Our Lady of Lourdes Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time • November 13, 2005



"All of you are children of the light and children of the day."

1 Thessalonians 5:5

Our **L**ady of Lourdes

455 Hunter Avenue West Islip, New York 11795

Pastoral Team

Rev. Michael A. Vetrano

Pastor

Rev. Stanislaus Chukwube

Associate Pastor

Rev. Nestor Watin

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 ScheckenbackIn 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

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Parish Office

Debbie Meyer

Bulletin/Parish Office

Rosemary Multer

School Office

Rex Muro

Organist

Rita Spera

Religious Education Office



Our Jubilee Year Begins!

year!

Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Come with Father Mike on a pilgrimage to Lourdes!

As part of our 50th Anniversary Celebration, we will make a pilgrimage to Lourdes, travel dates **April 17-25, 2006**.

Arrangements have been made to gather at the very place that St. Bernadette experienced her apparitions of our Blessed Mother.

Our journey will take us to Avignon, the city of the Popes, Arles, Carcassone, Lourdes and Paris.

We will meet again on **Tuesday, November 29** at 7:30 PM in the Parish Center.

If you have any questions or for additional information please call the Parish Office at 661.3224.

OLL Website

Please take a moment and visit our parish website. You'll be glad you did!

It is chock full of information regarding our "Jubilee Year." There are links to "Remembering Our History", "Celebrating Our Parish Life", "Empowering Our Minds and Spirits" and more.

The parish website is <u>www.ollchurch.org</u>.

This month, our parish will begin the celebration of our 50th year! What a special and wonderful time it will be for our entire parish family.

The Jubilee Year begins on Thanksgiving Day with the **Thanksgiving Mass at 9:30 AM on Thursday, November 24.** Come give thanks to God for the many blessing of our lives during this jubilee

As part of our celebration, we would like to acknowledge, honor and bless those parishioners who were here at the start! If you were a parishioner here in 1956, or in the first days of Our Lady of Lourdes, please contact the Parish Office at 631.661.3224 or e-mail to parishoffice@ollchurch.org.

Let's pray that this year we empower and enliven our parish community!

Celebrating Our Parish Life

Sunday, November 27 is the first Sunday of Advent–it also is the parish-wide beginning of our "Jubilee Year."

The beginning of our *year of jubilee* is celebrated at all Sunday masses with the distribution of our commemorative jubilee pin *(free to every parishioner.)*There will also be an opportunity to purchase a special commemorative ornament.

Life in the Spirit Seminar



The Good Samaritan Prayer Group of Long Island invites you, your family and friends to the "Life in the Spirit Seminar" on Saturday, November 19 from 8 AM until 6 PM in Our Lady of Lourdes School cafeteria.

The seminar will be led by spiritual director Fr. Edione R. Febrero, CHS along with speakers Albert Meneses, Malou Mapa, Dolores Pangilinan and Paul Poscablo. Music to be provided by B L D Praise Ministry.

Free registration and food. Just make time, feel the spirit and God will do the rest. Seats are limited-for registration and information, please call Pete & Carlita DeRoxas at 631.661.0232 or Lito & Sely Cruz at 631.669.5237.

Information flyers are available at the entrances to the Church.

Adult Faith Formation

Our Catholic Faith Through Literature

future classes in the series...

The Prodigal Son

Tuesdays, March 7, 14 and 21, 2006 presented by Tom Petriano

Vino and DaVinci

Wednesday, May 3, 2006 presented by Margaret Mannino

to be held from 7:30 - 9:30 PM in the Parish Center

Healthcare Issues in the 21st Century

Caring for the Caregiver

Tuesdays, November 15 and November 22 with Sr. Betty and Sr. Margaret 7:30 - 9:30 PM in the Parish Center

"Caregiving is more than giving care; it is also receiving care.

In the every-dayness of your caregiving lies something more: sacredness."

J. Miller - The Grit and Grace of Being a Caregiver

Are you caring for a loved one? Do you feel burdened, isolated, alone? Do you know that the healthiest way to care for another is to care for yourself? Caring for a family member at home or in a nursing home, can be lonely, even overwhelming. During these two sessions, Sister Margaret and Sister Betty of our SAGE ministry will help you explore these issues, offering support and sources of information.

Attendees will benefit most by being present at both sessions; however, attendance at either session will be of value.

future classes in the series...

Catholic Thinking on Issues of Life and Death Tuesday, February 28, 2006 with Father Mike Living Wills, Health Care Proxies, Patient Rights Tuesdays, March 28, 2006 and April 4, 2006 with Marty and Anne Kerrigan

Becoming Married: The Journey to Intimacy

Family of Origin...What is your Family Makeup?

