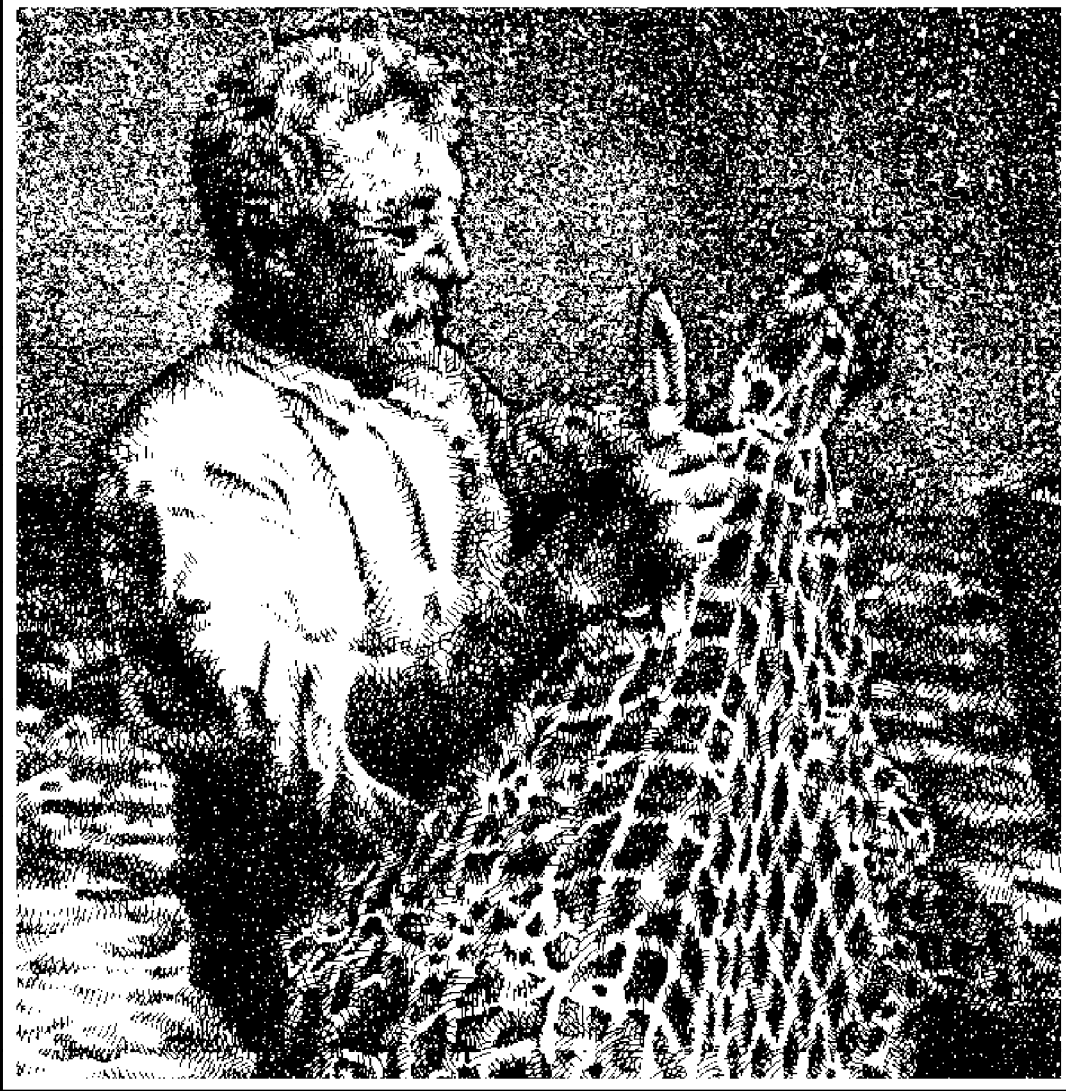


Our Lady of Lourdes • Third Sunday in Ordinary Time • January 22, 2006



**“Come after me,
and I will
make you
fishers of men.”**

Mark 1:17

Our Lady 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 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

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Regina Ann Cioffi

School Principal

Jennifer Gallagher

Director of Youth Services

Carol M. Goetz

Parish Music Director

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Director of Religious Education

Vita Scorgia

Ministry Spiritual Director

John Sureau

Coordinator of Worship

Sr. Betty Toohig

Senior Ministry-SAGE

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Business Manager

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Michael Abbruscato

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Mary Steck

John Sureau

Fr. Mike Vetrano

Marie Yuliano (*co-chair*)

Parish Staff

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Religious Education Office

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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 2005-2006

Between Now and Forever

February 11-12

“Between Now and Forever” - an exhibit of pictures, poetry, art and prose presenting people’s experience of grief and loss. Matthew Rogan, a parishioner, is featured in this exhibit. There will also be a morning event on February 11, which will include a presentation by Elaine Stillwell, Diocesan Coordinator of Bereavement Services, as well as many individual workshops. More to come!

