

He will lease his vineyard to other



tenants who will give him

the produce at the proper times. Matthew 21:41

## Our Lady of Lourdes

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time • October 2, 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

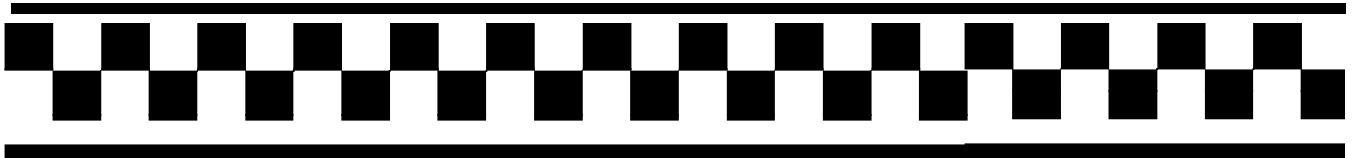
**Rita Spera**

Religious Education Office

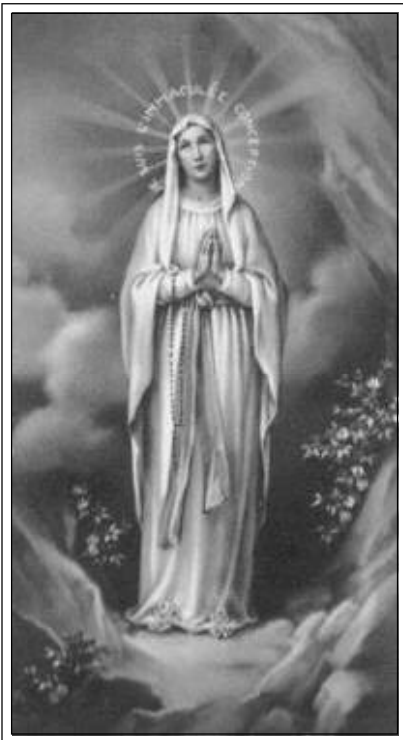
## The Feast Continues...

At our beautiful Parish Feast Mass on September 19, we committed to seeking Mary's intercession throughout the year. Rather than one event, all in our parish are called to commend our year to the Blessed Mother.

Use the prayer below (*you can even cut it out!*) - whether you are involved in a ministry in our parish or not – and pray for the work of our parish family throughout the upcoming year.



### Prayer for Our Lady of Lourdes



*Mary, Our Lady of Lourdes,  
our patron and guide,  
You know our needs and wants,  
hopes and dreams.  
May our presence bring a spirit of  
healing, comfort and consolation  
to all we serve.  
May our work inspire others  
to discover your loving presence  
and the presence of Your Son  
in every moment of life.  
May our ministry challenge others  
to model your virtues.  
Pray for us, Our Lady of Lourdes,  
so that we may grow closer  
to becoming what the Lord  
has called us to be. Amen.*

**Adult Faith Formation 2005 – 2006**

**Becoming Married: The Journey to Ecstasy**

*Why do opposites attract? How can I find ecstasy in my marriage?*  
Bring your “better half” and find the answers to these questions and more.

Wednesdays from 7:30 to 9:30 PM in the Parish Center



The *FIRST* in a series of presentations...

*October 12 Theology of the Sacrament of Marriage... Pat Leonard*

Through Scripture and through Tradition... the foundation of marriage  
Presenter: Pat Leonard – Instructor at Pastoral Formation Institute - Diocese of Rockville Centre;  
Adjunct Professor at St. Joseph’s College and St. John’s University

Pre-Registration is necessary and helpful–this will enable us to have enough reading material and refreshments for all those attending. Please call the Religious Education Office, Monday-Friday, 9 AM – 5 PM and 7 PM – 9 PM at 661.5440 or e-mail [religioused@ollchurch.org](mailto:religioused@ollchurch.org).



**Dreams**

Saturdays from 10 AM - 4PM in the Parish Center

*Oct. 15 and 29 I Had A Dream.... Brother Edward Bacon, O.S.F.*

A workshop on Dreams from a spiritual perspective. The two parts will include the following:  
Dreams/Spiritual Growth: Judiac/Christian Tradition of Dream Spirituality; understanding and working with symbols, images – the language of Dreams; techniques and formats for working with your own Dreams. Discussions, creative image work, and reflection time will continue throughout the day.

Donation - \$20 for each session. Please bring your own lunch – coffee / tea / soda will be provided.

