

# Our Lady of Lourdes

Christ emptied himself,



taking the nature  
of a slave.

Philippians 2:7

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 25, 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. 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

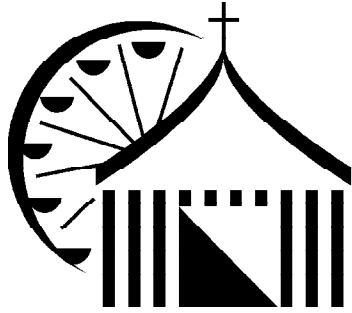
**Jennifer Gallagher**  
Director of Youth Services  
**Carol M. Goetz**  
Parish Music Director  
**Sr. Diane Liona**  
Director of Religious Education  
**Vita Scorcia**  
Ministry Spiritual Director  
**John Sureau**  
Coordinator of Worship  
**Sr. Betty Toohig**  
Senior Ministry-SAGE  
**Anthony Trombino**  
Business Manager

## Pastoral Council

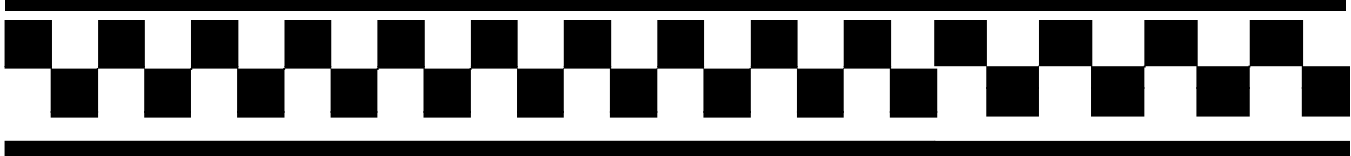
Michael Abbruscato  
Salomon Acosta  
Regina Ann Cioffi  
Jane Desthers  
Stephen Frodell  
Anne Kerrigan  
Maria Lucie (*co-chair*)  
Mary McMahan  
Doreen Spiller  
Mary Steck  
John Sureau  
Fr. Mike Vetrano  
Marie Yuliano (*co-chair*)

## 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



## Super Raffle Winners!



\$7,000 #190  
\$2,000 # 34  
\$1,000 # 25



### Nightly Raffle

Wednesday #24309  
Thursday #35853  
Friday #62603  
Saturday #30282  
Sunday #71090

### Movin' Out

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

...and the winners are  
#1670  
#1673



### Parkwood Café

Dinner at Parkwood Café  
Two certificates bought by OLL and  
two generously donated by

**Parkwood Café**  
John Coppola  
Gene Olsen  
Marie Ricigliano  
Dorothy Sullivan



### \$100 Nightly Drawing

generously donated by James Bruno  
of Lang-Tobia DiPalma Funeral Home

Wednesday James Metzger  
Thursday Loretta Howe  
Friday John Allocca  
Saturday Gene Sternkopf  
Sunday Al Bianco

## Girl Scouts

### *Girl Scout Religious Activity*

Brownies through Senior Girl Scouts are invited to attend the **Girl Scout Day of Recollection on Saturday, October 1,** at the **Shrine of Our Lady of the Island** in Eastport, NY.

The program of crafts, fun and prayer will begin at 9:30 AM and conclude with Mass at 3:30 PM. The cost is \$ 7.50 and includes the special 2005 patch and crafts.

For further information, please call the Diocesan Catholic Scouting Office at 516.678.5800, ext.245.



## Hurricane Katrina

*Thank you for your generous donations for relief for victims of Hurricane Katrina.*

Catholic Charities USA is working with Catholic Charities in the Dioceses especially hard hit by this disaster, and with other Catholic entities nationwide and in the area. Both our parish and our Diocese are forwarding all of your contributions to Catholic Charities USA.

Future contributions may be sent directly to:

Catholic Charities USA  
2005 Hurricane Relief Fund  
P. O. Box 25168  
Alexandria, VA 22313-9788

Please keep in your prayers those affected by this disaster, and their families. Also, continue to pray for those who are assisting the victims now and in the weeks and months ahead.

## C.Y.O.

C.Y.O. basketball registration for **girls and boys grades 1-8** will be held on **Thursday, September 29 and Friday, September 30** from **7-8:30 PM in the All-Purpose Room.**

The fee for 1st and 2nd grade is \$55. The fee for grades 3-8 is \$70. The 1st and 2nd graders play in the All-Purpose Room on lower baskets. The other grades play at the West Islip Public Schools.

