

OUR LADY OF LOURDES • TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME • AUGUST 29, 2010

**“YOU HAVE  
APPROACHED JESUS,**



HEBREWS 12:22, 24

**THE MEDIATOR OF  
A NEW COVENANT.”**



## *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**  
Director of Music and Worship

**Vita Scorcia**  
Ministry Spiritual Director

**Sr. Betty Toohig**  
Senior Ministry-SAGE

**Anthony Trombino**  
Business Manager

## *Pastoral Council*

Stacie Baltrusitis  
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)



## **Religious Education**

**We will no longer mail our activities calendar.**

All Religious Education information may be obtained by going to our OLL website [ollchurch.org](http://ollchurch.org) and click on the Religious Ed link or go to our echalk website [ollreled.org](http://ollreled.org) and click on Religious Education Calendar, or Religious Education Programs, or Adult Faith Formation.

### **PEP 1 Registration Dates 2010**

*for children entering public school, grade 1 - September 2010*

Meetings will take place in the Parish Center. (room opposite the playground on Hunter Ave)

*Please note: Baptismal Certificates required for any child being registered in PEP 1.*

<b>Thursday, September 23</b>	<b>10 AM and 7:30 PM</b>
<b>Friday, September 24</b>	<b>10 AM</b>
<b>Tuesday, September 28</b>	<b>7:30 PM</b>
<b>Wednesday, September 29</b>	<b>10 AM</b>
<b>Wednesday, October 20</b>	<b>10 AM and 7:30 PM</b>

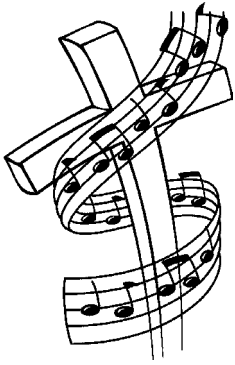
If this is your *first child in our program*, the registration fee (Family Fee) is \$170 and textbooks are \$20 (if needed.) Details will be provided at the meeting.



## **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.



## Music Ministry at OLL

**Come let us sing joyfully to the Lord!  
Calling all adults, teens, and young children!  
We need you!**

Do you like to sing? Do you play an instrument?  
Do you like to have fun and meet new people?  
Come be part of OLL's Music Ministry!  
Come minister to the parish family of Our Lady of Lourdes!

Come to our rehearsals:

**Youth Choir**

Thursdays at 5 PM

first rehearsal will be September 9

**Adult Choir**

Thursdays at 7 PM

first rehearsal will be September 9

**Contemporary Choir**

Sundays at 5 PM

**Women's Chorale**

To be announced

## Nocturnal Adoration

Nocturnal Adoration will follow the 5 PM Mass on **Saturday, September 4**, concluding with Benediction at 9:50 PM.

Please come and pray with us.

All are invited and welcome! Bring a friend.



## *Serving the Body of Christ*

### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

What does it take to be an Extraordinary Minister?

- Participation in Sunday Eucharist
- Commitment to serve two to three times a month
- Attendance at a Diocesan training and a parish training
- Openness to bring Communion to the Sick.

If you have questions or are interested in becoming an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, please contact Mrs. Mary Borgs of our parish's Liturgy Committee at 665.2928 or e-mail Fr. Pat Amabile at [FrPat@ollchurch.org](mailto:FrPat@ollchurch.org).

Please respond by September 15 to be registered in the upcoming Fall Diocesan Training Session.

## RCIA



### Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

*What's it all about?*

*IF* you are an adult AND

- ... you were never Baptized
- ... you were Baptized in another faith and would like to become a baptized Catholic
- ... you never received Holy Communion (Eucharist)
- ... you never received your Confirmation

*IF* you are an adult AND one or all of the circumstances above apply to you...

*IF* you feel you would like to become a baptized Catholic or become more fully initiated into your Catholic faith

Our email address is [RCIA@ollchurch.org](mailto:RCIA@ollchurch.org) or call the Parish Office at 661.3224, option #1, and we would be happy to help 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](mailto:robin@ollchurch.org).