Upcoming Event

Readers Theatre

Readers Theatre is a form of dramatic presentation in which short plays are presented with minimal sets and costumes. It’s easy and fun!

Our first Readers Theatre presentation will be in early February and will be for teens and adults. Readers Theatre for children will be held in March.

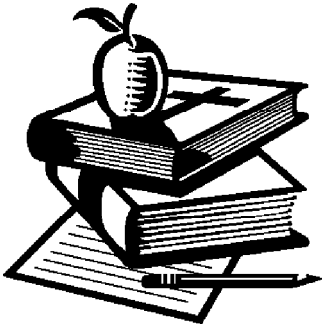
Empowering Our Minds and Spirit

Pilgrimage to Lourdes

As part of our 50th Anniversary Celebration, we will be making a pilgrimage to Lourdes, travel dates **April 17-25, 2006**. Final date to make reservations is January 15, 2006. If interested, please call the Parish Office at 661.3224.

Our next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, January 31, 2006 at 7:30 PM in the Parish Center**. Come and meet Mary Borgs, a fellow parishioner, as she shares her experiences at Lourdes. Mary made the pilgrimage with Our Lady of Lourdes parishioners in 1999. It should be a fun and informative evening!

School News



Ways to Support Catholic Education

Catholic Schools are an important part of the educational mission here at OLL and throughout the diocese. Here are some opportunities for all of us to support Catholic Education.

January 21 / 22

This weekend our annual collection for the support of Our Lady of Lourdes School will be taken. Your generosity in this collection goes directly to the support of our catholic school. See the following OLL School page to learn more about the wonderful programs being offered in our catholic school.

Special Gifts — Classroom Angels

For a gift of \$1000 from a person or group you can become a classroom angel for a whole year. Your name or a memorial inscription will be placed over the door of one of our classrooms as a reminder of your generous gift.

School Scrip

Is sold throughout the year on Sunday mornings and also on school days in the school. Purchasing Scrip as gifts or for your own day to day purchases costs you nothing and benefits special programs in Our Lady of Lourdes School.

January 28 / 29

The Diocesan Education Collection will be taken up. This collection supports the work of catholic education throughout our diocese and one half this collection will be returned to Our Lady of Lourdes.

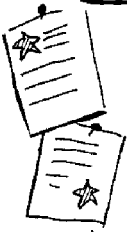
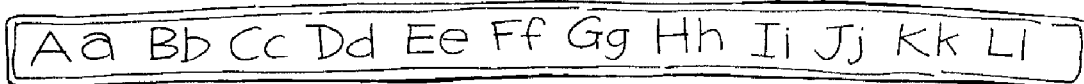
Please be as generous as you can. Remember that our children are our future!



A Catholic Education builds
character, compassion and values

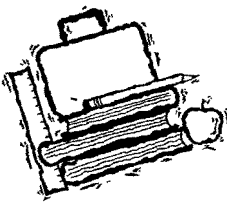
Our Lady of Lourdes School

A school to believe in, a place to call home
Let us show you why we are special



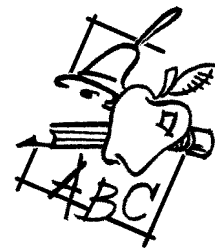
Open House

Sunday January 22, 2006
10:30 AM-12:00 PM



44 Toomey Road
West Islip, NY 11795
631-587-7200

Mrs. Regina Cioffi – Principal
or visit us at www.ollschool.org



Nursery through 8th Grade
with full-day kindergarten

Excellence in Academics - Spiritual Growth
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Multi student discount and so much more!

Becoming Married: The Journey to Intimacy

future classes in the series...

