



"Where two or more

**I am in the
midst of
them.**

are gathered in my name,

Matthew 18:20

Our Lady of Lourdes

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time • September 4, 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
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Anthony Trombino
Business Manager

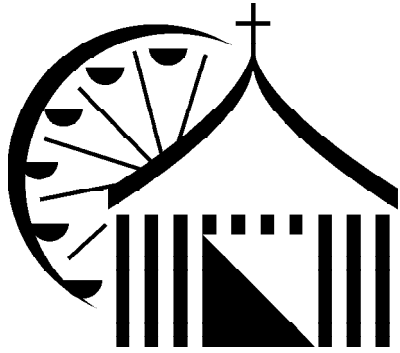
Pastoral Council

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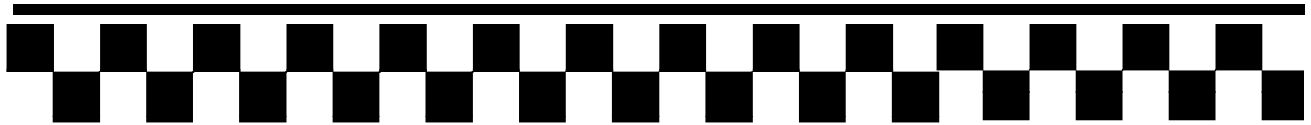
Parish Staff

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

Movin' Out

\$5 per ticket/6 tickets \$25

Two winners each to receive...

Two theatre tickets, dinner and limousine transportation-all with special guest Fr. Mike Vetrano. Drawing to be held on Sunday, September 18 at 9 PM.

Super Raffle

Super Raffle Drawing
Sunday, September 18 - 9 PM

Tickets will be on sale at the Church entrance after all masses.

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



Advance Tickets

Any six rides for \$10!
These tickets are good for all rides any day of the feast.
Tickets must be purchased in advance, Monday through Friday at the Parish Office from 9 AM to 5 PM.

Volunteer Registration Form

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish



Italian Family Feast 2005

• Previous and New Volunteers •

All volunteers, previous and new, are kindly asked to complete this form and return it to the Parish Office or drop in the collection basket—on or before **September 11**.

Please print...

Name: _____

Address: _____ **Town:** _____

Telephone # Home _____ **Cell:** _____

Volunteer Schedules Available

Wednesday, September 14 – Friday, September 16

7 PM – 11 PM

Saturday, September 17

6 PM – 10 PM or 8 PM – 12 AM

Sunday, September 18

2 PM – 6 PM or 6 PM – 10 PM

VIRTUS Training completed?

(Diocese of Rockville Centre “Protecting God’s Children” Program)

Yes _____ No _____

Please fill out completely.

Date Available	Time Available	Indoor	Outdoor	No Preference	Specific Station

If you have any questions or concerns, please call the Parish Office at 661.3224. Contact the school directly for Tuition Reduction information.

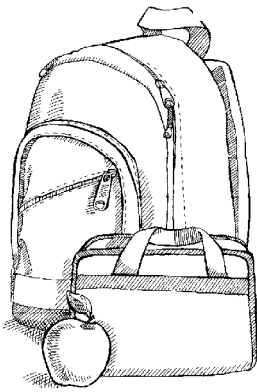
School News

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.

Blessing of Backpacks and School Supplies



Sunday, September 11, 2005
9:30 AM Family Mass

We invite all young people to bring their backpacks to be blessed during the Liturgy. Following Mass, all are invited to the Father Joe Memorial Garden for food and fun!

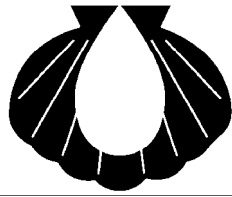
Religious Education

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*”.



