

**“Whoever loses
one’s life for my
sake
will
find
it.”**



Matthew 16:25

Our Lady of Lourdes

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time • August 28, 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. 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
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

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish



Italian Family Feast 2005

September 14 - 18, 2005

Opens Wednesday thru Friday at 7 PM

Opens Saturday at 6 PM

Opens Sunday at 2 PM



Super Raffle

Super Raffle Drawing
Sunday, September 18 - 9 PM

Tickets will be on sale at the Church doors at all
masses during the month of August.

Tickets will also be available at the Parish Office,
Monday-Friday, 9 AM to 5 PM.
Each ticket is \$100. Only 200 tickets will be sold.
Don't wait – get your number early!
Tickets are selling very fast!



Pay One Price!

Pay one price rides
Wednesday and Thursday

September 14 and 15
Family Nights-\$15

Sunday, September 18
All Day-\$20

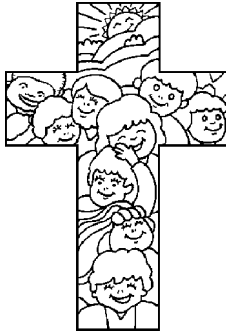


Religious Education

Grade 1 Program

Parents whose children are in public school, Grade 1- Fall 2005, are asked to register their children for the Pep 1 Program.

Registration will take place in the Parish Center (*room opposite the playground*) on the following dates/times:



Family name A - G: Thursday, September 22 at 10 AM or 8 PM

Family name H - O: Monday, September 26 at 10 AM or 8 PM

Family name P - Z: Wednesday, September 28 at 10 AM or 8 PM

If your child *was not baptized at OLL*, a Baptism Certificate is required. There is a “*family fee*” of \$90, and books \$20/worksheet fees \$15 are payable at this meeting. However, if you already have children attending the program, the first grader is included in the “*family fee*”.

Social Action

Our Social Action Group is busy at work planning for another year of mission and ministry!

Our next meeting is **Sunday, September 4 at 7 PM in Room 16**. All are welcome to come and find out more about the many projects already underway including our Social Action Food Drive, our work with St. Anne’s Soup Kitchen in Brentwood, planning for Respect Life Month and so much more. Our church so desperately needs a deep commitment to peace and justice...won’t you help?

If you’re interested in finding out more, come to the meeting on the September 4 or call the Parish Office at 661.3224 or e-mail to jsureau@ollchurch.org.

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 church. 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. 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.

School News

Our Lady of Lourdes School will hold its annual “**Supply Sale**” in the cafeteria on **Tuesday, August 30 from 9 AM until 12 noon and Thursday, September 1 from 12 noon until 3 PM.** School supplies and gym uniforms will also be on sale. The Parents Club will have a gently used “**Uniform Sale**” on the same days.

Our Lady of Lourdes School opens on **Wednesday, September 7** for **Kindergarten through Grade 8.** Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, September 7, 8 and 9 will have dismissal at 11:30 AM. Pre-K and Nursery will start the week of September 12.



Our first school **Mass** will be on **Monday, September 12 at 9 AM.** All are invited and welcome to come and begin the new school year together!

Why not have your child participate in the school band? Band is available to all Our Lady of Lourdes School students in grades 3–8. Instrumental music is an important part of education. Students will bring home information sheets in September.

Farewell

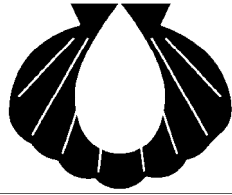


Last week, we bid farewell to Kevin Frodell who has served as a Sacristan at Our Lady of Lourdes for over two years. Before then and during that time, Kevin has also been involved with our Summer Evening Prayer Committee, music ministry, Religious Education program, and all around great volunteer. He takes leave of OLL to begin his collegiate career at Vassar College. For sure, Our Lady of Lourdes loss is Vassar’s gain. In his time at OLL, Kevin has also brought a great sense of calm, compassion and dedication to his work and to the people he has served.

Last June, at Vassar College, Tom Hanks delivered the Commencement Address at Vassar and spoke about the need for service and ministry, challenging students to help publicly, and help privately. Help in your actions by recycling and conserving and protecting, but help also in your attitude. Help make sense where sense has gone missing. Help bring reason and respect to discourse and debate. Help science to solve and faith to soothe. Help law bring justice, until justice is commonplace. Help and you will abolish apathy – the void that is so quickly filled by ignorance and evil.