Presenter: Brother Edward Bacon, O.S.F., a Franciscan Brother for over 45 years. He has worked in the area of Adult Spirituality for over 20 years. He was on the staff of the Office of Pastoral Formation, continues giving Days of Prayers, Retreats, and Spiritual Direction.

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### Daytime Eucharistic Devotion

The afternoon adoration for the month of October will be on **Wednesday, October 5 from 1-3 PM**. All are invited and welcome! We will be praying for peace in our families and peace in the world.

### Holy Name Society

On **Sunday, October 9**, 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**.

### Rosary Christian Mothers

On **Monday, October 3**, Rosary Christian Mothers will begin with **Rosary in the Church at 7:45 PM** and the RCM **meeting** will follow at **8 PM in the Parish Center**.



### Feast of St. Francis

*save the date...*

### *The Vigil of the Feast of St. Francis* **BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS**

**Monday, October 3**

**7 PM**

**All-Purpose Room**

Come bring your entire family – including your four-legged, winged, crawling, and gilled creatures – as we celebrate the feast of St. Francis and our entire parish community!

Each year, in October, the Church celebrates the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, a saint known for his kindness to animals. Did you know that St. Francis was the first one to use barnyard animals in the Nativity scene?

Food and fellowship for all to follow – and each pet gets a special treat to take home with them!

**SAGE**

The SAGE Group (Senior Advocates for Growth and Enrichment) will meet on **Tuesday, October 4** in the **Parish Center** at **9 AM**. All older parishioners are welcome!

**Religious Education**

**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.*

**Choir Rehearsals**

**Contemporary Music Group** will have rehearsal on **Sunday, October 9** at **4:30 PM** in the **Church**.

**Youth Choir** will have rehearsal on **Thursday, October 6** at **7 PM** in the **Church**.

**Adult Choir** will have rehearsal on **Thursday, October 6** at **8 PM** in the **Church**.

*If you are interested in joining any of our music groups or choirs, please call our parish music director Carol Goetz at 661.3224.*



**Singing a New Song to the Lord**

This Summer, our Evening Prayers focused on the ways we can sing a new song to the Lord in many parts of our lives, but most especially when we come to Church. We continue to listen and reflect upon Carol Goetz’s (*parish music director*) reflection from Summer Evening Prayer. Mrs. Goetz’s reflection gives us much to think about.

*“The Top Ten Reasons People Don’t Sing At Mass”*

**#2 – Whoever said we should sing at Mass? Who’s idea was this anyway?  
I wasn’t raised with this tradition?**

Vatican II called for full, active and conscious participation of the congregation a little over forty years ago. Music was given a high priority in the documents of Vatican II. Music touches us on so many different levels and deepens our worship experience. Music is an integral part of the liturgy, it’s not just decorative. The Protestant’s have been singing for hundreds of years – they’ve had more practice than we’ve had! Let’s continue to pray for and with one another, that we can sing a new song to the Lord as a parish community.

## 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, October 2</b>	12 PM-2:30 PM	Holy Trinity Diocesan High School
	2 PM-4:30 PM	St. Mary's College Prep High School
<b>Saturday, October 15</b>	10 AM-1 PM	Sacred Heart Academy
	10 AM-1 PM	McGann-Mercy Diocesan High School
	12 PM-2:30 PM	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.

## Living Liturgy

### *What happened during the last five minutes of Mass last Sunday?*

Could you answer that question? Over the past few months, our parish's Liturgy Committee has seen a significant number of parishioners leave before Mass is over.

The time after Communion at Mass is so important! It's a time for us to be present to the Lord in a real way, to seek God's blessing – and yes, even hear about some important things going on in our parish community.

However, sometimes emergencies and the like cause us to leave early. Please make every effort to stay until the end of the Closing Hymn (we know our music ministers would love to have you sing with them!). We'll continue to reflect on this over the next few weeks – but take some time for you this week. If you leave early – why? What can we do to change that? If you stay until the end, what do you gain from the last moments of Mass?

## Extraordinary Ministers

We are preparing for training for new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

Are you interested? If so, please e-mail John Sureau at [jsureau@ollchurch.org](mailto:jsureau@ollchurch.org) or call the Parish Office at 661.3224.

## Altar Servers

We're hoping to have another round of training for new altar servers this Fall.

If you're interested e-mail John Sureau at [jsureau@ollchurch.org](mailto:jsureau@ollchurch.org). You must be in **at least** the fourth grade at this time.

**Financial Summary**

**September 25, 2005**

Weekly Collection	\$17,343.00
Weekly Budget	<del>-\$19,057.00</del>
+/- for the week	\$(1,714.00)

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

There will be a second collection this week for "Respect Life."

