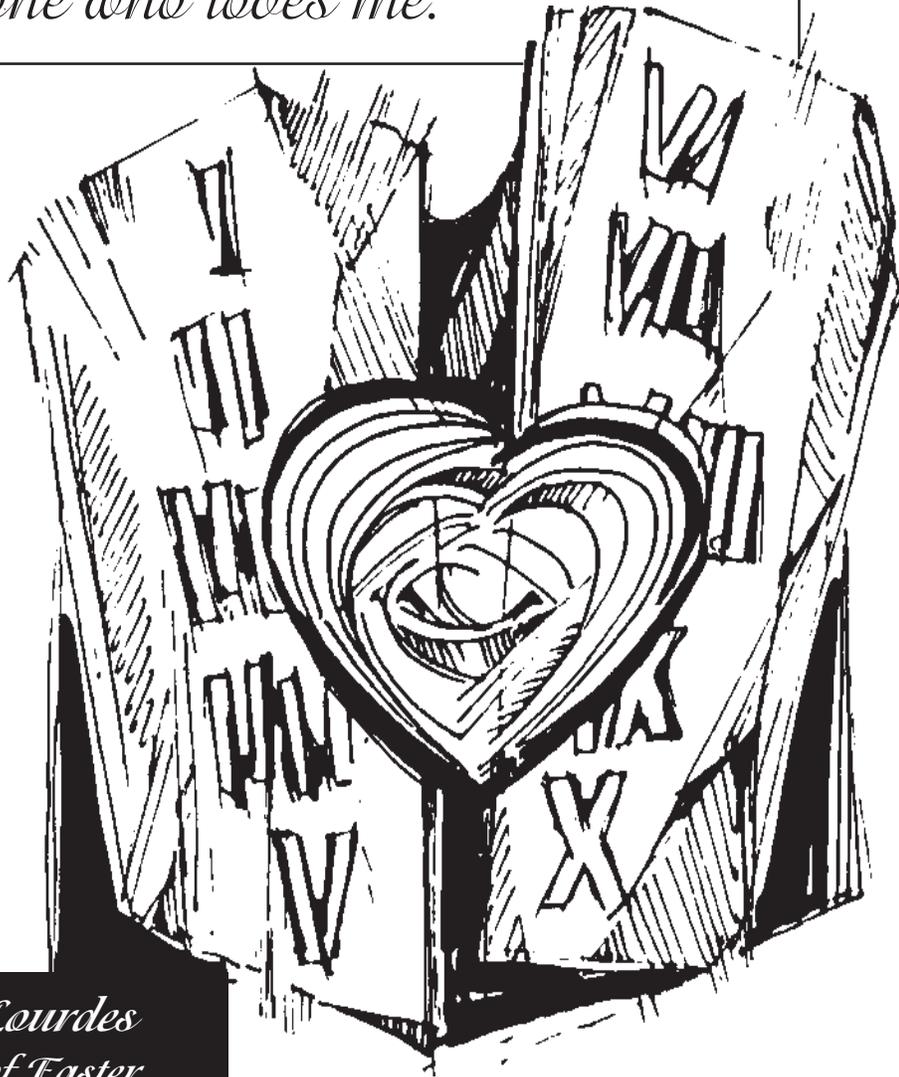


*“Whoever has my commandments
and observes them
is the one who loves me.*



*Our Lady of Lourdes
Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 1, 2005*

*And whoever loves me will be loved
by my Father, and I will love him
and reveal myself to him.”*

John 14:20-21

*Our
Lady of
Lourdes*

455 Hunter Avenue
West Islip, New York 11795

Pastoral Team

Rev. Michael A. Vetrano

Pastor

Rev. Stanislaus Chukwube

Associate Pastor

Welcome to our Parish Family! New Parishioners are cordially invited to register as members of our parish family. Please call or visit 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.

