

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time • Our Lady of Lourdes • June 19, 2005

"Do not be afraid;



**you are worth more than
many sparrows."**

Matthew 10:31

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 Scorcio

Ministry Spiritual Director

John Sureau

Coordinator of Worship

Sr. Betty Toohig

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Next year we will be celebrating the

50th Anniversary of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish !

One of the many events planned, that will commemorate the past fifty years and the vision of the future fifty years, is a parish pilgrimage to Lourdes with our pastor, Fr. Michael Vetrano.

A pilgrimage to Lourdes, France will be an opportunity for you to make a connection in Lourdes with your personal devotion to Our Lady—celebrating Mass, evening Rosary walk, private devotions and enjoying a warm spring week in the south of France.

The travel dates are April 17-25, 2006.

An *information meeting* is scheduled for all interested travelers on **Tuesday, June 21 in the Parish Center at 7:30 PM** with Deacon John DeGuardi.



Farewell Fr. Jim!

Saturday, June 25 at the 5 PM Mass followed by an Italian Pasta Dinner in the Café! Our parish community has been called to send Fr. Jim forth to a new assignment at Telecare and a new residence.

So how can we do this – by eating, celebrating and praying together on Saturday, June 25th! All parishioners are invited to say good-bye and good luck to Fr. Jim!

We would like invite all parishioners to “**The Six**” (6 PM Mass) on **Sunday, June 26** to wish God’s blessing on our trip participants taking our parish mission trip to El Salvador in July.



Our Lady of Lourdes 21st Golf Outing

The Holy Name Society of Our Lady of Lourdes will be holding its 21st Annual Golf Outing on Thursday, August 25 at the Timberpoint Country Club.



Sign-in with continental breakfast starting at 7 AM. Green fees, electric cart, barbeque lunch at cross-over, open bar and full buffet dinner at course. Awards for all winners! Shot-gun start at 8 AM. Fee is \$150 per golfer.

This event sells out every year! Contact a committee member early to reserve your spot. All golfer fees must be submitted before 8/1 to secure your reservation. For reservations or information, call: *Bob Cestaro at 587.0249, Gerry Fogarty at 667.5979, Rocky Laino at 661.1981, Dom Lettieri at 669.4957, or Bill Marsden at 586.0581.*

Summer Evening Prayer

Get ready—save the date—alert family and friends...

Summer Evening Prayer is less than one month away! Summer Evening Prayer will begin on **Monday, July 11 at 7 PM on the “Great Lawn”** and continue on Monday evenings through August 22. Arts and Crafts will begin at 6:30 PM for the kids!

Our Summer Evening Prayer Committee is busy planning and organizing these nights – including arranging for great hospitality, sponsors, speakers and even some after prayer concerts. Save the dates! If you’re interested in helping with Summer Evening Prayer, you are welcome to come to our next meeting at 7 PM on June 27 in the Parish Center.

Clean and Cool!

Please help our Church community to pray in an even more welcoming and comfortable space!

Some things we know that help:

- Be sure to take any bulletins or worship aids with you as you leave the Church. Leaving them in the pews only makes it a bit of a mess and sometimes they get buried behind missalettes and we don’t find them for weeks! Plus the bulletins and worship aids often contain important information about ways for you to get involved in the life of our parish. Take them home and share them with someone you know could use an invitation.
- Give broken missalette covers to an usher or sacristan so it can be repaired or replaced.
- If you see something that is broken (kneeler, pew, etc.), please let someone know so it can be repaired!
- Close that door – our air conditioning system makes our times at OLL comfortable. Closing the doors, and making sure others do the same, is a huge help in reducing energy costs and the temperature in the Church!

Thanks for all your help—we couldn’t do it without you!

**Congratulations OLL Graduates!
Class of 2005**



Valedictorian: *Jessica Fain*
Salutatorian: *Stephen DeLeon*

Kaila Anderson
Terence Barclay
Frank Capogna
Nicholas Cerrito
Alexa Comnesso
Lauren DeFonte
Kristina DeLeon
Joseph DeVito
Jillian Fitzpatrick
Bridget Gorman

Jade Greco
Brian Hannigan
James Joy
Stephen Kaminski
Chelsea Madey
Monika Mejia
Joseph Meyer
Anna Moeller
Megan Palmeri
Ross Perlman

Seth Powers
Matthew Rogan
Monica Rogan
Jacqueline Roulette
Amy Schembri
Elizabeth Spiller
Brianna Stentiford
Keith Stokes
Meredith Vandervelt
Alexa Wintenberger
Christina Yuliano

Mrs. Phyllis Ronek, our seventh grade teacher here at Our Lady of Lourdes School, has been named “*Outstanding Adult Educator of the Year*” by the Suffolk Association for Continuing Community Education. Mrs. Ronek teaches GED classes at BOCES in the evening.