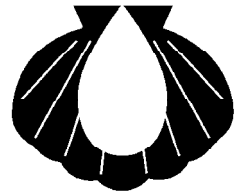
**Baptism**

Please contact the Parish Office to schedule an appointment.

**Marriage**

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

***Baptisms***



*Marissa Pearl Britton*  
Todd and Stephanie  
*Emily Ruth Corsentino*  
Philip and Beth Ann  
*Kiara Rose Culkin*  
Michael and Kerri  
*Karleigh Amber Daniels*  
Paul and Linda  
*Karalyn Elaina Doscher*  
Stephen and Kristen

*Sophia Maureen Francesca Hawkins*  
Keith & Jennifer  
*Payton Elizabeth Vera*  
Rodney and Laura  
*Makayla Obioma Amatuegwu*  
Joshua and Christine  
*Kayla Rose DiPietro*  
Bruce and Sandra  
*Cameron Steven Dorfman*  
Frank and Debra  
*Julianne Paige Mamone*  
Vincent and Suzanne  
*Qia Elana Quellhorst*  
Thomas and Jodi  
*Amy Elizabeth McCann*  
Peter and Christine  
*Jared Matthew Campisi*  
Matthew and Rebecca  
*Ryan Michael Campisi*  
Matthew and Rebecca  
*Aaron Christopher Campisi*  
Matthew and Rebecca

***Upcoming Marriages***

*Kelly Carey, OLPH, Lindenhurst and*  
*Michael Durso, OLL*  
*Samantha Fallon, St. Joseph, Babylon and*  
*Frank Mancini, Jr., OLL*  
*Paige Napoli, OLL and*  
*Michael Carbone, St. Patrick, Bay Shore*  
*Kathleen Lysaght, St. Elizabeth, Huntington and*  
*Jeffrey Langlan, Ss. Cyril & Methodius*  
*Isora Brea, and*  
*Eric Gozley, both OLL*  
*Jennifer Marino, and*  
*Luis Rojas, both OLL*



## Remembering...

### Monday, October 3

8:00 AM Gladys Cuomo

### Tuesday, October 4

*St. Francis of Assisi, religious*

8:00 AM Virginia & Joseph Bove

### Wednesday, October 5

8:00 AM Alexander Sullivan

### Thursday, October 6

*St. Bruno, priest*

*Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher, virgin*

8:00 AM LaRocca & Sweeney Families

### Friday, October 7

*Our Lady of the Rosary*

8:00 AM Richard Joseph Shaddock

### Saturday, October 8

8:00 AM Virginia Beno, Mary Muccio, Helen McCarthy,  
Barbara Stinson, Agatha Bennet McCloud,  
Salvatore Priolo, Pauline Fauci, Jim Dolan,  
In Thanks to the Blessed Virgin & Sacred Heart

5:00 PM Frank & Catherine Ferraiolo  
*Fr. Bob Scheckenback*

### Sunday, October 9

8:00 AM Frances Scalia  
*Fr. John Asomugha*

9:30 AM Robert Sharp  
*Fr. Stan Chukwube*

11:00 AM Mary Lynch  
*Fr. John Asomugha*

12:30 PM Vincent Morrone & Joseph Rizzo  
*Sr. Stan Chukwube*

6:00 PM Richard Garcia, Patrick Nicholson, Carmela Mariella,  
Lorraine DeRosa, James Hunt, Ennio Cerdelli,  
Ethel Tomlin, Salvatore Dellaria, Jim Dolan,  
Thomas & Lillian Calogero  
*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

### *Resting in Peace*

*Edyth Verini,*  
aunt of Nicholas  
*Hannah Johnson,*  
mother of Patricia

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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, 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, Christine Prince,  
Joe Radosti, Rose Serragano, Mary Stone,  
Rosemary Van Acker, Loretta Vitale, Venera Vivo*



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**Altar Society**

Terri Ryan

**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.

**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.

**Jesus, King of All Nations Prayer Group** will meet on Thursday, **October 6 at 3 PM** in the **Blessed Sacrament Chapel**.

**The Good Samaritan Prayer Group** will meet on Friday, **October 7 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.

**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.



**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.*

**Social Action**

**Continuing the Mission...**

Last week, our entire parish community was inspired by Fr. Bob Richter and the Sisters of the Good Shepherd. Their lives in and of themselves bear witness to each of us of the power we have to make a difference in the life of the world!

Let's continue as a parish community to reflect on the ways we can grow in the areas of peace and justice. We do such a great job at giving of ourselves—now, how can we work to change the system and structure?