Rev. Ambrose Cabildo

In Residence

Rev. James C. Vlaun

In Residence

Deacon Stephen M. Behar

Deacon John DeGuardi

Deacon Jules O. A. Gagnon

Parish Outreach

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Sr. Nancy Campkin

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John Sureau

Fr. Mike Vetrano

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Barbara Catusco

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Parish Office

Debbie Meyer

Bulletin /Parish Office

Rosemary Multer

School Office

Rex Muro

Organist

Rita Spera

Religious Education Office

Welcome Fr. Ambrose Cabildo!



The parish family of OLL is happy to welcome Fr. Ambrose Cabildo to our rectory.

Fr. Ambrose comes to us from Candon City, Philippines. His studies have taken him to Italy and Canada, as well as America. Fr. Ambrose is no stranger to Long Island, however. He was here in the 1980's and worked with Catholic Charities as one of the founders of our Parish Outreach Centers. As you might guess, he has a strong background in social work and received his CSW from Fordham University.

Fr. Ambrose expects to be with us for several months. His main work will be as a chaplain at Consolation Nursing Home, but he will also be helping us with our daily and Sunday Masses, with wakes and funeral Masses and other pastoral tasks.

We are glad to have him with us as part of our OLL family!

The Ascension of the Lord

Great feast that Easter is, one day (*not even three days!*) is insufficient to celebrate the fullness of the mystery of the resurrection.

So, as Christians, we keep a fifty-day-long festival, punctuated by the Solemnity of the Ascension of our Lord—the fortieth day of Easter.

The feast of the Ascension, like a prism, helps us focus the wondrous colors of the Easter spectrum.



These images from the Ascension liturgy give us a sense of the hope and joy that color this feast: “Christ’s ascension is our glory and hope.” “The joy of the resurrection and the ascension renews the whole world.” “Where Christ has gone, we hope to follow.” “Christ has passed beyond our sight, not to abandon us, but to be our hope.” “Christ was taken up to heaven to claim for us a share in his divine life.”

If we have been united with Christ through baptism in his death and resurrection, we are surely united with him in the transformation and redemption of his humanity. What we celebrate, however, is not only a past or future event. We are given glimpses of our glorious destiny even now. So, feet firmly planted on earth, the community gathers to rejoice in the life we share with the risen Lord.

We celebrate **The Ascension of the Lord** here at Our Lady of Lourdes on **Wednesday, May 4 at 5 PM**, and on **Thursday, May 5 at 8 AM and 8 PM**.

Please come and celebrate this holy day of obligation with us!



Readings
Week of May 1

Sunday

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17
1 Pt 3:15-18
Jn 14:15-21

Monday

Acts 16:11-15
Jn 15:26-16:4a

Tuesday

1 Cor 15:1-8
Jn 14:6-14

Wednesday

Acts 17:15, 22-18:1
Jn 16:12-15

Thursday

Ascension

Acts 1:1-11
Eph 1:17-23
Mt 28:16-20

Friday

Acts 18:9-18
Jn 16:20-23

Saturday

Acts 18:23-28
Jn 16:23b-28

Next Sunday

Acts 1:12-14
1 Pt 4:13-16
Jn 17:1-11a



6th Sunday of Easter

To badly paraphrase a commercial: the time it takes to go to Church (round trip): 90 minutes; time spent praying each day: 15 minutes; time the effect lasts: eternal. Some things time can buy. For everything eternal, there's Jesus. St. Paul said it better. "In the end there are three things that last: faith, hope and love. And the greatest of these is love."

The virtues of faith, hope and love are the key ingredients of everything that is good, the things that money can't buy. Peace is one of them. True peace is not the absence of war, but rather the presence of love. It comes from the security love offers, free from fear. It's being in right relationship with God, self and others. It comes as a gift from the source of love - God Himself.

