

Our Lady of Lourdes

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time • July 31, 2005

Taking the five
loaves and the
two fish,



and looking up to heaven,
he said the blessing, broke
the loaves, and gave them
to the disciples, ...

Matthew 14:19

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 Scorcia
Ministry Spiritual Director

John Sureau
Coordinator of Worship

Sr. Betty Toohig
Senior Ministry-SAGE

Anthony Trombino
Business Manager

Pastoral Council

Michael Abbruscato
Salomon Acosta
Regina Ann Cioffi
Jane Desthers
Al Fioravanti
Stephen Frodell
Kathleen Goldin
Kathleen Holland (*chair*)
Maria Lucie
Ward Moeller
Mary Steck
John Sureau
Fr. Mike Vetrano
Marie Yuliano

Parish Staff

Barbara Catuosco
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

"Don't forget your
school supplies!
(see page 4)

Evening Prayer

Monday, August 1
with homilist
Carol Goetz
at 7 PM

Music for Evening Prayer
will be led by our
Cantor Ministry.

Arts and Crafts
begin at 6:30 PM
for the kids!

Arts and Crafts
sponsored by
Boyd-Caratozzolo
Funeral Home

Hospitality
sponsored by
Uniondale Chemists

A time for our parish family
to come together
in a relaxed, spirited and
fun-filled way.

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

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!

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.*



Social Action

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.

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.

School Supplies Needed

Throughout the month of *August*, we are asking our entire parish to help those in need by bringing new, unused school supplies to Summer Evening Prayer each Monday night. As we prepare for another school year many families in our parish and the local community need basic school supplies so they can get off to a good start this school year. Can you help? If so, pick up a few school supplies as you see them on sale or when shopping for your family. Bring them to *Evening Prayer each Monday of August* and leave them in the baskets by the hospitality table. Thanks for your help and support.

Throw a Bag in...

Many soup kitchens and local shelters rely on plastic shopping bags (the ones you get at Target, Best Yet, etc.) to provide food and resources to their communities. Can you help by saving your plastic bags each week and dropping them off in the Social Action baskets each Sunday? This way you're not harming the environment and you're helping those in need! This is something *everyone* can be a part of.

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.

Did you miss a week of Children's Liturgy?

Don't fear! Check out the table by the Parish Center which has the handouts and parent pieces for each week of Children's Liturgy. We're hoping for a web page soon – can you help us out? If so, please contact John Sureau at jsureau@ollchurch.org or call 661.3224.

Why are We Singing a New Song?

As you can read on page 3 of our bulletin, we are "Singing a New Song" to the Lord each Monday night at Evening Prayer. The many gifted and beautiful music groups in our parish have offered so much each week and our homilists have not only challenged us with great sermons on the Scriptures but also encouraging us to sing well at liturgy. One voice alone can't do it – but all of our voices together can bring about even more beautiful things!

Singing at Church is not something exclusive to our parish but it is what the Church calls us to do every time we gather. We don't come to Church to only 'listen' to the music at Mass but we're called to add to it!

In one of his last encyclicals, *Dies Domini – The Day of the Lord*, Pope John Paul II wrote:

Given the nature of Sunday Mass and its importance in the lives of the faithful, it must be prepared with special care. In ways dictated by pastoral experience and local custom in keeping with liturgical norms, efforts must be made to ensure that the celebration has the festive character appropriate to the day commemorating the Lord's Resurrection. To this end, it is important to devote attention to the songs used by the assembly, since singing is a particularly apt way to express a joyful heart, accentuating the solemnity of the celebration and fostering the sense of a common faith and a shared love. Care must be taken to ensure the quality, both of the texts and of the melodies, so that what is proposed today as new and creative will conform to liturgical requirements and be worthy of the Church's tradition which, in the field of sacred music, boasts a priceless heritage...

For sure our music ministers are providing us with a "priceless heritage". How are we responding?

Baptisms

Summer Rea Egner

John and Brenda

John Joseph Fucci

Christopher and Christina

Lavinna Catherine Haner

Richard and Nicole

Jaimey Lynn Hill

James and Michelle

Jack Thomas Geldmacher

Brian and Denise

Michael Christopher Quarry

Michael and Anne

Tyler Kristopher Schmitt

Kristopher and Karen

Victoria Rose Serpenti

Allan and Dawn

Evelina Mary McMahon

Daniel and Mary

Edward Daniel McMahon

Daniel and Mary

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

William Chartrand, husband of Audrey
Philip Lanzarone, husband of Evelyn
Shaun Ryan, son of June

Upcoming Marriages

Danielle Cusack and *Charles Henning*, both OLL

Allison Epp, OLL and *Nicholas Betzold*, Ss. Philip & James, St. James

Susan Gianatis and *Arthur Nappo*, both 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.

