We are one body



in Christ.

1 Corinthians 10:17

Our Lady of Lourdes
Body and Blood of Christ•May 29, 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! 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

Deacon Jack Meehan

Coordinator of Stewardship

Deacon John Teufel

Sr. Margaret Bickar

Senior Ministry-SAGE

Sr. Nancy Campkin

Director of Religious Education

Regina Ann Cioffi

School Principal

Jennifer Gallagher

Director of Youth Services

Carol M. Goetz

Parish Music Director

Sr. Diane Liona

Director of Religious Education

Vita Scorcia

Ministry Spiritual Director

John Sureau

Coordinator of Worship

Sr. Betty Toohig

Senior Ministry-SAGE

Anthony Trombino

Business Manager

Pastoral Council

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John Sureau

Fr. Mike Vetrano

Marie Yuliano

Parish Staff

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Parish Office

Debbie Mever

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Rosemary Multer

School Office

Rex Muro

Organist

Organisi

Rita Spera

Religious Education Office

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.*)

Dear Friends,

After 12 years of residence in Our Lady of Lourdes, Father Jim will be leaving us this year at the end of June. Bishop Murphy announced Father Jim's transfer this week as part of a plan to bring Fr. Jim closer to the Telecare headquarters in Uniondale, as well as to allow the new chaplain at Saint John's HS, Father Bob Scheckenback, to live here with us at OLL.

During these past 12 years Fr. Jim has been much more than a weekend assistant. He took a full part in the spiritual, educational, and social life of the parish and was a great source of ideas and inspiration for us all. Jim was always abundantly generous in his service, and in 2002 he even became a part time associate pastor for us, a role he was able to maintain until Bishop Murphy asked him to become the director of community relations for the diocese. I am very grateful to him for all he has done for this community.

We are all very proud that Jim has been chosen to direct Telecare, a ministry that will allow him to use his media skills to serve the needs of the whole diocese. For us and for Saint John's it is surely the end of an era. Please mark you calendars and plan to attend a special farewell mass and reception for Fr. Jim at 5 PM on Saturday, June 25. Will food be a part of this special event? You bet!

How could it be any other way?

Sincerely yours in Christ,

FR Mile

Parish Appreciation Party

This weekend! We will begin Sunday, May 29 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!

Living Liturgy

Celebrating new ministers!

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion-Last Sunday, Fr. Ambrose and the assembly at "The Six" commissioned our parish's newest Extraordinary Ministers: *Linda Cardali, Joy Fisco, Richard Fisco, Anne Marie Gorman, Veronica Keane, Mary McMahon, Noreen O'Regan, Caitlin Pannacchione and Mary Zeiss*. We pray for them as they will now minister the Eucharist at our parish's liturgies and to the sick of our parish community.

Altar Servers-We welcome our parish's newest altar servers: *Joseph Becker, Shannon Doherty, Robbie Dolan, Katelyn Haggerty, Matthew Haggerty, John Hassler, Tim Milligan, Christopher Murray and Christopher Rodriguez* who were commissioned to serve at OLL on May 8. These young women and men have worked in training and study.

Special thanks to *Patrick Gordon* who took the time to train and organize our newest servers.

Dear Friends,

It is with a heart filled with gratitude that I share with you that I will be leaving Our Lady of Lourdes in June. As you know, my new assignment at Telecare will begin in July, and the new chaplain of St. John the Baptist will be moving into Our Lady of Lourdes at the same time.

OLL has been my home for twelve years. I have been so lucky to live my priesthood with you for these years. We have laughed together, cried together, and of course, shared many great meals together! I have been privileged to give your children First Holy Communion, celebrate Marriages, Baptisms, and the difficult celebration of entrance into eternal life. I have had great fun teaching religious education, participating at our summer evening prayers, and teaching in the Adult Faith Formation Program. My faith has been strengthened by our living together the loss of Fr. Joe, and the challenging times for our parish and Church.

In all that, you have taught me again and again that to welcome a neighbor or stranger is to welcome Jesus. In my years at OLL I have never spent a week when I didn't receive a card, letter, email, phone call, or covered dish that didn't express support and love for my ministry as your priest. Therein lies my deep sense of gratitude; I will always carry in my heart your support and love.

There is much change about to happen in my life! A new adventure is about to unfold and I seek your prayers. Telecare will be a new and exciting endeavor, and yet, leaving St. John's and OLL will be a sad loss in my life. It is a unique time of joy and sorrow for me.