Exchanging the sign of peace is not the same thing as saying "have a nice day" or "I hope your day is quiet." The sign of peace is a reminder that we all dwell within the love of God, striving for unity in him and with each other. Peace is the gift of Jesus because he unites us with himself and with the Father. It is the security of knowing that our life and faith have a purpose and mission, a value and a goal. The sign of faith is also the sign of peace. (c) 2005 Liturgical Publications Inc

Financial Summary

April 24, 2005

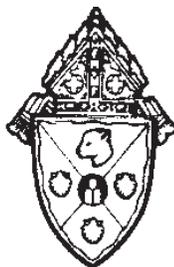
Weekly Collection	\$ 17,598.40
Weekly Budget	<u>-\$ 19,057.00</u>
+/- for the week	\$ (1,458.00)

Sudan \$ 2,171.50

The estimated weekly collection needed to maintain and operate our parish buildings, ministries, programs, and salaries is \$19,057.

Catholic Ministries Appeal

*“Touching the lives of many
through Diocesan &
Parish ministries
and services.”*



*Thank you to all those parishioners who have responded
so quickly and so generously to the CMA.*

Parish status:	April 20, 2005
Pledged to date:	\$99,629
Potential Rebate:	\$9,963
Pledges to date:	420
Average pledge:	\$240.48

Thank you to all those parishioners who have responded so generously to the CMA. We are more than two-thirds of the way to our parish pledge goal of \$118,600 which was the amount contributed in 2004. However, many more pledges are needed if we are to meet/exceed this goal.

These gifts support ministries such as: Catholic Charities, the Seminary, Pastoral Ministries, Education/Formation and local parish projects. These ministries provide programs for social services and goods for the needy, personal development and spiritual growth. Through their programs, these ministries support schools, housing for the elderly, protection for the abused and services for the chronically ill, chemically dependent and disabled. Pastoral ministries of our deacons, chaplains and missionary staff are also supported through CMA. (Last year, our parish received \$34,900 from the appeal to help fund our own programs and ministries.) ***These are the ministries, programs and services that all Catholics need to support if we are to fulfill the mission of the Church.***

This year's rebate formula will generate increased amounts for new pledges of \$50 or more. If you were not able to pledge last year, please consider making a pledge this year.

Pledges can be sent to the parish office or deposited in the collection baskets. Checks accompanying the pledges, although not necessary to make a pledge, should be made payable to "Catholic Ministries Appeal" and enclosed in an appropriately labeled envelope. Blank pledge cards are available at all the Church entrances.

Altar Society

Rose Grant

Pray for Our Sick

Jannine Augustine
Christian Bullock
Lynn Castellano
Lloyd "Jerry" Castonguay
Regina Cranor
Edward Cronin
MaryAnn Cronin
Marie Duncan
Soledad Esposito
John Finch
Maryann Hartzler
Benjamin Vincent Margulies
Marguerite Martinelli
Arabella Elizabeth McCarthy
Nichole O'Connor
Lydia Olsen
Virginia Petrino
Joe Radosti
Rose Serragano
Dorothy Sullivan
Regina Twible
Al Velten
Loretta Vitale

Stewardship

“When We Love, We Serve”

Children’s Liturgy of the Word

Minister Profile:Patty Walsh

In both Luke 8:16 and Mark 4:21, Jesus tells us:

“No one lights a lamp and puts it under a bowl or under a bed. A lamp is always put on a lamp stand, so that the people coming into the house will see the light...”



Patty Walsh began her involvement in ministry first as a catechist at St. Cyril’s nine years ago, where she also facilitated a “new mom’s group” as part of the Baptism Ministry there. She later joined Our Lady of Lourdes Parish where she has been a catechist for seven years, serves as a Lector, and more recently as a member of the Children’s Liturgy of the Word Ministry.

As a member of the Family Liturgy for several years, it “made sense” for Patty to join the Children’s Liturgy of the Word Ministry last Lent when it first began. She initially saw joining as an opportunity for her son to lector and for them to be involved in something together. When speaking with Patty, one could feel her enthusiasm and love for teaching children, as well as for this program. “Getting children more involved is a great concept, something I had inquired about a number of years ago”, she shared.

