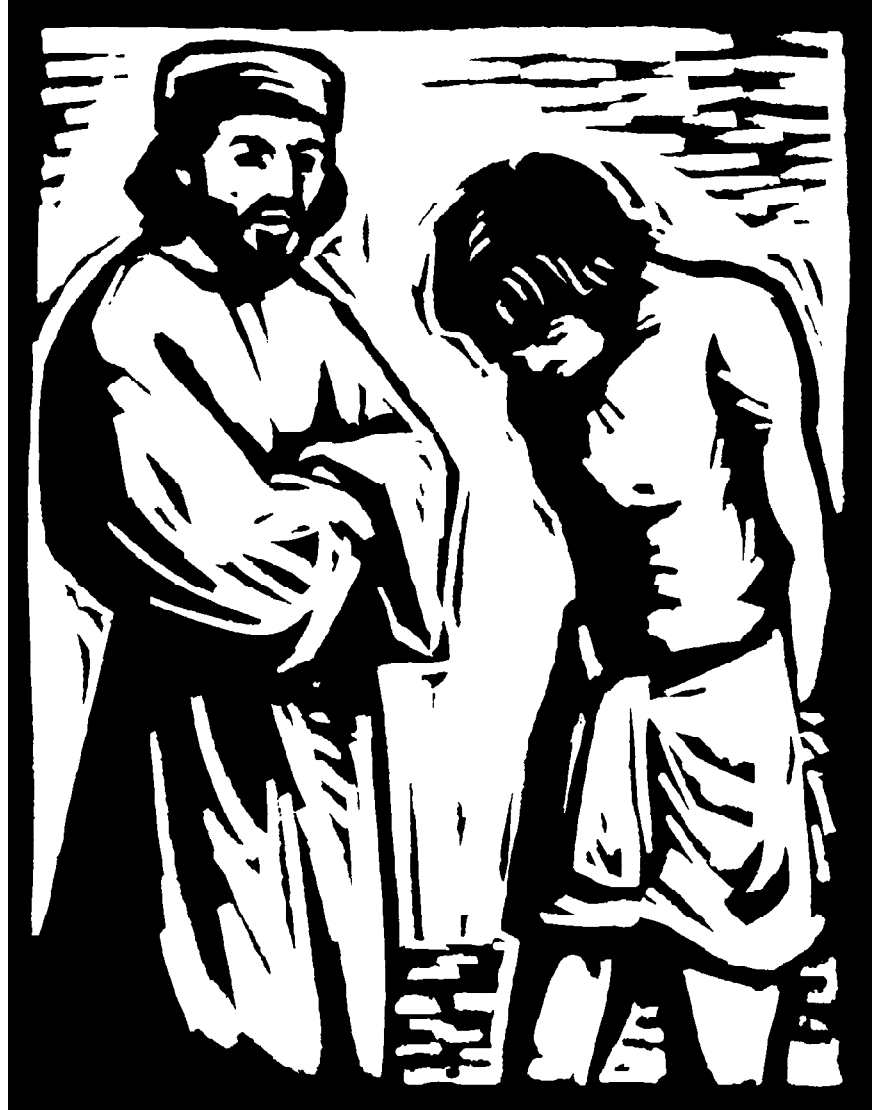


Our Lady of Lourdes

“Should
you not
have had
pity
on your
fellow
servant,



as I had pity on you?”

Matthew 18:33

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
• September 11, 2005 •

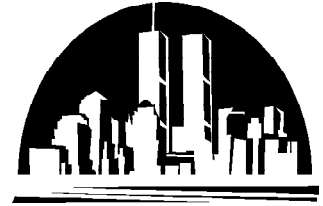
Our Lady of Lourdes

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
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Sr. Diane Liona
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Ministry Spiritual Director

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Sr. Betty Toohig
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Anthony Trombino
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Pastoral Council

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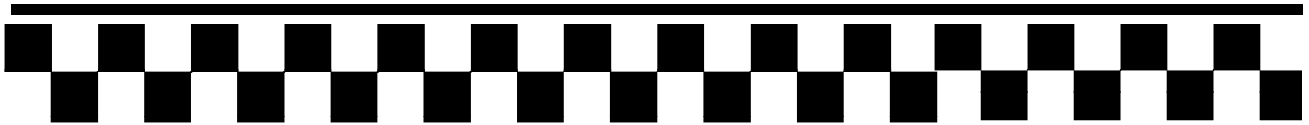
Parish Staff

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

Take a chance to spend a day in NYC with Fr. Mike Vetrano!

