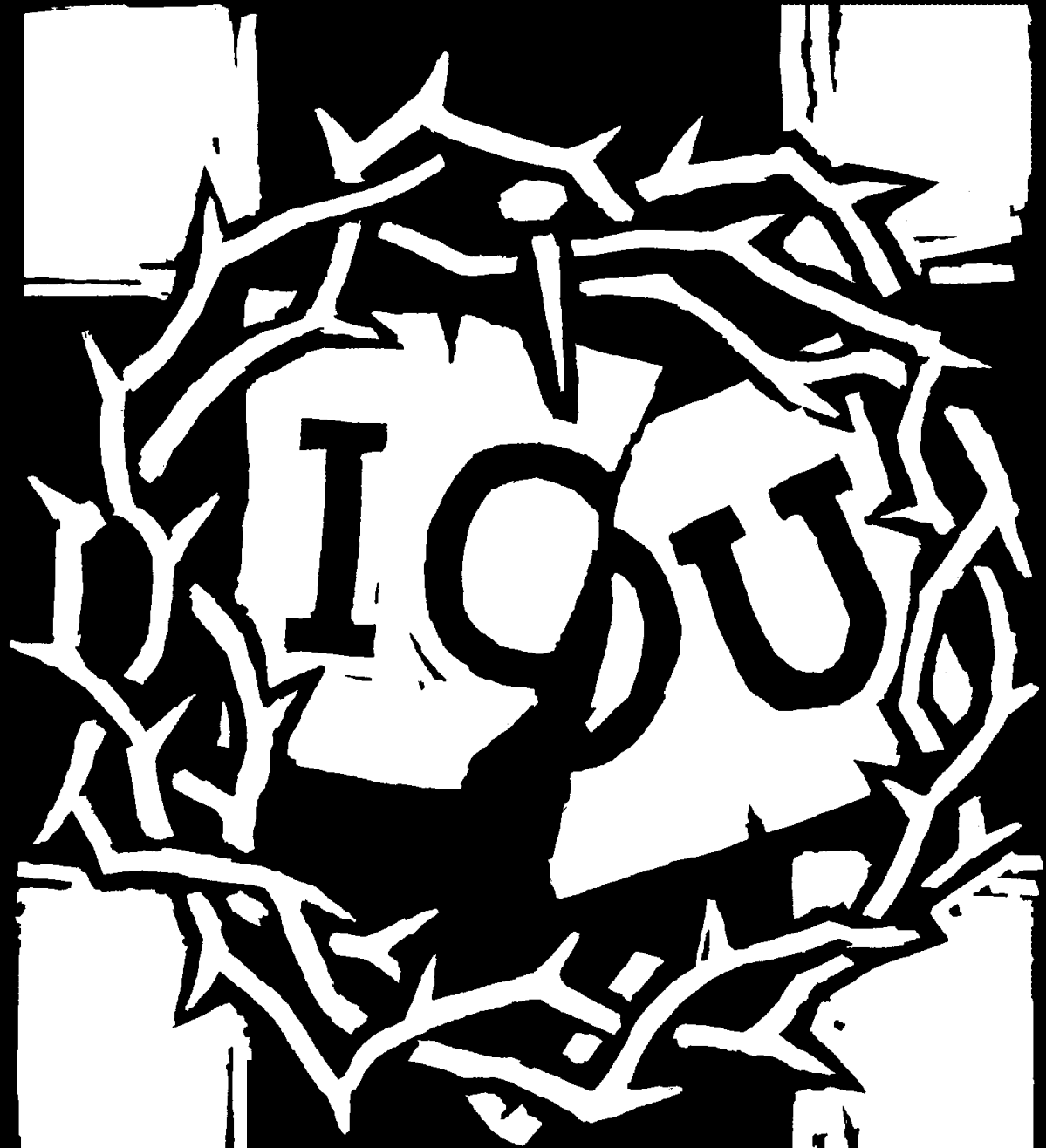


Our Lady of Lourdes • Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time • July 25, 2010



Christ has forgiven our
transgressions, obliterated the
bond against us, nailing it
to the tree."

