

Lady of Lourdes Pastoral Jeam Rev. Michael A. V Pastor

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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.

 \mathcal{U}_{ision} 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.

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Pentecost 2005

Today, we conclude the great Easter season. The past fifty days have called each of us to live in the "new hope" of the Resurrection – not just an event – but an ever transformation.

Today, the Paschal candle, lit for the first time at the Great Vigil and which has burned throughout the Easter season, will be extinguished, only to be lit at Baptisms and funerals. Let's pray that the light of this candle – *the light of hope* – will continue to burn in our hearts and souls.



Pentecost

A Time for the Spirit...for our Young People

This weekend, on this great feast of **Pentecost**, we welcome our *Confirmation candidates* to all of our Masses. They will seek the support of our parish community as they enter into a time of greater preparation for the **Sacrament of Confirmation** on Thursday, **November 3, 2005**. It now becomes the work of our entire parish to pray for, affirm and empower these young people to prepare well for Confirmation and an even greater role in the life of our parish community.

Parish Appreciation Party

This year the big event will be on Sunday, May 29!

We will begin at the 12:30 PM Mass – Mass of Thanksgiving.

We would like to extend a special invitation to all service women and men (military, police, firefighters, EMTs and more) to come to Mass in uniform for a special blessing.

The Fourth Annual Parish Appreciation Party will be at 1:30 PM on the Great Lawn "under the big tent." All are invited! There will be games, live DJ, and more.

Celebrating Memorial Day

We invite all to a special Bagel Bash "under the big tent"!

Come join us on Monday morning, May 30 after the 8 AM Mass.

All veterans and their families are invited to attend—and will receive a special blessing at Mass. (*In case of rain we will gather in the Parish Center.*)



Readings Week of May 15

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

Monday

Sir 1:1-10

Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday

Sir 2:1-11

Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday

Sir 4:11-19

Mk 9:38-40

Thursday

Sir 5:1-8

Mk 9:41-50

Friday

Sir 6:5-17

Mk 10:1-12

Saturday

Sir 17:1-15

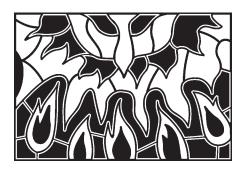
Mk 10:13-16 (346)

Next Sunday

Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9

2 Cor 13:11-13

Jn 3:16-18



Pentecost

In class one day we had a lively discussion about the show "Fear Factor." Students discussed how people overcome fears to accomplish what seems to be impossible. They concluded that motivation and the promise of a great reward would push people beyond their limits to do whatever it takes to win. The main factor was replacing fear with confidence.

The Apostles were afraid. Much had happened in the last few days and their joy was mixed with confusion and uncertainty. Although they had seen Jesus, they also knew the hostility of the crowd. They must have feared for their safety and wondered if they would soon meet their fate. Little did they know that their fate was the Holy Spirit who would come upon them with power and strength. Soon many in that hostile crowd would become the early Church.

We often say that with God all things are possible, yet exclude ourselves from the possibilities. With Baptism and Confirmation, we are sealed in the power of the Holy Spirit, and the spiritual gifts he brings are ours to call upon. God gives us all that we need to be leaders in faith, witnesses of love and bearers of hope. Our confidence in the Spirit will help us accomplish all things good, holy and true. (c) 2005 Liturgical Publications Inc

Financial Summary

May 8, 2005

Weekly Collection \$ 16,744.10 Weekly Budget -\$ 19,057.00 +/- for the week \$ (2,312.90)

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

"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
Terri Ryan

Pray for Our Sick

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

"When We Love, We Serve"

Minister Profile: Marie Yuliano Pastoral Council

Marie Yuliano has been a member of the parish **Pastoral Council** for the past three years. Marie's involvement in ministry here at Our Lady of Lourdes began about fifteen years ago when she began serving as a catechist in Religious Education, at the request of her the nine year old son Joey (as a child, Marie also attended the Religious Education program here). She states, "Watching a student learn or simply enjoy the lesson was extremely rewarding". Marie served as a catechist for six years. Following this work, she became actively involved in many of the fundraising events here at Our Lady of Lourdes School. Marie participated in these activities by serving on many committees. In addition, she took on the responsibility of being chairperson for a number of fundraisers at the school over the past ten years. This led to Marie becoming a member of the Executive Board of Our Lady of Lourdes School. She served on the board for five years and held the position of first vice president for two years and president for three years. Marie has also been a co-leader, for the past six years, for both of her daughters' Girl Scout troops. She is very proud of her Girl Scout troop and has seen them grow as individuals and as a group. They began by doing simple crafts and now have moved on to becoming Recreational Therapists for the residents of Our Lady of Consolation Home.

