

***“They belonged to you,
and you gave them to me,
and now they have
kept your word.”***



John 17:6-7

***“Now they know that
everything you gave me
is from you,...***

Seventh Sunday of Easter • May 8, 2005

*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!

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

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Deacon John DeGuardi

Deacon Jules O. A. Gagnon

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Rita Spera

Religious Education Office

Pentecost Sunday Celebration!

To celebrate our common gift of God's Spirit, you are asked to wear something red to **Mass next weekend, May 14/15–Pentecost Sunday**. It will be a visible reminder of our being touched by the flame of love and zeal for the building up of God's Kingdom here and now!

Multiple Choice for Pentecost Sunday

The Bible describes God sending the Holy Spirit upon the disciples:

- a) *50 days after the resurrection*
- b) *the same day as the resurrection*
- c) *centuries before the resurrection*
- d) *all of the above.*

We're tempted to mark letter "a". After all, "Pentecost" means "50 days." The story which leaps to our minds on this feast gathers the disciples together for the sudden sound of wind and the bright appearance of tongues of fire (*Acts 2:1-11*).

However, a better answer is "d"—all of the above. Since the traditional Pentecost story comes from Acts of the Apostles, it serves as our first reading for the feast. But next Sunday's gospel reports that Jesus sent the Holy Spirit on the day of the resurrection (*John 20:19-23*). And several passages from the Old Testament foreshadow the whole experience.

St. John does not record Pentecost in the same way Luke does in Acts. Instead, he reports that Jesus appeared to his faithful followers on the evening of the resurrection and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit." This reading lies behind the famous story of the doubting St. Thomas. We don't know where he was—visiting the sick, asleep at home, or playing at the boats. But Thomas missed out on the event recorded here and demanded proof before he'd believe in Jesus.

The passage begins with a description of Jesus' ability to walk through locked doors and calm the fear of his disciples. He shows the wounds of his hands and side, proof that he is the same one so brutally put to death. Then he sends them forth: "**As the Father has sent me, so I send you.**" He gives them the greatest gift of all: "**Receive the Holy Spirit.**" Why? "**If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them.**" As the disciples go out on their mission, they forgive the sins of those who seek to join them. Their mission is that of the Holy Spirit—the restoration of unity.

So, when does the Bible describe the coming of the Spirit? Luke places it fifty days after Easter. John places it on Easter day. The Old Testament prophecies tell about it hundreds of years in advance. And we celebrate that coming of the Spirit in a special way, year after year, on one of the greatest feasts we have—Pentecost. Multiple are the gifts of the Spirit. Multiple are our choices in using them.

trust

Readings Week of May 8

Sunday

Acts 1:12-14

1 Pt 4:13-16

Jn 17:1-11a

Monday

Acts 19:1-8

Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday

Acts 20:17-27

Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday

Acts 20:28-38

Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11

Jn 17:20-26

Friday

Acts 25:13b-21

Jn 21:15-19

Saturday

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26

Jn 15:9-17

Next Sunday

Vigil: Ez 37:1-14

Rom 8:22-27

Jn 7:37-39;

Day: Acts 2:1-11

1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13

Jn 20:19-23



7th Sunday of Easter

A great show for those who like home improvement projects is “Extreme Makeover: Home Edition”. A team of builders and designers show up to completely renovate someone’s home. Usually the homeowners have some extenuating circumstance that makes them a great candidates for a makeover. The catch is that they have no idea - and little say in - what their new home will look like.

When we are baptized, even as adults - we have no idea where our journey of faith will take us. Many of those who have completed the RCIA expressed their amazement at the changes that occurred in their lives. When we decide to follow the Lord, the only thing we are promised is that we will never be alone. He walks with us as we seek to build his Kingdom on earth.

Faith requires courage and trust. Courage allows us to accomplish our mission, to go wherever we are sent, to be witnesses to faith. We trust that God will bring to fulfillment the work he begins in each of us, granting us the grace we need. Like an extreme home makeover, he calls us to build the Kingdom in a world that needs his design and plan of hope and love.