Colossians 2:13-14



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
In Residence

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Deacon Tom Lucie

Deacon Jack Meehan
Coordinator of Stewardship
Deacon John Teufel

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Director of Religious Education

Allegra D'Alo
Youth Minister/Social Action

Jennifer Gallagher
Childrens' Choir/Women's Chorale
Summer Program Director

Louise Jane Krol
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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
fax: 661.7143
website: www.ollchurch.org

Our Lady of Lourdes School

587.7200 (*option 2*)
Monday-Friday: 9 AM - 3 PM
email: 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

Parish Outreach Office

661.9262 (*option 4*)
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday:
9:30 AM - 3 PM

S.A.G.E.

661.3224
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OLL Pilgrimage to the Holy Land Walking in Jesus' Footsteps April 25 - May 4, 2011

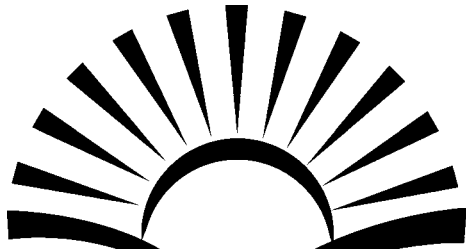
Come and walk in the footsteps of Jesus along with our Pastor, Fr. Mike Vetrano.
Consider being with family and friends on a trip of a lifetime!

Walk the streets of Jerusalem and be in the place of our Christian heritage. Come to Bethlehem, visit the Basilica of the Nativity. Be at the Baptism site of Jesus on the Jordan River, sail on the Sea of Galilee and walk in the Garden of Gethsemane. You will visit the room of the Last Supper, walk on the Via Dolorosa "The Way of the Cross", and drive through the wilderness of Judea and the mountains of Jerusalem. All this on your trip of a lifetime.

For more information, our next meeting will be on

Wednesday, August 25 at 7:30 PM in the Parish Center.

Top Reasons for NOT going to Mass this Summer...



1. It's hot.
2. It's too early.
3. It's a drag.
4. It's too long.
5. I'm wearing shorts.
6. I love the beach...I have to be there early.
7. We have so much going on during the day.

We've got the answer for you....

THE SIX!

Our Sunday night Mass continues throughout the Summer - it's casual, lively, less than an hour, at the end of the summer day and a great way to have some great summer fun and make God a part of it all! Look for us outside...and don't forget to bring a chair!

Are you interested in helping to make "The Six" happen? We need lectors, set up people, clean up people, greeters, welcomers and more! If you're interested or have some questions contact Robin, e-mail to robin@ollchurch.org.

**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

(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

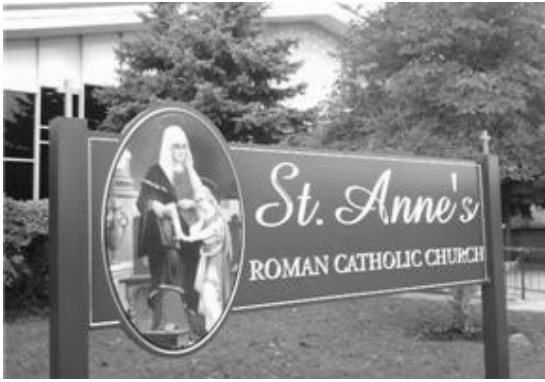
Join us for a special evening of "High Tea" with the West Islip Symphony Quartet.

*2To declare Your loving-kindness in the morning
And Your faithfulness by night,*

*3With the ten-stringed lute and with the harp,
With resounding music upon the lyre.*

*4For You, O LORD, have made me glad by what You have done,
I will sing for joy at the works of Your hands.*

Summer Evening Prayer 2010



The Seminarian Sent Forth -

Saludos desde la Parroquia de Santa Ana
(Greetings from the Parish of St. Anne's)

Friends –

Greetings from St. Anne's Parish in Brentwood! As part of our formation, each seminarian must develop with his Advisor a plan that will help him to grow in ministry and experience. I wrote to you over a month ago from the first part of that formation – the Southeast Pastoral Institute. I returned from this three week Spanish Institute able to speak

a little bit of Spanish and have been working on that since I returned to New York.