So please, let us continue to support each other. Let's continue to laugh, and love, and live our lives with the knowledge of Jesus' presence. I remember well leaving home for college in 1979; I knew things would change, but in some ways, I learned quickly that you take your home with you wherever you go. In a similar way, I take you with me on this new journey, and I remind you that I will only be a "remote click" away on channel 29 or a radio dial away on WBAB! My new address will be at Telecare, 1200 Glenn Curtiss Blvd., Uniondale, NY 11553-3705, 516 538-8704.

At the time of my writing this letter, I do not know where my new residence will be. I assume it will be a place closer to Telecare and Rockville Centre, and I hope it is a community that is half as welcoming as you!

We will gather to thank God for these great years together at the 5 PM Mass on June 25th. Please come if you can, there will be a nice mangia afterwards!

I cannot say enough how much I have loved these days, and how much I love the wonderful people of OLL. Let's continue to pray for each other, that, as I have said for the past twelve years, we will grow closer to becoming what we receive from the altar, the Body of Christ!

God Bless! Fr. Jim



Walk of Life

We are, once again, offering brick pavers in the Our Lady of Lourdes-Fr. Joe Lukaszewski "Walk of Life" Memorial Garden. Preserve your name, or that of a loved one, with a personalized brick paver. The paver size is 4"x 8" and the cost is \$150 per brick. Please come to the Parish Office for an order form or for further information, please call 661.3224.

Pastoral Formation Institute

Have you heard about Pastoral Formation Institute...and want to know more? **Have you thought could this be for me**...but need more information?

Then this night is for you!

Come and join with your parish family members who are...beginning Pastoral Formation Institute this September, entering their second year, graduating in June and past graduates.

We invite you to this opportunity to ask your questions and...

Learn more about this program sponsored by the Diocese of Rockville Centre.

All this is happening on **Tuesday, June 7, at 7:30 PM in the Parish Center**. Please call Religious Education Office/Adult Faith Formation at 661-5440 to let us know you'll be there.

Pastoral Council

Our Pastoral Council is currently accepting nominations for new members to fill several open seats. A person who wishes to serve on the pastoral council must be a parishioner who desires to offer their time and insight to help the pastor and pastoral team form the vision and future of the parish. Pastoral Council members must have an interest and investment in the parish. Practically, this means that a nominee for the pastoral council must be a person who:

- Worships weekly in the parish and takes full part in the spiritual life of the community
- Offers their time and talent in service or ministry to this community
- Supports the parish financially in a manner appropriate to their means

Parishioners may nominate either themselves or another parishioner for the council. Applicants will be reviewed by the pastoral council nominating committee and if willing and qualified will be asked to complete a profile.

- Parishioners are appointed to the council by the current council in consultation with the pastor and pastoral team in a process of discernment. The goal of this process is to insure that the council represents the diversity of Our Lady of Lourdes and has the gifts and interests necessary to our present goals.
- To nominate oneself, or another, for membership on the council begin by sending a letter or email to *pastoralcouncil@ollchurch.org* or by postal mail to Pastoral Council, c/o Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 455 Hunter Avenue, West Islip, NY 11795. All letters of nomination will be acknowledged and must include your name and return address. The deadline for accepting nominations will be Tuesday, May 31, 2005.

For more information on the responsibilities of council members please see our parish website www.ollchurch.org.

SAGE

The SAGE Group (Senior Advocates for Growth and Enrichment) will meet on Tuesday, May 31 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.

Altar Society Dottie Collins

Pray for Our Sick

Harry Anderson Jannine Augustine Christian Bullock Lvnn Castellano Maria Chiarello Regina Cranor John Finch Marguerite Martinelli Arabella Elizabeth McCarthy Vincent Meade Nichole O'Connor Nanette Pache Virginia Petrino Joe Radosti Rose Serragano Joseph Shields Dorothy Sullivan Loretta Vitale Vee Vivo

Remembering...

Monday, May 30 8:00 AM Frank Monroe

Tuesday, May 31

Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary 8:00 AM Patrick Manning

Wednesday, June 1

8:00 AM Frank Barba, Jr.

Thursday, June 2 8:00 AM Alfred Isola

Friday, June 3

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus 8:00 AM Thomas Palaia

Saturday, June 4

8:00 AM Catherine M. Peterson, Maureen A. Parson, Henry Piechucki, Mary M. Terranova, Dorothy Rubino, Rodolfo Branchinelli, Henry D'Avino, B. Karasinsky, Al Velten, Catherine Palovich

5:00 PM John Lovari

Fr. Mike Vetrano

Sunday, June 5

8:00 AM Paul Sasso

Fr. Jim Vlaun

9:30 AM Gertrude & Harold Hauxhurst

Fr. Stan Chukwube

11:00 AM Joseph DiMola III

Fr. Mike Vetrano

12:30 PM Paul Sasso

Fr. Ambrose Cabildo

6:00 PM Nicholas LoPorto, Jenny & Axel Back, Peter Lynskey, Zina & George deToll, George DeSantis, Maura Ehrhardt, Emilio Mileti, Frank Vitale, Victor Cassaliggi, Colette English, John Paider, Darla T. Martin, Kaitlyn T. Butler, James T. Gould, Sr.