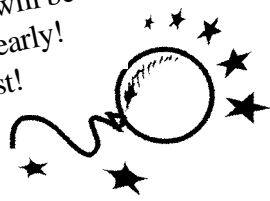
... including limousine transportation, tickets to Billy Joel's "Movin Out", and dinner at a fine restaurant.

\$5 per ticket/6 tickets \$25

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!



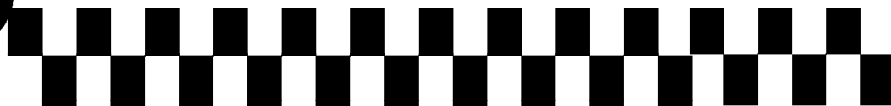
Pay One Price!

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.

**Big
Thank
You!**



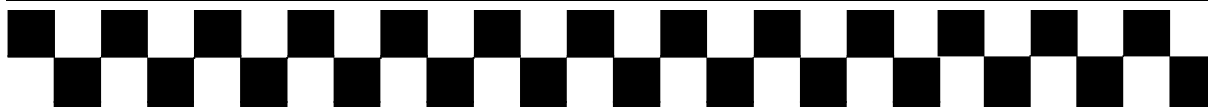
We would like to take this opportunity to thank our "Elite Sponsors",

Boyd-Spencer Funeral Home
Friday, September 16

Chapey & Sons Funeral Home
Saturday, September 17

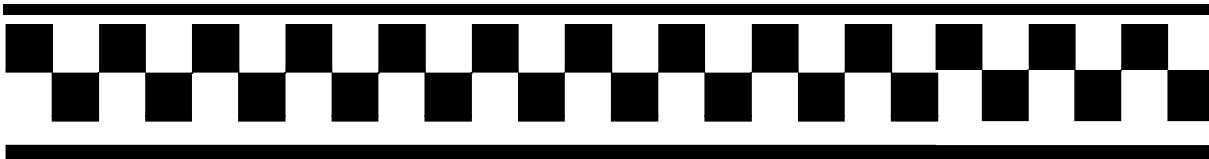
Lang-Tobia DiPalma Funeral Home
Sunday, September 18

...each who have sponsored a day at
Our Lady of Lourdes Italian Family Feast 2005.



parishioners please NOTE:

This week our parish feast begins!
Therefore, at all Masses next weekend, September 17 and 18,
parking will be available in the Manetuck School parking lot.
(*elementary school located behind the Church parking lot*)



Don't forget...

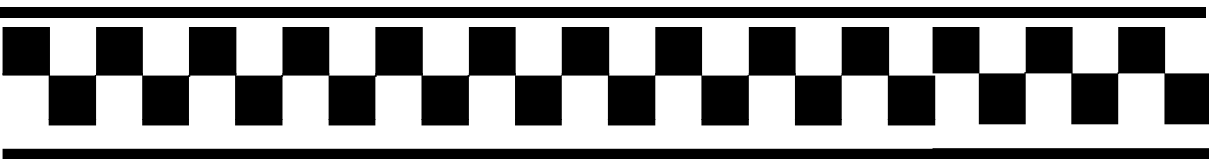
Our Lady of Lourdes Feast Mass

Sunday, September 18
at 12:30 PM

The Feast Mass is the beginning of our year of ministry here at Our Lady of Lourdes.

All parishioners and ministers are invited to attend our Feast Mass and receive a special blessing.

Please come and join with us as we rededicate our parish to Our Lady of Lourdes.



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*”.

Confirmation

On Thursday, November 3, Bishop Paul Walsh, Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Rockville Centre, will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to the candidates of our parish. These young women and men are the chosen members of this community who have studied, served and prepared for this Sacrament.



This weekend, our parish family will have an opportunity to share in the candidate’s formal petitioning for the Sacrament of Confirmation. At each Mass, all the Candidates will be invited to come forward, indicating his/her readiness to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. This is such an affirmation of our faith, both for the candidates and our parish family.