Remembering...

Monday, August 1

St. Alphonsus Liguori

8:00 AM Rev. Joseph Parrell

Tuesday, August 2

8:00 AM John Homann

Daily Mass

8 AM

Wednesday, August 3

8:00 AM Roy Acquista

Weekend Masses

Saturday: 5 PM

Sunday: 8 AM, 9:30 AM,
11 AM, 12:30 PM and 6 PM

Thursday, August 4

St. John Mary Vianney

8:00 AM LaRocca & Sweeney Families

Reconciliation

Saturday: 4 PM - 4:45 PM

Friday, August 5

8:00 AM Patrick McCarthy

Saturday, August 6

8:00 AM Norbert J. Kucala, Maureen A. Parson,
Peter Schreiner, Thomas Francis Walsh,
Voice of the Faithful, Virginia Petrino, Fannie Lace,
George Zweir, Frank Muccio, Jr. ,

5:00 PM Danny Salegna

Fr. Ambrose Cabildo

Sunday, August 7

8:00 AM John J. Dunn, Sr.

Fr. Ambrose Cabildo

9:30 AM Dorothy Boening Hoeffner

Fr. Stan Chukwube

11:00 AM Cassy Aitken

Fr. John Asomugha

12:30 PM Mary & Dominick Assante

Fr. Stan Chukwube

6:00 PM Rick Munkwitz, Tom Rebholz, Mary Carbone,
Vincent & Grace Capanzano, Rita Cassidy,
Lydia Yarish, Carol Fullmer, James Santiago,
Marie Smollen, Thanksgiving for a new home

Fr. John Asomugha

Financial Summary

July 24, 2005

Weekly Collection	\$16,061.30
Weekly Budget	-\$19,057.00
+/- for the week	\$ (2,995.70)

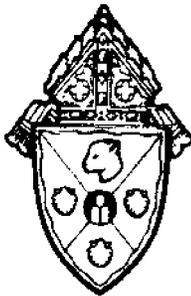
Society for the Propagation of the Faith

Collected Amount	\$ 4,590.73
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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.

Senior Circle

Senior Circle **Tai Chi** will be held on **Monday, August 1** at **10 AM** in the **Parish Center**.

The Senior Circle trip to **Tropicana**, originally scheduled for September 13 has been changed to **Tuesday, September 20**. The cost is \$20 with \$5 back. For information or reservations, contact Vera at 587.1553. Seating is on a first come-first served basis.

Italian Family Feast 2005

Super Raffle

Tickets will be on sale at the Church doors before and after all masses, beginning in the month of August. Tickets will also be available at the Parish Office, Monday thru Friday – 9 AM to 5 PM. Each ticket is \$100. Only 200 tickets will be sold! Don't wait – get **your** number early!



Volunteers needed!

Volunteers are always needed to support our annual Italian Family Feast 2005. We have our faithful volunteers that come and help year after year-and to them we are very grateful. We need to attract new volunteers to keep our feast the wonderful annual event that it is. Can you help? If your interested or have any questions, please call the Parish Office at 661.3224.

Living Liturgy

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Have you ever desired to serve the local community by ministering community at Mass or bringing communion to the sick? This Fall, the Diocese of Rockville Centre will offer training for those interested. Our parish will offer a follow up training for all to serve here and to potentially bring Communion to the sick at home in our parish community. If you're interested you can e-mail to jureau@ollchurch.org, or by calling the Parish Office at 661.3224.

Ushers

We are always in need of committed women and men to serve in our usher ministry. The ministry of usher is one of the most vital as they welcome parishioners, take up the collection and help people to receive the Eucharist! If you're interested, talk to one of the ushers at the Mass you attend or call the Parish Office at 661.3224 or e-mail to jureau@ollchurch.org.

Parish Office

661-3224

Monday-Friday: 9 AM - 7:30 PM

Saturday: 9 AM - 3 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

S.A.G.E.

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

Joyce Petersen

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.

Altar Servers Needed

Our parish's altar server ministry is looking for young women and men entering fourth grade to become altar servers. This is a wonderful way to get even more involved in our Church while helping our entire parish grow closer to God. If you're interested, contact the Parish Office at 661.3224 or e-mail to jsureau@ollchurch.org.

Lectors Wanted

In recent weeks, our lector ministry was sponsored as part of our "Parish Stewardship Effort." If you missed the sign-up or still want some more information, please contact the Parish Office at 661.3224 or e-mail to jsureau@ollchurch.org.