Our Lady of Lourdes third grade Brownie Troop 546 have been working towards earning the Ave Maria Badge and received it on Sunday, June 5 at the 9:30 AM Mass. Congratulations to the girls in the troop who earned the Ave Maria Badge! The recipients of the Ave Maria Badge are: *Ashley Acompora, Ashley Carter, Jaclyn Hahn, Christine Hess, Stephanie Francis, Jessica Khoury, Erika Paz and Dorothy Wilkinson*. The troop leaders are Dixie Carter, Joanna Francis and Amy Paz.

Children’s Liturgy of the Word

We need you!

As the summer approaches, we are reforming and reshaping our Children’s Liturgy of the Word teams. If you’ve ever been thinking about becoming part of the Children’s Liturgy of the Word – now is the time!

What is this?

Each Sunday, during the 9:30 AM Family Mass, young people (ages 4 to about 4th grade) leave the Church and process to the Parish Center. There they pray, listen and learn to the Sunday readings in a way geared to them. Members of each team serve as presiders, lectors, musicians, prayer leaders, ushers and even work behind the scenes to set things up. Members of teams range from middle and high school ages to parents and grandparents. . . .so what about you?

If you’re interested in finding out more, contact John Sureau at 661.3224 or e-mail to jsureau@ollchurch.org or Joanne Maher at 661.5478.

Social Action Alert

Helping the Hungry

Please remember to bring your weekly food donations to Church each Sunday when you come to Mass. We rely so heavily on your weekly generosity, particularly as the Summer months approach. If you're not sure what this is about... as you enter Church there Social Action Food Baskets at the all the doors. A listing of needed food is published each week in the bulletin. Parishioners, when doing their weekly shopping, try to remember those in need in our community by picking up food from our "pantry needs list". You can leave your donations at the doors each Sunday. This food is distributed to members of our parish family and local community each day of the week.

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, paper towels*, peanut butter, relish, spaghetti sauce, sugar, toilet tissue*, toothbrushes, toothpaste, tuna fish.* *needed most

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.

SAGE

The SAGE Group (Senior Advocates for Growth and Enrichment) will meet on **Tuesday, June 21 in the Parish Center at 9 AM.** All older parishioners are welcome.

Tai Chi

Senior Circle will have Tai Chi class on **Monday, June 20 at 10 AM in the Parish Center.**

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).

Remembering...

Monday, June 20

8:00 AM Peter Reehil

Tuesday, June 21

8:00 AM Lucy Trella & Mario Lombardi

Wednesday, June 22

8:00 AM In Thanksgiving

Thursday, June 23

8:00 AM Kathryn Chazey & Anthony Stiefvater

Friday, June 24

8:00 AM Nettie Sosnicki

Saturday, June 25

8:00 AM Vincent McCarthy, Robert Palermo,
Peggy & David Roark, Dick Ryan,
Angelo D. Conti, Elizabeth Collins,
Dolores, Mario & Lisa Venturo

5:00 PM John Lovari
Fr. Jim Vlaun

Sunday, June 26

8:00 AM Joseph & Christina Kollmer
Fr. John

9:30 AM Barbara McGarrity
Fr. Mike Vetrano

11:00 AM Joseph DiMola III
Fr. John

12:30 PM Martha, Anthony & Frank Casertano
Fr. Ambrose Cabildo

6:00 PM Donald Hennessy, Carmine Spampinato,
Mike & Josephine Ferrante, Kevin O'Brien,
John Krivicich, Robert Charles McGrath, Sr.,
Walter Meurer, Andrew Wentworth,
Charles Galgano, Raphael DellaMorte,
Salvatore Dellaria
Fr. Mike Vetrano

Baptisms

Kayleigh Rose Anderson
Kenny & Melanie
Arianna Patricia Ambrose
Richard & Susan
Brendan Powers Farrell
Michael & Denise
Daniella Mary Isolano
Nicholas & Joni
Sofia Anna Isolano
Nicholas & Joni
Isabella Michelle Keogan
Terence & Adriana
Abigail Flora Rose Narra
Trent & Amanda
Isabella Anne Randazzo
Gus & Jessica
Olivia Kaydance Ramcke
Chris & Kathleen
Ryan Joseph Winter
Bob & Kathleen
Giovanni Salvatore Milone
John & Jennifer

Upcoming Marriages

Susan Szelwach, Our Lady of Grace
and *Andrew Aversa*, OLL
Juliann Licciardi, and
Michael Rizzi, both OLL

Financial Summary

June 12, 2005

Weekly Collection	\$ 16,981.00
Weekly Budget	-\$ 19,057.00
+/- for the week	\$ (2,076.00)
Religious Retirement	\$ 7,422.50

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

Alumni Weekend

The clock is ticking quickly. Only four weeks until our Alumni Weekend and the plans are in place. Another mailing was sent out this week to those who have not received information regarding the Alumni Weekend yet. We don't want to miss anyone, so if you know of any Alumni who may have recently moved, we'd like to hear from you. Send the Alumni's address to Mr. Maher at tipperar@aol.com. The deadline for Journal Ads for our Alumni Journal is July 5th. For further information regarding journal ads, please contact Mr. Maher. Remember, pray for good weather.



