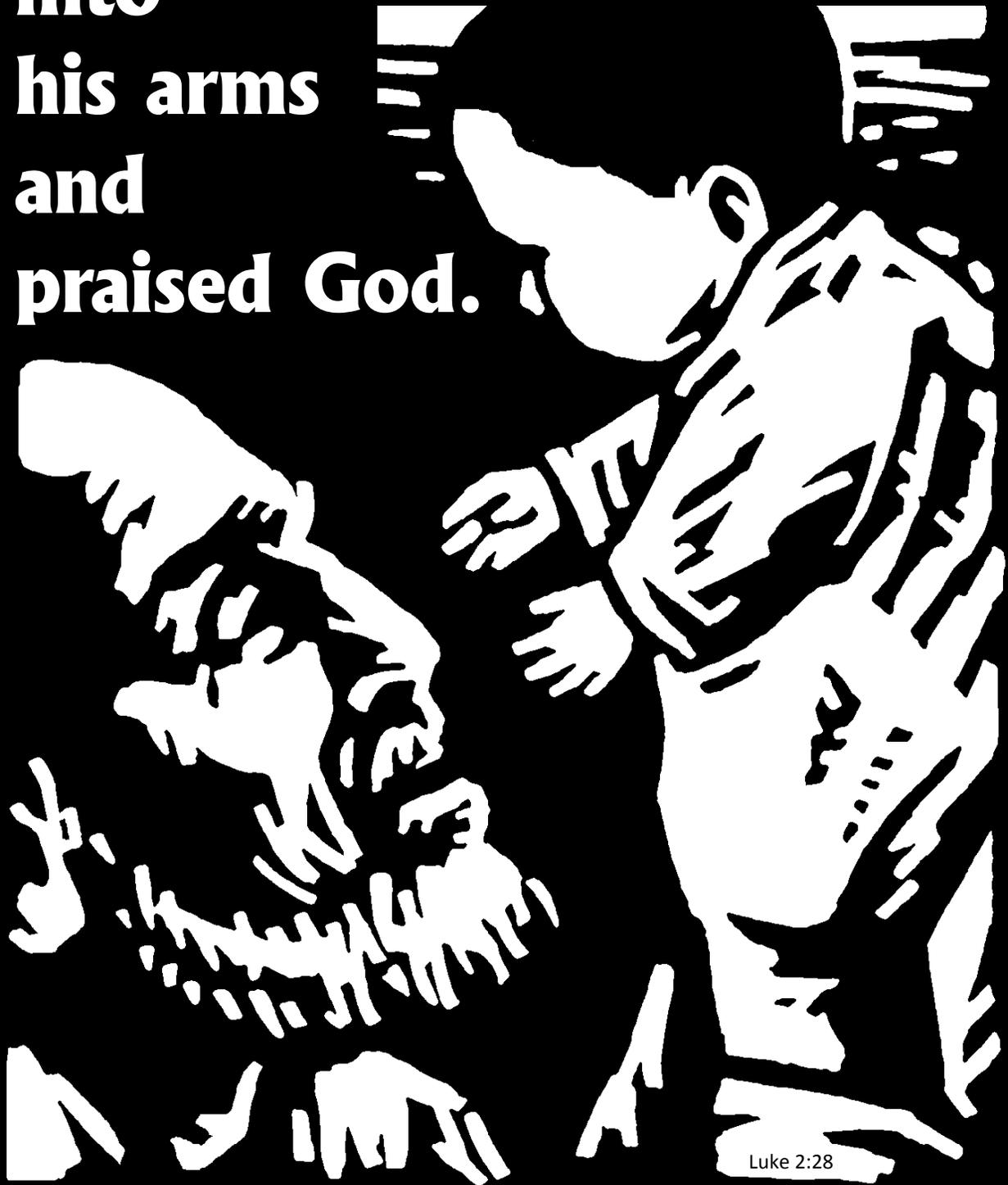


**Simeon took the child
into
his arms
and
praised God.**



Luke 2:28

Presentation of the Lord
Our Lady of Lourdes • February 2, 2014



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.