The second part of my summer formation is living and working at St. Anne's R.C. Church in Brentwood – The "Mother Church of Brentwood" (How's that's for a motto!). I began my work here on June 19 and it has been a powerful and meaningful month for me – one that I hope will one day make me a more effective priest and person in the years ahead.

First, the parish community here has been wonderful! Don't worry – they've taken good care of me! There are many similarities in spirit and hospitality between OLL and St. Anne's. You can feel that right away. This is a community that works hard to welcome and to reach out to all who come to their door (sound familiar?!). There is no place like OLL, yet I have come to see parish life from a different and vital vantage point here in Brentwood.

Second, my experience here has helped me to experience Rectory living a bit. This was something my Advisor wanted me to experience as it is something totally new. There are four priests who live at St. Anne's and they have been wonderful to me as well. The priests here work hard in different areas of parish life. For example, there is only one priest who speaks Spanish and only one who speaks French Creole. Their work often brings them in contact with the Spanish and Haitian communities. So the rectory becomes a place to share about the experiences of the day, the situations and issues present in the parish and to offer and support. The priests here eat dinner together four nights a week and I have come to realize how important gathering around the table is to community building and living.

Third, living in an active multi-cultural parish has stretched and pushed me in good ways. While there are three distinct communities – English, Spanish and Haitian, they come together often for parish wide celebrations and events. I have also come to appreciate even more the struggles and pains associated with moving to a new land and the danger that required such a move. I have seen the importance of language these days. Just about every person I have been in the Spanish and Haitian (and English, obviously) communities is working to speak English and there are many programs offered to assist them. Yet participating in Mass proclaimed in Spanish or French-Creole or attempting to speak to them about pastoral issues in their first language (even when one's Spanish is not good, i.e. me!) brings great comfort and consolation. Attending the Spanish or Haitian Masses has also taught me a lot. I realize how difficult it must be not to be able to communicate and truthfully how distant one feels when they cannot understand what is being said to them. It is a valuable encouragement to keep working on understanding a new language. Working with these communities has been a powerful lesson – and one that I will surely take with me!

While I am happy here, know how much I miss everyone at OLL. Yet I feel a comforting connection. An "elder" of the community came up to me this week and said "I think it's great you have been formed by Mary at Our Lady of Lourdes and now you've been given over to her mother here at St. Anne's!"

Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us – Saint Anne, pray for us!

Peace

John Sureau

P.S. I have been trying to keep the blog - www.johnsureau.blogspot.com – updated ,
so be sure to check it out!

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

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



Jesus, King of All Nations Prayer Group

The Jesus, King of All Nations Prayer Group meets each **Thursday afternoon** in the **Church**. Please join us in praying for our nation's healing. We will pray before the Blessed Sacrament from **3 PM until 4 PM**.

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.

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.)

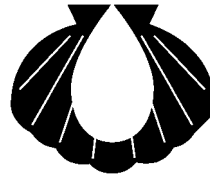
Upcoming Marriages

Andrea Bone and

Peter Cacciatore, both OLL

Tania Kolomiyets and

Joseph Bottino, both OLL



Baptisms

Nathan Michael Blind

Gary and Francine

Jacob David Flammio

David and Angela

Troy Jay Kauter

Christopher and Nadya

Joaquin Jace Ramirez

Joaquin and Nisa

Evan Michael Bonitch

Stephen and Susan

Atticus Nicholas Panagos

Cosmas and Annemarie

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, July 26

*Saint Joachim and Saint Anne,
parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

8:00 AM Joseph Aragona

Tuesday, July 27

8:00 AM Fannie Cudlipp

Wednesday, July 28

8:00 AM Joseph Yankel

Thursday, July 29

Saint Martha

8:00 AM Rocco Argenzio

Friday, July 30

Saint Peter Chrysologus, bishop, doctor

8:00 AM Jens G. Olsen

Saturday, July 31

8:00 AM John Colletti, Jerry Castonguay,
William Dehner, Augusta Heinlein,
Raymond V. Butkiewicz, Robert Bender