Jesus, King of All Nations Prayer Group will meet on Thursday, **August 4 at 3 PM** in the **Blessed Sacrament Chapel**.



Nocturnal Adoration

Our Lord asked the Apostles, “*Won’t you pray one hour with Me?*” Nocturnal Adoration is the first Saurday of each month. The month of August will be **Saturday, August 6** following the 5 PM Mass ending with Benediction at 9:50 PM. Our prayers will be for an end to the war. all are invited and welcome! Bring a friend.

Pray for Our Sick

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

Jannine Augustine, Jo Brogan, Christian Bullock, Tom Capo, Suzanne Coyle, John Esposito, John Finch, Concetta Franco, Rita Germano, James Grillo, Sr., Diana Kaehne, Benjy Margulies, Danny McCann, Arabella Elizabeth McCarthy, Silvestro Messina, Nichole O’Connor, Joe Radosti, Rose Serragano, Dorothy Sullivan, Rose Towler, Dorothy Traufield, Loretta Vitale

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

Ed Kelly III-US Air Force

William Morrow-US Marines

Peter Provenzano-US Army

Jonathan Rothwell- 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.

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

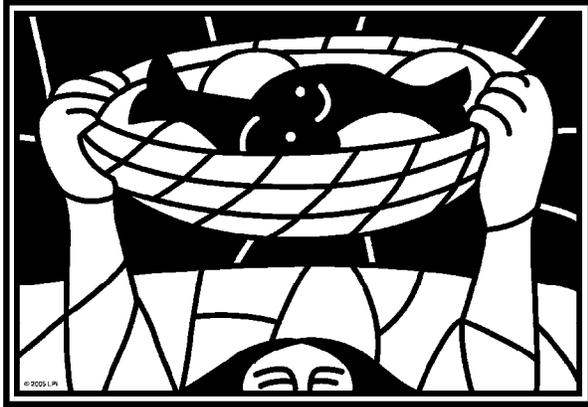
(one way to be printed each week in the bulletin)

6. Reflect on your baptismal call and the purpose and gifts God has given you.

The dismissal at the end of each Mass is a charge given to Christians, inviting them to work for the spread of the Gospel and the imbuing of society with Christian values (#24).

The Canticle of Simeon in Luke's gospel gives us a job description with which to respond to our baptismal call. Each of us has a purpose, a word to speak and work to accomplish in the world, so that at the end of our lives we, like Simeon, might say, "Lord let your servant go in peace, your word has been fulfilled."

Each of us has been given gifts, talents, and abilities to use in service for the common good, to make Christ present to those in need, and to build up God's kingdom. This is our purpose. Each Easter we recommit ourselves with our baptismal promises to reject sin and reaffirm our belief in God, our faith, and the faith of the Church. "We are proud to profess it in Christ Jesus our Lord" (*Rite of Confirmation*).



18th Sunday of Ordinary Time

At the parish picnic, parents were always on the lookout for their kids, making sure they were safe, fed, clean, and well-behaved. Even in a crowd, parents seemed to know exactly where their children were. Without a second thought or any effort, they could anticipate to the moment when their kids would be hungry or tired or ready to go home. Parents loved their children and knew them well.

Jesus' concern for the people was like that of a parent. He himself was tired and he went to a deserted place, but the people followed him. He took pity on them and began to give them what they needed: His message of God's love. He knew they were tired and hungry and he wanted to give them food and rest. Like a good parent, he took care of them and gave them all he could give.

God will never abandon us. He will never forget us. His love is so great that he gives us himself for food, his life for our sins, and his blood for our salvation. Without a second thought, God empties himself so that we are filled with all that is good and holy. God's love conquers all sin and doubt and raises us up to him. He knows us and loves us well.

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Readings for the Week of July 31, 2005

Sunday: Is 55:1-3/ Rom 8:35, 37-39/Mt 14:13-21
Monday: Nm 11:4b-15/ Mt 14:22-36
Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13/ Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25-14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/
 Mt 15:21-28
Thursday: Nm 20:1-13/ Mt 16:13-23
Friday: Dt 4:32-40/ Mt 16:24-28
Saturday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/ 2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9
Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Rom 9:1-5/
 Mt 14:22-33

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: *boxed potatoes, boxed rice, canned fruits, canned soups, canned vegetables-corn, peas, string beans, cereal, cookies, crackers, jello, jelly, pudding.*

Someone in need...

One of our clients in Parish Outreach could use a VCR. If you have a working VCR that you no longer need and would like to donate, please contact Outreach at 661.9262.

This would be greatly appreciated.

Thrift Shop

We cannot accept winter items such as clothing, blankets, skis, toys and books at this time.

We greatly appreciate your cooperation in this dilemma, we simply don't have the room.