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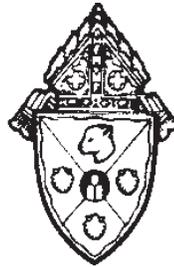
May 1, 2005

Weekly Collection	\$ 18,771.55
Weekly Budget	-\$ 19,057.00
+/- for the week	\$ (285.45)

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 27, 2005
Pledged to date:	\$103,354
Potential Rebate:	\$10,335
Pledges to date:	444
Average pledge:	\$232.78

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

Janet Loehr

Pray for Our Sick

Jannine Augustine
Christian Bullock
Lynn Castellano
Regina Cranor
Edward Cronin
MaryAnn Cronin
Marie Duncan
John Finch
Benjamin Vincent Margulies
Marguerite Martinelli
Arabella Elizabeth McCarthy
Vincent Meade
Nichole O'Connor
Lydia Olsen
Marion O'Neill
Virginia Petrino
Joe Radosti
Rose Serragano
Dorothy Sullivan
Regina Twible
Loretta Vitale

“When We Love, We Serve”

Ministry Profile: Pastoral Council

Parish Pastoral Councils are groups of Catholic parishioners who advise their pastors by studying and reflecting on parish issues and then recommending conclusions. Three distinct features mark the concept of representation in parish councils. The first is that the parish comprises diverse groups with competing interests, and council members are to look after those interests. Second, representation in the council is a matter of both attitude and proportion: although all members should have an attitude that the good of the parish comes first, nevertheless members should reflect the demographic profile of the parish. Finally, representation may be linked to certain qualities of parish councilors, such as their active participation in and knowledge of ministry. The laity's experience of the council is diverse and drawn from experience.

The **Pastoral Council** of Our Lady of Lourdes is led by Father Michael Vetrano (*the Pastor*). In addition to Fr. Mike, there are two members from the Pastoral Team (*called ex-officio*) and eleven parishioners who come from a wide variety of parish ministries and are chosen from the community. The **Pastoral Council** endeavors to assist the Pastoral Team in developing a vision for the future of the parish. This vision is developed through the identification of issues on an ongoing basis. Then we participate in long range planning while maintaining the integrity of the parish mission and the objectives and goals related to it.

The **Pastoral Council** meets approximately once a month. Twice during the year there is a joint meeting with the Pastoral Team. These meetings provide a forum for the exchange of ideas and feedback from parishioners. When the council meets a wide variety of topics are discussed. The range of topics has included the recent liturgical changes, the OLL website, VIRTUS training and stewardship.

As the parish approaches its' **50th Anniversary** the **Pastoral Council** is involved in planning many of the activities that will surround the anniversary. It is our hope that the **50th Anniversary** will be a time when we come together as a parish family and reflect on how much God has blessed our community. This parish family has come a long way these past almost 50 years. We have come all the way from celebrating Mass in a storefront to celebrating today in our Church that provides for all a warm and welcoming atmosphere. As our parish continues to grow we look at future needs and how we as a parish family will provide for those needs. We will hopefully do this through prayer and discernment as well as developing a deeper understanding of all our parishioners and what services they require.

Next weekend one or more of us will be at the doors of the church greeting you as you leave. Please stop by to say hello. We also have a link on the OLL website and can be reached through email at pastoralcouncil@ollchurch.org.

Jesus, the Light in My Darkness

*in my sorrow in my loneliness
in my conflicts*

The Ministry of Family Healing invites you to a night of prayer and reflection. Come “*Light Your Darkness*” on **Wednesday, May 25 at 7:30 PM in the Parish Center**. Please call the Religious Education Office to register at 661.5440. Please join us for food and fellowship following prayer and reflection. Hope to see you there!

in my sadness

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.

Youth Ministry



Rachel Barton Pine - Classical Violinist in Concert at OLL!

Ms. Pine’s concert is rescheduled for **May 20 at 8 PM!**
Get your tickets at the Parish Office—only \$20 for adults and \$5 for students.
All proceeds to benefit our sister parish in El Salvador!

School News

Although the weather was rainy, the day was truly beautiful!