We also have some travel teams that travel to other parishes to play. The cost to play on a travel team is \$100 (*not all grades have travel teams-try outs are held*). All are welcome.



## 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

#### *Spiritual Retreat*

**A** retreat is a spiritual checkup and evaluation. We evaluate our spiritual life, clarify our relationship with God, deepen our knowledge and understanding of our faith and recommit our lives to God.

**W**e assess the progress in our spiritual life, taking an inventory of how we have grown and changed.

**S**pirituality requires honesty about our relationship with God, where we go beyond what we do and focus on who we are.

**O**ur goal is to grow in holiness as we become more aware of the presence of God in our daily life. We draw closer to the source of grace, life, peace and truth.

**W**e move on our journey a step at a time, making choices and decisions along the way.

**R**etreat is a time to look more intently at this process, change direction, and adjust our pace so that we persevere to the end.

**Nocturnal Adoration**

**15th Anniversary of the Nocturnal Adoration Society of Our Lady of Lourdes**



A special Mass in thanksgiving for 15 years of God’s graces will be celebrated at **8 AM Mass on Saturday, October 1.**

Our special once-a-year enrollment will also be on Saturday, October 1 at 6 PM in the Church. Adoration will be from 6 PM until 10 PM ending with Benediction. All are invited and welcome to come. Please call Eileen at 321.7153 if you are not currently enrolled. We need to know how many pins and booklets will be needed.

Please come and help us celebrate!

**Religious Education**

**Grade 1 Program Registration**

Parents whose children are in public school, Grade 1- Fall 2005, are asked to register

*( room opposite the playground*

**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**

If your child *was not baptized at OLL,*

There is a “*family fee*”

meeting. However, if you already have children attending the program, the first grader is included in the

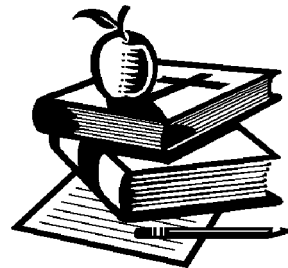
**Upcoming Parent Orientation Meetings**

<b>Grade 7</b>	Thursday, Oct. 6	10 AM or 8 PM	Cafeteria
<b>Grade 6</b>	Thursday, Oct. 20	10 AM or 8 PM	Cafeteria
<b>Grade 5</b>	Thursday, Oct. 27	10 AM or 8 PM	Cafeteria

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

**SAGE**

The SAGE group (Senior Advocates for Growth and Enrichment) will meet on **Tuesday, September 27**, at the **8 AM Mass**. Communion Breakfast and regular meeting will follow at 8:30 AM in the Parish Center.



**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.

<b>Sunday, September 25</b>	1 PM-4 PM	St. Dominic High School
<b>Saturday, October 1</b>	10 AM-1 PM 2 PM-4PM	Kellenberg Memorial High School Chaminade High School
<b>Sunday, October 2</b>	12 PM-2:30 PM 2 PM-4:30 PM	Holy Trinity Diocesan High School St. Mary's College Prep High School
<b>Saturday, October 15</b>	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
<b>Sunday, October 16</b>	10:30 AM-2 PM	St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School

The Catholic High School Entrance Exam is scheduled for Saturday, October 29. Applications for the Catholic High School entrance exam are available at the Religious Education Office and the OLL School Office.

**Financial Summary**

**September 18, 2005**

Weekly Collection	\$17,517.25
Weekly Budget	<u>-\$19,057.00</u>
+/- for the week	\$ (1,539.75)

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

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- Joseph T. Pressimone,*  
husband of Dolores
- Helen Zuraskis,*  
mother of Karen
- Ethel Tomlin,*  
wife of John
- Marianna Pezzuti,*  
mother of Joan
- Emma Bielli,*  
mother of Anthony

***Upcoming Marriages***

- Kelly Carey, OLPH, Lindenhurst and*  
*, OLL*
- Samantha Fallon*  
*Frank Mancini, Jr., OLL*  
*, OLL and*  
*Michael Carbone*
- Kathleen Lysaght, St. Elizabeth, Huntington and*  
*, Ss. Cyril & Methodius*

**Baptism**

to schedule an appointment.