Life outside of college is just like life in it: one nutty thing after another, some of them horrible, but all interspersed with enough beauty and goodness to keep you going. That’s your job, to keep going. Your duty is to *help* – without ceasing. The art you create can glorify it. The science you pursue can prove its value. The law you practice can pass on its benefits. The faith you embrace will make it the earthly manifestation of your God.

Over the past years – as a sacristan and volunteer – Kevin has helped without ceasing, bringing the presence of God to many others.



Baptisms

Matthew Gerard Boyle
Christopher and Carol
Emma Elizabeth Burke
Jason and Suzanne
Fallon Shea Esquilin
Joseph and Catherine
Caroline Mary Flammio
David and Angela
Julianna Alyssa Gargiulo
Michael and Lizette
Angelina Brianna Pico Romero
David and Yiselda
Grace Carolyn Sheridan
Brian and Deirdre
Layna Elizabeth Sheridan
Brian and Deirdre
Emily Anne Zegilla
John and Patricia

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

Antoinette Ciancimino, mother of Jo
Patrick Walsh, husband of Linda
Florenca Rubinstein, mother of Ruben
Anna Edel, mother-in law of Joan

Upcoming Marriages

Michele Monks, OLL and *Robert Horn*, St. Joseph's, Ronkonkoma
Siobhan Stica and *Edward Jablonski*, both OLL
Sharon Bauer and *Stephen Bronkhurst*, both OLL
Melanie Hayes and *Edward Valenti*, 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 29

Martyrdom of John the Baptist

8:00 AM George Stone

Tuesday, August 30

8:00 AM Joseph Kolk

Daily Mass

8 AM

Wednesday, August 31

8:00 AM Rita Rubino

Weekend Masses

Saturday: 5 PM

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

Thursday, September 1

8:00 AM Louise T. Reidemann

Reconciliation

Saturday: 4 PM - 4:45 PM

Friday, September 2

8:00 AM Ethel Dixon Isola

Saturday, September 3

8:00 AM Chris Hansen, Walter P. Henry,
Maureen A. Parson, Rick Munkwitz,
Peter Schreiner, Voice of the Faithful,
Virginia Petrino, Joseph Vetrano,
In Honor of the Blessed Virgin & Sacred Heart

5:00 PM Michael Torina

Fr. Stan Chukwube

Sunday, September 4

8:00 AM Joseph Priolo

Fr. Stan Chukwube

9:30 AM Mary Lynch & Mary Ryan

Fr. Mike Vetrano

11:00 AM Helen Sullivan

Fr. Bob Scheckenback

12:30 PM Dec'd members of the Terito Family

Fr. John Asomugha

6:00 PM Grace Foronjy, David John Zimmerly, All Saints,
Joseph Lobosco, Edmund Bolin,
Yvonne Venuto, Antoinette Ciancimino

Fr. Ambrose Cabildo

Financial Summary

August 21, 2005

Weekly Collection	\$15,432.21
Weekly Budget	-\$19,057.00
+/- for the week	\$ (3,624.79)

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

Good Stewardship

Being good stewards means that we use our gifts and resources to achieve the goals of our faith in our day-to-day lives. Our abilities, time and treasures all can be used to bring the Gospel message to others; a message of faith, hope and love.

Using the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy as a guide, we can look for ways to practice what we preach. To test our stewardship, we can ask a few questions. How well do I use my gifts? How can I help advance the Gospel? How well do I share God's goodness to me with others? Being a good steward helps me keep God first in my life.



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THANK YOU!
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Summer Evening Prayer

Sing a New Song to the Lord...of Thanksgiving!