Marie felt ''honored'' to be invited to apply for membership to the Council. As a parish member for over thirty-five years, she has been an active participant in the growth of the parish. She has witnessed many changes that have occurred at Our Lady of Lourdes over the years. As a council member, she feels she has an ability to participate in the decision-making process for the future of our parish. In the years that Marie has been on the **Pastoral Council**, she has experienced first hand all of the activity that takes place behind the scenes that make all of our activities go. She has learned a great deal about the planning that goes on with each occasion and event. Sharing in this planning has enriched her life in many ways. Marie feels that being a part of the planning of a special Mass or function, and listening to the parishioner's feedback, is a very rewarding experience. As our parish anniversary approaches, she looks forward to the planning of many special celebrations that she will be working on along with other council members.

Marie brings many gifts to her ministerial works here at Lourdes. She has a really keen sense of listening to others. She is eager to learn and tries to be the voice of compromise. Marie finds that we are a parish of people from different backgrounds, who serve in different ministries and who have different ideas. She states, "it is rewarding to see that all are working toward a common goal, the good of our parish!"

Spiritually, Marie feels she has been blessed to be working with such wonderful people. Many of whom she had already crossed paths with, others, she feels "honored to have grown to know". Marie feels that the parish **Pastoral Council** is truly a group of devoted, involved parishioners and is proud to be one of them and looks forward to her work on the Council in the future. Thanks to Marie and all the member of our **Pastoral Council** for the service you give with love to all of us at Our Lady of Lourdes.

Pastoral Council Nominations

This summer there will be three open seats on our Pastoral Council.

If you wish to nominate yourself or another parishioner for membership on the council please see the guidelines in today's bulletin insert. Nominations will be received up until the weekend of June 4/5.



Youth Ministry

Rachel Barton Pine - Classical Violinist in Concert at OLL!

Ms. Pine's concert is rescheduled for May 20 at 8 PM!

Ms. Pine has performed with numerous chamber ensembles and symphonies and has appeared on the "Today" Show. She is also an inspirational speaker with a particular gift in encouraging young musicians.

Tickets on sale at the Parish Office—only \$20 for adults and \$5 for students. All proceeds to benefit our sister parish in El Salvador!

Jesus, the Light in My Darkness

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!

R.C.I.A.

The women and men of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults have been working through this period of **Mystagogia** – that time of reflection and discernment for the newly baptized and initiated. On this great feast of Pentecost, these women and men conclude their official time of prayer and reflection and now go forth to carry out this work in the life of our parish community. Please pray for and remember *Melanie Anderson*, *Anna Curella*, *Nydia Tornambene*, *Nancy Caldarola and John Nobile* as they continue their involvement in the life of our parish family.

School News

Our monthly **School Mass** will be on **Thursday, May 19 at 9 AM**. Our hosts for the School Mass will be Mrs. Sullivan and our second grade class in their First Communion attire with the May Crowning to follow. All are invited and welcome!

The **Eighth Grade Car Wash** is scheduled for **Saturday, May 21**. The students will be in the parking lot in front of the Rectory between the hours of **10 AM and 2 PM**.

The following Girl Scouts and leader from Our Lady of Lourdes School received Catholic Girl Scout awards from Bishop Dunne held at St. Agnes Cathedral at the Girl Scout Convocation on May 1. Junior Girl Scouts *Kathleen Calves, Mary Finn, Danielle King, Kathleen Ponzio, Emily Rosa, and Michelle Yuliano* received the Diocesan Regina Coeli Award. This award is offered to help each girl become more aware of God's presence in her home, her Girl Scout Troop and her community under the care and protection of her special patroness, the Blessed Mother. Proud leaders are Marie Yuliano and Dawn Rosa. Cadette Girl Scouts *Kristina De Leon, Anna Moeller, Monica Rogan, and Christina Yuliano* received the national Marian Award. This award is offered to give a Girl Scout the opportunity to look at personal values, approaches to life, relationships with God and the opportunity to grow in faith. The girls would like to thank Margaret McHugh, Deacon John DeGuardi and Dr. Jen Gallagher for their support along the way. Proud leaders are Joanne Moeller and Marie Yuliano. Leader Joanne Moeller received the national Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Award. This award recognizes meritorious contributions of adults who serve Catholic youth through Girl Scouts in the Diocese of Rockville Centre.

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 15

All Masses Grade 8 Petitioning Ceremony

All Masses Second Collection-

Catholic Communications Campaign

9:30 AM Family Mass/ *Church/PC*

Children's Liturgy of the Word

11:00 AM RCIA *Church/Rm 16*

Monday, May 16

10:00 AM Senior Circle Tai Chi Parish Center

4:00 PM PEP 3 Class Classrooms...

Tuesday, May 17

9:00 AM SAGE Parish Center

5:30 PM NEW Extraordinary Minister of *Church*

Holy Communion Meeting

7:00 PM Summer Evening Prayer Meeting Parish Center

Wednesday, May 18

6:30 PM First Holy Communion Practice "F" Church

7:30 PM Adult Faith Formation - Parish Center

Health Care Proxy

Thursday, May 19

4:00 PM PEP 1 Class Classrooms...