During this month, they will begin the final steps of their journey towards Confirmation and even greater involvement in the life of our Church. The Confirmation candidates of our parish will participate in “Spirit Nights” with their parents and sponsors. We welcome them at “The Six” for some of their Spirit Nights.

Please continue to pray for our Confirmation Candidates, their sponsors and families during this exciting time for them and our parish family.

Upcoming Parent/Orientation Meetings

Pep 4-Monday, Sept. 12 and Tuesday, Sept. 13, 10 AM or 8 PM Parish Center

Pep 2-Monday, Sept. 19 and Wednesday, Sept. 21, 10 AM or 8 PM Parish Center

Grade 8-Thursday, Sept. 22, 10 AM or 8 PM Cafeteria

Grade 7-Thursday, Oct. 6, 10 AM or 8 PM Cafeteria

Grade 6-Thursday, Oct. 20, 10 AM or 8 PM Cafeteria

Grade 5-Thursday, Oct. 27, 10 AM or 8 PM Cafeteria

Please consult the Religious Education calendar for further information on each grade level.

Education & Faith

Open houses present students and parents with a special opportunity to gain information about the programs, faculty and facilities of the Catholic High Schools on Long Island. Administrators, faculty members, staff and students are available to describe school programs and to answer questions at the Open House events. For additional information on particular schools, plan to attend one or more of the Open Houses.

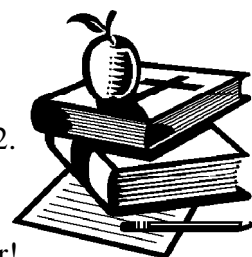
Saturday, September 17	11 AM-2 PM	Our Lady of Mercy Academy
Sunday, September 18	10 AM-1 PM	St. Anthony's High School.
Sunday, September 25	1 PM-4 PM	St. Dominic High School
Saturday, October 1	10 AM-1 PM 2 PM-4PM	Kellenberg Memorial High School Chaminade High School
Sunday, October 2	12 PM-2:30 PM 2 PM-4:30 PM	Holy Trinity Diocesan High School St. Mary's College Prep High School
Saturday, October 15	10 AM-1 PM 10 AM-1 PM 12 PM-2:30 PM	Sacred Heart Academy McGann-Mercy Diocesan High School Academy of St. Joseph
Sunday, October 16	10:30 AM-2 PM	St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School

Applications for the Catholic High School entrance exam are available at the Religious Education Office and the OLL School Office.

School News

Our new school year began on Wednesday, September 7.

Meet the Teacher Night was held on Thursday, September 8 and was very well attended. 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.

Don't Be Afraid

A school teacher injured his back and had to wear a plaster cast around the upper part of his body. It fit under his shirt and was not noticeable at all. On the first day of the term, still with the cast under his shirt, he found himself assigned to the toughest students in school.

Walking confidently into the rowdy classroom, he opened the window as wide as possible and then busied himself with desk work. The classroom became a bit unruly and he admonished them. This happened several times.

When he could do work at his desk, the strong breeze from the window made his tie flap annoyingly. He kept rearranging and rearranging the tie as the class raised it's level of unruliness.

Finally, becoming disgusted with the wayward tie, he stood up and took a big stapler off his desk and stapled the tie to his chest in several places.

Discipline was not a problem from that day forth.

Financial Summary

September 4, 2005

Weekly Collection	\$15,088.28
Weekly Budget	<u>-\$19,057.00</u>
+/- for the week	\$ (3,968.72)
Catholic University	\$ 1,355.00
Hurricane Katrina	\$10,745.00

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

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, September 27 at 7:30 PM in the Parish Center.**

Reflections of the Season

Honoring Grandparents

September 11: Grandparents' Day

Interest in familial ancestors and genealogy continues to grow, especially as our society witnesses increased mobility. Young people go away to school, often marry spouses from another state, and begin a new life in a city distant from where they grew up. Years later, they realize that they would like to know more about their family heritage.

Honoring grandparents is more than just a card in the mail (or, more often today, an e-card via the internet). Grandparents are reservoirs of family stories. Maybe a phone call, visit, or email might be an opportunity to discover something new about the family. After all, as youngsters many of us had no hesitation about asking, "Grandpa/Grandma, tell me a story!"

Remembering...