As our Summer comes to a close, we can look back knowing we have prayed well at Summer Evening Prayer. The work of these summer prayer services is not an easy one, and one that involves many different facets of our parish's ministries and services. As we look back let's give thanks...to those who presided and led prayer-Joanne Maher, Trish Frodell, Laura Walsh, Carl Franckowski, Robert Natale, Fr. Ambrose and Fr. Stan...to those who preached on the readings and encouraged us to sing a new song-Fr. Mike, Sr. Diane, Sr. Nancy, Carol Goetz, Sr. Betty, Deacon John and Fr. Bob ...to the wonderful music ministries who gave up part of their summers to prepare and lead us in song-the Contemporary Music Group, Women's Chorale, the music group Lift Him Up, our Cantor Ministry, the Highplains Drifters, our Filipino Community, Adult Choir, our Youth Choir and the Children's Choir from St. Martin's/Amityville ... to those who sponsored our Prayer Services, Arts and Crafts, Hospitality and Meals, especially Munch Landscaping, Lang Tobia DiPalma Funeral Home, Mehling Orthopedics, Uniondale Chemists, Good Samaritan Hospital Medical Center, West Islip Orthodontics, Boyd-Caratozzolo Funeral Home, Parker Hannifin ESD, Fishel & Bowels, Attorneys at Law and Joe Riscica's Auto Repairs, Inc. ...and those who met, planned, and prepared our Summer Evening Prayer Services, especially Kerri Ackerly, Mrs. Diane Ackerly, Mr. Tony Buonaspina, Mrs. Lisa Cantalino, Marc Cantalino, J.P. Cantalino, Mrs. Patricia Cunn, Gregory Cunn, Mr. Carl Franckowski, Mrs. Trish Frodell, Mrs. Carol Goetz, Mrs. Carol Gordon, Patrick Gordon, Mrs. Jean Ann Gottsch, Mrs. Patricia A. Kelley, Sr. Diane Liona, Mrs. Maria F. Lucie, Mrs. Joanne Maher, Ms. Mary McMahon, Andrew Moeller, Katherine Moeller, Joanne Moeller, Mrs. Marianne Oross, Mrs. Carolyn Paprocky, Mrs. Laura Walsh, and Mrs. Patricia Zanella.

Senior Circle

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

A feast worker meeting has been scheduled for **Thursday, September 9 at 7:30 PM in the Parish Center**. All volunteers and workers should attend.

Contemporary Music Group

We're getting ready for another great year leading music and prayer at "The Six" on Sunday nights and for youth prayer services throughout the year.

We need you!

We are looking for vocalists and instrumentalists, ages middle school through adult, to play with us throughout the year. Whatever you play – whatever you're good at, bring it to the group and to our parish family! If you have ideas for music, events at the liturgy or ways to make the liturgy come more alive – great! We can use your input.

Practices are generally held on Sundays before the "The Six." If you're interested in finding out more, call the Parish Office at 661.3224 or e-mail to music@ollchurch.org or jsureau@ollchurch.org.

Living Liturgy

The summer months are the time to rest and rejuvenate ourselves. As fall approaches, it is the time to commit to spending more time in our parish community.

Our parish is in need of you for the following...

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 jsureau@ollchurch.org or call the Parish Office at 661.3224.

Do you love to cry at weddings?

Come and be a part of Our Lady of Lourdes Wedding Ministry. Help make that day special for some bride and groom by assisting at their rehearsal and on their wedding day. If you are interested or would like more information, please call Bart at 587.0587.

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

Pray for Our Sick

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

*Jannine Augustine, Jo Brogan, Christian Bullock,
Maria Chiarello, Suzanne Coyle, John Esposito,
John Finch, Julia Guando, Fr. Bill Jablonski,
Benjy Margulies, Arabella Elizabeth McCarthy,
Nichole O'Connor, Michael Ojeda, Joe Radosti,
Winifred Rooney, Rose Serragano, Dorothy Sullivan,
Loretta Vitale, Diana Zotto*

Jesus, King of All Nations Prayer Group will meet
on Thursday, **September 1 at 3 PM** in the **Blessed
Sacrament Chapel**.

The Good Samaritan Prayer Group will meet on
Friday, **September 2 at 8 PM** in **Room 16/cafeteria**.



Altar Society

Carol Grillo

Anointing of the Sick

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

Communion CallsCommunion 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.



Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Please join us on our **Pilgrimage to Lourdes, April 17 -25, 2006** with Fr. Michael Vetrano, commemorating the *Fiftieth Anniversary of Our Lady of Lourdes*. For more information you are cordially invited to the Lourdes meeting on Tuesday, August 30 at 7:30 PM in the Parish Center.

