

**Our Lady of
Lourdes**

Come to

me,

all

you

who

labor

and

are



burdened,

and I will give you

rest.

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 3, 2005

Matthew 11:28

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. Robert Scheckenback
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
Senior Ministry-SAGE

Anthony Trombino
Business Manager

Pastoral Council

Michael Abbruscato
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John Sureau
Fr. Mike Vetrano
Marie Yuliano

Parish Staff

Barbara Catusco
Religious Education Office
Mary Anne Lettieri
Parish Office
Debbie Meyer
Bulletin/Parish Office
Rosemary Multer
School Office
Rex Muro
Organist
Rita Spera
Religious Education Office

Sing a New Song

to the Lord



Summer Evening Prayer

Summer Evening Prayer begins 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!

A time for our parish family to come together in a relaxed, spirited and fun-filled way led by our parish's ministers and music groups (as well as some guest music groups as well)

Bring your family and friends - and invite others to come as well.

Our Summer Evening Prayer will include great hospitality, sponsors, speakers and even some after prayer concerts. Save the dates!

Can you help us out-send an e-mail jsureau@ollchurch.org or call 661.3224. Also-are you a business owner who can help us offset some costs related to Evening Prayer. If so, please let us know.



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 August 1 to secure your reservation.

For reservations or information, please 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.

Alumni Weekend

Believe it or not, there are only two weeks until our Alumni Weekend!

The weather has been great, but don't stop praying for good weather for our weekend. There's still time to be a part of our weekend. If you haven't responded to our mailings, please do so now. If you've misplaced the mailing or accidentally threw it out, e-mail Mr. Maher at tipperar@aol.com. The deadline for journal ads for our Alumni Journal is July 5. Any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Maher. Have a great week and I hope to see you on Alumni Weekend.

Children's Liturgy

Our Children's Liturgy of the Word celebration continues throughout the summer. Please come with your entire family each week to the 9:30 AM Mass as our youngest parishioners are called forth to hear God's Word in a special way – led by lay women and men – in the Parish Center. What about you? Our Children's Liturgy of the Word teams are looking for new members. The commitment in time is not tremendous, but the feeling of bringing children closer to God is! There will be a two session training soon and then you'll join one of our "teams" that meet once every six weeks to plan out a particular Sunday celebration. If you're interested, please contact the Parish Office at 661.3224 or e-mail to jsureau@ollchurch.org.

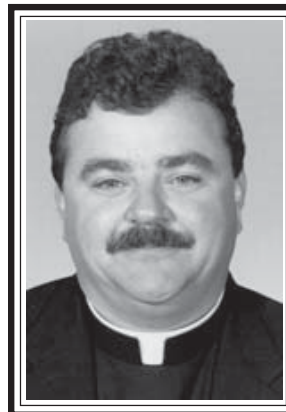
Keep Our Church Clean

Our parish Church is just that – ***Our Church!***

Please make an effort to return the missalettes to the racks, pick up excess bulletins and bring it to a friend that may have been away from the Church for awhile and let someone know if you see something that needs attention. Doing these simple things goes a long way in making our worship space more welcoming to all who come here!

Welcome Fr. Bob Scheckenback!

This week our parish welcomes Father Bob Scheckenback who is the new chaplain for St. John the Baptist High School. Fr. Bob will be a resident here at Our Lady of Lourdes, helping us with our Sunday Masses and pastoral work as his schedule allows.



Fr. Bob comes to us from Good Shepherd Parish in Holbrook where he has ministered for the past eleven years. In addition to all the good things he has heard about OLL and St. John's, Bob is excited about being so close to the Great South Bay since one of his big hobbies is, you guessed it, fishing!

Youth Ministry OLL Vacation Bible Camp



B.U.G.S. Adventures—
Bringing Us God's Spirit!
Monday, July 25–Friday, 29
9 AM until 12:30 PM



All campers **MUST** be registered no later than July 11. Registration forms are available at ollchurch.org, or at the Parish Office. Camp volunteers are always needed. Adults and teens are needed to help as group counselors, games assistants, arts & crafts helpers, and more. If you can help out during the week of camp, please email jengallagher@ollchurch.org and come to the volunteer's meeting.

PLEASE NOTE: There is a **meeting** for all **camp volunteers** on **Tuesday, July 12 at 6 PM in the cafeteria.**

Graduation Celebration!

We pray for and celebrate anyone who has graduated this year—kindergarten, eighth grade, high school, college, etc. Come and celebrate with our Contemporary Music Group and our entire parish family next **Sunday, July 10 at “The Six”**. Of course, there will be food and fun afterwards.