Monday, September 12

Holy Name of Mary

8:00 AM George A. Wild

Tuesday, September 13

St. John Chrysostom, doctor

8:00 AM John Sweeney

Wednesday, September 14

Exaltation of the Holy Cross

8:00 AM Marion Squillanti

Thursday, September 15

Our Lady of Sorrows

8:00 AM James Celiberti & Salvatore Carrano

Friday, September 16

St. Cornelius, pope

8:00 AM Margaret Homann

Saturday, September 17

8:00 AM Patrick Baynes, Virginia Petrino, Robert Beck, Margaret McCabe-Schneeberg, In Honor of the Blessed Virgin & Sacred Heart, Rose Bassile, Henry Gerken, Anna DiBella & Sadie Bidetto, Catherine Carola, Joseph Carola, Jr., Joseph Carola, Sr.

5:00 PM Peter Mancuso

Fr. Mike Vetrano

Sunday, September 18

8:00 AM John P. Kopitsch

Fr. John Asomugha

9:30 AM Brennan & Rella Families

Fr. Stan Chukwube

11:00 AM Mary Heggarty, Rachel & James Williamson

Fr. John Asomugha

12:30 PM Joseph Rizzo

Fr. Mike Vetrano

6:00 PM Dominick Stabile, Carlos Vargas, Frances Serrao, Vincent & Grace Capanzano, James Santiago, Richard Markgraf, Catherine Gracey, John Aynejian, Rose Bassile, Maria Sparacino, Anthony DiPaola

Fr. Bob Scheckenback

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

Baptisms

Allison Michele Kenney

Michael and Elizabeth

Resting in Peace

Muriel A. Silver, mother of Jean Ellen

Joseph Lipari, husband of Catherine

Upcoming Marriages

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

Baptism

Please contact the Parish Office to schedule an appointment.

Marriage

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

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,
Frances Parine, Robert Petersen, Joe Radosti,
Winifred Rooney, Rose Serragano, Dorothy Sullivan,
Loretta Vitale, Diana Zotto*



Altar Society

Elizabeth Netska

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.

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Jesus, King of All Nations Prayer Group will meet on Thursday, September 15 at 3 PM in the **Blessed Sacrament Chapel**.

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

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.

Senior Circle

Senior Circle **Tai Chi** will be held on **Monday, September 12** at **10 AM** in the **All-Purpose Room**.

Living Liturgy

We're still singing!

Contemporary Music Group

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!

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.

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.



24th Sunday of Ordinary Time

A commercial for H+R Block talks about children’s practice of “do-overs.” Whenever you made a mistake, or things did not work well, you’d announce “Do over.” It was an automatic second chance to hit the ball, roll the dice, or score a point. Big kids who play golf call it a mulligan. Sinners call it forgiveness.

Forgiving one’s neighbor was required by Jewish law, but it had its limits. Seven times was generous, but Jesus pushes past generosity and moves forgiveness to the level of heroic. Sin and failure will always be present in the world because we are flawed by original sin. When we offend one another, Jesus asks us to see beyond the moment and recognize the possibilities that grace offers.

To live in peace, to mature as people and to bond with others, we need to allow for failures. Forgiveness allows us to look beyond an offense and see the goodness of the person. Jesus knows that this is not just a once and done event. We are always in need of forgiveness, both as the giver and receiver. It is a source of healing and growth that allows us to be the Body of Christ.

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Readings for the Week of September 11, 2005

Sunday: Sir 27:30-28:9/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35
Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13/Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday: Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Lk 8:1-3
Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16/Lk 8:4-15
Next Sunday: Is 55:6-9/ Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/ Mt 20:1-16a

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.



Parish Outreach

Volunteer meeting on Monday, September 12 at noon in the Parish Center.



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.

Come and See Sundays

Sometimes the best way to discern whether to enter the seminary is to visit. You are invited to join us one Regular Sunday at either the minor seminary (college) or major seminary. If interested call the Vocations Office at 631.424.9888 or Vocations@drvc.org.

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.

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.

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:

"Excitement"

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.

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.

“Man Matters”

Members of the Montfort Preaching Team who are associated with Fr. Richard Rohr’s M.A.L.E.S. (Men as Learners and Elders), New Mexico, will be conducting a men’s retreat entitled “Man Matters” beginning Friday, October 7 through Sunday, October 9 at St. Joseph’s Renewal Center in Brentwood. All lodging will be single rooms for each retreatant. To register, log onto www.male.spirituality.org and look for the application or contact Joe Prato at 631.928.0992.