**Social Action Group**

The Social Action Group helps our parish to focus on issues related to Peace and Justice. Are you interested in learning more? If so call Dorothy Perdue or John Sureau at 661.3224 or e-mail to [dorothy.perdue@worldnet.att.net](mailto:dorothy.perdue@worldnet.att.net) or [jsureau@ollchurch.org](mailto:jsureau@ollchurch.org).

The Social Action Group is open to everyone!

**Winter Clothing Drive**

This weekend, we are collecting new hats, new gloves, new scarves and other winter clothing items. They will be donated to two homeless shelters in Suffolk County. We will collect these items throughout the month of October so bring them with your weekly food donation.

**Take some time to reflect...***Our job now is to not only to help those who are homeless but to seriously think- why does homelessness even happen in a country as wealthy as ours? What can we do about it as a parish community?*

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

*fourth in a series...*

### ***What We Have Seen of the Poor and Vulnerable in New York***

The Catholic Church is one of the largest providers of health, education and human services in New York State. Each year Catholic Charities provides help to more than 1 million people of all faiths and ages. More than 600,000 people are served meals from Catholic Charities food pantries and kitchens. Thirty-four Catholic hospitals provide care through nearly 6 million inpatient admissions and emergency room and outpatient visits. The New York State Catholic health plan (Fidelis Care New York) has enrolled about a quarter of a million low-income people for health coverage. More than 750 elementary and secondary schools provide education for nearly 300,000 children, many of whom live in the state's poorest neighborhoods. Our Catholic parishes are in every rural, suburban and urban community of the state. Many of these parishes provide help to people in need of emergency food and shelter, clothing, and other assistance. Religious communities throughout our state are committed to educating our children and serving those most in need.

We know the mother of three children in Buffalo who is working 30 hours a week for her public assistance grant, and caring for her children while trying to find time for education to enhance her work opportunities. We have witnessed her courage amidst the financial and psychological stress she faces daily.

We know the parents, distraught with anxiety and fear, who appear at the emergency rooms of our Catholic hospitals in Albany and Manhattan with a sick child, whose condition has worsened because of a delay in seeking medical care because they had no health coverage or ready access to care.

We know young married couples and middle-class families throughout our state who cannot find decent affordable housing. Teachers, civil servants, police and firefighters often cannot live in the locality where they work. In many urban parts of our state, we have witnessed wholesale replacement of housing, once affordable to low and moderate-income people, with luxury residences.

We know agricultural workers in the Dioceses of Rochester, Syracuse and Ogdensburg, undocumented landscape workers in Rockville Centre and factory workers in the Diocese of Brooklyn who harvest our food, tend our flowers and lawns, and make our clothing. We see them often unable to support their families and often living doubled and tripled up in small apartments and houses.

More than 26.5 percent of New York State's working families earn less than 200 percent of the federal poverty guideline (\$31,340 for a family of three)



## 27th Sunday of Ordinary Time

We are surrounded by unique people-so said our fifth grade teacher. She had the ability to see special qualities in everyone. She found in each of us personal qualities of kindness, friendliness, spirituality, intelligence, athletic ability, or an interesting hobby or special knowledge. We all knew that everyone had a contribution to make and she taught us to respect that in all people.

The stone rejected by the builders not only finds a place to fit in, but a place of prominence and special importance. As a metaphor for Jesus' role as Messiah, He would be rejected by those who could not understand or accept His teaching. Yet He would unite us all as His Body, the Church. The leaders and teachers of His day would fail to see what peasants, children and sinners would understand and embrace.

Each member of the Church has a contribution to make and a story to tell. Our unique lives blend together perfectly, united by our faith in Christ, to form His Body. Do not underestimate anyone's story, even your own. The Church is only complete when we are all present, all working, all sharing the life and grace we have been given. We are unique people-so says our Lord!

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### Readings for the Week of October 2, 2005

**Sunday:** Is 5:1-7/ Phil 4:6-9/ Mt 21:33-43  
**Monday:** Jon 1:1-2:2, 11/ Lk 10:25-37  
**Tuesday:** Jon 3:1-10/ Lk 10:38-42  
**Wednesday:** Jon 4:1-11/ Lk 11:1-4  
**Thursday:** Mal 3:13-20b / Lk 11:5-13  
**Friday:** Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/ Lk 11:15-26  
**Saturday:** Jl 4:12-21/ Lk 11:27-28  
**Next Sunday:** Is 25:6-10a/ Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/ Mt 22:1-14  
*or 22:1-10*

## 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. The next Long Island weekend is November 11 - 13. For information call toll free 1.866.499.6354.