Daily Mass

8:30 AM

Weekend Masses

Saturday: 5 PM

Sunday: 8 AM, 9:30 AM,
11 AM, 12:30 PM and 6 PM

Reconciliation/Confession

Saturday: 4 PM - 4:45 PM

Rosary

Daily at 8 AM

Miraculous Medal Novena

Monday after 8:30 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 ad-
vance, please call the Parish Office.

Rite of Christian Initiation of

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

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

Msgr. Brian McNamara
Pastor

Rev. Robert Scheckenback
Associate Pastor

Deacon John DeGuardi
Deacon Tom Lucie
Deacon Jack Meehan
Coordinator of Stewardship
Deacon John Teufel

Sr. Nancy Campkin, CSJ
Director of Religious Education
Trish Frodell
Director of Parish Social Ministry
Louise Jane Krol
School Principal
Sr. Diane Liona, CSJ
Director of Religious Education
Mary McMahon
Business Manager
Robin Reynolds-Brennan
Coordinator of Worship
OLL Choir Director
Vita Scorcia
Ministry Spiritual Director

Pastoral Council

Msgr. Brian McNamara
Eileen Rega
Mary Borgs
Lisa Cantalino
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Jerry Esposito
Trish Frodell
Pam Gagliano
Deborah Lamb
Rosalie Mangels
Deacon Jack Meehan
John Muldoon
Josephine O'Malley
Dottie Perdue
Vita Scorcia

Parish Staff

AnnMarie Buonaspina
Director of Youth Choirs
Michael Buonaspina
Parish Organist
Anne Gregg
School Office
Mary Anne Lettieri
Parish Office
Debbie Meyer
Bulletin Editor/Business Office
Rita Spera
Religious Education Office
Lori Walsh
Parish Office

Parish Office

455 Hunter Avenue
West Islip, NY 11795

661.3224, option 1

Monday-Thursday

9 AM - 7:30 PM

Friday: 9 AM - 5 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

44 Toomey Road

West Islip, NY 11795

587.7200, option 2

Monday-Friday

9 AM - 3 PM

email: lkrol@ollschool.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- Friday

9:30 AM - 3:30 PM

S.A.G.E.

661.3224, ext. 122

**(Senior Advocates for Growth
and Enrichment)**

email: Sage@ollchurch.org

*Please join Father Brian McNamara and his parishioner's of
Our Lady of Lourdes, on a Spiritual Pilgrimage to FRANCE*



**Paris*Normandy Beaches*Caen*Lisieux*Lourdes*Toulouse
September 3—10, 2014 (8 days)**

Air & Land \$4034

Land Only \$2573

The Details

Tour Price: \$2573 p/person (based on double occupancy; singles and triples available upon request)

Air from JFK: \$1461

Insurance: \$199, highly recommended to protect your vacation investment, must be paid at time of deposit to cover pre-existing conditions.

Sightseeing: Sightseeing as outlined in the itinerary with inside visits (including admission charges) Sightseeing with local guides where applicable.

Tour director: The services of a professional, multilingual Tour Director will be provided throughout.

Accommodations:

Paris— Le Meridien Etoile

Caen— Mercure Center

Lourdes— Grand Hotel Moderne

Toulouse— Toulouse Airport

Meals: 8 —Breakfasts (B), 1-Lunch (L), and 4— Dinners (D)

NOT INCLUDED IN TOUR PRICE: airport taxes (where applicable), excess baggage, meals not included in itinerary, all items of a personal nature such as laundry, cleaning, telephone, telex or fax expenses, beverages including tea and coffee (except at breakfast and at hotel dinners), wines, liquors, soft drinks, etc. and **TIPS FOR THE MOTORCOACH DRIVER, TOUR DIRECTOR, AND LOCAL GUIDES.** Tips for local guides are not included and must be paid while on tour.