Bring a blanket or beach chair as we will celebrate this special Mass outside in the Fr. Joe Memorial Garden. If it's raining or too hot – we'll move into the Church. What a great way to end a summer day!

Baptisms

Katia Raine Barnes

James & Laura

Matthew James Kropf

James & Lisa

Alex Joseph Ksiazek

Michael & Lisa

Evan Daniel Martino

Josh & Kasey

Matthew John Sandoval

Jorge & Suzanne

Baptism

Please contact the Parish Office to schedule an appointment.

Marriage

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



Resting in Peace

Vincent Scarpa, son of Anthony

Tony Lanzarone, husband of Lillian

Fannie Lace, mother of Walter

Upcoming Marriages

Juliann Licciardi & Michael Rizzi, both OLL

Rebecca Ramirez & Juan Meza, both OLL

Jacqueline Eves & Frank Siino, both OLL

Kathryn Kapalko OLL & *Matthew Dawes*, Yonkers

Francesca Moore & Martin Colver, both OLL

Monica deAbreu, Our Lady of Peace, Lynbrook & *Brian Adamson*, OLL

Anointing of the Sick

Throughout the liturgical year. If needed sooner, please call the Parish Office.

Communion Calls

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



The Parish Offices will be **closed** on **Monday, July 4** in observance of **Independence Day**.

Remembering...

Altar Bread and Wine

In memory of Rick Munkwitz

Monday, July 4

8:00 AM People of the Parish

Tuesday, July 5

8:00 AM Rick Munkwitz

Wednesday, July 6

8:00 AM Rick Munkwitz

Thursday, July 7

8:00 AM Patricia Butcher

Friday, July 8

8:00 AM LaRocca & Sweeney Families

Saturday, July 9

8:00 AM Cornelius J. Peterson, Peter Schreiner, Anthony Muccio, Dorothy Helpers, Voice of the Faithful, John Wallace, Salvatore & Madeline Cotilletta, Pietro Licari, James Welch, Barbara McGarrity

5:00 PM Thomas J. Manzi (*10th Anniversary*)

Fr. Bob Scheckenback

Sunday, July 10

8:00 AM Kathleen Petersen

Fr. John Asomugha

9:30 AM John J. Goode, Sr. & Joan Goode

Fr. Bob Scheckenback

11:00 AM Lorraine Mariarossi

Fr. John Asomugha

12:30 PM Joseph Rizzo

Fr. Ambrose Cabildo

6:00 PM Rick Munkwitz, Thomas Murphy, John Bauman, Carmela & Vincent DeRosa, Anna & Tomasso DeRosa, Lottie Quinn, Thanksgiving for safe and successful surgery, Louis Garguilo, Carol Bacany, Mamerto Tagwalan, John Wallace, Patricia Barzilay

Fr. Ambrose Cabildo

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

Financial Summary

June 26, 2005

Weekly Collection	\$15,625.84
Weekly Budget	-\$19,057.00
+/- for the week	\$ (3,431.16)

Peter's Pence	\$ 3,177.20
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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."*



Parish status:	June 21, 2005
Pledged to date:	\$110,029
Potential Rebate:	\$25,803
Pledges to date:	490
Average pledge:	\$224.55

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.

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.

“When We Love, We Serve”

Ministry Profile: Feast Workers

Our annual *Italian Family Feast* is a wonderful event that displays all the love and service of our parish family. This past year, over 300 of our parishioners volunteered their gifts of time and talent to make “The Feast” a great success! This is a unique coming together of all the various ministries in the parish for a common goal. The hard work and dedication of all of our volunteers raises much needed funds for both the parish and the parish school. This is all done in a genuinely warm, welcoming, and loving atmosphere that brings families together. When you walk around the “feast grounds” you get to see many smiling faces. The smiles come from our families and the enjoyment they experience and they come from the satisfaction that we as a parish family, have done something good for OLL.

We have all heard someone proclaim, “Many hands make light work.” Well many hands can also make God’s work. The work done by all of the volunteers for our Parish Family Feast truly is God’s work. These workers truly bear witness to one of our parish themes, “All are Welcome.” The feast personifies this theme to all who gather on our property and participate in the various activities. We are blessed by all who participate and represent our parish in such a warm and loving way.

There is a need for additional volunteers each year. We ask that you please consider sharing some of your time and talent as a volunteer for our feast this coming September. There are many opportunities to serve and also to have fun. We ask that you please consider joining all of us who serve the parish by the gift of time and talent at our Family Feast. If you believe you would like to help or you would like additional information, please call Dom Lettieri at the Parish Office at 661.3224.