Children’s Liturgy of the Word has given Patty an opportunity to further her involvement with young children of our parish and help provide them with insights into the readings at a more age appropriate level. She believes that is this important work, that helps make it easier for children to understand God’s Word and allows us to share our faith with them. “This is such a gift, this opportunity to learn from them as well.”

Patty has many gifts; her desire to share her faith with others is just one. Her openness to work with the others in the “Children’s Liturgy of the Word, is another. She expresses, “We are just in the infancy of this program, we are constantly evolving. . . We need to climb and fall, and then we pick ourselves up and try again”. She feels that the impact of this parish ministry; teaching children now, in a way that makes sense to them, will directly affect their participation in church in their future. ”This is a need that we have to fill, sharing our faith with others.” As you speak with Patty, you can’t help but be touched by her tremendous energy. She feels that faith is an ever changing force in each of our lives. “It’s not just the faith that you have, it’s what you do with it, that’s important. . . By touching one person’s life you’ll never really know how fully you have effected their lives or other’s beyond that one person.”

Patty’s enthusiasm and her involvement in the Children’s Liturgy of the Word Ministry, among other things, exemplifies what Jesus is telling each of us; we all have been given gifts, and no matter how big or small we consider those gifts, they have been given to us so that they may be ‘used’, so that they may ‘shine’ and give glory to God.

Is your lamp hidden under a pot? Are your gifts hidden under your bed? Use this opportunity to reflect on the gifts that God has given you, and how you may ‘light the world’ with those gifts. This weekend, in the Narthex, members of the Children’s Liturgy of the Word Ministry are at each Mass to answer any questions you may have about their ministry. You can sign up for this ministry by contacting either John Sureau or Joanne Maher at the Parish Office at 661-3224 .



Youth Ministry

Rachel Barton Pine - Classical Violinist in Concert at OLL!

Ms. Pine is recovering well from her injury.

Her concert is rescheduled for **May 20 at 8 PM!** Get your tickets at the Parish Office - \$20 for adults and \$5 for students.

All proceeds to benefit our sister parish in Esquipulas, El Salvador!

Adult Faith Formation

Living Wills, Health Care Proxies, Patient Rights

Come join us for an informative, current, and empowering presentation. Recent events remind us of the challenging legal and ethical decisions that may be required of patients and their families in today's medical environment.

Learn the practical steps we can take now to ensure good care for ourselves and our loved ones. We will address living wills, health care proxies, and other end-of-life issues. While some would prefer not to think about these issues, through informed planning, we increase the chances that our wishes will be met.

The two-lecture course will be presented by Marty and Anne Kerrigan, R.N., M.A. on **Wednesdays, May 11 and May 18 from 7:30 -9:30 PM in the OLL Parish Center.**

Pre-registration is necessary and helpful. This will enable us to have enough reading material and refreshments for all those attending. Please call the Religious Education office at 661.5440 or email to religioused@ollchurch.org.

Parish Appreciation Party

Save the date for our annual "**Parish Appreciation Party.**"

This year the big event will be on **Sunday, May 29**, from **1:30 PM until 4 PM** on the **Great Lawn**. All are invited! There will be games, live DJ, and more.

Watch future bulletins for more details.

School News

Mother's Day Plant Sale

Our Lady of Lourdes School will once again have its Mother's Day Plant Sale!

The plants will be on sale **after all Masses on the weekend of April 30/May 1**—just in time for Mother's Day!

Parish Calendar

Daily Mass

8 AM

Weekend Masses

Saturday: 5 PM

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

Reconciliation

Saturday: 4 PM - 4:45 PM

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.

Communion Calls

Communion brought to those
who are homebound.
Contact the Parish Office.

Marriage

Arranged at least six months
in advance, please contact
the Parish Office.

Rosary/Novena

Rosary:

Daily after 8 AM Mass

Miraculous Medal Novena:

Monday after 8 AM Mass

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.