Deposit \$250

Final payment due by June 1, 2014

CruiseOne

Contact: Monica Colonna

631.539.9756 or mcolonna@cruiseone.com

Dear Parishioners:

As you may know, Mary Anne Lettieri has been the main receptionist in the Parish Office for the past 28 years. Mary Anne will be retiring to enjoy some well-deserved time with her family. Fortunately, Mary Anne and her husband, Dominick, will continue to be the same active parishioners as they always have been. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mary Anne for all her years of dedicated service to the parish. She has always gone above and beyond the call of duty! On behalf of the entire parish, I extend prayerful best wishes to her and her family! As the Italians say: "Cent'anni!"

The Winter Olympics start this week in Sochi, Russia. The official motto for the Olympics is: "faster, higher, stronger (citius, altius, fortius). Interestingly enough, that phrase was coined by a French Dominican priest, Fr. Henri Didon, who lived in the 1800's.

Fr. Didon (1840 -1900) was a popular Dominican preacher and teacher. He was an athlete as a youth and he strongly believed that sports were essential to a well-rounded education. He was a friend of Pierre de Coubertin, the "father of the modern Olympics". At a talk given by Fr. Didon, deCoubertin heard Fr. Didon speak of "faster, higher, stronger"; that is, focusing on self-improvement and self-discipline through sports. Pierre deCoubertin used this phrase when he initiated the modern Olympics.

Our **parish school** just completed celebrating Catholic Schools Week. Our Catholic School runs from **Nursery School (3 years old) up to the 8th grade**. We have an outstanding computer/ technology program and a tremendous Fine and Performing Arts program as well, with our own in-house T.V. studio. The school recently was re-accredited by the Middle States Association. As important, the spiritual development of each student is a priority. For example, the students come to daily Mass once a week by class. I strongly encourage all parents to consider our exemplary school.

This Monday, February 3, is the feast day of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr. We will have the traditional blessing of the throats during the Mass.

Remember: Together, we can do something beautiful for God.

In Christ,

Fr. Brian

PS: Congratulations to Ms. Laura Harsch who won the 42 inch HD LCD big screen T.V. Raffle. Thank you to everyone who took a chance. I guess the "harsh" reality is that everyone else didn't win!

Camps 'R' Us

We're already thinking about this summer. Shouldn't you be too?

OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, February 16 at noon

Our Lady of Lourdes School

Celebrating our 2nd season at Our Lady of Lourdes!

At Camps 'R' Us, we think every family should be able to afford summer camp for their children. That's why, since 1993, we've offered a private day camp experience for a fraction of the cost of other camps, and for less than the cost of a babysitter too! Our award winning camp programs offer children a diverse summer experience, including Sports, Arts & Crafts, Gaming, Swimming, Bowling, Trips, Special Events and much more. Our premier facilities, top-notch staff and unique affordability have earned us the reputation as one of the best summer camps on Long Island. Now is the time to be thinking about the summer. Call (516) 935-CAMP (2267) or visit www.campsrus.org.

Congratulations!

We would like to say congratulations to the following parishioners who have made their high school honor roll.

Chaminade High School

Michael Q. Goldin

Christian D. Kuhn

Grant M. Macina

Kellenberg Memorial High School

John Paul Cantalino

Gina Green

Santiago Rolon

Brandon Wainwright

Brooke Wainwright

Adult Bowling Night

(Faculty fundraiser for additional instructional material)

Friday, February 7th

Babylon Lanes

8:00pm check-in

Bowling 9-11pm

Registration due by: **January 29, 2014**

\$30.00 per person

Door prizes and Raffles



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APPAREL

Hanes printed shirts/sweatshirts
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Hanes boys'/girls' socks

CEREAL

Basic 4® cereal
Cascadian Farm® cereal
Cheerios® cereal
Chex® cereal
Cinnamon Toast Crunch® cereal
Cocoa Puffs® cereal
Cookie Crisp® cereal
Fiber One® cereal
Golden Grahams®
Oatmeal Crisp® cereal
Kix® cereal
Lucky Charms® cereal
Nature Valley® Light & Crispy
Raisin Nut Bran cereal
Reese's Puffs® cereal
Total® cereal®
Trix® cereal
Wheaties® cereal