On Saturday, **April 23**, the second graders of Our Lady of Lourdes, accompanied by two third graders received **First Eucharist**. Father Mike presided at the Mass, which was attended by parents, brothers, sisters, grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins. It was truly a wonderful day!! A special thank you to Mrs. Fran Sullivan and her classroom aide, Mrs. Nancy Kuchler, for preparing the children so well.

On Friday, **April 22**, the sixth, seventh, and eighth graders were given a very inspiring talk by a member of the **Diocesan Vocations Committee**, Father Douglas Arcoleo. The students were fascinated by his presentation and very impressed.

Monday, **April 25**, brought a team of educators from **Good Samaritan Hospital**, to conduct a program entitled “**Stranger Safety**”. This program featured puppets reminding the students about how to stay safe. Each student was even given a bag of goodies!

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 8

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| 7:40 AM | Rosary (<i>led by Holy Name Society</i>) | <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>Church</i> |
| 4:30 PM | Contemporary Music Group Practice | <i>Church</i> |

Monday, May 9

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| 10:00 AM | Senior Circle Tai Chi | <i>Parish Center</i> |
| 12 Noon | Parish Outreach Volunteer Meeting | <i>Parish Center</i> |
| 4:00 PM | PEP 3 Class | <i>Classrooms...</i> |
| 8:00 PM | Baptism Ministry Meeting | <i>Parish Center</i> |

Tuesday, May 10

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|----------------|----------------------------|----------------------|
| 9:00 AM | SAGE | <i>Parish Center</i> |
| 7:30 PM | Adult Faith Formation | <i>Room 16</i> |
| 7:30 PM | Grade 7 Sponsor Enrollment | <i>Church/APR</i> |

Wednesday, May 11

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|----------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| 1:00 PM | Eucharistic Adoration | <i>Bl. Sac. Chapel</i> |
| 6:00 PM | FHC Practice- "d" | <i>Church</i> |
| 7:30 PM | Adult Faith Formation | <i>Parish Center</i> |

Thursday, May 12

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| 3:00 PM | Jesus, King of All Nations
Prayer Group | <i>Bl. Sac. Chapel</i> |
| 6:00 PM | FHC Practice- "e" | <i>Church</i> |
| 7:00 PM | Youth Choir Practice | <i>Parish Center</i> |
| 8:00 PM | Adult Choir Practice | <i>Parish Center</i> |
| 8:00 PM | Evangelization Ministry Meeting | <i>Room 16</i> |

Friday, May 13

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|----------------|-----------------------------|----------------|
| 8:00 PM | Good Samaritan Prayer Group | <i>Room 16</i> |
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Sunday, May 15

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|-----------------|--|----------------------|
| 9:30 AM | Family Mass/
Children's Liturgy of the Word | <i>Parish Center</i> |
| 12:00 PM | Adult Choir Executive Board Mtg | <i>Room 16</i> |
| 4:30 PM | Contemporary Music Group Practice | <i>Church</i> |

Celebrating Sacraments

Remembering...

Monday, May 9

8:00 AM John Sweeney

Tuesday, May 10

8:00 AM Louise T. Reidemann

Wednesday, May 11

8:00 AM Mary & Anthony Sabala

Thursday, May 12

8:00 AM John Russo

Friday, May 13

8:00 AM Matthew William Ranfle

Saturday, May 14

8:00 AM Anna Connolly, John D'Arienzo, Mary Johnson,
Florence Dunn, Lucille Loffredo, Elizabeth
Gallagher, George Clark, Helen Caramonica,
Fred Terranova (*10th Anniv*), James T. Gould, Sr.

5:00 PM Danny & Mickey Salegna
Fr. Stan Chukwube

Sunday, May 15

8:00 AM JoAnn Crocco
Fr. Ambrose Cabildo

9:30 AM Kathleen & Catherine McNamara
Fr. Mike Vetrano

11:00 AM Richard Heithaus
Fr. Stan Chukwube

12:30 PM Barbara McGarrity
Fr. Ambrose Cabildo

6:00 PM Rose Filangeri, Ann McCormack, Pat Buckley,
Eric Oloff, Eileen Basta, Eugene Parine, John
Schramm, Julius Savino, Marian Notine,
Raymond Mauro, Sr.
Fr. Mike Vetrano