Sunday, May 1

9:30 AM	Family Mass/ Children's Liturgy of the Word	<i>Church/ Café/Lawn</i>
9:30 AM	Rosary Christian Mother's Mass and Communion Breakfast	<i>Church/PC</i>
12:30 PM	Pre-Cana Blessing of Couples	<i>Church</i>
4:30 PM	Contemporary Music Group Practice	<i>Church</i>

Monday, May 2

10:00 AM	Senior Circle Tai Chi	<i>Parish Center</i>
4:00 PM	PEP 3 Class	<i>Classrooms...</i>
7:45 PM	Rosary (led by RCM)	<i>Church</i>
8:00 PM	Rosary Christian Mothers Meeting	<i>Parish Center</i>

Tuesday, May 3

9:00 AM	SAGE	<i>Parish Center</i>
7:30 PM	Adult Faith Formation	<i>Room 16</i>

Wednesday, May 4

10:00 AM	PEP 1 Parent Meeting	<i>Parish Center</i>
8:00 PM	PEP 1 Parent Meeting	<i>Parish Center</i>
8:00 PM	Adult Choir Practice	<i>Parish Center</i>

Thursday, May 5

3:00 PM	Jesus, King of All Nations Prayer Group	<i>Bl. Sac. Chapel</i>
4:00 PM	PEP 1 Class	<i>Classrooms/Ch</i>
7:30 PM	PEP 1 Catechist Workshop	<i>Room 17</i>

Friday, May 6

9:30 AM	PEP 1 Catechist Workshop	<i>Room 17</i>
8:00 PM	Good Samaritan Prayer Group	<i>Room 16</i>

Saturday, May 7

6:15 PM	Nocturnal Adoration	<i>Bl. Sac. Chapel</i>
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Sunday, May 8

7:40 AM	Rosary (led by the HNS)	<i>Church</i>
9:00 AM	Holy Name Society Meeting	<i>Room 16</i>
9:30 AM	Family Mass/ Children's Liturgy of the Word	<i>Parish Center</i>
4:30 PM	Contemporary Music Group Practice	<i>Church</i>

Celebrating Sacraments

Remembering...

Monday, May 2

8:00 AM Josephine Matarese

Tuesday, May 3

8:00 AM Christopher Versace

Wednesday, May 4

8:00 AM Robert Moore

5:00 PM Don Sabatino

Thursday, May 5

Ascension of the Lord

8:00 AM Kathryn Herger

8:00 PM Salvatore Fico

Friday, May 6

8:00 AM Nardo Nessi

Saturday, May 7

8:00 AM Maureen A. Parson, Henry Piechucki, Frank Muccio & Jerry McCarthy, Charles Gargone, Daniel Staehler, August Wighaus, Thomas DeSalvo, Mary Elizabeth Collins, Jesse Levario, Rose Monroe

5:00 PM Rose Chapuisat

Fr. Ambrose Cabildo

Sunday, May 8

8:00 AM Anthony LaRocca

Fr. Stan Chukwube

9:30 AM Carmella Capparelli

Fr. Stan Chukwube

11:00 AM Theresa Reardon

Fr. Mike Vetrano

12:30 PM Paula & Franklin Edwards

(L) 40th Anniversary

Fr. Stan Chukwube

6:00 PM Nicholas Spinelli, Helen Rush, Edward Dillon, Marion Coniglio, Philip & Marie Loria, Anne Regan, Rachael Williamson, Anne Massaro, Mary Putignano, Carol Raso, Anthony Mattered, Sean Ryan, Joan Barry

Fr. Jim Vlaun

Gentle Reminder:

Thursday, May 5 is the Ascension of the Lord, a holy day of obligation. Mass schedule at left and page 3 for more details.