5:00 PM Roy T. Sorrese, Jr.
Fr. Pat Amabile

Sunday, August 1

8:00 AM The Critchley Family
Fr. Bob Scheckenback

9:30 AM David Michael Calogero
Fr. Pat Amabile

11:00 AM Charlotte Sweeney
Fr. Ambrose Cabildo

12:30 PM Lillian LaRocca
Fr. Bob Scheckenback

6:00 PM People of the Parish, Lois M. Imbriani, John Huscilowitc,
Sister Paula Carey, Jerry Castonguay, George Bresler,
Anthony Pintauro, Bohdan Chmil., John Baez
Fr. Ambrose Cabildo



Rest In Peace

Lena R. Conti died on July 16 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was July 19. We extend our prayers to her children, grandchild, and entire family.



17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

People have lots of prayers that they would like answered. Whether it is petitions written into the Book of Intercessions at church, requests made of a priest or a friend, entreaties offered to God before bed, or appeals made in the midst of a crisis, we are always looking for an answer. Sometimes we pray knowing what we want, like a child sitting on Santa's lap with a list of Christmas toys. And many times we pray with the expectation that God will see things our way and give us what we ask for.

In this week's Gospel, Jesus teaches his disciples about prayer. Luke's version of the Lord's Prayer is a little different from Matthew's, but it is essentially the same. In Jesus' methodology, prayer starts with praising God (hallowed be your name) and then asks God to do what God wants (your kingdom come). Only then does prayer move on to posing our requests for God's consideration (give us each day our daily bread). And finally we ask for God's help (forgive us our sins). The Lord's Prayer became so much a part of Christian praying that the Fathers of the Church (early Christian writers like St. Augustine, St. Gregory, and St. Leo the Great) recommended that if a person couldn't remember any other prayer (like a psalm) he or she should just pray the Lord's Prayer instead.

The method of prayer that Jesus lays out for his disciples includes one final aspect—one that we like to forget. Luke's version puts it this way, "for we ourselves forgive everyone in debt to us." More commonly we say, "as we forgive those who trespass against us." Are we ready to have God act that way toward us? Do we really want God to treat us the way we treat others? That is the challenge, if we continue to pray the Lord's Prayer day after day.

Liturgical Publications Inc

Readings for the Week of July 25, 2010

Sunday:	Gn 18:20-32/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13
Monday:	Jer 13:1-11/Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday:	Jer 14:17-22/Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday:	Jer 15:10, 16-21/Mt 13:44-46
Thursday:	Jer 18:1-6/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Friday:	Jer 26:1-9/Mt 13:54-58
Saturday:	Jer 26:11-16, 24/Mt 14:1-12
Next Sunday:	Ecc 1:2; 2:21-23/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21

Altar Society

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

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 ...

Caryl Alfieri, Roy Anderson, Susan Aviza, Edvard Back, Deacon Dick Barry, Ben Bellotti, Antoinette Bongiorno, Nicholas Buscemi, Jr., Michael Ciotkosz, Donald L. Coffey, Regina Cranor, Mike DeJong, Jeanne DellaRagione, Ann Donlon, Tony Drexler, Debbie Eichen, Mike Gaffney, Edward Herger, Brian Hinkelman, Lili Hinkelman, Max Illiano, Diana Kaehne, Mary Kaval, Kathleen Kerrigan, Josephine Kosiczky, Joseph Lehmann, Kara Lobasso, Charlie Maccio, 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, Leslie Stahl, Mary Clair Stephen, Stephen Straub, Sr., Sheila Timmer, John Tramazzo, Nancy Turano, Al Van Pelt, Vera Vieni, Pat Wallace, Robert Watts, Sr., Kyle Williams, Geraldine Wloszczyna, Joe Yezek

Financial Summary

July 18, 2010

Weekly Collection	\$ 15,850.00
Weekly Budget	-\$ 19,000.00
+/- for the week	\$ (3,150.00)

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.

New York State Assistance

During this economic downturn, many families are in need of extra support. There are many New York State programs and services that may be able to assist you. To check eligibility for any New York State program, log onto myBenefits.ny.gov. This website offers a quick, easy and confidential pre-screening for individuals to determine if they may be eligible for help. You may qualify for supports such as food stamps, school meals, tax credits, health insurance, Medicaid, Elderly Pharmaceutical Insurance Coverage (EPIC), Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP), and Temporary Assistance.