Parenting...

how do we parent through the stages of our children's lives

Wednesday, February 15, 2006

presented by Joe Tomaselli

Beginning Again...

healing and freedom through the annulment process

Wednesday, May 17, 2006

presented by Fr. Mike Vetrano

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

Healthcare Issues in the 21st Century

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 and April 4, 2006

with Marty and Anne Kerrigan

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 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.

Winter - A Season of Waiting

An evening of prayer and spiritual strength for all of us.

Sometimes life itself can feel like winter, cold, hard, unyielding.

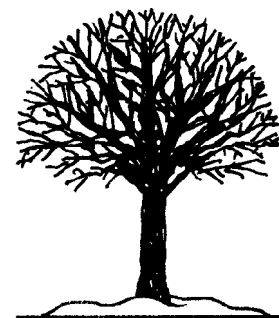
A problem that we have yet to find a solution for

Being in the middle of an illness

Waiting for news

Looking for a job

Hoping for change



Winter

Like winter these times can seem endless and God can even seem absent.

But the Winters of our lives can also be times of expectant waiting - times of special closeness to God.

Come to this evening to learn how we can warm up the winters of our lives by learning their spiritual meaning.

The evening will be hosted by the **Ministry of Family Healing on Monday, January 30 at 7:30 PM in the Parish Center.** Please call the Religious Education office to register at 661-5440.

OLL Alumni Event

Our Lady of Lourdes Alumni Association is in the process of planning an **Alumni Ski Trip for February 4 to Windham Mountain** in upstate New York.

The ski trip is open to all alumni and their families. Cost for this day trip will be between \$118 - \$128 which includes ski rentals, transportation and lift ticket.

We will leave from in front of Our Lady of Lourdes School.

If you are interested, please contact Rich Maher at tipperar@aol.com

School News

Our Lady of Lourdes School participated in a Geography Bee sponsored by National Geographic and coordinated by our seventh grade teacher, Mrs. Ronek . Three students from each homeroom in grades four through eight, qualified to participate in the Geography Bee.

This year our first place winner is *Richard Wilkinson* from our seventh grade. Our runner-up is *Peter Calves*, also a seventh grader. Congratulations to both Richard and Peter! The winner of the OLL School Bee takes a one hour exam and is eligible for the state championships in Albany. Good luck, Richard!

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**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.**Financial Summary****January 15, 2006**

Weekly Collection	\$ 13,782.00
Weekly Budget	-\$ 21,000.00
+/- for the week	\$ (7,218.00)

*The estimated weekly collection needed to maintain
and operate our parish buildings, ministries,
programs and salaries is \$21,000.*

Baptism*Christopher Michael Battista*

Michael & Anastasia

Salvatore Arturo Graziano

Salvatore & Christine

Aidan James Halfpenny

Gerard & Christine

Alysia Kemani Turnbull

Keba & Shashana

Upcoming Marriages*Andrea Imbasciani and**Michael Corcoran, both OLL**Diane Mills, OLL and**Erich Brueckmann, Jr.***Anointing of the Sick**

Throughout the liturgical year.

If needed sooner, please
call the Parish Office.**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, January 23

8:00 AM John Ross

Tuesday, January 24

St. Francis de Sales, bishop, doctor

8:00 AM Peter Reehil

Wednesday, January 25

8:00 AM Elinor Shaddock

Thursday, January 26

Ss. Timothy and Titus, bishops

8:00 AM Nancy Proctor

Friday, January 27

St. Angela Merici, virgin

8:00 AM James Peter Olsen

Saturday, January 28

8:00 AM Jerry Esposito, Sr. (25th anniv.), John Howrigan, Rudolph & Frances Parson, Carmine Maiocco, Bridgett Creaghan, Joseph Soltesz, Joseph Garlausky, Jean L. Aquino, Michael Nadurak, Maureen Vitagliano, Marilyn Saccone, Joseph Sousa, Frank Vitale

5:00 PM Tony Squeo

Fr. Nestor Watin

Sunday, January 29

8:00 AM John Weiss

Fr. Bob Scheckenback

9:30 AM George A. Wild

Fr. Stan Chukwube

11:00 AM Dolores Haggerty

Fr. Mike Vetrano

12:30 PM Vincent Laspina

Fr. Stan Chukwube

6:00 PM People of the Parish, Anna Stanclik, Grace Catapane, Patricia Keady,

Richard Going, Patrick Feminella, Kenneth Meyer, Daniel Connolly,

Joseph Prior, John Weiss, Rodolfo Fuentes, Marcela Tinio, Marion Degati

Fr. Nestor Watin

Rest In Peace

Marion Degati

Angela Russo

Harold Vellia

Paul DeGuardi



Altar Society

Pat Wissing

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.