Baptisms

Hannah Antulov

Robert & Patricia

Jakob Matthew Brower

Gregory & Charissa

Brianna Nicole Fischer

Edward & Barbara

Ryan Adam Lella

Jason & Juliane

Samantha Lynn Luvera

Vincent & Angela

Timothy Edward Sherman

Michael & Grace

Resting in Peace

Robert D. Walker,

husband of Barbara

Mary C. Sanzo,

aunt of Mary

Jospehine Sanfilippo,

wife of Michael

Rose Del Pizzo,

mother of Fred

Maura Ehrhardt,

sister of Jean

Joseph Maggiore,

uncle of Dominick

Parish Office

661-3224

Monday-Friday: 9 AM - 7:30 PM

Saturday: 9 AM - 5 PM

Sunday: 9 AM - 2 PM

email:

ParishOffice@ollchurch.org

fax: 661-7143

Website

www.ollchurch.org

Our Lady of Lourdes

School

587-7200

Monday-Friday:

9 AM - 3 PM

email:

ReginaC@ollschool.org

Religious Education

Office

661-5440

Monday-Friday:

9 AM - Noon

1 PM - 5 PM

7 PM - 9 PM

email:

ReligiousEd@ollchurch.org

Parish Outreach

661-9262

Monday-Friday:

9:30 AM - 3:30 PM

SAGE

661-3224

(Senior Advocates for

Growth and Enrichment)

email:

Sage@ollchurch.org

Thrift & Gift Boutique

Monday & Thursday:

9 AM - 11 AM

Saturday: 10 AM - 1 PM

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:

Jerry Clark, Jr.-US Army

Justin Estelle-US Army

John Finn-US Army

William Morrow-US Marines

Brad Soyack-US Army

John Thompson-US Marines



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

Holy Name Society

Take me out to the ballgame!

Don't miss this opportunity to buy raffle tickets to win two tickets to ten **L. I. Ducks game**. The OLL Holy Name Society will be selling raffle tickets after weekend Masses.

Raffle tickets are \$1 each or \$5 for six tickets.

Nocturnal Adoration

Happy Mother's Day!

Eucharistic Adoration will *follow the 5 PM Mass* on **Saturday, May 7** with Benediction at 9:50 PM.

Please come and pray with us—our prayers will be for the Pope, for mothers, grandmothers, and guardians of our children and grandchildren. We will also pray for all women and religious who have helped us on our life's journey.

All are invited and welcome! Bring a friend.



Pastoral Care of the 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.

SAGE

The SAGE Group (Senior Advocates for Growth and Enrichment) will meet on **Tuesday, May 3 in the Parish Center at 9 AM.** All older parishioners are welcome.

Parish Outreach

Outreach Office Hours

Monday through Friday from 9:30 AM until 3:30 PM.

For information/assistance call 661.9262.

Scrip is sold in the Outreach office during business hours.

Home Care

If you need help at home—home companion or child care—please call Parish Outreach at 661.9262.

Our Lady of Lourdes Bereavement

Our parish support group for those who have lost a loved one—All Are Welcome!

If interested, please call the Parish Outreach Office at 661.9262.

Pantry Needs

Thank you for your continued generosity in helping to provide food and necessities for so many in need.

The pantry stock has run a little low, therefore, the current pantry needs are many.

Please donate whatever you can—some suggested items would be: baked beans, boxed rice, canned fruits, chicken in a can, coffee, cookies, crackers, instant potatoes, jelly, mayonnaise, mustard, peanut butter, relish, spaghetti sauce, sugar, toothbrushes/ toothpaste, tuna fish.



Parish Societies

Holy Name

Second Sunday of each month at the 8 AM Mass followed by breakfast meeting.

Daytime Eucharistic Devotion

Wednesday (following first Saturday of month) from 1 PM to 3 PM.

Nocturnal/Eucharistic Adoration

First Saturday of each month from 6 PM to 10 PM.

Senior Circle

Last Monday of each month at 12:30 PM in the Parish Center.

Rosary-Christian Mothers

First Monday of each month for spiritual and social evenings.