6:30 PM First Holy Communion Practice "G" Church **8:00 PM** Evangelization Ministry Meeting Room 16

Friday, May 20

8:00 PM Benefit Concert - Rachel Barton Pine *Church*

Saturday, May 21

10:00 AM First Holy Communion Church

12 Noon First Holy Communion *Church*

Sunday, May 22

9:30 AM Family Mass/ *Church/PC*

Children's Liturgy of the Word

6:00 PM Commissioning of New Extraordinary *Church*

Ministers of Holy Communion

Celebrating Sacraments

Remembering...

Monday, May 16 8:00 AM Bill Mace

Tuesday, May 17

8:00 AM Barbara McGarrity

Wednesday, May 18

8:00 AM LaRocca & Sweeney Family

Thursday, May 19

8:00 AM Peter Reehil

Friday, May 20

8:00 AM Patricia Trumpy

Saturday, May 21

8:00 AM Frank Barba, Sylvan J. Lodespoto, Eddie Connor,

Frank Van Bramer, Julian Haszto, Rick Munkwitz, Maureen A. Parson, Maureen McNamara,

Henry Piechucki, Eugene Schilling,

5:00 PM Molly Sweeney

Fr. Jim Vlaun

Sunday, May 22

8:00 AM Morris Fiorentino Mastellone

Fr. Mike Vetrano

9:30 AM Barbara McGarrity

Fr. Mike Vetrano

11:00 AM Jack & John Lynch

Fr. Stan Chukwube

12:30 PM Martha, Anthony & Frank Casertano

Fr. Ambrose Cabildo

6:00 PM Lina Gentile, Anna Pavone, Rose Filangeri,

Gerard Rothbart, Stanley Novak, Eugene Parine,

Zina & George de Toll, Ann Williams, Marian Notine

Fr. Ambrose Cabildo

Resting in Peace

Richard J. Ryan,

husband of Patricia

Lydia A. Olsen,

wife of Eugene P.



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

Music

Adult Choir Executive Board meeting will be held on Sunday, May 15 at 12 Noon in the Parish Center.

Youth Choir practice on Thursday, May 19 at 7 PM in the Parish Center.

Adult Choir practice on Thursday, May 19 at 8 PM in the Parish Center.

Contemporary Music Group practice on Sunday, May 15 and May 22 at 4:30 PM in the Church.

Prayer and Worship

Jesus, King of All Nations Prayer Group will meet on Thursday, May 19 at 3 PM in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. The Good Samaritan Prayer Group will meet on Friday, May 20 at 8 PM in Room 16.

Summer Evening Prayer 2005

Summer is almost here and so, too, our Summer Evening Prayer Services. Our committee will begin meeting on **Tuesday, May 17**, **at 7 PM in the Parish Center**. All are Welcome! Please come – bring your ideas and thoughts – and help make this summer one of the best for all of us at OLL.

If you have any questions or want more information please call us at 661.3224 or e-mail to *jsureau@ollchurch.org*.

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.

SAGE

The SAGE Group (Senior Advocates for Growth and Enrichment) will meet on Tuesday, May 17 in the Parish Center at 9 AM. All older parishioners are welcome.

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.

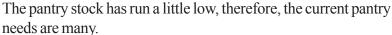
Our Lady of Lourdes Bereavement

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.



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 1.866.499.6354 or visit us on the web at *www.wwmeli.org*.

Ignation Lay Volunteer Corp

The **Ignation Lay Volunteer Corp**. is an opportunity for men and women, age 50+, to offer their skills, wisdom and life experience in direct service to the needs of people who are poor. In return for a commitment with a local service project, the ILVC provides guidance for personal reflection and prayerful conversation with fellow ILVC volunteers. Together we hope to see the face of Christ a little more clearly and contribute to the transformation of the world. For additional information please call 516.248.2022 or email to *ignatianli@earthlink.net*.

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, ext. 631.

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: "Traditions". Don't forget to tune in!

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

Let's Talk About Stroke

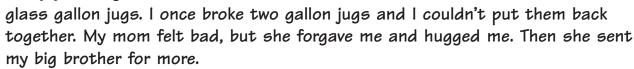
St. Patrick's Family Outreach together with St. Charles Hospital Stroke Program will present a "Free Stroke Awareness Workshop" on Thursday, May 26 from 10 AM until 12 Noon at St. Patrick's Church, Bay Shore.

Please call Catherine Dennis for reservations and information at 631.665.7216.



Sharing the Gospel

Many years ago milk used to come in



God our Father loves us so much that he sent Jesus to save us, to give us life that lasts forever and ever. We know that none of us deserves such a gift, but our God is that loving. No matter how badly we've messed up, our God still loves us. Jesus didn't come to condemn us, but to save us. That's good news! It means God loves us much more than we can understand. It means we're forgiven for things we can never make up for or put back together by ourselves.

学版 Prayer

Dear God,

thank you for sending the Holy Spirit to stay with me forever. Welcome, Holy Spirit! Come, live in me. Fill your church with your love and your glory.

Mission for the Week

Go to the library and learn something about a different culture. Learn a few words in a different language. Find out how children live in a different part of the world. Share what you learn with others.

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Empty Squares Fit the following words from today's Gospel into the empty squares below.	
Whoever believes in him shall not perish.	
HIM	