FOOD STORAGE

Ziploc® Containers
Ziploc® Storage Bags

BAKING & BAKEWARE

Betty Crocker® Bars & Brownies
Betty Crocker® Cake & Frosting
Betty Crocker® Complete Pancake
Mixes
Betty Crocker® Dessert Mixes
Betty Crocker® Gluten Free
Betty Crocker® Muffin and Cookie
Mixes
Betty Crocker® Pizza Crust
Betty Crocker® Quick Breads
Bisquick®
Reynolds® Non-Stick Baking Pans
Fiber One® Mixes
Gold Medal® Flour

PAPER PRODUCTS

COTTONELLE® Flushable Cleansing
Cloths
KLEENEX® Dinner Napkins (50
count)
KLEENEX® Facial Tissues
SCOTT® Bath Tissue
SCOTT® Do It Yourself

...and many more! Look at the
school website at ollschool.org
and visit the link for a complete

Dreams R Us Foundation

Our Lady of Lourdes School was recently awarded a grant in the amount of \$15,000 from the Dreams R Us Foundation. The funds will be used towards increasing technology to prepare for the New York State Computer Based Testing. The technology will include twenty-five desktop computers, a Smart Board projector, a document scanner, and two printers. Giving the children exposure to the latest technology will give them a readiness that will ensure all students can successfully participate in an increasingly connected world. Our Lady of Lourdes School is increasing its efforts in the area of technology-enhanced learning in order to allow greater access for its students, regardless of their economic background, to rigorous, innovative learning opportunities.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

As we begin the Liturgy of the Word, we are seated. We are seated because sitting is the posture of listening and meditation. This sitting is more than just merely resting; it is a posture which allows us to be attentive to God's word.

The word "liturgy" means "celebration. So the "Liturgy of the Word" is the celebration of the Word. The Word is the Word of God, the Bible, the Holy Scriptures. Under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, God speaks to us, God feeds us, in the Scriptures, leading us along the path to salvation. The Bible consists of the Old Testament (everything God revealed to us from creation up to the coming of Christ) and the New Testament (everything God revealed to us in Christ until the death of the last apostle, St. John). Sometimes, the Old Testament is referred to as the "Hebrew Scriptures" and the New Testament as the "Christian Scriptures". In the General Instruction of the Roman Missal (often referred to as the GIRM,), the Church declares: "when the Sacred Scriptures are read in the Church, God Himself speaks to His people, and Christ, present in His own word, proclaims the Gospel."

The Church gives us a "cycle" of readings (In Cycle A we focus mostly on St. Matthew; in Cycle B we focus mostly on St. Mark and in Cycle C we focus on St. Luke). The Gospel of St. John is sprinkled throughout all three years. Thus, if you were to go to Mass every Sunday for three straight years, you would hear the vast majority of all 4 Gospels.

FIRST READING

The first reading is usually from the Old Testament, though in the Easter season it is usually from the Acts of the Apostles (which describes the birth of the early Church). God revealed the Old Testament as a preparation for the New Testament. Thus, the Old Testament foreshadows the New Testament. The Old Testament contains the New Testament, though in a hidden way. On Sundays, the Old Testament reading is connected thematically with the Gospel reading. For example, there may be an Old Testament reading depicting the curing of a leper and in the Gospel reading we will read about Jesus curing a leper

PSALM RESPONSE

The Psalms are poems; they are poems written by the Jewish people to describe their experience with God. Sometimes, the Psalms describe God as a mighty warrior who leads His people into battle; sometimes, they describe God as a gentle shepherd who takes care of the sheep. St. Augustine noted that the Psalms represent the prayer *of* Christ, prayer *about* Christ and prayer *to* Christ.

Many times we sign the Psalms; the cantor or choir sing (or recite) the verses and the congregation sings (or recites) the "antiphon". The "antiphon" is a Scriptural line repeated at intervals.