**Marriage**

advance, please contact the Parish Office.



**Remembering...**

**Monday, September 26**

*St. Cosmas and Damian, martyrs*

**8:00 AM** Elizabeth Golden

**Tuesday, September 27**

*St. Vincent de Paul, priest*

**8:00 AM** Edward Barrett

**Wednesday, September 28**

*St. Lawrence Ruiz & companions, martyrs*

**8:00 AM** Charlotte Wisniski

**Thursday, September 29**

*St. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, archangels*

**8:00 AM** Tom Malcolm

**Friday, September 30**

*St. Jerome, priest, doctor*

**8:00 AM** William Petersen

**Saturday, October 1**

**8:00 AM** Angela Lee Tottaro (L), Maureen A. Parson,  
 Frances C. Parson, Voice of the Faithful, Marie & Charles Montanti,  
 Nocturnal Adoration Society 15 Years of God's Graces and Thanksgiving,  
 Linda Guardino, Anthony Battiato, Lawrence Amodeo,  
 In Honor of the Blessed Virgin & Sacred Heart

**5:00 PM** Emma & Walter Lehmann  
*Fr. Mike Vetrano*

**Sunday, October 2**

**8:00 AM** Philippe Behar  
*Fr. John Asomugha*

**9:30 AM** Thomas O'Hara  
*Fr. Stan Chukwube*

**11:00 AM** John Gennuso  
*Fr. Mike Vetrano*

**12:30 PM** Barbara McGarrity  
*Fr. John Asomugha*

**6:00 PM** Rudy Carucci, Paul Scheibel, Robert Fetter,  
 Christopher Eisman, Joseph Dougherty, Nancy Ficaro, Carmela Vitale,  
 John Fedorenchik, Joseph Pressimone  
*Fr. Stan Chukwube*

**A Bread & Wine**

In memory of  
*William Basso*

**Daily Mass**

8 AM

**Weekend Masses**

**Saturday:** 5 PM

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

**Reconciliation**

4 PM - 4:45 PM

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**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](mailto:ParishOffice@ollchurch.org)

fax: 661-7143

website:

[www.ollchurch.org](http://www.ollchurch.org)**Our Lady of Lourdes  
School**

587-7200

Monday-Friday:

9 AM - 3 PM

email: [ReginaC@ollschool.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:Sage@ollchurch.org)**Thrift & Gift Boutique**

Monday &amp; 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, Thomas Brennan, Jo Brogan,  
Christian Bullock, Jerry Castonguay, Maria Chiarello,  
Angela D'Angelo, Barney D'Angelo, Jillian Delaney,  
Mary Doyle, John Finch, Fr. Bill Jablonski,  
Benjy Margulies, Peter McCann, Sr., Arabella Elizabeth  
McCarthy, Nichole O'Connor, Frances Parine,  
Robert Petersen, Joe Radosti, Winifred Rooney,  
Rose Serragano, Rosemary Van Acker, Loretta Vitale,  
Diana Zotto*



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**Altar Society**

Janet Loehr

**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.

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**Jesus, King of All Nations Prayer Group** will meet on Thursday, September 29 at 3 PM in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

**The Good Samaritan Prayer Group** will meet on Friday, September 30 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.

**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.

## Social Action

### Social Action Weekend at Our Lady of Lourdes

Saturday, September 24 and Sunday, September 25

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.

#### Catholic Relief Services

Father Robert Richter, of Catholic Relief Services will be speaking at the Masses this weekend. CRS is the official international relief and development agency of the United States Catholic Community. Father Richter is participating in a national effort to say thanks for your generous support to assist the victims of the tsunami emergency.

#### HandCrafting Justice-*Give the gift of hope*

HandCrafting Justice is a Fair Trade, non-profit project by the Sisters of the Good Shepherd which works in cooperation with women and men in 14 developing countries. A sale of handcrafts made by women in the developing world—tapestries, pottery, embroidery, weavings, toys, bags, and gifts. The sale will be held this weekend, Saturday and Sunday, September 24/25, following all the Masses here at Our Lady of Lourdes.