Baptisms

Gabrielle Elizabeth Martorella

Ricky and Tracy

Joseph James Anastasio

Anthony and Laura

Kailyn Helen Douglas

Dimas and Ana

Amelia Blu Ross

Benjamin and Maureen

Samantha Kathleen Calabro

Michael and Tara

Francis Rosario Olivieri

Frank and Lisa

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

John Foley, brother of Sally

Anthony DiPaola, father of Patricia

Upcoming Marriages

Melanie Hayes and *Edward Valenti*, both OLL

Brooke LaFountain and *Ronnie Anderson*, both OLL

Kimberly Tuthil and *John Desthers*, both OLL

Julia DiFiglia, OLL and *Robert Comer*, St. Mary's, East Islip

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, September 5

8:00 AM Robert Russell

Tuesday, September 6

8:00 AM Pauline Sabala

Wednesday, September 7

8:00 AM Madeleine Nadvornik

Thursday, September 8

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 AM LaRocca & Sweeney Families

Friday, September 9

St. Peter Claver, priest, religious

8:00 AM Cosmo Buonaspina

Saturday, September 10

8:00 AM Cosmo Buonaspina, Patrick Rafferty,
Anna Connolly, Joseph Vetrano,
Philip Lanzarone, Caroline Randazzo,
Catherine Hackett, Bonnie Mundsingner,
Alex Bojko, Mary Craddock, Robert Fakhouri,
In Honor of the Blessed Virgin & Sacred Heart

5:00 PM Joseph L. McPhail

Sunday, September 11

8:00 AM 9/11 Victims

9:30 AM Christian Jerard Downey & Raymond Downey

11:00 AM Patrick Manning & Grandparents

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

6:00 PM WTC Victims, Carlos Vargas, William Banfill,
Salvatore Dellaria, Bernie Macaluso,
Thomas Mullins, Antoinette Ciancimino,
Mildred Hinshaw

Daily Mass

8 AM

Weekend Masses

Saturday: 5 PM

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

Reconciliation

Saturday: 4 PM - 4:45 PM

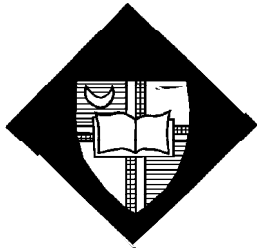
Financial Summary

August 28, 2005

Weekly Collection	\$16,746.77
Weekly Budget	<u>-\$19,057.00</u>
+/- for the week	\$ (2,310.23)

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

Reflections of the Season

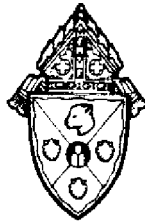


September 4: USCCB Collection-second collection

Established in 1887 as a graduate and research center, The Catholic University of America is a pontifical university located in Washington, D.C. At the Plenary Council of Baltimore in 1866, the bishops of the United States expressed their desire to establish a university.

Years later, with the approval of Pope Leo XIII, Catholic University was founded to provide a center of learning for clergy and laity alike. It began offering undergraduate degrees in 1904. Today, over 5,000 students attend CU, choosing from a variety of undergraduate and graduate programs. The Board of Trustees, comprised of clergy and laity, oversees the operation of CU's 193 acres, 55 major builds and a library of just under 2 million volumes. The university motto is *Deus Lux Mea Est*, God Is My Light.

Catholic Ministries Appeal



Parishgoal:	\$118,600
Pledged to date:	\$112,419
Potential Rebate:	\$ 25,803
Pledges to date:	490
Average pledge:	\$224.55

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

Thank you to all those parishioners who have responded so generously to the CMA. 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, should be made payable to "Catholic Ministries Appeal". Blank pledge cards are available at all the Church entrances.



Italian Family Feast 2005

A feast worker meeting has been scheduled for **Thursday, September 8 at 7:30 PM in the Parish Center.** All volunteers and workers should attend.

SAGE

The SAGE Group (Senior Advocates for Growth and Enrichment) will meet on **Tuesday, September 6, in the Parish Center at 9 AM.** All older parishioners are welcome.

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 first come-first served.

Keeping Our Church Clean

Thank you for your help in keeping our Church clean!

What a huge help it has been. . . .and please keep it up! If you see something wrong, please let someone know. If there is a bulletin left behind, a worship aid tucked in the missalette rack or something out of place, please return it. Many hands make light work and little things make a big difference in making our worship space even more welcoming and comfortable.