SECOND READING

This reading is usually taken from one of the letters of St. Paul. A letter is chosen and we read through most of the given letter. Once that letter is completed, we move on to another letter. These letters from St. Paul were written to communities that Paul had established (ex. Corinth, Galatia, Ephesus) and the letters address concerns particular to that community. This reading is not connected at all to the first reading or to the Gospel. The Church simply exposes us to the rich message of St. Paul each week. Thus, if we come to Church every Sunday, we will have heard the majority of Paul's various letters.

ALLELUIA

We stand for the Gospel Acclamation or the “Alleluia”. We stand because we want to welcome the arrival of the King, our Lord Jesus Christ in the Gospel.

Alleluia means “praise the Lord.” It comes from the Old Testament and was integral to the Passover celebration. Thus, it has become a part of the Paschal celebration of the Church. The “Alleluia” is omitted during Lent because the church wants to instill a sense of longing to celebrate the Passover of Jesus: Easter, when Christ “passes over” from death to eternal life. Thus, as followers of Christ, we have the opportunity to pass over from death into eternal life as well.

GOSPEL

The word “Gospel” means “good news”. The priest or deacon announces which Gospel is being proclaimed. He then traces the Sign of the Cross on his head, his lips and his heart. He prays that the Lord will be on his mind, heart and lips. We cross our forehead so that the Word of God may be in our thoughts and purify our minds. We cross our lips so that our speech may be holy and incline us to share the Gospel with others. And we cross our hearts to invite God to strengthen our love for Him and others. All of this is so that we might know, proclaim, and love Jesus Christ all the more.

HOMILY

You may recall the Easter Gospel in St. Luke’s Gospel when Jesus appears to his disciples on the road to Emmaus. Jesus basically is giving a homily; Jesus is explaining the Scriptures to the disciples. The homilist explains the Scriptures and helps to apply the message of the Scriptures to our daily lives. Before Vatican II, homilies tended to be mini-Catechism classes. Vatican II urged us to focus more intently on the Scriptures.

PROFESSION OF FAITH/CREED

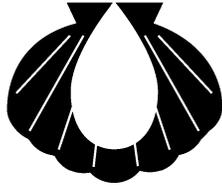
The word “Creed” means “I believe”. The Creed is a summary of our faith. It is divided into four sections: God the Father, God the Son, Jesus Christ, God the Holy Spirit and the Church. At Baptism, our parents and godparents made a Profession of Faith on our behalf because we were infants. Every Sunday Mass we have the opportunity to profess our faith, now on our own behalf. On Easter Sunday, we actually renew our Baptismal promises and then we are blessed with holy water to remind us of our baptisms. So, each time we recite the Creed we are, in effect, also renewing our baptismal promises. Since the wording has changed recently, it would be good to use the Missalette to pray together.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL/UNIVERSAL PRAYER/GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

While the priest introduces the prayers, a deacon or layperson reads the petitions. There is a certain sequence of intentions that should be followed:

- for the needs of the Church
- for public authorities and the salvation of the world
- for those oppressed by any need
- for the local community

Normally, it is the priest who says the prayers on behalf of the congregation; the priest alone calls God by name and the people respond “Amen”. But at this point of the Mass, **we** call God by name; **we** exercise our priestly function. By virtue of our Baptism, each one of us shares in the priesthood of Christ. A priest acts as a mediator between God and humankind; thus, in the Prayer of the Faithful, every baptized Catholic acts as a mediator, offering prayers and petitions for everyone. We exercise our priestly function in a special way at this point of the Mass.



Baptism

Liam Thomas VanSchaick
Jeffrey & Laurie

The Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes

Tuesday, February 11

7:30 PM

As a way of celebrating this great feast of Our Lady Of Lourdes you are invited to come and experience the praying of the Rosary in different languages. We will process around the Church in candlelight praying the Rosary – similar to what is done in Lourdes, France. The evening will begin at 7:30PM and refreshments will follow.



Rest In Peace

Robert E. Salomone died on January 17 and Mass of Christian Burial was January 22. We extend our prayerful sympathy to his wife, Anthonia, children, grandchildren, and entire family.

Martha "Jane" Avella died on January 18 and Mass of Christian Burial was January 22. We extend our prayerful sympathy to her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and entire family.