Wanted

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who have been commissioned by the Diocese to bring Holy Communion to patients at Our Lady of Consolation Nursing Home. Our Lady of Consolation can accommodate new Eucharistic Ministers almost any day of the week and time of the day is flexible, depending on minister’s convenience. If you have any questions or have an interest, please contact Peggy Nixdorf, chaplain at 631.587.1600, extension 8297.

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

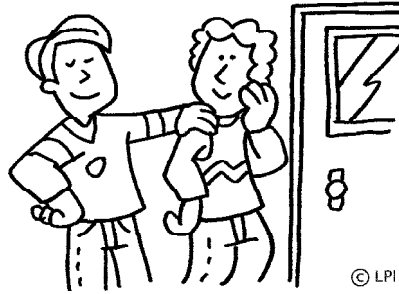
The Gerry Tobin Irish Language School’s new semester of free, weekly Irish Language classes begins on Thursday, September 15 in the AOH Hall in Babylon. All those interested are welcome and are asked to call Jerry at 516.679.0465 for further information.

140th Anniversary Celebration

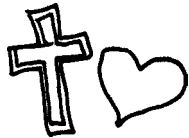
Saint Nicholas Roman Catholic Church on Olive Street in Brooklyn is celebrating its 140th Anniversary on Sunday, November 13, 2005. The celebration will begin with Mass at 11:30 AM followed by a reception at the Polonaise Terrace from 1:30 - 6:30 PM. For tickets and information call the Rectory at 718.388.1420.

Sharing the Gospel

No matter how hard we try, we sin every day, don't we? When we are truly sorry, God forgives us completely. God is kind and loving towards us, and we need to follow God's example. So how should we treat a friend who has said or done something to hurt us? If your friend comes to you to say he is really sorry, what should you do? In today's Gospel, Jesus says we need to forgive other people when they are sorry, just like God forgives us. We are not perfect, either.



Mission for the Week

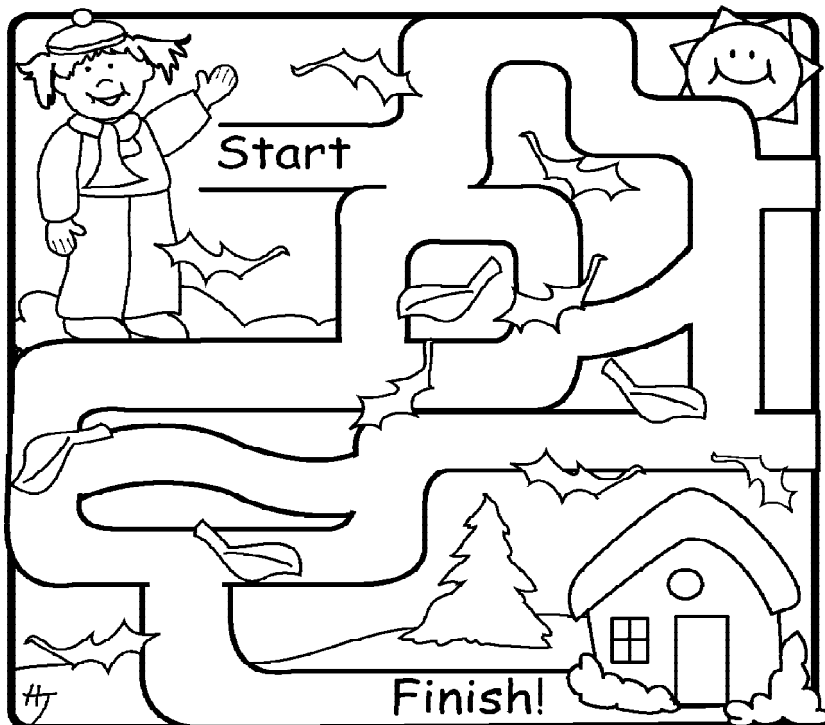


When a friend of yours says or does something to hurt you, pray for your friend.



Puzzle

Cindy hurt Sue's feelings, but Sue has forgiven her like Jesus has. Help Sue find her way to Cindy's house.



Prayer

Dear God,

help me to
forgive my
friends just like
you forgive me.

Amen.