Living Liturgy

We're still singing!

This summer, we were all challenged to "Sing a New Song"...

now you can see what those songs are. The hymn boards – previously located on the sides of the Church are now on either side of the Sanctuary for all to see. The boards list the songs used at most of our Masses, however, during the school year we use worship aids at the 9:30 AM and "The Six" so the hymn boards don't necessarily reflect the hymns used at those Masses.

Welcome Tom Gordon

We welcome *Tom Gordon* to the ministry of Sacristan here at Our Lady of Lourdes. Tom is a sophomore at West Islip High School and has been involved in many activities in the life of our parish community. For sure, he will bring an added dimension of energy and enthusiasm to our worship on Sundays and holy days throughout the year.



Also, we ask that you please keep all of our Sacristans –

Greg Cunn, Joe McCormack, Matthew Baltrusitis, Meaghan Lucie, Eddie Hodgson and Tom Gordon - in your thoughts and prayers. Having such talented and committed young people involved in worship and prayer life of our community is a true blessing!

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, Angela D'Angelo, Barney D'Angelo,
Mary Doyle, 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 8 at 3 PM** in the **Blessed
Sacrament Chapel**.

The Good Samaritan Prayer Group will meet on
Friday, **September 9 at 8 PM** in **Room 16/cafeteria**.



Altar Society

Monenna Kennedy

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.

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.



Daytime Eucharistic Devotion

The afternoon adoration for the month of September will be on **Wednesday, September 7 from 1 -3 PM in the Church.**

All are invited and welcome to come! We will be praying for world peace and our priests and their families.

Rosary Christian Mothers

On Tuesday, September 6, Rosary Christian Mothers will begin with the **Rosary in the Church at 7:45 PM** and the RCM meeting will follow at **8 PM in the Parish Center.**

Holy Name Society

On **Sunday, September 11**, the Holy Name Society will begin with the **Rosary at 7:40 AM in the Church** and meeting to follow at **9 AM 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

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.



23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

A local candy store has been owned and operated by the same family for several generations. During the weeks before each holiday, members of the family arrive. A doctor, a teacher, two homemakers, and an assortment of spouses, cousins and children come to help make the candy. When a local reporter asked why they come, the answer was simple. If you belong to this family, you make candy.

All communities have expectations of their members, including the Church. We are the Body of Christ and we gather to pray and worship. We share our faith with others and work to relieve human suffering and injustice. Most importantly, we help each other on our journey of faith, pointing out pitfalls and dangers, and offering support through our presence and our prayer. If you belong to this family, you pray and help each other.

Faith is often described in terms of a journey. We must choose which way to travel, how to live our faith, and what we must do in order to remain faithful to the Gospel. The task is made easier when we help each other, keeping our minds and hearts set on the goal of being one with God and with each other in Heaven.

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Readings for the Week of September 4, 2005

Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20
Monday: Col 1:24-2:3/Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/ Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday: Col 3:1-11/ Lk 6:20-26
Thursday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23
Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/ Lk 6:39-42
Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17/ Lk 6:43-49
Next Sunday: Sir 27:30-28:9/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35

Social Action

Our next **Social Action Meeting** will be on **Monday, September 12**, at **7 PM** in the **school library**.

Please come and find out how you, and our entire parish, can work to make our local community and our global community a better place!

Social Action Weekend

Save the dates...

September 24 and September 25
Saturday and Sunday
Social Action Weekend at Our Lady of Lourdes

We are honored to welcome Catholic Relief Services and the Good Shepherd Sisters to Our Lady of Lourdes to speak about their work and ministry, how we have already supported them, and how we can do so in the future.



Music Ministry

We're Back!

Now that we've all had a summer break, the Adult Choir and the Contemporary Music Group will begin singing at mass on September 11. Anyone wishing to join either of these groups are welcome to come to our first rehearsal of the year.

Adult Choir

The Adult Choir includes members that are age 21 and older. Our first rehearsal will be on Thursday, September 8 at 8 PM in the Parish Center.