Nocturnal Adoration Society

Fifteen year anniversary of the Nocturnal Adoration Society. Come and pray with us on Saturday, **September 3 between 6 - 9:50 PM**, ending with Benediction. We will be praying for the children of the world. Yearly enrollment into the Nocturnal Adoration Society will be on Saturday, October 1 at 6 PM. If you are interested, please call Eileen at 321.7153 so that supplies can be ordered. All are invited and 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

Ed Kelly III-US Air Force

Michael F. Loguidice-US Air Force

Paul McEvoy-US Army

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

(last article in a series of ten-weeks)

10. **Aim high. Do not be content with mediocrity. Depend on God's help.**

I do not ask, however, for anything extraordinary, but rather that every initiative be marked by a profound interiority. If the only result of the Year were the revival in all Christian communities of the celebration of Sunday Mass and an increase in Eucharistic worship outside Mass, this Year of grace would be abundantly successful. At the same time, it is good to aim high, and not to be content with mediocrity, since we know we can always count on God's help (#30).

It is what we do when we are out of the spotlight that most often supports us in our ability to live a genuine life of faith, ministry, and witness. A greater participation in the Eucharist can become part of the habits that foster faith and nourish us to serve our neighbor, live with an attitude of thankfulness, care for the poor, and make a difference in public discourse. Our interior stance informs our exterior actions, which, with God's help, become the real presence of Christ in the world. As we seek together to observe this Year of the Eucharist, may we incarnate the words of Saint Augustine: "Let us be what we receive, the Body of Christ".



22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

At the beginning of every year, we are flooded with articles about keeping our new year resolutions, changing our lives, becoming better people, growing wealthier, healthier and smarter. One suggestion to double our chance of success was to find a partner to help keep you on target: a personal trainer, a financial advisor, a dietitian, or a work-out partner. A little guidance would help us find our way.

Scripture is filled with stories of spiritual resolutions. The patriarchs and prophets, the Apostles, and holy men and women resolve to seek God in their lives. They proclaim his message and follow his law regardless of the consequence. They want to be better people, growing in grace and wisdom and in God's favor, year in and year out.

Jesus is the way to salvation. Our journey begins in the waters of baptism. He guides us by his example, by his teaching and by giving us a share in his life. Along the way, each of us must pick up our cross. We must struggle with sin, choose grace over evil, and help each other along the way if we are to succeed. Our goal is heaven and with the help of the Lord and one another, we can reach it!

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Readings for the Week of August 28, 2005

Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/ Rom 12:1-2/ Mt 16:21-27
Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18/ Mk 6:17-29
Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/ Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday: Col 1:1-8/ Lk 4:38-44
Thursday: Col 1:9-14/ Lk 5:1-11
Friday: Col 1:15-20/ Lk 5:33-39
Saturday: Col 1:21-23/ Lk 6:1-5
Next Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20

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 chili
canned fruits
canned soups
canned vegetables
cereal
children's disposable diapers
cookies
crackers
jello
jelly
pudding
spam



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



Golden Wedding Jubilee

On Sunday, October 30, couples married 50 years or more-who have not already been honored by the Bishop-are invited to receive a special blessing and certificate from Bishop Paul Walsh, following the celebration of the Eucharist at Maria Regina, Seaford at 3 PM. Please pick up your registration card at the OLL Parish Office no later than September 10. Any questions or concerns please call the Parish Office at 661.3224.

Operation Andrew

The Vocation Office will be sponsoring an evening of prayer and discussion of the priesthood and religious life for young men of our diocese on Wednesday, October 19. This evening will allow priests and brothers to share the story of their vocation in an informal setting with those present. There will be Mass with Bishop Murphy followed by dinner and conversation. For information please contact the Vocations Office at 631.424.9888 or email vocations@drvc.org.

Fall Collaborative Courses

The Office of Laity and Family presents the Fall Collaborative courses-Ministry of Consolation-Part I at Christ the King Parish, Commack on Mondays beginning September 12 from 7 PM until 9 PM. Ministry of Consolation -Part 2 will be held at St. Raphael Parish, East Meadow on Thursdays, beginning September 29 from 1 PM until 3 PM. For registration or further information please call 516.678.5800, ext. 631 or email to mfernandez@drvc.org.