Pray for Our Sick

Please remember in your thoughts and prayers ...

Thomas Brennan, Jo Brogan, Christian Bullock, Jerry Castonguay, Mary Derasmo, John Finch, Jason Fisher, Maureen Hitchen, Madeline Hopper, Mary Ellen Jaggi, Alexis Karniewich, Mike Lorento, Benjy Margulies, Baby Olivia Nicole Martone, Peter McCann, Sr., Arabella Elizabeth McCarthy, Kayla Muldoon, Peter Murray, Nichole O'Connor, Joe Radosti, Rose Serragano, Frances Torina, Susan Trifali, AnneMarie Valentino, Rosemary Van Acker, Loretta Vitale, Mary Walsh

Our Lady of Lourdes School

587-7200

Monday-Friday: 9 AM - 3 PM

email: ReginaC@ollschoo.org

Religious Education

Office

661-5440

Monday-Friday: 9 AM - Noon

1 PM - 5 PM

7 PM - 9 PM

email: ReligiousEd@ollchurch.org

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

S.A.G.E.

661-3224

(Senior Advocates for Growth
and Enrichment)

email: Sage@ollchurch.org

2005 Catholic Ministries Appeal

The 2005 Catholic Ministries Appeal has just begun at Our Lady of Lourdes. This extraordinary endeavor is designed to support the ministries and services of our Parish and Diocese. Your participation provides support to the many programs and services that help further the mission of Jesus Christ here on Long Island.

The funds raised for this most important appeal will support five main areas:

1-Parishes

Every Parish benefits from the appeal through the sharing formula. We will be able to use our share of the funds raised for every parish ministry.

2-Catholic Charities

Over 80,000 were assisted by a Catholic Charities program last year. Wouldn't it be great if we could help more people who are in need this year?

3-Education

Catholic schools and religious education programs teach our children about Christ's message. Over 170,000 kids are in Religious Education programs and more than 35,000 are in our Catholic Schools – they all receive help through this effort.

4-Formation

The Seminary also benefits from this area as it prepares our priests for a life of service to our Parishes and Diocese.

5-Pastoral Outreach

Programs such as Respect Life, the Mission in the Dominican Republic, and Campus Ministry are all able to function from this important ministry.

Please consider supporting this important initiative as it will help us continue to do the work of the Lord here on Long Island. To show your support for your parish and Diocese, please contact the Parish Office 631.661.3224 or call the Catholic Ministries Office at 516.379.5210 ext 2.

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**

***Living God’s Covenant with the Poor in the Parish of
St. Joseph the Worker, East Patchogue:
The Dignity of Choices***

*by Joan McGay
Parish Social Ministry Coordinator*

Our food pantry serves over 100 families a month, in what I believe is a way that provides a small measure of dignity to each person who needs food. We serve a diverse, multicultural community of families that have struggled to recover from poverty for years. We first needed to establish a trusting relationship with the families so they knew that we were here to help, if we could. They were accustomed to having to stretch the truth in order to be helped.

Next we re-arranged the pantry space so that our shelving was visible to the families. We then were able to give the families the dignity of choices. If they prefer canned corn to peas or rice instead or pasta we can give them what they choose to eat. Thus, food is not wasted, families feel respected, the volunteers do not get upset, and we are being responsible stewards of the resources entrusted to us by parishioners. We changed the pantry hours, increased the volunteer base to 19 people (plus a team of 3 LI Cares pick up men and 3 Sunday shelf stockers) and computerized our data collection efforts. These small changes took much time to complete, but our relationship with most families is building trust in ways we did not anticipate.

All for the good of ALL GOD’S PEOPLE.

Holy Name Society Annual Coat Drive

The Holy Name Society would like to thank all those parishioners that participated in the annual coat drive. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Jesus, King of All Nations Prayer Group

The Jesus, King of All Nations Prayer Group meets each **Thursday afternoon** in the **Church**. The meeting is from **3 PM until 4 PM** in **front of the Blessed Sacrament**.

Senior Circle

The **Senior Circle** meets on the last Monday of each month.