## Our Lady of Lourdes School

### New Nursery Class!

Now opening a two day Tuesday/Thursday morning Nursery Class. For more information or to register, please call the school office at 587.7200, extension 100 or visit our website at [www.ollschool.org](http://www.ollschool.org)

### Prayer Shawl Ministry

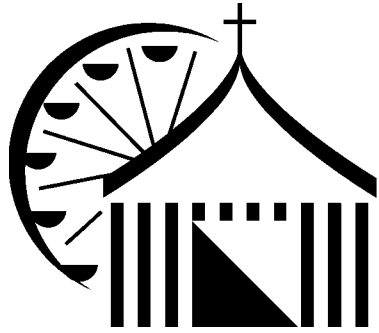
*Bring your prayer and creativity together in a gift of love.*

Join us ...



**Wednesday, September 8 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.

# Our Lady of Lourdes Parish



## Italian Family Feast 2010

**September 15 - 19, 2010**

**Opens Wednesday thru Friday at 7 PM**

**Opens Saturday at 6 PM**

**Opens Sunday at 2 PM**

**THEY'RE  
BACK!**

### **"The Magic of Mark & Kym"**

**An illusionary journey into  
the World of Magic!**

**Sunday, September 19**

**Show Times: 2:30 PM, 3:30 PM and 5 PM**

**Free Admission!**

**Come one and all-especially children -to see live exotic animals,  
breathtaking illusions, and become involved in audience participation!**

### **Advance Tickets**

**Any six rides for \$13 (average discount of over 50%!)**

**Tickets good for all rides any day of the Feast!**

**Purchase ride tickets in advance, Monday through Friday**

**at the Parish Office from 9 AM to 5 PM**

**Advance ticket sales will end Monday, September 13**

### **Feast Volunteers**

**There will be a meeting for all Feast Volunteers on Thursday, September 9  
at 7:30 PM in the All-Purpose Room All are asked to attend. Volunteers  
are always needed and welcome to support our annual Italian Family  
Feast 2010! If you're interested or have any questions, please call the  
Parish Office at 661.3224.**

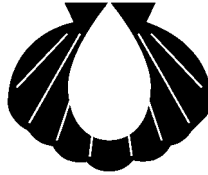
## Support Groups

### **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***

*Ava Margaret Valenti  
Edward and Melanie*

## ***Welcome***

We would like to extend a warm welcome  
to all newly registered members of our  
parish family...

*Kevin and Erin Rizza & family*

*Vito and Carla Tambasco & family*

*Matthew and Donna DiMaggio &  
family*

## ***Upcoming Marriages***

*Ema Rodriguez and*

*Douglas Dennerlein, both OLL*

*Sara Davanzo and*

*Eric Desanctis, both OLL*

### **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, August 30**

**8:00 AM** Vera Meduri

**Tuesday, August 31**

**8:00 AM** William McLaughlin

**Wednesday, September 1**

**8:00 AM** Louise Riedemann  
*(birthday)*

**Thursday, September 2**

**8:00 AM** Ethel Dixon Isola

**Friday, September 3**

*Saint Gregory the Great,  
pope and doctor of the Church*

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

**Saturday, September 4**

**8:00 AM** Margaret & George Maidhof, Nazzareno Serraino,  
Holy Souls in Purgatory, Rose Giacalone,  
George Patrick Gamblin, John Corrigan, Sr.

**5:00 PM** Lillian Daly & Ann Harnos

*Fr. Bob Scheckenback*

**Sunday, September 5**

**8:00 AM** Laura & Charles Abela  
*Fr. Mike Vetrano*

**9:30 AM** Tony Squeo  
*Fr. Mike Vetrano*

**11:00 AM** Michael Torina  
*Fr. Pat Amabile*

**12:30 PM** Carmella Parasole  
*Fr. Pat Amabile*

**6:00 PM** People of the Parish, George Bresler, Anna Lotierzo,  
Isabel Lynn, Jane Finnman, Jerome Sharp  
*Fr. Bob Scheckenback*



## Rest In Peace

*Peter "Pete" McCann* died on August 21 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was August 24. We extend our prayers to his wife, Patricia, children, grandchildren, and entire family.