July Donations to Outreach

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

- Mr. and Mrs. John McDonald have made a donation to Outreach in memory of *Jerry Castonguay*.
- Barry and Mary Caputo have made a donation to Outreach in memory of *Jerry Castonguay*.
- The Giesler's have made a donation to Outreach in memory of *Jerry Castonguay*.
- A donation was made to Outreach in memory of *Jerry Castonguay* by Ellsworth McComb, Jr.
- Phyliss Diesso has made a donation to Outreach in memory of *Charles Diesso*.
- The Giuffré Family has made a donation to Outreach in memory of their parents:
Genevieve & Saverio Giuffré and MaryAnn & Filippo Pezzuti.
- Diane Westbrook has made a donation to Outreach in memory of *Jerry Castonguay*.
- Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Kopelakis have made a donation to Outreach in memory of *Mary Riccardi*.
- Mr. & Mrs. Paul Westbrook have made a donation to Outreach in memory of *Jerry Castonguay*.
- Robert & Florence Westbrook have made a donation to Outreach in memory of *Jerry Castonguay*.
- Outreach has received a donation from Marie Ricigliano in gratitude to
Geri and Richard Ricciotti for their kindness and friendship.
- Marie Ricigliano made a donation to Outreach in gratitude to
Mary and Pete Cunningham for the gift of their loyal friendship and presence.
- Outreach has received a donation in memory of *Philip Puleio* from the family.
- The Mirabella's have made a donation to Outreach in memory of *Marlene Stober*.
- The Mirabella's have made a donation to Outreach *in thanksgiving for prayers answered*.

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.

Learn About Medicare

- Learn about Medicare: Parts A, B, C, D
- Learn when you should enroll
- Learn how you can save money on Medicare costs.

This is a free Seminar sponsored by Suffolk County Office for the Aging. Wednesday, August 25, at 10 AM, Wyandanch Senior Nutrition Center, 28 Wyandanch Ave, Wyandanch. Please call 853.5802 to register. Seating is limited.

What is the Essence of True Religion?

Ron Rolheiser, OMI

What defines true religion? What ultimately constitutes true worship? How do we know that we aren't rationalizing our own selves and calling it religion? How do we know that we aren't creating God in our own image and likeness and using religion for our own purposes?

Paul Tillich once distinguished between what he termed: Pseudo-religion, Quasi-religion, and True-religion. He defined them this way:

Pseudo-religion uses explicit religious language and sometimes even intends it in its real sense, but ultimately it doesn't open someone up to anything beyond what is highest within the individual self. In the end, it recycles human consciousness and doesn't open us up to the transcendent, to air beyond us. It uses the word "God", but its "God" doesn't take us beyond what is highest inside of ourselves. "God" is a higher power, an ideal, and a power beyond mundane consciousness, but "God" is not a transcendent power, a real person capable of parting the Red Sea or raising the body of Jesus. Nonetheless this "God" can be wonderfully positive in challenging us to what's highest inside of ourselves. It makes for a religion of positive thinking.

Quasi-religion doesn't use explicit religious language, but takes its adherents beyond what is highest inside of a person to what is highest inside of humanity itself. Many ideologies are quasi-religions. They demand that we sacrifice ourselves for something higher. Our own personal dreams are less important than the larger dream of humanity itself. Thus, an ideology such as Marxism, Greenpeace, or Feminism can demand that we sacrifice our own dreams and even our lives for the common good. While not using explicit religious language and sometimes even being explicitly atheistic, quasi-religion attains some of the qualities of true-religion, namely, it pushes its adherents to altruism, self-sacrifice, and purpose beyond idiosyncratic preference.

True-Religion might or might not use explicit religious language but, either way, it opens up its adherents to a vision and a reality beyond what is highest inside of the individual person and highest within the collective ideal of humanity itself. It opens us up to the transcendent, to a God who is real, beyond us, relates to us, and who asks very real things of us in terms of a response. True-religion, unlike its counterparts, does not recycle air that is already within our reality. In a manner of speaking, it brings in air from the

outside, from beyond. The God it relates to is not a power already within the consciousness of a person or within the consciousness of humanity itself.