Janine Theresa Rinne died on January 17 and Mass of Christian Burial was January 23. We extend our prayerful sympathy to her husband, George, children, and entire family.

Aurora Fernandez died on January 19 and Mass of Christian Burial was January 21. We extend our prayerful sympathy to her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and entire family.

Maureen A. Reilly died on January 20 and Mass of Christian Burial was January 24. We extend our prayerful sympathy to her husband, William, nephew, John Breuer, and entire family.

Remembering...

Monday, February 3 (2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13, Mk 5:1-20)

Saint Blaise, bishop and martyr

8:30 AM John Lovari

Tuesday, February 4 (2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3, Mk 5:21-43)

8:30 AM Sweeney & LaRocca Families

Wednesday, February 5 (2 Sm 24:2, 9-17, Mk 6:1-6)

8:30 AM Anne S. McKillen

Thursday, February 6 (1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12 Mk 6:7-13)

Saint Paul Miki and companions, martyrs

8:30 AM Doris Muro

Friday, February 7 (Sir 47:2-11, Mk 6:14-29)

8:30 AM Vera Vieni

Saturday, February 8 (1 Kgs 3:4-13, Mk 6:30-34)

8:30 AM Edith Hernandez, James Crowley

5:00 PM Matthew O’Kane

Fr. Bob Scheckenback

Sunday, February 9 (Is 58:7-10, 1 Cor 2:1-5, Mt 5:13-16)

8:00 AM James Young

Fr. Bob Scheckenback

9:30 AM Christopher Flower

Fr. Bob Scheckenback

11:00 AM Brian Contelmo

Fr. Brian McNamara

12:30 PM Paul Lawrence Dunbar

Fr. (visitor)

6:00 PM People of the Parish, Hugh O’Brien,
Joseph S. Schiavoni, August Fuchs, John B. Sciorba

Fr. Brian McNamara

Mailing Team

Lenten Mailing

It’s not too early to begin preparations for our “Lenten Mailing.” If you are able to volunteer some time to help us get this mailing started, please stop by the **Parish Office on Thursday, February 6 at 10 AM**. We look forward to seeing you!

Financial Summary

January 26, 2014

Weekly Collection	\$ 15,077.00
Weekly Budget	-\$ 18,200.00
+/- for the week	\$ (3,123.00)

Catholic School \$ 3,554.00

The estimated weekly collection needed to maintain and operate our parish buildings, ministries, programs, and salaries is \$18,200.

Collection Envelopes

In order for our counters to keep an accurate account of your donations, it is important that you write the amount of your donation in the space provided on the front of your envelope.

Also, please do not tape or staple your envelopes closed. As always, we thank you for your continued generosity to Our Lady of Lourdes Church.

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:

Michael Fantauzzi-US Air Force

John Filosa-US Air Force

Christopher Florca-US Marines

Kyle Fouhy-US Marines

Anthony Mannino-US Marines

James Rooney III-US Marines

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

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 "**Renewal.**"

Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Connie Lynch*.
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.

Parish Spiritual Care Companions

Do you know a parishioner who is homebound and would welcome a visit from one of our trained Parish Spiritual Care Companions. Please call Rick Danowski at 586.2192, Vita Scorgia at 669.4717 or Charlie Zeiss at 669.7189.

Pray for Our Sick

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

Salvatore Albanese, Vivian Aparo, Cathrine Battiata, James Bianco, Kathleen Carroll, Artie Clemens, Patti Clemens, Rose Conway, Regina Cranor, Allen Crowley, Neil Coogan, Beverly DeCanio, Jeanne DellaRogiane, Mark DellaRogiane, Harry Denyse, Frank Edwards, Jake Feldman, Gaetano Fiorini, Billy Fuchs, Kenneth Garretson, Donna Gerek, Dan Golden, Vivian Gordon, Patrick Anthony Heffron, Baby Alex Jolly, Shena Kahn, Baby Lana Charlotte Keenan, Robyn Kerrigan, Kelly (Kuntz) Lee, Lisa Letterel, John Liona, Christopher Maher, Harold Mattel, Jean McCauley, Joseph Ninivaggi, Michele Nonnon List, Patrick O'Connor, Eugene Olsen, Baby Joseph Onofrietti, Ayn Paoella, Connie and Fred N. Polik, Joanne Popper, Shirley Roefs, Gasper Salerno, Joseph J. Schiavoni, Ann Marie Schiraldi, Joseph Sepe, Kathleen Squillanti-Diamond