#### Pastoral Letter on Society's Responsibility to the Poor and Vulnerable

*third in a series...*

##### *What is God's Covenant with the Poor and Vulnerable?*

The Covenant that God made at Sinai with the people of Israel defined the relationship of God with the community. God would be present and help the people if they followed the commandments and fulfilled their responsibilities to God and neighbor. Such practices as the celebration of the Jubilee Year reminded the people that the goods of the earth are a gift from God and must be equitably shared. When the prophets spoke of a threat to this Covenant, it was because the people had turned away from God and had forgotten their responsibilities to each other, especially to the poor, the widow, the orphan, the stranger. The prophets called the community to remember that the quality of the society's relationship with God depended upon how they treated the least powerful members. In Luke 4, Jesus begins his public ministry announcing his mission in fulfillment of this Covenant,

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me  
Because he has anointed me,  
To bring glad tidings to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives  
And recovery of sight to the blind,  
To let the oppressed go free,  
And to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.*

The Gospel and our social teaching require special concern and attention toward people who are struggling with poverty. One test of that covenant strength is the priority in which these special concerns are held by state and society, and how that priority is expressed in our public policy choices.



## 26th Sunday of Ordinary Time

A biography of Pope John Paul II recounts that when he was a young man, he was considering the priesthood. But first he had to wrestle with his doubts. Did God want him to be a priest? It was a difficult time in Poland's history and in his own life and his decision was not easy. But his response obviously made a difference in the history of the Church and of the world.

In the parable of the two sons, both struggle with the idea of doing their father's will. One says yes, but does nothing. The other says no, but goes anyway. It is not their words that fulfill their father's request, but their actions. The son who does as his father asks overcomes his reservations and doubts. The one who says yes does not.

We all seek to do God's Will, but our own doubts can overwhelm us. We know the right thing to do, but our culture or friends or our sense of convenience says otherwise. Trust God that He will never call us to failure or to do what is not good. Our response is given not in our words of faith, but in our actions of love and obedience. That makes the difference in our life.

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### Readings for the Week of September 25, 2005

**Sunday:** Ez 18:25-28/ Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/ Mt 21:28-32  
**Monday:** Zec 8:1-8/ Lk 9:46-50  
**Tuesday:** Zec 8:20-23/ Lk 9:51-56  
**Wednesday:** Neh 2:1-8/ Lk 9:57-62  
**Thursday:** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/ Jn 1:47-51  
**Friday:** Bar 1:15-22/ Lk 10:13-16  
**Saturday:** Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/ Lk 10:17-24  
**Next Sunday:** Is 5:1-7/ Phil 4:6-9/ Mt 21:33-43

## Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Fall is a beautiful season! A Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend, like autumn, is a weekend of fresh air, new beginnings, and a time to celebrate the beauty of your marriage and family. Rekindle communication and enjoy a weekend away. Dates for Long Island weekends are September 30 - October 2 and November 11 - 13. For information call toll free 1.866.499.6354.

## 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, October 1 from 10 AM until 12 Noon** in the **Rectory Sitting Room**. For further information, please call Libby at 631.225.0734.

## Celebrate the Year of the Eucharist

The Parish of St. Patrick's, Bay Shore will be celebrating the conclusion of the Holy Year of the Eucharist with the Forty Hours Devotion. The devotions will be held on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, October 3, 4 and 5. There will be a 12:10 PM Mass each day followed by exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Adoration. Benediction will be at 7:30 PM. On Wednesday evening, October 5 there will be a church procession and Solemn Benediction at 7:30 PM. All are invited to participate to give honor and glory to our Lord Jesus Christ, ever present in the Sacrament of the Altar. For further information, please call 665.4911.

## Young Widows

Young widows (50 and under) can find support, understanding and friendship in a safe place with other women mourning loss and facing similar issues. Six week bereavement support group beginning on Tuesday, September 27 from 7:30 - 9 PM at St. Thomas the Apostle Church in West Hempstead. For information and registration, contact Sue Mione, R.N. at 516.481.6851.

## 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](mailto: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:

### "Doing & Being"

Don't forget to tune in! Visit "Religion & Rock" on the web, [www.religionandrock.com](http://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.

### “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](http://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.

### Sociable Singles- 40+

#### *Wine and Cheese Night*

Saturday, October 1 at 8 PM at Ss. Cyril & Methodius Church , Deer Park.

\$10 donation at the door. For further information, please call 631.667.7931 or visit our website at [sociablesingles.us](http://sociablesingles.us).