Divorce and Beyond

A ten-week program for the divorced or those going through the divorce process. An opportunity to find that special comfort and insight that can only be found in a group who are experiencing similar feelings. Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Parish, Centerport beginning Friday, September 2 from 7:30 - 9 PM, call Parish Outreach to register at 631.754.9045 or St. Barnabas Parish, Bellmore beginning Friday, September 16 from 7:30 - 9 PM, call Carol to register at 516.432.2241. (\$20 fee includes registration fee, book and notebook).

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, September 3, from 10 AM until 12 Noon in the Rectory Sitting Room.** For further information, please call Libby at 631.225.0734.

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:

"Finding Peace"

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

Sociable Singles

Sociable Singles Dance on Saturday, September 10 at 8:30 PM, Knights of Columbus Hall, Long Island Avenue, Deer Park. \$20 donation at the door includes buffet, cake, coffee and DJ. For further information please call 631.242.4711.

Heal Our Broken Hearts

You need not walk alone...

A bereavement group for parents who have lost children. We invite you to join us as we share our joys, sorrows and stories. Eight consecutive weeks, beginning on Monday, September 12 at Our Lady of Grace Church, Room 204 from 7:30 until 9 PM. For further information or to answer any questions, please call Maureen at 631.888.1649.

An Afternoon of Reflection

An Afternoon of Reflection with Sister Pat Duffy, OP. Sister Pat will give two reflections in the Carriage House by the Connetquot River in the Bayard Cutting Arboretum, Oakdale on Sunday, September 11 from 2:30 - 7 PM. Conclude with dinner in the Cutting Manor House. \$45 with \$6 parking fee, carpooling suggested. Limited to 85 people, so register early. For information and registration please call 631.395.1271.

Teacher Assistant

St. Mary School in East Islip is hiring teacher assistants for Early Childhood Programs-September 2005!

If interested, please call the school office on Tuesday or Wednesday, mornings between 8 AM and 10 AM at 631.581.4266, extension 3.

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. For vendor information, call 516.984.7617.

Irish Language School

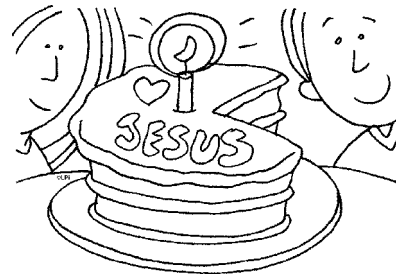
The Gerry Tobin Irish Language School's new semester of free, weekly Irish Language classes begins on Thursday, September 15 in the AOH Hall in Babylon. All those interested are welcome and are asked to call Jerry at 516.679.0465 for further information.

140th Anniversary Celebration

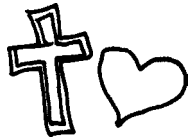
Saint Nicholas Roman Catholic Church on Olive Street in Brooklyn is celebrating its 140th Anniversary on Sunday, November 13, 2005. The celebration will begin with Mass at 11:30 AM followed by a reception at the Polonaise Terrace from 1:30 - 6:30 PM. For tickets and information call the Rectory at 718.388.1420.

Sharing the Gospel

Following Jesus is not going to be a piece of cake. Jesus never promised a problem-free life, but he did promise the reward our faith deserves. If we hold on to our lives and our will we're sure to lose. If we let go of our way to embrace his way we're sure to win. It's that simple. Peter didn't get it, and Jesus had to set him straight. We can learn from Peter's mistake that we can't have it both ways. We must choose.



Mission for the Week



Do something that you don't like doing for a family member. Carry packages, clean up a mess, or stay with someone who needs you. Do it without grumbling or complaining. Let Jesus lead you.



Word Search

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

JESUS
LEADERS
PRIESTS

SUFFER
THINK
FOLLOW

DESTROY
GLORY
REWARD

T	H	I	N	K	B	L	G	J	C
A	M	F	O	H	U	K	P	E	I
J	S	P	R	I	E	S	T	S	D
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L	O	R	F	X	A	U	A	N	R
S	J	Z	D	E	S	T	R	O	Y
V	B	P	T	W	R	Y	D	K	Q



Prayer

Dear God,

the choice is clear
- your way or
my way.
I want to choose
your way.

Please make me
strong enough to
let go of what
doesn't lead me
to you.