Our Ladyof Lourdes Church

Our parish is already actively preparing for our 50th Anniversary. Our Social Action Group will sponsor a special "Justice Workshop" inviting members of the Parish Community (*including you*) to come and share your thoughts and ideas about how we have, how we do and how we can address issues of social justice in this community. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 29 at 7 PM in the school cafeteria. Please come if you can!

Be a Lifesaver

Give Blood!

In real life accidents happen. People get diseases and surgery is often required. Any and all of these patients can require blood. Ninety-five per cent of us will use blood at some point in our lives. We do not collect enough blood in this area to meet our needs. People needing blood most urgently are the elderly. The second largest group is the children. These people rely on our donations of blood. It often means the difference between life and death. The human body is the only producer of this precious fluid and its only source is you and me, people who care. So care enough to give blood on Wednesday, June 29 from 3:30 until 9 PM in the Parish Center. To make an appointment, please call Marie at 669.5837.

Your gift may mean another day of life for someone, another birthday, another anniversary, another hug and another smile. Love makes it all worthwhile.

“When We Love, We Serve”

Ministry Profile: Lectors

Ministers of the Word

“The Word of God”, proclaimed in the sacred Scripture, enlightens our minds and hearts. When the Scriptures are read in the liturgical assembly, God speaks to us and calls us to respond in faith and love. The ministry of the reader, then, is important to the life of the Church, for the reader proclaims God’s living word.” This statement, taken from the Workbook for Lectors and Gospel Readers, illustrates the important role played by lectors in our celebration of the Mass.



According to Janet Loehr, the leader of this ministry, most of the lectors at Our Lady of Lourdes feel a special calling to bring the word of God to our community. They feel it is a privilege to proclaim the word of God. One lector states that proclaiming the word at Mass is both “exhilarating and humbling, a very special experience.”

Our lectors are gifted with good speaking voices and diction, but they are not professionals. What makes them effective is their dedication to the ministry and their willingness to prepare for their role in the liturgy. They know that to proclaim the word of God requires a bit of work and they are willing to make the effort.

For most lectors, preparation for Saturday or Sunday mass begins early in the week, usually with a careful reading of the week’s Scriptures and a review of the Workbook for Lectors and Gospel Readers. The Workbook includes a brief reflection on the Scripture passages, as well as helpful tips on how to proclaim them. It also includes a valuable pronunciation guide. The lector will review the readings a few more times during the week and practice reading it aloud to get a sense of how the Scriptures should sound.

This effort, probably not much more than half an hour, pays off when the minister of the word proclaims the Scriptures clearly and with confidence.

In speaking with new lectors, Janet Loehr finds that many have felt the call to become a minister of the word for a quite a while, sometimes years, before they finally become active in this ministry. Her advice to others who may feel called is simply “don’t hold back.”

You can respond to the call, or learn more about becoming a minister of the word, by calling Janet Loehr at 587-1549 or John Sureau at 661-8882.

Altar Bread and Wine

In memory of Frank Monroe

Altar Society

Pat Wissing

Pray for Our Sick

We ask that you keep in your prayers the sick of our parish that have requested our prayers. They are: *Harry Anderson, Jannine Augustine, Christian Bullock, Jerry Castonguay, Maria Chiarello, John Finch, Frank Gill, James Grillo, Sr., Mary Lockerman, Benjy Margulies, Marguerite Martinelli, Arabella Elizabeth McCarthy, Nichole O'Connor, Charles Oliver, Nanette Pache, Virginia Petrino, Joe Radosti, Fred Ruggio, James Santiago, Rose Serragano, Joseph Shields, Dorothy Sullivan, Jerry Vacca, Loretta Vitale, Vee Vivo.*



Resting in Peace

*Carol Bacany, wife of John
David Lehner, son of George*

Prayer and Worship

Jesus, King of All Nations Prayer Group will meet on Thursday, June 23 at 3 PM in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

The Good Samaritan Prayer Group will meet on Friday, June 24 at 8 PM in Room 16.

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

Kenneth Gein-US Army

William Morrow-US Marines

John Thompson-US Marines



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

Music

Youth Choir will rehearse on Thursday, June 23 at 7 PM in the Parish Center.

Adult Choir will rehearse on Thursday, June 23 at 8 PM in the Church.