Our Feast Needs You!

Many of our parish organizations are counting on this year’s annual Italian Family Feast in September to be a record breaking fundraiser for both our parish and our school. In order to achieve this type of result, we must reach beyond our regular parish family of feast-goers.

In addition to many new planned feast features, we must take advantage of new ways to promote our feast, possibly by using local TV, radio, or even better use of local newspapers.

If you have any experience in using these types of media advertising, or even if you don’t have any experience, but would like to volunteer, please contact Dom Lettieri at the Parish Office at 661.3224 for more information.

By doing so, you will receive great satisfaction in knowing that you played an important role in achieving our parish goal of a record breaking year for our parish feast!

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



Altar Society

Elizabeth Netska

Anointing of the Sick

Throughout the liturgical year. If needed sooner, please call the Parish Office.

Communion Calls

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

Pastoral Care of the Sick

Please call the Parish Office at 661.3224 to leave the names of parishioners who:

- are homebound and would like to receive the Eucharist
- are in Good Samaritan Hospital and would like to be visited by a member of our Pastoral Care Ministry.

SAGE

The SAGE Group (Senior Advocates for Growth and Enrichment) will meet on **Tuesday, July 5** in the **Parish Center at 9 AM.**

All older parishioners are welcome.

Music

Contemporary Music Group
practice will be on Sunday, July 10
at 4:30 PM in the Church.



Pray for Our Sick

We ask that you keep in your prayers the sick of our parish:

Jannine Augustine, Frank Bonsignore, Christian Bullock, Jerry Castonguay, John Esposito, John Finch, Rita Germano, Frank Gill, James Grillo, Sr., Mary Lockerman, Benjy Margulies, Marguerite Martinelli, Arabella Elizabeth McCarthy, Nichole O'Connor, Charles Oliver, Joe Radosti, Fred Ruggio, James Santiago, Rose Serragano, Dorothy Sullivan, Jerry Vacca, Loretta Vitale

Jesus, King of All Nations Prayer Group will meet on Thursday, **July 7 at 3 PM** in the **Church**.

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



Daytime Eucharistic Devotion

The afternoon adoration for the month of July will be on Wednesday, **July 6 from 1-3 PM**. All are invited and welcome to come and pray for peace in our families and peace in our world. All are welcome!

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.

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.

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.

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.



Ten Ways to Observe the Year of the Eucharist

(one way to be printed each week in the bulletin)

2. Take time to pray in a new way.

It is important that no dimension of this sacrament should be neglected. We are constantly tempted to reduce the Eucharist to our own dimensions, while in reality it is we who must open ourselves up to the dimensions of the Mystery (#14).

The celebration of the Eucharist is the culmination of many forms of prayer: singing, intercession, silence, and praise to name a few. It can also engender others: eucharistic adoration, prayer of the rosary, Morning and Evening Prayer, centering prayer, and awareness of Christ's *real presence* in not only the consecrated body and blood, but in all those we meet as members of the body of Christ. Amid the fervor of family schedules, "must-see TV," and many good works, it is sometimes difficult to take a moment for real presence, whether it is in front of the Blessed Sacrament or in the silence of personal reflection. During these next months, you can help parishioners experience ways of praying that may be new to them or to regain old habits of prayer that they once found nourishing.



14th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Cutting the grass in the heat of the summer requires two things: lots of breaks and lots of water. Those short periods of rest and refreshment renew our strength, fuel our bodies and help us accomplish the task at hand. A tall glass of cold water and a bit of shade should be a chapter in any lawn care and gardening manual.

Living a life of faith requires two things: lots of love and lots of prayer. Those things combined allow us to respond to God's grace, to follow the guidance of the Holy Spirit and to recognize Christ in others. Without them, we wonder and wander, losing our way in the darkness of sin. A strong faith and many prayers are essential for the journey of faith.

Jesus offers himself as our rest and our strength. He not only calls us to belief, but also gives us the assurance of faith, hope and love so that we can be faithful and persevere in the work of the Gospel. All that the Father has given him, he shares with us. In him we find all that we need. (c) 2005 Liturgical Publications Inc

Readings for the Week of July 3, 2005

Sunday: Zec 9:9-10/ Rom 8:9, 11-13/ Mt 11:25-30
Monday: Gn 28:10-22a/ Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday: Gn 32:23-33/ Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/ Mt 10:1-7
Thursday: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/ Mt 10:7-15
Friday: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/ Mt 10:16-23
Saturday: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/ Mt 10:24-33
Next Sunday: Is 55:10-11/ Rom 8:18-23/ Mt 13:1-23

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

Helping the Hungry

Please remember to bring your weekly food donations to Church, particularly during the summer months. So many rely on your generosity – from both our parish and local parishes – let's not let them down! You can leave your donations at the doors of the Church every Sunday.