**Celebrating Sacraments**



## 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Are you planning a cookout next weekend? Many people use the Labor Day holiday as an opportunity for an end of the summer celebration. The grocery stores will have special sales this week in an effort to entice people to stock up for the holiday weekend. Are you a union member who will be going to a large labor picnic? Or will it just be the family getting together, maybe at the beach or a lake cottage for a final summer plunge in the water? In any event, we all probably have a pretty good idea of who will be at our tables. It's unlikely that there will be uninvited guests—except for the ants or mosquitoes that seem to plague any outdoor event this time of year.

In the Gospel today Jesus lays down the challenge of who should be invited to the banquet. The poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind are the ones that are on his guest list. These were the individuals who were often excluded from society in Jesus' time. They were the folks that were on the fringe. Today, there are righteous people who have made a point of welcoming the unwanted. They've taken literally the message of the Gospel, and have gone out of their way to invite to dinner the homeless or the poor.

There are many who exercise a very concrete response to Jesus' call through their support of a meal program or food pantry, whether they donate food, or their time, or cash to support the good work. We tend to think of the poor at Thanksgiving or Christmas, times when we're often more generous toward those in need. But with back-to-school costs right now, many families are suffering. It may not be possible to invite someone who is hungry or poor to your cookout next weekend, but you can still help them through a gift to a charity that feeds the hungry  
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### Readings for the Week of August 29, 2010

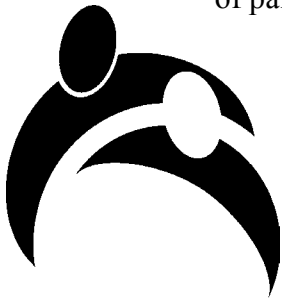
<b>Sunday:</b>	Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14
<b>Monday:</b>	1 Cor 2:1-5/Lk 4:16-30
<b>Tuesday:</b>	1 Cor 2:10b-16/Lk 4:31-37
<b>Wednesday:</b>	1 Cor 3:1-9/Lk 4:38-44
<b>Thursday:</b>	1 Cor 3:18-23/Lk 5:1-11
<b>Friday:</b>	1 Cor 4:1-5/Lk 5:33-39
<b>Saturday:</b>	1 Cor 4:6b-15/Lk 6:1-5
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	Wis 9:13-18b/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33

## Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Rose Grant*.  
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.

**Please note:** Any name that has been added to the "Pray for Our Sick" list prior to March 2010 shall be removed. However, if the person continues to need our prayers, please call the Parish Office to have the name included. All names shall remain on the list for a "short term" of five weeks or "long term" for five months.

## Pray for Our Sick

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

*Roy Anderson, Susan Aviza, Deacon Dick Barry, Ben Bellotti, Antoinette Bongiorno, Nicholas Buscemi, Jr., Viola Callanan, Michael Ciotkosz, Donald L. Coffey, Regina Cranor, William Cronin, Mike DeJong, Jeanne DellaRagione, Ann Donlon, Tony Drexler, Debbie Eichen, Mike Gaffney, Brian Hinkelman, Lili Hinkelman, Max Illiano, Diana Kaehne, Mary Kaval, Kathleen Kerrigan, Josephine Kosiczky, Arline Lawrence, Joseph Lehmann, Kara Lobasso, Salvatore LoVerde, Charlie Maccio, Louise Malcuit, Vicky Massaro, Christopher McCandless, Michele McCann, James McGarrity, Dorothy Meloni, Rick Mirabella, Michael Montesanto, John Mordente, Brenden Muldoon, Ruth Murray, Evelyn Nonnon, Rosemary Novak, John O'Brien, Arthur Petrino, Joanne Popper, Laura Prichard, Joe Radosti, Carol Randazzo-Hopkins, Baby Skyler Rene, Michael Savino, Ann Marie Schiraldi, Jayna Schmidt, Baby Isabella Shaw, Dorothy Shiavone, Roy Sorrese, Derek Stahl, Lindsay Stahl, Linda Starr, Mary Clair Stephen, Stephen Straub, Sr., John Tramazzo, Nancy Turano, Joan Udris, Al Van Pelt, Vera Vieni, Bunny Vilim, Kyle Williams, Joe Yezek*

## Financial Summary

### August 22, 2010

Weekly Collection	\$ 16,989.00
Weekly Budget	-\$ 19,000.00
+/- for the week	\$ (2,011.00)

*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

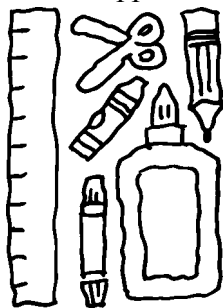
**Joshua Tyrrell**-US Army

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

## Outreach School Supply Drive

Outreach will be collecting school supplies to donate to families in need.