Contemporary Music Group will meet on Sunday, June 26 at 4:30 PM in the Church.

Discipleship

The call of the disciples is so familiar to us that we tend to miss the wonder of the disciples' response, which was immediate and complete; they leave everything and follow Jesus. Can we do less if we feel that God is calling us to the priesthood or consecrated life? If you think God is calling you. Contact the Vocations Office at 631.424.9888 or Vocations@drvc.org

Year of the Eucharist

Last Fall, Pope John Paul II inaugurated a year of reflection on the Holy Eucharist with the apostolic letter *Mane Nobiscum Domine (Stay with Us Lord)*. At this point, the *Year of the Eucharist* is half over! If time and the liturgical year have gone by a little too quickly, now will be a perfect opportunity to begin a good finish. You can read his relatively short and inspiring apostolic letter by clicking on English at the Vatican website (www.vatican.va) or by using your favorite search engine and typing in *Mane Nobiscum Domine*. In the following weeks our bulletin will publish ten possibilities, developed from its contents, to assist you in planning for the next six months. There will be ideas for catechesis, discussion groups, homilies, prayer, personal reflection and more.

Faith Foundations

Collaborative course in Faith Foundations sponsored by the Office of Laity and Family to be held at St. Rosalie Parish, Hampton Bays on June 27, 28 and 29, July 5, 6, 11, 12 and 13 from 7 PM until 9:30 PM. For registration or more information please call 516.678.5800 extension 631.

On the Road to Retirement Security

Retirement can be a time of freedom that comes after many years of hard work. Special meetings for participants in the lay employee pension plan of the Diocese of Rockville Centre have been scheduled. The next general pre-retirement planning meeting will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes on Tuesday, June 21 from 3:30 -5:30 PM in the Parish Center. For questions and reservations, please call the Office of Human Resources at 516.678.5800, extension 288.

Nutritional Needs

Catholic Charities is proud to administer The Commodity Supplemental Food Program/FAN. This program offers free food for seniors age 60 and over who are income-eligible. The Commodity Supplemental Food Program/FAN also offers free food for income eligible children under six years of age and women who are pregnant or up to one year postpartum. For more information, please call Catholic Charities at 631.491.4169 or 631.491.4156.

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: "**Planning for the Future**".

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



12th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Our scout troop did a lot of camping years ago, and the best part was the Saturday night campfire. We would tell scary stories, especially about monsters that lived in the woods and only came out during weekend camping trips! The older scouts knew better, but some of the newer campers slept with one eye open, nervously waiting to see if someone, or something, should actually appear. We all were terrified of the unknown and the unseen!

At times, the world can be a scary place. Evil manifests itself in hunger, disease, natural disasters, wars and all the ills that plague the human family. Uncertainty and fear seem to dominate everyone's thoughts and actions, isolating country from country, neighbor from neighbor. But all the power of evil can not overcome the strength of love and faith. Jesus tells his disciples to fear no one or any thing. The love of God is so great that even the hairs on our head are counted. We may be battle-scarred, but we are never defeated.

Faith needs a bold proclamation. In the face of evil, fear, uncertainty and division, Christians must announce the good news, giving examples of courage, faith, love and hope. A fear stricken world will only seek peace when no one has to sleep with one eye open, but everyone can rest securely in God's peace. Do not fear, because the Lord is near!

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Readings for the Week of June 19, 2005

Sunday: Jer 20:10-13/ Rom 5:12-15/ Mt 10:26-33
Monday: Gn 12:1-9/ Mt 7:1-5
Tuesday: Gn 13:2, 5-18/ Mt 7:6, 12-14
Wednesday: Gn 15:1-12, 17-18/ Mt 7:15-20
Thursday: Gn 16:1-12, 15-16/ Mt 7:21-29
Friday: Vigil: Jer 1:4-10/ 1 Pt 1:8-12/ Lk 1:5-17;
 Day: Is 49:1-6/ Acts 13:22-26/
 Lk 1:57-66, 80
Saturday: Gn 18:1-15/ Mt 8:5-17
Next Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/ Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/
 Mt 10:37-42

Sharing the Gospel



What are you afraid of? God can handle it! Even the hairs on our heads are numbered, so there is really no need to worry about anything. God's in control, and has every detail covered. The same God who created us will be with us to protect us and guide us, even in tough times. God, who knows when even a tiny bird falls, can surely catch us.

Mission for the Week



Tell someone you can trust about a good thing you've been afraid to do. Ask them to help you face your fear. Then do it.

Puzzle

God even watches over the sparrows. He tells us not to be afraid but trust in him. He will keep us safe. Find 8 hidden sparrows in this picture.



Prayer

Dear God,

I trust you to keep me safe when I live your way. I know you love me and care for me, so I won't be afraid.