Adult Faith Formation

Soul School

This five session program is an unique opportunity to nourish our minds, hearts, and souls in the message of Jesus Christ spoken for our time in our complex world. We are all called to grow in Grace. However, we often find ourselves trapped in feelings and situations that limit us and keep us from being our better selves. SOUL SCHOOL is under the direction of Sister Pat Duffy, OP, PhD

WEDNESDAY SOUL SCHOOL

Dates: Wednesdays—February 26, March 19, April 2, 16, 30

Time: 7:15pm—9:15pm

Place: Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, West Islip

Donation for the program: \$75 tuition plus \$15 material fee—total \$90 (payable with your registration)

Rosary Christian Mothers

The Rosary Christian Mothers meet on the first Monday evening of each month. The next meeting will be on **Monday, February 3**. We will begin with Rosary at 7:45 PM in the Church, followed by meeting at 8 PM in **Room 16**.

Holy Name Society

The Holy Name Society invites the men of our parish, young and old, to join us. We can use the wisdom of the older men and the energy and fresh ideas of our younger men. The Holy Name Society meets on the second Sunday of each month. Our next meeting will be on **Sunday, February 9**. We come together to pray the **Rosary at 7:40 AM in the Church** and the **meeting will follow the 8 AM Mass at 9 AM in Room 16**. Stop by, all are welcome!

Prayer Shawl Ministry

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

Join us...

Wednesday, February 19 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.

Women's Prayer Groups

We are women, mothers, daughters, sisters and wives, married and single, of all ages and stages in our lives. We come together to pray, share and discuss how our faith fills us and gets us through our lives. We welcome all women to come and share how God made us special and how we bring that into our world. We meet the first Thursday of each month in the Spiritual Life Center.

There are two opportunities to gather—**Mornings 9:30 AM and Evenings 7:30 PM**. Come join us. Your story is what we need to hear. **Our next meetings are on February 6**. For more information call Vita Scorcia at 669.4717 or Stacie Baltrusitis at 661.4254.

2014 El Salvador Mission Trip

Our second meeting will be **Tuesday, February 4 at 7PM in the Parish Center**. This will be a sign up meeting. A \$200 deposit will be collected. Please bring copies of passports. Anyone under 18, at the time of the trip, will be required to have a parent at this meeting to sign release forms.



Camp Veritas 2014

Camp Veritas is a one-week play-and-pray sleep away summer camp for teens going into 7th to 12th grades. It will be held at two locations in 2014; July 20-26 at Mount Saint Mary College in Newburgh, NY and August 17-23 at Camp Lakota in Wurtsboro, NY. Enrollment opens January 1, 2014 and the enrollment price for each week is \$400 per camper. Early bird rates (before 4/1/14) are \$350 for Week 1 and \$370 for Week 2. More details can be found at www.campveritas.com.

SAGE

The SAGE Group (*Senior Advocates for Growth and Enrichment*) will meet on **Tuesday, February 4 in the Parish Center at 9 AM**.

Prayer for Divine Mercy

An invitation to all men and women to be part of God's plan. We invite you to meet in prayer for the world and our nation to put their trust in God.

Our hope is that the nations will have a new spirit of morality. Please come with your love and hope for humanity as well as your prayer requests.

We gather together every **Thursday at 1:30 PM** before the Blessed Sacrament for about one half hour. For more information, call Charles Argento at 586.8528.

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: Wednesday at 10 AM in Lourdes Hall (convent lower level.) *Free babysitting available*
Beginner's meeting at 9:30 AM.

AA Day-by-Day/Girls Night Out: Thursday at 7:30 PM in Lourdes Hall (convent lower level.)