Support Groups

Alcoholics Anonymous

Monday and Tuesday at 8 PM and Saturday at 7 PM in Lourdes Hall. (lower level-convent)

ALANON

Each Wednesday at 10 AM in Lourdes Hall (lower level-convent).

Day of Enrichment for...

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to be held at St. Catherine of Sienna Parish, Franklin Square on Friday, May 6 from 10:30 AM until 12:30 PM. Also at Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary in Southampton on Monday, May 9 from 1-3 PM and Christ the King in Commack on May 16 from 7-9:30 PM. For registration and information please call 516.678.5800, ext. 631.

Heal Our Broken Hearts

A support group for parents, who have lost their child through death, will begin at **Our Lady of Grace Church in West Babylon on Tuesday, May 3.** For further information call Maureen Caruso at 631.888.1649.

Looking for...

compassionate individuals willing to volunteer their time. Our Lady of Consolation Nursing and Rehabilitative Care Center is currently seeking volunteers. Interested individuals must be at least fourteen years of age. Those interested in becoming a part of our volunteer team should contact Director of Volunteer Services Jean Hesler or Gina Irwin, Community Relations Assistant at 587.2400, extension 8331/8357.

Pastoral Formation Institute

Are you looking for a community where you can grow spiritually and explore your faith? Think Pastoral Formation Institute! Come to one of our information sessions at **St. James Parish, Setauket on Thursday, May 12 at 10 AM, St. Frances de Chantal Parish, Wantagh on May 4 at 10 AM, May 5 at 8 PM or May 7 at 11:30 AM.** To register for an information session call Fran at 516.678.5800, ext 630.

Religion & Rock

Tune into "Religion & Rock" with Fr. 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. Next Sunday's theme is: **"The Great Outdoors"**. Don't forget to tune in! Visit "Religion & Rock" on the web, www.religionandrock.com.

Sociable Singles-Age 40 +

Sociable singles dance to be held on **Saturday, May 7 at 8 PM at the Knights of Columbus**, Long Island Ave., Deer Park. There will be food, D.J. and cash bar. \$20 donation at the door. For further information please call 631.242.4711

The Sandwich Generation at the Picnic of Life

Giving care to elderly parents and young children while clinging to one's own sanity will be presented by Dr. Patricia Pitta, Ph.D., ABPP. Insights and skills for nourishing one's self, as well as the rest of the family in the complexity of contemporary life at St. Mary's Parish, Manhasset on Wednesday, May 11 from 7:30-9:30 PM. For further information, please call Corinne Lok at 516.536.3473.



Growing with the GOSPEL

Sharing the Gospel

Sometimes we say we like something, but aren't sure we want to buy it. Then someone may say, "Put your money where your mouth is!" We need to decide if we really mean what we say or not.

Today Jesus says, "If you love me, keep my commands." It's easy to say we love Jesus, but it's not real love if we won't pay the price, if we won't give up bad habits (like cheating, stealing, lying, fighting, or disobeying). Jesus knows we need the Holy Spirit to help us. That's why he promises to give us "the Spirit of Truth." We don't need to be perfect to receive this gift. We just need to say "yes" to Jesus - and mean it.



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Prayer

Dear God,
I love you. I want to prove it by living your way. I want to keep all your commands, but I can't. I need your Holy Spirit to help me. Thank you for giving me the Holy Spirit to be with me always. The Holy Spirit will help me show my love for you by obeying you.



Mission

for the Week

Do something you've been putting off. Clean your room, rake the lawn, or take out the trash with a smile. Do it to show your love for God.



Word Search

Circle the following words from today's Gospel in this puzzle. Go up, down, side to side, or diagonally.

LOVE
OBEY
COMMAND

FATHER
COUNSELOR
SPIRIT

WORLD
ACCEPT
ORPHANS

I	C	Y	M	O	N	U	D	L	A	O
V	S	E	F	A	T	H	E	R	M	E
Y	P	O	N	C	U	E	W	O	I	L
L	I	D	W	C	H	V	A	L	T	W
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