Now the good news! We will celebrate the joyous season of Christmas every Saturday in the month of August from 10 AM until 1 PM. We are offering beautiful, low priced items for sale. The proceeds will benefit the Outreach Pantry. Please come and enjoy a cool shopping day with Christmas in your heart.

Thrift & Gift Boutique

Monday & Thursday:

9 AM - 11 AM

Saturday: 10 AM - 1 PM

Escape for the Weekend

An opportunity to enrich your marriage on August 20 and 21 at the Hampton Inn-Brookhaven, Farmingville. The cost is \$175 per couple for weekend which includes Myers-Briggs workshop, all materials, one room-double occupancy, breakfast and lunch on Saturday, breakfast on Sunday. Please make check payable to-Office of Laity and Family, and send to: P.O. Box 9023, Rockville Centre, NY 11571-9023. For further information and registration, please call 516.678.5800, extension 223

Bereavement Support Group

Facilitator training to be held at **St. Sylvester Parish** in Medford on **Tuesday, August 16** from **7 - 9 PM** or **Emmanuel Retreat Center** at Kellenberg High School, Uniondale on **Wednesday, August 17 from 7 - 9 PM**. There is a \$20 fee for registration, book and facilitator guide. To register, call 516.678.5800, ext. 508 or email cllok@drvc.org.

Spiritual Journey

A spiritual journey of hope for women sexual abuse survivors. *This group meets the first Saturday of each month at Our Lady of Miraculous Medal Church in Wyandanch.* The next meeting is scheduled for **Saturday, August 6 from 10 AM until 12 Noon in the Rectory Sitting Room**. For further information, please call Libby at 631.225.0734.

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

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:

"Remaining Positive"

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

Good News...

Also watch "Good News with Father Jim" on TELECARE, channel 29, on Mondays and Fridays at 9:45 AM; Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 7:45 PM; Sundays at 8 PM.

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.

Directed Retreats

Come for 5 - 10 days. The flow of each day allows you to move at your own pace, includes personal meeting with your spiritual director, offers the opportunity to share in daily Eucharist and invites you to spend your day, including meals in prayerful silence. To be held at the Cenacle in Ronkonkoma. For further information, please call 631.588.8266

Women's Recovery Retreat/Vacation

Come pray, rest and renew yourself at Siena Spirituality Center, Water Mill from August 21-25. Retreat/vacation to be led by S. Jane Doherty, OP. Pool and beach available. To register or for further information call 631.726.4710 or www.sienawatermill.org.

Safari through God's Word

Westminster United Presbyterian Church invites children entering kindergarten through grade 6 to a faith-filled Safari through God's Word Vacation Bible School from August 1 through August 5 from 6 PM - 8:30 PM. Free will offering will be accepted for dinner. To register, call or stop by Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday between 10:30 AM and 1 PM.

Craft Vendors Wanted

The St. Brigid/OLH School Fall Crafts Festival, a fun family event, to be held Saturday, September 17 on Maple Avenue in the Village of Westbury from 10 AM until 5 PM is looking for craft vendors. For vendor information, call 516.984.7617.

Wanted

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who have been commissioned by the Diocese to bring Holy Communion to patients at Good Samaritan Hospital. Any day, based on your availability, from 10:15 to 11:15 AM. If interested, please contact Sr. Mary Anna, Director of Pastoral Care at 631.376.4103.

Position Available

Unique entry level opportunity for computer proficient, high energy, quick learner to work directly with director of Human Resources on high-level human resource issues. Candidate must be willing and able to provide administrative support and work in a team environment. Appreciation for detail oriented and accurate work product a must. Interested candidates should forward a cover letter, resumé and three references to Office of Human Resources, Diocese of Rockville Centre, P. O. Box 9023, Rockville Centre, NY 11571-9023.

Sharing the Gospel



"Give them something to eat yourselves," Jesus said. He could have created food out of nothing, but he chose to use and multiply the small gifts his friends offered.

Jesus is the same today. He wants to use the little bit we offer him - our time, our skills, our energy, our things. He wants to make us his partners in bringing God's kingdom in. Jesus can work wonders with our small offerings, but he won't take them by force. It's up to us to offer.

Mission for the Week



Put a little extra in the church collection basket this week - maybe some candy or soda money. Ask God to bless and multiply it.

Puzzle

Jesus is God's Son. His miracles prove that he has the power to give us new life if we will accept him as our Savior. Find 5 loaves of bread and 2 fish in this picture.



Prayer

Dear God,
 I offer you the little bit I am and have.
 I know you will bless and multiply it.
 Thank you for letting me be your partner in making the world better. Thank you for receiving what I offer with love.