Fr. Stan Chukwube

Resting in Peace

Mary Macaluso,

mother of Joseph
Theresa Bertos,

mother of Louis
Marion O'Neill,

mother of Patricia
Arthur W. Beyhl,

husband of Elizabeth



Upcoming Marriages

Dorothy Pope and

Mark Palm, both OLL

Lena Jacob, St. Aloyisius and Biju Abraham, OLL

Catholic Ministries Appeal

"Touching the lives of many through Diocesan & Parish ministries and services."

Parish status: May 11, 2005
Pledged to date: \$107,299
Potential Rebate: \$23,619
Pledges to date: 466
Average pledge: \$230.26

Thank you to all those parishioners who have responded so generously to the CMA. We are almost at our parish pledge goal of \$118,600 which was the amount contributed in 2004. However, 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.

Financial Summary

May 22, 2005

Weekly Collection \$ 16,141.11 Weekly Budget -\$ 19,057.00 +/- for the week \$ (2,915.89)

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

When We Love, We Serve"

Minister Profiles: Elizabeth Khoury, Patricia Castine, Christine Volk

Elizabeth Khoury became a catechist when her daughter entered the first grade three years ago. She now teaches her first grade son as well as her daughter. When her youngest child, now in nursery school, enters the program Liz expects to take on that class as well. How will she handle three Religious Ed classes? Well, she will have the help of her friend and co-catechist Lorraine Darrell who Liz credits with "planting the seeds" of her involvement. She also finds that the workshops and meetings conducted by Sister Diane make it easier for her to prepare for class. Liz feels that the rewards of working with children are far greater than the work she puts in as a catechist. She really enjoys working with children and has a knack for relating to them in a "non-teacher" way. She seems more like a faith companion than an instructor and her enthusiasm is contagious!

Although this is her first year as a catechist in the Saturday morning Religious Ed program, Patricia Castine is no stranger to the classroom. Patti taught in the public schools for a number of years and is now an assistant principal. The Saturday morning program serves both special needs students and those who are unable to attend weekday afternoon classes. Patti has embraced the challenge of working with a group of first graders that includes students with special needs as well as students without special needs. She gives a lot of credit to her co-catechist, Kelly Conrad, a high school junior. Like most catechists, Patti loves to talk about the rewards of teaching and rarely mentions the work. She is particularly enthusiastic about helping her students learn about prayer and witnessing as they begin to see their place in the Church community. There are many opportunities at Our Lady of Lourdes for young children to participate in the liturgy and Patti would like to see them get even more involved. Patti's role as her son's catechist has brought an increase in spirituality to her family. It has brought focus on the importance of their participation in the Church as they continue to learn and grow in faith.

The Religious Education program at Our Lady of Lourdes has had a great deal of success with high school students as volunteers. **Christine Volk** was one of the pioneers when, as a high school sophomore, she became catechist to a class of seventh graders. A little nervous at first, Christine found that she was equal to the challenge and credits the experience with the confidence she now brings to any new task. Throughout seventh and eighth grade, Christine was active as a volunteer, helping Sister Nancy and John Sureau. After Confirmation she stayed involved, knowing that she wanted to do more for the Church. Because she loves working with children, and is dedicated to Religious Education, it was natural that she give teaching a try. And she loved it! Christine found that she seemed to have a special rapport with young adolescents. She learned that someone like her can really make a difference and have a positive impact on the lives of young people. Now a college sophomore, Christine has continued her ministry, and teaches eighth graders at the Newman Center at Oswego. She says "it is not easy to find the time, but it's always worth it" and is truly thankful that she was given the opportunity to start at OLL.

If you'd like to find out more about our Religious Education program and learn how you can get involved, please visit with us after Mass today or call the Religious Education Office at 661-5440.



The Parish Offices will be **closed** on **Monday**, **May 30** in observance of **Memorial Day**.

Prayer and Worship

Jesus, King of All Nations Prayer Group will meet on Thursday, June 2 at 3 PM in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

The Good Samaritan Prayer Group will meet on Friday, June 3 at 8 PM in Room 16.

Nocturnal/Eucharistic Adoration will follow the **5 PM Mass on Saturday, June 4** with Benediction at 9:50 PM. Please come and pray with us—our prayers will be for the Pope, fathers, grandfathers and all men who have helped us on our life journey, especially for priests who are our "Spiritual Fathers." All are Welcome and Invited—bring a friend.