School Supplies we could use include:



- \*Glue Sticks
  - \*Marble Notebooks
  - \*Two Pocket Folders
  - \*Soft Pencil Cases
  - \*Pink Erasers
  - \*Highlighters
  - \*Markers
  - \*Pencil Sharpeners (*that catch shavings*)
  - \*2 & 3 inch Binders
  - \*Fiskar scissors
  - \*Post-It-Notes
  - \*Supply box
  - \*Tennis Balls
- and of course...CRAYONS!

Donations can be left in the food baskets at the doors of the Church and, as always...our thanks!

Mary

## August Donations to Outreach

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

- Mr. and Mrs. Barry Schub have made a donation to Outreach in memory of *Jerry Castonguay*.
- Mr. and Mrs. Frank Flanagan have made a donation to Outreach in memory of *Jerry Castonguay*.
- Madelyn and Bob DeLack have made a donation to Outreach in memory of *Gunther Steck*.
- Connie Lynch has made a donation to Outreach in memory of *Gunther Steck*.
- Outreach has received a donation from Doris and Doug Cameron in memory of *Edna Levey*.
- Marion Coletto and Angela D'Angelo have made a donation to Outreach in memory of *Edna Levey*.
- Grace and Kenneth O'Connor have made a donation to Outreach in memory of *Joseph Shields, Jerry Castonguay and Gunther Steck*.
- The Sage Ministry has made donations to Outreach in memory of *Gunther Steck and Lena Conti*.
- Mr. and Mrs. P.J. O'Brien have made a donation to Outreach in memory of *Edna Levey*.
- The Elmhardt Construction Company has made a donation to Outreach in memory of *Edna Levey*.
- Dottie Perdue has made a donation to Outreach in memory of *Rose Giacalone*.
- Ann and Bob Mannarino have made a donation to Outreach in memory of *Rose Giacalone*.
- Paula and Frank Edwards have made a donation to Outreach in memory of *Jerry Castonguay and Felix Rodriguez*.
- Theresa Stapleton has made a donation to Outreach in memory of *Edna Levey*.
- Mr. and Mrs. Edward Giuffre have made a donation to Outreach in memory of *Margaret Pogue*.
- Susan Castonguay has made a donation to Outreach in memory of *Jerry Castonguay*.
- Peggy Cook has made a donation to Outreach in memory of her husband, *Arthur*.
- Carol Turri has made a donation to Outreach in memory of *Lena Conti*.
- Mr. and Mrs. Phil Ambrosino have made a donation to Outreach in memory of *Claire DiGraccio*.
- Mr. and Mrs. Alexander MacGregor have made donation to Outreach in loving remembrance of their son, *Alexander MacGregor III*.

*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.*

## Religious Language as Icon

Ron Rolheiser, OMI

Before Henri Nouwen wrote the book that became his signature work, *Return of the Prodigal Son*, he went to The Hermitage museum in Russia and sat for whole days contemplating Rembrandt's famous painting on the return of the prodigal son. He was given permission to bring a chair into the museum and he would sit for hours, studying the painting from various angles and letting it speak to him in his varying moods. The result was one of the finest commentaries ever written on both Rembrandt's painting and on the meaning of that famous parable in the gospels.

What Henri Nouwen did with Rembrandt's painting is what we need to do with a lot of the classical language of scripture, the creeds, and dogma. The language there is more iconic than literal, more the language of metaphor than of ordinary life, deep image rather than video-taped history. This doesn't mean that it isn't true or that it's "Alice-in-Wonderland" mythology. It is deeply true, so true that we hang our very lives on its truth. But it is meant to be studied, contemplated, meditated, knelt-before and prayed-with, rather than taken literally.

Allow me an example: Consider the language and image surrounding the death of Jesus as paying the price for our sins.