But how do we know if we have attained that? How do we know if our own religious practice is real, quasi, or pseudo? Jesus answered this by saying: "By their fruits you will know them." The authenticity of our religious practice should not be judged, as is commonly the case, by any of these criteria: Simple sincerity ("He's so convinced and sincere!"), religious passion ("He's on fire with God!"), dogmatic vigilance and purity ("He has such a passion for truth!"), commitment to justice ("He is so committed to the poor!"), faithful religious practice ("He has never missed church in his life!"), or even self-sacrifice ("He is willing to die for this!"). Any of these qualities can be present in a person and his or her religious practice might still not be true. Imbalance, fanaticism, and flat-out hatred can sometimes produce these qualities or be unhealthily mixed in with them. The older brother of the prodigal son never left his father's house and never did a thing wrong, but he was still unable to enter his father's joy.

How do we judge true religion?

Perhaps there isn't a simpler or clearer formula than the one St. Paul gives in the 5th chapter of his Epistle to the Galatians. He tells us that there are two spirits we can live by, the spirit of world (the "Sarx") and God's Holy Spirit.

The spirit of the world is marked by envy, anger, bitterness, gossip, factionalism, slander, idolatry, sexual misconduct, and arrogance; whereas the God's spirit, the Holy Spirit, is characterized by charity, joy, peace, patience, goodness, long-suffering, constancy, mildness, fidelity, chastity. Simply put, when our daily lives are characterized by envy, anger, bitterness, factionalism, slander, sexual misconduct, and arrogance, we should not delude ourselves into thinking that we are living in God's spirit, irrespective of the purity of our religious practice or commitment to a cause. We are living in God's spirit only when our lives show charity, joy, peace, patience, goodness, long-suffering, constancy, mildness, fidelity, and chastity. Living these qualities is true religion, nothing more and nothing less. We know we are breathing air beyond our own only when these qualities show forth in our lives.

Though we might delude ourselves and fool others for awhile with a religious practice that is something less than life in the spirit as Paul defines it, anything less than the real thing will ultimately have us standing, bitter and envious, outside the Father's joy.

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Amount Pledged	\$ 84,498
# of Donors	396
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<i>as of June 30, 2010</i>	

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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.

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.

Centering Prayer Meeting

Tuesday, August 10 from 7:30 - 9:30 PM
in the OLL "Spiritual Life Center."

All are welcome to experience this prayer practice of "silence".
For any further information, please call Diane at 587.0966.

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 Seasingtown Road, Manhasset. For information, email vonbay@optonline.net or call Regina (Breen) von Hof at 516.488.6741.

100 Year Alumni Reunion

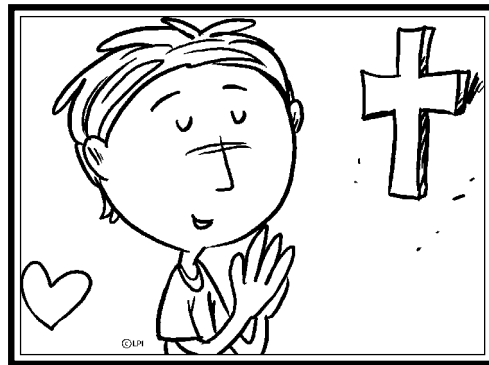
Holy Child Jesus Parish, Richmond Hill, is celebrating its 100 Year Anniversary this year and is inviting alumni back for a Homecoming Celebration. The 100 Year Alumni Reunion will be held on Saturday, September 18. Please either call the Parish Office at 718.847.1860 or email at hcjchurch@aol.com. Please 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 "**Volunteering/Giving.**" 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

Do you know how to pray? All you need to do is talk to God. He is your loving Father. Tell him how you would like to make him happy. Ask him to give you the things you really need. Ask him to help you forgive other people, just like he forgives you. God loves you, so talk to him often.



Mission for the Week

Make time to pray every day this week.



Puzzle

Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:

You are not ashamed to keep on asking.

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Prayer



Dear God,
thank you for loving me and listening to me.

Something to Draw



Draw a picture of your favorite place to talk to God.