Music

Youth Choir will practice on Thursday, June 2 at 7 PM.

Adult Choir will practice on Thursday, June 2 at 8 PM.

Contemporary Music Group will meet on Sunday, June 5 at 4:30 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, listed in our Parish Book of Intentions.

Religious Retirement Fund

Religious Sisters and Brothers who have been involved in education, health care and social ministry in the Diocese of Rockville Centre need our help. The stipends being earned by young members of Religious Communities are no longer enough to support the needs of the elderly members of their Communities. The number of elderly Religious in assisted living or nursing facilities continues to rise. The Diocese of Rockville Centre has committed to return to our Religious Communities a portion of our gifts of treasure, in appreciation for the many years of service to the people of our diocese of the dedicated servants or Our Lord. Please assist the elderly Religious with a once a year gift, as generous as your means will allow. Your gift may be placed in the mail or dropped in the collection basket on the weekend of June 4/5.

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.

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.

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: "Memorial Day: The Beginning of Summer".

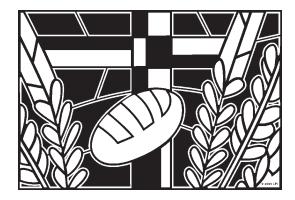
Don't forget to tune in! Visit "Religion & Rock" on the web, www.religionandrock.com.

Retrouvaille

Is your marriage tearing you apart? Retrouvaille is a program for marriages that are in trouble. It offers a lifeline to couples suffering with relationship problems. No group discussions. The program will help you rediscover each other, examine your life and learn to communicate more effectively. The next weekend will be in **Bay Shore, June 17-19**. For further information, please call 1.800.470.2230.

Sociable Singles

Wine and Cheese Night (Age 40+) Saturday, June 4 at Ss. Cyril & Methodius Church, Deer Park. \$10 donation at the door. For further information please call 631.242.4711.



The Body and Blood of Christ

At the end of many sporting championships, the most common comment made by players is "This is what it's all about. This is why we are here." Becoming the champions of their sport is what motivates many athletes to excel. Reaching that high goal takes dedication, effort and determination. That's what it's all about.

The Eucharist is the center of our faith. It is why we do everything else we do. The Eucharist is the reason we build churches, why we pray, why we celebrate other sacraments, and why we exist as a community. Our main purpose and goal is to celebrate and become people of the Eucharist. Joining ourselves to Christ by receiving his Body and Blood is what defines us as his people. We are one with him and he with us.

Holy Communion should not be something we do because it's part of the Mass. We should approach the Eucharist with our hearts and minds set on receiving the Lord. Jesus himself comes to us and in that moment of unity, we need to be aware of what we do and who we receive. By joining ourselves to him, we achieve for the moment faith's goal. We are one with the Lord. That's what it's all about!

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Readings for the Week of May 29

Sunday: Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a/ 1 Cor 10:16-17/

Jn 6:51-58

Monday: Tb 1:3; 2:1a-8/ Mk 12:1-12

Tuesday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Lk 1:39-56

Wednesday: Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a/ Mk 12:18-27 **Thursday:** Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a/

Mk 12:28-34

Friday: Dt 7:6-11/1 Jn 4:7-16/ Mt 11:25-30

Saturday: Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20/ Lk 2:41-51

Next Sunday: Hos 6:3-6/Rom 4:18-25/Mt 9:9-13

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Sharing the Gospel

Have you ever gone a whole day without food? We can't live many days without food, and even less without drink. Jesus wants us to know that we can't live without him. Our bodies may live a while, but our spirits will starve to death.

Jesus comes to us in many ways. He comes to us in his Word. He comes to us through others. He comes to us in the silence of our hearts. As Catholic Christians, we know Jesus is present in the Eucharist. He comes to us in Holy Communion. Those of us who can should receive Jesus in Holy Communion often, and with great joy. Jesus is our life, and we need him every moment of every day.



HEAVEN

Dear Jesus, I need you. Thank you for coming to me in so many ways. Thank you especially for coming to me in the Eucharist. Help me to always welcome you and receive you with love and joy.

ETERNAL



Word Search

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

FLESH

LIVING BREAD		SON OF MAN BLOOD						FATHER MANNA	
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L	W	S	Н	Α	V	D	0	Ν	В
Н	I	N	E	Т	Ε	R	Ν	Α	L
S	G	Ε	I	Н	S	W	0	Ε	0
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Mission

for the Week

Spend some time before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament this week. Try to get to Mass early or visit a church that is open. If you can, receive Jesus in Holy Communion. Tell Jesus how much you love him.