Scripture, our creeds, and our Christian tradition have a certain language around this. Among other things, we say: "He paid the price for our sins. We are saved by his blood. He paid the debt of sin. We are washed clean in his blood, the blood of the lamb. He is the Lamb of God who takes away our sins. He restored us to life, after our death in Adam's sin. He conquered death, once and for all. By his stripes we were healed. He offered an eternal sacrifice to God. He is our victim. He opened the gates of heaven. He stripped the principalities and Satan of their power. He descended into hell."

Accepting the truth of this language is one thing, explaining it within the categories and language of ordinary life is something else. About Jesus' death, we have a language but we don't have a vocabulary. We know its meaning, but we can never adequately explain it.

What exactly do we mean by these statements? How does Jesus' death save me from being accountable for my sins? How does his death vicariously substitute for human shortcoming, including our own, through the centuries? Why does God need someone to suffer that agonizingly in order to

forgive me? How does Jesus' death open the gates of heaven? Why had they been closed? What does it mean that, in his death, Jesus descended into hell?

Literal explanations come up short here. The words are more like an icon, an artifact that highlights form to bring out essence. The language of scripture, the creeds, and our dogmas put us in touch with something that we can know but struggle to conceptualize and explain. It is meant to be grasped at levels beyond the just the intellect. It is a language to be contemplated and knelt-before more than a language to be understood literally.

Some years ago, *Time* magazine did a cover story on the death of Jesus. Among other things, they interviewed various people and asked them how they understood the blood of Jesus as washing them clean. One of those interviewed was JoAnne Terrell, the author of *Power in the Blood? The Cross in the African American Experience*. For her, the question of how Jesus' blood saves us triggered a deep personal search. Sitting in a seminary classroom and studying the death of Jesus, she began having flashbacks: As a young girl she had seen her mother murdered by a boyfriend. She vividly recalled the blood-soaked mattress and her mother's bloody fingerprints on the wall. And so her search was very much a search "to find the connection between my mom's story and my story and Jesus' story."

For her, the language around the death of Jesus, its blood and heartbreak, became an icon to be contemplated for meaning. Like Henri Nouwen she began moving her chair around to look at it from various angles and to see how it spoke to her in her life-situation, to the blood in her own history. The language of redemptive blood gave meaning and dignity to her mother's blood.

We cheat ourselves of meaning whenever we treat scripture, the creeds, and the dogmas of our faith as simple statements of history, newspaper accounts in literal language. They have a historicity and they are true, but the language surrounding them is not the language of the daily newspaper. They are anchored in history and we risk our very lives on their truth, but they speak to us more as does an icon than as does yesterday's newspaper. Their language is meant to be contemplated, knelt-before, and absorbed in the heart as we experience more and more of life's mysteries.

An atheist, someone once quipped, is just another name for someone who doesn't grasp metaphor.

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# 2010 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

<b>Parish Goal</b>	\$101,839
<b>Amount Pledged</b>	\$ 85,294
<b># of Donors</b>	402
<b>Average Pledge</b>	\$ 213
<i>as of July 31, 2010</i>	

**CMA 2010**

**One Faith, One Hope,  
Many Gifts.**

***You can make a difference!***

While all of us have reason to be proud of the help that is being provided through the Catholic Ministries Appeal and our Parish, we also know that more and more people are seeking assistance from us. To meet the ever growing needs of our community, we all need to prayerfully consider how we can help.

Your support to the Appeal will help us to serve or deliver more than 500,000 meals to the disadvantaged this year, provide affordable safe housing to the most vulnerable senior citizens in our community, educate our young people in our faith, help others to follow the call to serve in the priesthood and support the needs of our very own parish.

The Appeal truly supports our parish and the entire Church of Long Island. As your Pastor, I ask that you prayerfully consider making a gift to help those in need. It is with these needs in mind that I am asking you to consider supporting the 2010 Catholic Ministries Appeal.

You can make a difference in our parish and in the lives of those around us by making a gift to this year's appeal. Only you can decide what that gift will be.

***Thank you for all that you do in our parish.***

*Please consider what you can do to make this campaign successful.*

## 2010 Catholic Ministries Appeal

Please make your check payable to:  
***Catholic Ministries Appeal***

Pledge: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Down Payment: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Balance: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Parish: \_\_\_\_\_

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City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Donor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Acct# \_\_\_\_\_

## Retrouvaille

*A life line for married couples...*

A Retrouvaille weekend is a deeply personal and private experience shared between a husband and wife that can help a couple to reconnect and go on to lead a happy and fulfilling life together. For more information about the upcoming Retrouvaille weekend that begins on **Friday, September 10** at the Montfort Retreat House, Bay Shore, please call 1.800.470.2230.