Baptisms

Aidan Joseph Brennan
Colm & Tara
Vincent Nicholas Grieco
Vincent & Adrienne
Andrea Franco Mazzeo
Louis & Kelly
Kyle Michael Morrissey
Niall & Kimberly
Aidan James O'Donnell
James & Noelle
Emma Michelle Powanda
Peter & Sandra
Sabrina Jade Cinque
Andrew & Denise

Resting in Peace

Harry W. Segredell, Jr.,
father of Judith
John A. Rea,
husband of Carole
Al "Andrew" Velten,
husband of Mary

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

Daytime Eucharistic Devotion

The afternoon adoration for the month of May will be on **Wednesday, May 11 from 1-3 PM.** All are invited and welcome to come and pray for our children, peace in our families, peace in the world and for Pope Benedict XVI.



Prayer and Worship

Jesus, King of All Nations Prayer Group will meet on **Thursday, May 12 at 3 PM** in the **Blessed Sacrament Chapel.**

The *Good Samaritan Prayer Group* will meet on **Friday, May 13 at 8 PM** in **Room 16.**

Holy Name Society

Take me out to the ballgame!

The drawing for two tickets to ten *L. I. Ducks game* was held last weekend.

...and the winning ticket number is 242686.

Thank you to all who purchased raffle tickets in support of the OLL Holy Name Society.

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.

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.*

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.

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).

Religion: “Stepping Stone or Stumbling Block to World Peace?”

All parishioners are invited to attend the keynote address by **Rabbi Marc Gellman, Ph.D. and Msgr. Thomas Hartman, Ph.D.**, *“The God Squad”* and *CNN religious commentators* on **Sunday evening May 15 at 7 PM at St. John’s University, Bent Hall Auditorium.**

Admission is free but seating is limited. Please call for further information and reservations at 718.357.0500, extension 115.

Marriage Encounter

Take the leap from just “good” to GREAT on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend! If you would like greater depth, growth, and enrichment in your relationship, you’ll love what a Marriage Encounter Weekend can do for you! The next weekend will be **June 3-5** at the **Radisson in Holtsville**. Reserve your spot by calling 1.800.499.6354 or visit us on the web at www.wmeli.org.

Ministry of Consolation-Part I

The Office of Laity and Family of the Diocese of Rockville Centre presents **Ministry of Consolation-Part I** workshop at **St. Patrick’s in Southold**, each Thursday in June **beginning June 2**. The workshop will be from **10 AM until 12 Noon**. For registration or further information please call 516.678.5800, 631.

Pastoral Formation Institute

Are you looking for a community where you can grow spiritually and explore your faith? Think Pastoral Formation Institute! Come to our information session at **St. James Parish, Setauket on Thursday, May 12 at 10 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:

“**Family Living**”. Don’t forget to tune in!

Visit “Religion & Rock” on the web, www.religionandrock.com.

Let’s Talk About Stroke

St. Patrick’s Family Outreach together with St. Charles Hospital Stroke Program will present a “**Free Stroke Awareness Workshop**” on **Thursday, May 26 from 10 AM until 12 Noon** at **St. Patrick’s Church, Bay Shore**. Please call Catherine Dennis for reservations and information at 631.665.7216.

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 516.678.5800, ext. 508



Growing with the GOSPEL



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Sharing the Gospel

Jesus' plan is really big! He calls us to make disciples of all nations. How can that happen? Maybe it's like

a grassfire. A grassfire can start with a little spark, and the wind takes it away.

When Jesus' love is a fire in our hearts, the Holy Spirit can make it spread everywhere. It just won't stop until the whole world is full of God, until God "makes all things new" like he promised. Do we really want that to happen? Do we really mean what we pray in the Our Father, "Your kingdom come"? It can start with the smiles on our faces and the kind words from our mouths.



Prayer

Dear God, I want everyone to know you. I want the whole world to know your love like I do. Please help me to be a spark of your love, to set everyone around me on fire with love for you.



Mission

for the Week

Ask your pastor for the name and address of a foreign missionary family. Write a letter to encourage them. Tell them you're praying for them so Jesus can reach people far away with his love.



Coded Message

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Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you.