Wednesday, November 16 with Linda Reich, DRVC 7:30 - 9:30 PM in the Parish Center

Families...there are times when you can't live with them and you certainly can't live without them! We have all experienced the ups and downs, the joys and challenges that come along with family life. If you do not remember (back that far) about your family of origin, please join us anyway; you are sure to gain some insight!

future classes in the series...

Communication...talking and listening secrets that lead to intimacy

Wednesday, January 18, 2006 with Pat Leonard

Parenting...How do we parent through the stages of our children's lives

Wednesday, February 15, 2006 with Joe Tomaselli

Beginning Again: Healing and freedom through the annulment process

Wednesday, May 17, 2006 with Father Mike

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, 9AM - 5PM and 7PM - 9PM, 661-5440 or e-mail to $\underline{religioused@ollchurch.org}$.

Fee: \$5 per presentation or \$15 for the series (5 presentations). No fee is required for those who have paid the Religious Education Family Fee or Our Lady of Lourdes School Tuition. Fees may vary appropriately.

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.



Senior Circle

Our Senior Circle meets at 12:30 PM in the Parish Center on the *last* Monday of every month.

Social Action

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 <u>dorothy.perdue@worldnet.att.net</u> or <u>jsureau@ollchurch.org</u>.

The Social Action Group is open to everyone-so come find out more and see if it's for you!



School News

Please consider supporting our school's SCRIP program. The SCRIP desk is located in the OLL School Lobby. The SCRIP desk hours are Monday and Wednesday, 12 noon - 2:45 PM,

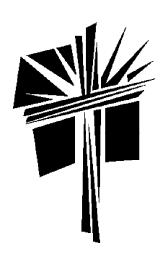
Thursday 12:30 PM - 3: 15 PM, Friday, 12 noon -3:15 PM and Sunday, after the 9:30 AM Mass.

In-stock items are available immediately and orders placed by 10AM Monday will be available for pickup on Friday or thereafter.

Be A Life Saver – GIVE BLOOD!

On Friday, November 25, Our Lady of Lourdes Parish will hold a Blood Drive from 3:30 PM to 8:45 PM.

The Blood Drive will be held in the **Parish Center**. All eligible donors are strongly urged to give blood.



I gave my blood... Christ gave His. I gave a pint... He gave all. The needle is small and sharp... The nails were large and dull. The table soft, relaxing... The cross rough, painful. The nurses kind and gentle... The soldiers cruel and mean. The crowd applauds my sacrifice... "They that passed by reviled Him". Mine is O-Positive... His for positively all. Mine, at best will prolong life for awhile... His, without doubt, saved all...forever!

Religious Education

Grade 6/7/8 Hang Out Nite – HUGE SUCCESS

Come be a part of the fun... Fun that over 140 kids experience at our Hang Out...

Games, DVD's, volleyball, basketball, food and special activities getting ready for OLL's 50th Anniversary!

All 6th, 7th and 8th graders in our Parish Family are invited to our next **Hang Out Nite**, **Friday**, **November 18**, **7:30-9:30 PM in the Parish Center**.



Baptisms

Michael William Edgley
Michael and Michelle
Avery Christina Ferrara
Christopher and Alicia
Jack Richard Greene
Joel and Joanne
Gabriella Marie Menken
Edward and Jacqueline
Nicholas Edward Menken
Edward and Jacqueline
Jamie Marie Prybyzerski
Robert and Gina



Upcoming Marriages

Kristy Lewis, OLL, Malverne and James Florio, OLL JoAnne Santangelo and Frank Doyle, both OLL

Financial Summary

November 6, 2005

Weekly Collection \$ 18,108.00 Weekly Budget -\\$19,057.00 +/- for the week \$ (949.00)

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 next week for the Campaign for Human Development.

Baptism

Please contact the Parish Office to schedule an appointment.

Marriage

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

Remembering...

Monday, November 14

8:00 AM Joseph J. Vetter, Jr.

Tuesday, November 15

St. Albert the Great, bp., doctor

8:00 AM John Lovari

Wednesday, November 16

St. Gertrude, virgin St. Margaret of Scotland

8:00 AM Rev. Joseph Parrel

Thursday, November 17

St. Elizabeth of Hungary, religious

Nick Licata 8:00 AM

Friday, November 18

Dedication of Ss. Peter & Paul

8:00 AM Joseph J. Vetter, Jr.