Men's Bible Based Recovery Group: 1st three Wednesdays of the month at 8 PM in Lourdes Hall (convent lower level.) Open to men with any addiction. This is a 12 step program using the "Life Recovery Bible."

Hope House Ministries

In honor of the Hope House Ministries Endowment Fund, Fr. Francis Pizzarelli, SMM and the entire Hope House Ministries family, we are proud to extend to you a very special invitation to attend The Twelfth Annual Endowment Fund Event. Our dinner gathering will be held on **Thursday, March 13th from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the beautiful Villa Lombardi's in Holbrook, New York.** This year we are proud to be honoring Richard and Mary Morrison of The Morrison Family Foundation. For ticket, journal and sponsor information, please call Anne Hudlow at (540) 241-3577

Open Your Heart to Health

Good Samaritan Hospital will host a Free community event "Open Your Heart to Health" on **Saturday, February 8, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm at Westfield/South Shore Mall** by the Lord & Taylor court. Event will feature a mega inflatable walk thru heart, giveaways, expert discussions, information, raffles and more.

Retrouvaille

You Can Help Heal Your Marriage

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped thousands of couples worldwide experiencing ALL TYPES of marital difficulties. For confidential information about the Retrouvaille program, or to register for the upcoming weekend that begins on **Friday, February 7th, 2014** at the Montfort Retreat House in Bay Shore, please call 1-800-470-2230 and you will be connected directly and confidentially to a couple from Long Island/Metro Retrouvaille who can help.

Prayer Opportunities

The Montfort Spiritual Center, Bay Shore, is sponsoring a series focusing on **prayer** on Tuesday evenings in February. **Confessions** at 6:30pm; **talk/presentation** at 7:00pm; **rosary** at 7:45pm and **Mass** at 8:15pm. The themes are: **Feb. 4:** I want to be a person of prayer. Where do I start; **Feb 11:** God is here. I am in God's presence. Do I realize God's love for me?; **Feb. 18:** In prayer we meet God in peace and quiet; how do I do this?; **Feb. 25:** gratitude is the heart of our prayer; do I count my many blessings? For more information, please call: 631.666.7500.

MAGNIFICAT Retreat

February 28-March 2, 2014

You are invited to attend a Retreat sponsored by Magnificat - a ministry to Catholic women starting on Friday, February 28th through Sunday, March 2nd, which will be held at the Immaculate Conception Seminary in Huntington, NY. Our speaker is Sister Miriam James, who is gifted and anointed to teach and to bring healing to the hearts of women. Sister Miriam James travels around the country speaking and sharing her testimony, leading women to walk as true Daughters of the King! The cost is \$230 per person and reservations are required, as space is limited. For more information, please call Angela Rizzo at (516) 763-1739.

Knights of Columbus Valentine's Day Dance

On **Friday, February 14 at 8:00pm**, the Knights of Columbus are hosting a Valentine's Day Dance with a 50's theme. It will take place at the Council Hall at 1341 5th Ave, Bay Shore (just north of Sunrise Highway). There will be a hot buffet with beer, wine and soda. There will also be a Chinese Auction and raffles. There will be a 50's Dress Contest. Tickets are \$55 per couple or \$30 a head. For more information, visit their website: www.kofc564.org or telephone at: 631-665-9075/631-495-1263. Proceeds will go to help out our seminarians.

Sharing the Gospel

When Joseph and Mary brought baby Jesus to the temple, they dedicated Jesus to God. An old man named Simeon was also in the temple that day. As soon as Simeon saw and held baby Jesus, he praised God. He knew that Jesus was going to bring God's love to all people, including you.



Mission for the Week

Ask the Holy Spirit to show you how special Jesus is.



Puzzle

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

present

doves

Spirit

peace

light

glory

parents

child

Simeon

persnet

p r e s e n t

clihd

lgith

Smione

devos

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Prayer

God,
I thank you for
sending Jesus to
save all people
from sin.



Something to Draw

Draw a picture of
the old man Simeon
happily holding baby
Jesus.