## Ministry of Consolation Part I

Fall 2005 Collaborative course will be held at St. Bernard in Levittown on Friday Mornings beginning October 7 from 9:30 AM until 11:30 AM. The cost is \$50 per person. For registration and information please call 516.678.5800, ext. 631.

## 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.

## Off-Broadway comes to OLA

The Rosary Altar Society of Our Lady of the Assumption Parish, Copiague, is presenting the play *Late Nite Catechism* on Friday, October 28 at 7:30 PM in the auditorium. For only \$25 you will have the opportunity to enjoy this hilarious play! Light refreshments will be served at intermission. For more information and ticket purchase, please call Linda at 631.7894537.

## 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:

### "Letting Go"

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 TELE CARE, channel 29, on Mondays and Fridays at 9:45 AM; Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 7:45 PM; Sundays at 8 PM.

**Christa House**

Step out for sixty minutes– make it your finest hour!  
**Third Annual Christa House Walk on Sunday, October 23 at Jones Beach State Park, Field 5.**  
 On-site registration begins at 8:30 AM or you can register online at [www.christahouse.org](http://www.christahouse.org). Walk begins at 9:30 AM sharp.  
 Christa House-The Jerry Hartman Residence is a Long Island residence for the dying poor and those suffering with AIDS.



**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.

**“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.

**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

When people try to find happiness apart from God, they become frustrated and unhappy. The idea of following God's rules makes them angry. The idea of sharing with people who need help seems silly to them because they always want more for themselves. In today's Gospel reading, Jesus gives everyone a great big warning. God wants everyone to come to heaven, but not everyone will be there. Only the people who love, trust, and follow God will go to heaven.



## Prayer

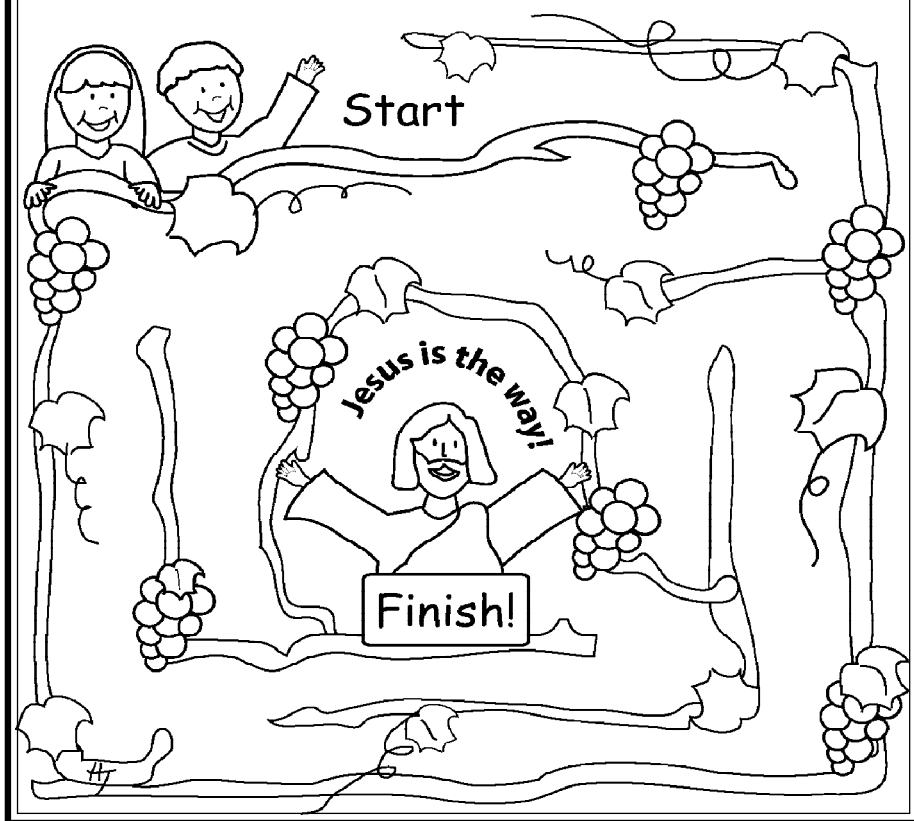


Dear God, help me to love you more than anything else in the world. Amen.



## Puzzle

Help your friends find their way to God in the maze below.



## Mission

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Week

Make a list of people you know who don't love God yet. Pray for each one, that one day they will be open to all the love God wants to give them.