Saturday, November 19

8:00 AM Peter Schreiner, Vincent Carrano, Marguerite Martinelli, Christopher Sessa, Mary Castillo, James Koleba, Kaitlyn T. Butler, Frances

& Joseph O'Connor, Roy Melling, Mary Begley, Jessica Montalbano (L)

5:00 PM Peter Reehil

Fr. Bob Scheckenback

Sunday, November 20

8:00 AM Angelina & Diego Tucci

Fr. Stan Chukwube

9:30 AM Louise & Henry Riedmann

Fr. Nestor Watin

11:00 AM John McKeefery

Fr. Bob Scheckenback

12:30 PM Helen & George Seyffart

Fr. John Asomugha

6:00 PM People of the Parish, Eileen Castro, Grace Jorden, Angie Locetta, Marie Perez, Janice Salvi, Nick, Stella & Joseph Rotolo,

Christine Craca, Vincent Abatantuno, Barbara McGloin, Grace Gorman

Fr. Mike Vetrano

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



Altar Society

Carol Grillo

Pray for Our Sick

Please remember in your thoughts and prayers ...

Jessica Baez, Thomas Brennan, Jo Brogan,

Christian Bullock, Jerry Castonguay, Lena Conti,

Baby Isabella Crudele, John Finch, Brian Hampel,

Madeline Hopper, Fr. Bill Jablonski, Jeff Kirsty,

Benjy Margulies, Peter McCann, Sr., Arabella

Elizabeth McCarthy, Margaret Miller, Peter Neci,

Nichole O'Connor, Robin Postiglione, Joe Radosti,

Rose Serragano, Mary Stone, Rosemary Van Acker,

Loretta Vitale, Valerie Vitolo

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.

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

Restoring the Covenant

"We are asked to examine our lives and to reflect on how we are living the Gospel call to love and care for each other, and not to forget the least of these."

New York's Catholic Bishops in Restoring the Covenant

Living God's Covenant with the Poor On Long Island: Stories of Hope and Support

Restoring God's Covenant with the Poor: Stories of Hope and Support

On March 8, 2005, as over 1,000 Catholic advocates gathered in Albany to bring our Gospel values into the halls of New York State's Government, the Bishops of New York released *Restoring the Covenant: A Pastoral Letter on Society's Responsibility to the Poor and Vulnerable*. In their pastoral letter, the Bishops write, "The Gospel and our social teaching require special concern and attention toward people who are struggling with poverty." That special concern is God's Covenant, which the Bishops remind us, "must be maintained, not weakened, and even strengthened where necessary as we set" our public-policy and community priorities.

The Bishops' call to restore God's Covenant with the poor and vulnerable draws from the Church's direct experience with suffering New Yorkers, an experience that has generated many stories of hope and support. In their pastoral letter, the Bishops write of what they have learned from these stories.

These stories have raised significant questions for us. How are the poorest among us faring? We are concerned that, in spite of the prevalence of these stories..., poor and vulnerable people are in danger of being forgotten. Our social and moral teaching requires that we never turn our eyes and our help from those who are hurting, those who are living on the margins. The Covenant demands that we always reach out to them.

Historian Christopher Lasch observed that Americans, once a people of hope, have become a people of optimism. Optimism, he noted, is the simplistic belief that life will always get better. Hope, grounded in America's faith traditions, is the understanding that pain and suffering are always with us and that progress is not inevitable. A people of hope, Lasch wrote, understand that they have a higher calling to help one another cope with pain and suffering, to serve each other and the community during hard times.

In the coming weeks, you will be reading Long Island stories of hope drawn from the life of service to poor and vulnerable people in Catholic parishes and in Catholic Charities throughout the Diocese of Rockville Centre.



Calling All Bakers!

Parish Outreach is having its Annual Fall Bake Sale!

We are asking all bakers in our parish family who would care to bake for us, please do so.

All baked goods are greatly appreciated.

Your baked goodies can be brought to the All-Purpose Room on Saturday, November 19 all day, beginning at 9 AM.

The Annual Fall Cake Sale will be held after all the masses next weekend, the weekend of November 19/20. (with the exception of the 6 PM Mass, Sunday, November 20.)

Parish Outreach

Outreach Office Hours

Monday through Friday from 9:30 AM until 3:30 PM. For information/assistance call 661.9262. Scrip is sold in Parish Outreach during office 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—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.

Thanksgiving at OLL

It's November... and Thanksgiving is fast approaching.

Help us set the table...



Once again, we ask our generous parish family and friends to help those less fortunate by making a donation to OLL Parish Outreach.

May we suggest that when you are shopping for your Thanksgiving dinner, simply buy a duplicate dinner, or any part thereof, for one of our needy families and bring it to Parish Outreach for distribution. (Parish Outreach is opposite Fr. Brendel Parish Center)

If shopping is not in your schedule, we will gladly accept food certificates or financial donations. The Thanksgiving baskets will be distributed on Monday, November 21.