## Gennesaret Retreat

A retreat especially designed for persons who live with serious illness and offered free of charge is planned for September 24, 25, and 26 at the Montfort Spirituality Center in Bay Shore. The retreat focuses on God's love and forgiveness and faithfulness. To register or receive more information about this weekend, please call Colette at 631.665.7052.

## A Vocation as a Deacon

An "*Afternoon of Discernment*" will be conducted at the **Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, Huntington on Sunday, September 12 from 1 PM until 4 PM**, for men, and their spouses, who believe God might be calling them to the diaconate. For more information or to sign up, please contact the Office of Deacon Formation at 631.424.8360 or email [deacons@drvc.org](mailto:deacons@drvc.org).

## Position Available

St. Mary School, East Islip has position available for teacher assistants in school (27 1/2 hrs. per week). Responsibilities are with 3 and 4 year olds in Program. Please fax resumé to St. Mary's School at 631.581.7509.

## 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 "**Special Days.**" 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 TELECARE, Cablevision 29 or Verizon FIOS 296 for the Best in Catholic Television!

## Sharing the Gospel

If you act bossy, you might get your way, but you won't make many friends. Jesus shared a secret about making friends. When you treat other kids with kindness, they will want to be your friends. Instead of telling other kids what to do, ask other kids to choose a game. If you want to play tag with other kids, offer to be "it" first. If it is time to line up to go outside, offer to go to the back of the line and let other kids in front of you.



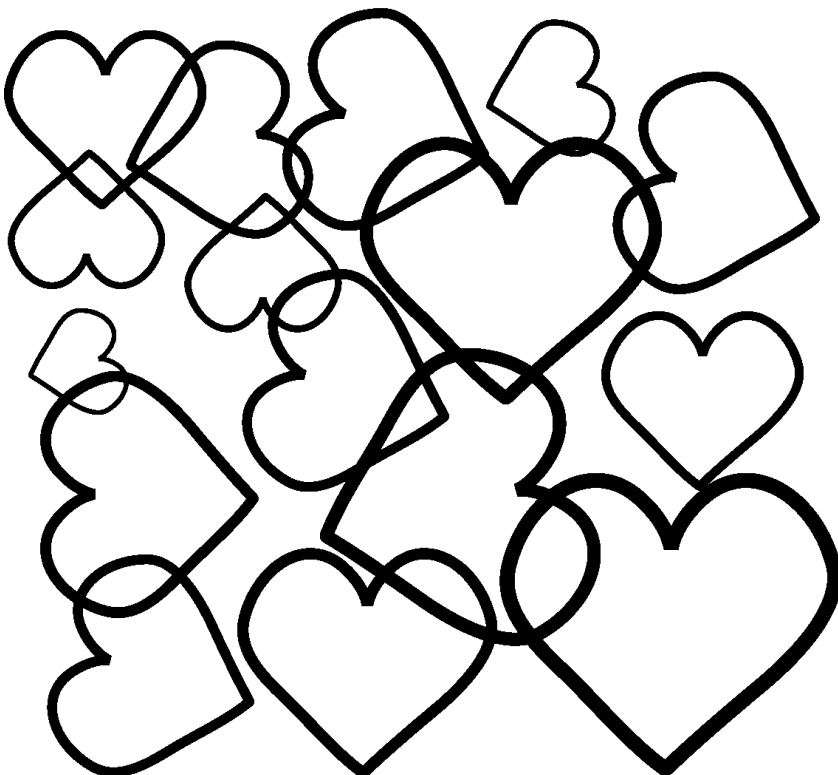
## Mission for the Week



When you sit down with your family for dinner tonight, ask if you can serve the food. You may surprise your parents and get some pretty big smiles from them.

## Puzzle

How many hearts can you count?



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The answer is sixteen

## Prayer



Dear God,  
help me to  
be a good friend.

## Something to Draw



Draw a picture of  
yourself at the end  
of the line.