Caring for the Homeless

While you, your family members and friends travel on your summer vacations, collect travel size shampoo, conditioner, body lotion and toothpaste. Hold on to them for now and look in future bulletins for specific ways we can help St. Anne's Hospitality Too Soup Kitchen in Brentwood.

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

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.

Divorce and Beyond

Facilitator Leader Training to be held at **St. Sylvester Parish Center in Medford on Tuesday, July 12 from 7 - 9 PM or Emmanuel RC at Kellenberg HS in Uniondale on Wednesday, July 13 from 7 - 9 PM.** There is a \$20 registration fee which includes registration, book and facilitator guide. To register or further information, call the Office of Laity & Family at 516.678.5800, extension 508.

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:



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

The Mercy INN

The Mercy INN Soup Kitchen of Wyandanch needs a few regular volunteers to serve at lunchtime on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday. We also need some good people to serve as substitutes for regular volunteers. We serve lunch Monday through Friday from noon to 1 PM. If you can help us, please call Kathy at 631.422.1420. God Bless You.

Camp Comfort

Most kids leave camp with a tee shirt. Ours leave with a new outlook on life.

Presenting **Bob Sweeney's Camp Comfort**, a *free* day camp on July 9 and 10 in memory of Robert L. Sweeney, for children ages 7 - 12 who have lost an immediate family member.

For registration information or more details, please call Clarice at 516.876.8485 or Jane at 631.376.3850. Sponsored by Good Shepherd Hospice, a member of Catholic Health Services of Long Island.

Bereavement Support Groups

Good Shepherd Hospice is forming free, nonsectarian eight week bereavement support groups for the months of July and August. Some of the groups now forming are spousal/partner loss, parents whose adult child has died, adults whose parents have died. For information or registration call bereavement coordinators before July 8-in Nassau call 516.876.8485 and in Suffolk call 631.376.3850.

Housing Needed

A sister of St. Dominic is seeking the rental of a one bedroom apartment in the West Islip area. (August 15 availability)

If you are looking to rent, please call 516.458.6268 after 9 PM Monday through Friday or on weekends.

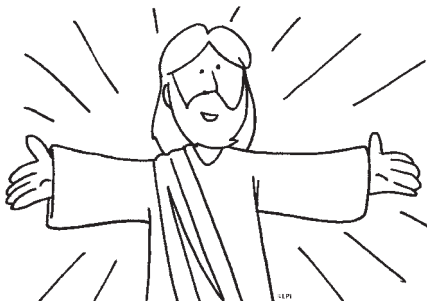
150th Anniversary

In September of this year, the Sisters of Saint Joseph will begin the celebration of their 150th Anniversary of service to the people of the Dioceses of Brooklyn and Rockville Centre. There will be a Gala Dinner Dance at the Garden City Hotel on Thursday, October 27, 2005. For additional information on this and other events of the Jubilee Year, please contact Mary Ann Crimmins, CSJ at 631.273.1187, extension 25.

Position Available

The Diocese of Rockville Centre is seeking an experienced secretary to provide secretarial and administrative support to Vice Officialis and/or Diocesan Judge and to assist in the general processing of annulments and assigning cases to an Advocate. This is a part-time position of four days/28 hours per week. Interested candidates should forward a cover letter, with salary requirements, and resumé to Office of Human Resources, Diocese of Rockville Centre, P. O. Box 9023, Rockville Centre, NY 11571-9023.

Sharing the Gospel



Jesus' arms are wide open - like a soccer player ready to receive. He wants us to come to him whenever and wherever we are. What amazing love! He wants to take the hard and heavy things in our lives. He wants to show us the Father, and tell us things "hidden from the wise and the learned." All Jesus asks is that we put on his "yoke" and live his way. It sounds too good to be true - but it is true!

Mission for the Week



Each day this week do one special act of obedience with a big smile as a way to take on Jesus' "yoke."

Puzzle

Jesus said: "Come unto me and I will give you rest."
Find the differences between these two pictures.



Prayer

Dear God,
I want to live your way. Thank you for loving me so much. Thank you for letting me rest in you. Please help me to stay close to you and obey you quickly and cheerfully.