We ask that you bring your donations to Parish Outreach between the hours of 8 AM and 11 AM on distribution day - Monday, November 21.

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Thanksgiving at OLL

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33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Financial planners help their clients take advantage of compound interest to make investments grow faster. A good financial plan can help us achieve our goals, do a lot of good for others, and make retirement a little more secure. Using money wisely and saving often is key to successful investing.

The parable of the talents is an example of spiritual investment. Each servant is entrusted with a number of talents while the master is away. The talents are put to work so that they grow and earn even more. The successful servant works hard and invests wisely so that he can show a profit. The unsuccessful servant caves in to fear, hiding his talents and not even making a minimal effort.

Like our finances, our spiritual life needs a plan. Besides Mass and prayer, there is so much more we can do. A little time and attention to our choices can lead to great success. Sacraments, education, social action, and ministry all offer possibilities for growing our faith and reaping the rewards for ourselves and our communities. Don't leave it to chance. Choose well how you will invest your faith and beliefs. You have nothing to lose and heaven to gain!

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Readings for the Week of November 13, 2005

Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/1 Thes 5:1-6/ Mt 25:14-30

Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/ Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday:2 Mc 6:18-31/Lk 19:1-10Wednesday:2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Lk 19:11-28Thursday:1 Mc 2:15-29/Lk 19:41-44

Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/ Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13/ Lk 20:27-40

Next Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/ Mt 25:31-46

50th Reunion

Calling all students from St. Agnes High School (RVC) Class of 1956. Fiftieth Reunion to be held the weekend of June 23-25, 2006! Please contact Elaine Edden Stillwell for information. Please call Elaine at 516.766.4682 or email *elainestillwell@worldnet.att*.

Handling the Holidays

...presented by Elaine Stillwell. No fee. Lunch, lecture and candle lighting for the bereaved at **St. Margaret of Scotland, Selden on Saturday, November 12 from noon - 3 PM**. Call to register at 631.736.6210.

...presented by Clarice Curry, CSW. No fee. Good Shepherd Hospice program for the bereaved, at **Our Lady of Hope Church basement, Carle Place on Monday, November 14 at 7:30 PM**. Call to register at 516.876.8485.

FOCCUS Training

The marriage preparation ministry for active people with busy lives.

FOCCUS is a self-assessment instrument designed to help couples learn more about themselves and determine their readiness for marriage. To be held at **Church of the Immaculate Conception**, **West Hampton Beach on Saturday, December 10 from 9:30 AM until 12 noon**. The cost is \$45 with FOCCUS manual. Pre-registration required no later than December 5. For registration, please call 516.678.5800, ext. 233.

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:

"Family Life"

Don't forget to tune in! Visit "Religion & Rock" on the web, www.religionandrock.com. Also watch "Good News with Father Jim" on TELECARE, channel 29, on Mondays and Fridays at 9:45 AM; Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 7:45 PM; Sundays at 8 PM.

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
Paul McEvoy-US Army
William Morrow-US Marines
Peter Provenzano-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.

Reunion Planned

The Bishop McDonnell Memorial High School Alumnae are planning a 50 year reunion for the classes of January and June 1956. For information, please contact Patricia Donovan Guerin at 631.474.3819 or Mary Louise Monroe Schuck at 631.331.5085.

Thank you for being there for me...

When we talk about reaching women facing unplanned pregnancies, it's easy to get nervous and ask, "What would I say to her? How would I connect with her?"

The answer is not in what we say, but in simply being available. If we will listen, if we can empathize and share the love of Jesus Christ, the other answers fall into place. If you have a heart to "be there" for a young woman in this situation, call us. Together we can make a difference in her life. Life Center of Long Island at 631.243.2373.

Living Well with Diabetes

Senior education workshop presented by American Diabetes Association together with St. Patrick's Family Outreach on **Tuesday, November 15 from 7 PM - 9 PM in Msgr. Coffey Center**. Free workshop on the #1 risk factor of type 2 Diabetes, how to reverse or prevent type 2 in your family, and the truth and myths of diabetes in adults and children.

For reservations, please call Catherine Dennis at 631.665.7216.

Sharing the Gospel

God has blessed us in many ways. Some people are good with money. Some people have pretty voices to sing. Other people have time to share with lonely people. No matter what God has given you, God wants you to use all that you have to show your love for him



and for other people. He knows what he has given you, and he knows that with his help you can do great things. When you do all you can for God, he will give you a great reward one day in heaven.

Prayer Dear God,



help me to do all that I can to share your love with other people.

Amen.

Word Search Fit the following words from today's Gospel into the empty squares below.			
Come and share in my happiness!			



Mission

for the

Week

Ask each person in your family what they do well. Talk about ways you can use what God has given each of you to help others learn more about God.