Contemporary Music Group-(8th grade through college age)

Our Contemporary Music Group includes members that are eighth grade through college age. The Contemporary Music Group first rehearsal will be on Sunday, September 11 at 4:30 PM in the Church.

Also, if you are proficient on an instrument and would like to play with our groups, please join us. If you would like further information, you may contact Carol Goetz at 661-3224 or email to music@ollchurch.org. In the meantime, warm up those voices and tune up those instruments and become part of our music ministry!

Youth Choir-sign-ups and rehearsal

Our 9:30 AM Mass Youth Choir begins a new year of singing with **sign-ups and rehearsal on Thursday, September 8, from 7-8 PM in the Church.**

All present choir members and those interested in joining for the first time are invited. Students in Grade 1 through high school are welcome! You don't have to have a great voice; you just need love singing and having fun! Any questions? Email

jengallagher@ollchurch.org

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*



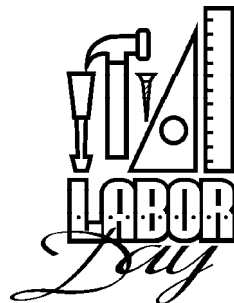
Support Groups

Alcoholics Anonymous

Monday and Tuesday at 8 PM and Saturday at 7 PM in Lourdes Hall-convent lower level.

ALANON

Each Wednesday at 10 AM in Lourdes Hall-convent lower level.



The Parish Offices will be closed on **Monday, September 5** in observance of **Labor Day**.



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.

High School Vocation Retreat

The Vocation Office for the Diocese of Rockville Centre is sponsoring a High School Vocation Retreat Weekend at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception on Saturday, November 19 - Sunday, November 20. This retreat is for young men of high school age who might benefit from hearing more about the priesthood and use the experience in their future discernment of a vocation. There is no fee for this event, but preregistration is required. For more information please contact the Vocation Office at 631.424.9888 or email to 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).

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:

"Work In Our Lives"

Don't forget to tune in! Visit "Religion & Rock" on the web, www.religionandrock.com. Also watch "Good News with Father Jim" on TELE CARE, 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.

Healing Mass

St. Joseph the Worker Church in East Patchogue will host a "Healing Mass" offered by Msgr. Michael Mozia on Friday, September 9 at 7:30 PM. If you have any questions, please call 631.286.9133. Please bring water, oils, and salt, as there will be a blessing of sacramentals.

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

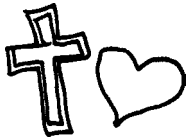
Saint Nicholas Roman Catholic Church on Olive Street in Brooklyn is celebrating its 140th Anniversary on Sunday, November 13, 2005. The celebration will begin with Mass at 11:30 AM followed by a reception at the Polonaise Terrace from 1:30 - 6:30 PM. For tickets and information call the Rectory at 718.388.1420.

Sharing the Gospel

What is sin? It is when the things we think, say or do will break God's rules. We know that following God's rules will help us to love God and other people. Sin breaks us apart. So, if we see one of our friends sinning, should we yell at them? Should we pretend it never happened? In today's Gospel, Jesus told his friends to talk quietly, alone with your friend. Gently tell your friend what he did wrong and invite him to tell God he's sorry. Help your friend come back to God.



Mission for the Week



When you sin, it hurts God and other people. Make a point to tell God and others that you are sorry.



Word Search

Circle the following words from today's Gospel in this puzzle.

FOLLOWERS
POINT
WRONG

PRIVATE
LISTENS
REFUSES

WITNESSES
PRAY
TOGETHER

I	S	M	E	N	S	I	M	P	Y	W
N	F	O	L	L	O	W	E	R	S	I
A	G	N	T	I	Y	R	U	I	G	T
N	U	W	H	S	A	O	T	V	W	N
P	O	I	N	T	B	N	U	A	D	E
I	T	P	R	E	I	G	V	T	J	S
P	U	S	T	N	B	T	W	E	N	S
R	E	F	U	S	E	S	H	T	O	E
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Prayer

Dear God,

when I see a friend sin, help me to bring him back to your love.

Amen.