### Amityville Dominican Gala

Dominican Sisters of Amityville are known through their ministry in schools, health facilities, parish affiliations, etc. This year the Dominican Sisters of Amityville celebrate 152 years of service in the Brooklyn and Rockville Centre Dioceses. The Dominican Gala will be held on October 28 at the Garden City Hotel, to commemorate their years of service and benefit the ministries of the Sisters. For further information, please contact Sister Eileen Nolan, director of Development at 631.842.6000, extension 238.

### Bereavement Support Groups

St. Mary’s Parish in East Islip is offering a free eight week support group for adults who are struggling to cope with the death of a loved one. Registration is required for this group, which begins on Wednesday, October 5 from 7 PM until 9 PM. For information and registration, please call the rectory at 631.581.4266, extension 100.

(In order to participate, the death must have occurred prior to July 2005.)

Perinatal Support Group to help parents whose babies have died during pregnancy or infancy. Registration is required for this group, which will meet on Thursday, September 29 from 7 PM until 9 PM. Grandparents are welcome! For registration and information please call the rectory at 631.581.4266 extension 100. We welcome you to join us in an effort to assure you that you are not alone in your grief and offer our supportive services.

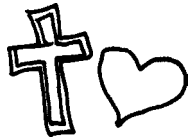


# Sharing the Gospel

How can God tell that you love him? Pretend for a moment that you could not sing songs, pray together, or use your voice in any way. Pretend you could not write words or draw pictures. What would you do to show God that you love him? In today's Gospel, Jesus says that words alone are not enough. God is watching what we do. When we follow God's rules, when we are kind and take care of people who need help, the choices we make will show that we love God.



## Mission for the Week

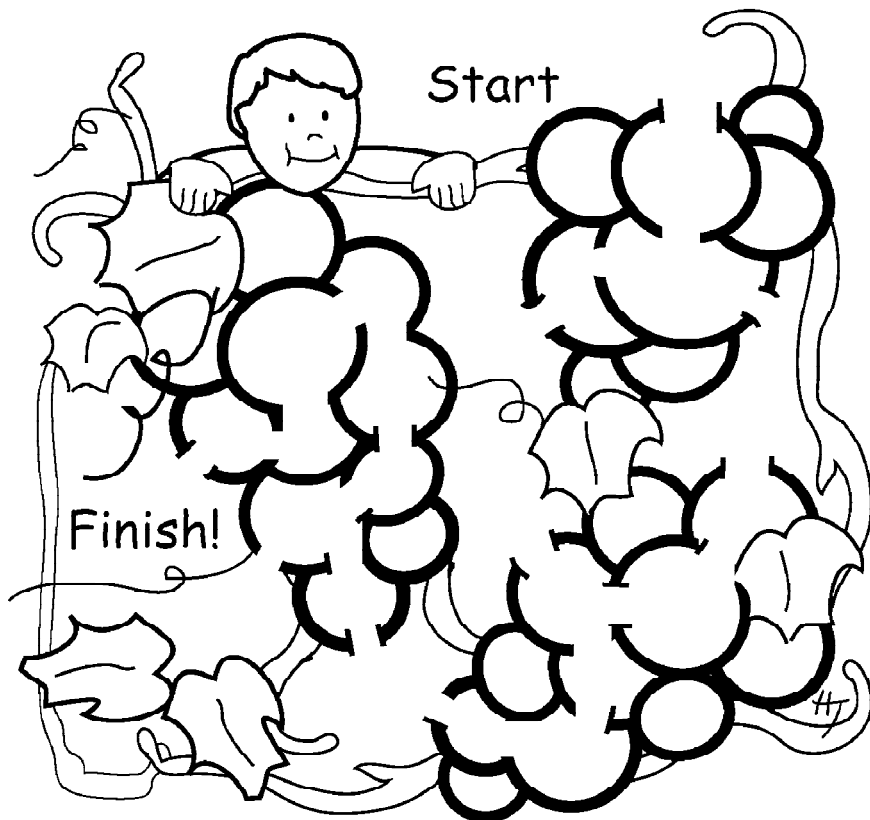


Show each person in your family God's love this week, without using any words.



### Puzzle

Help the owner's son through this maze of grapes.



### Prayer

Dear God,

help others to see that I love you by the things I do, not just by what I say.

Amen.