The next meeting will be held on **Monday, January 30** at **12:30 PM** in the **Parish Center**.



canned peas
 jelly/preserves
 macaroni & cheese
 peanut butter
 pork & beans
 spaghetti sauce
 tea
 toilet paper
 tuna

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.



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Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

Many a casual fisherman will tell you that some of the most enjoyable times they have involves being out on a boat, maybe with their son or daughter or a good friend. It often doesn't matter if they've caught anything; the serenity of a peaceful lake is like almost nothing else. Of course, should that bobber be tugged beneath the surface, they will certainly pull in their line, even for the smallest of fish.

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus begins his ministry by gathering his first few disciples. Andrew and Simon (Peter) were casting their nets when Jesus makes them an offer too good to refuse. "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men," he tells them. With little more than this promise, Andrew and Simon along with James and John began their ministries. Are we like these simple fishermen of the time? Can we follow him?

We are taught in the Catechism of the Catholic Church that in order to transmit our Christian faith, first and foremost we must proclaim our love of Jesus Christ to ourselves and all others who will hear us in order to lead them to him. This responsibility extends to our children, whether as parents or catechists we are to help them realize God's eternal design for us through Christ's words and deeds. (CCC 425-426) While we might enjoy the sight of a beautiful lake, we must contemplate how many fish are just below the surface.

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Readings for the Week of January 22, 2006

Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/ 1 Cor 7:29-31/ Mk 1:14-20
Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/ Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/ Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/ Mk 16:15-18
Thursday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/ Mk 4:21-25
Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/ Mk 4:26-34
Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/ Mk 4:35-41
Next Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/ 1 Cor 7:32-35/ Mk 1:21-28

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.

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:



John Finn-*US Army*
Kenneth Gein-*US Army*
Paul McEvoy-*US Army*
William Morrow-*US Marines*
Peter Provenzano-*US Army*
Jonathan Rothwell- *US Army*
James Stultz- *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.

Our whole parish family rejoices with the Clark family in gratitude for the safe return of their son from active duty. **Jerry Clark, Jr.**-*US Army* returned home just before Thanksgiving Day. We thank you Jerry for your generous service to our country.

In addition, our whole parish family rejoices with the Kelly family in gratitude for the safe return of their son from active duty. **Sr. Master Sergeant Ed Kelly** has also returned home. We thank you Ed for your generous service to our country.



The parish family of Our Lady of Lourdes would like to list those in the armed forces on active duty so that we can include them in our prayers. If you would like to include a family member on active duty to our prayer list, please fill out the following:

Name: _____

Branch of Service: _____

or email information to bulletin@ollchurch.org

Bereavement Support Group

Our Lady of Grace Parish, West Babylon, offers a free eight week Bereavement Support Group for adults who are struggling to cope with the death of a loved one. Registration is required in order to attend this group, which starts on **Monday, January 30 from 7 PM until 9 PM**. Seating is limited. For registration and information please call 661.9354.

Bishop Murphy's Lenten Vocation Retreat Weekend

March 10-12

We all have a vocation in life. Some are called to be married, and some are called to be single. Others are called to a special vocation, which involves serving the Lord in a special way. They can be called to the Priesthood. To decide what your vocation in life is, it is helpful to pray to the Holy spirit for discernment. If you are a man, mature high school age or older, interested in a priestly vocation, Bishop William Murphy, along with priests and seminarians of the Diocese of Rockville Centre invite you to join in this weekend retreat. Arrival will be at **5 PM on Friday, March 10 and the retreat will conclude after Mass at noon on Sunday, March 12**. This weekend will offer time for prayer, Mass and socializing along with open discussions of the priesthood. There is no fee to attend but pre-registration is required. For further information or to register please contact the Vocation Office at 631.424.9888 or email to Vocations@drvc.org.

Divorce and Beyond

A ten week program for the divorced or those going through the divorce process. An opportunity to find that special comfort and insight that can be found only in a group of people who are experiencing similar pain and issues. Program to be held at **St. Joseph Parish, Kings Park**. The program will be facilitated by Pat and Bob Magnan beginning **Wednesday, February 1 from 7:30 PM until 9 PM**. \$20 registration fee includes book and notebook. To register please contact St. Joseph Parish Center at 516.269.6635, ext. 200.

Service Auction

Saint John the Baptist DHS is proud to announce their **7th Annual Service Auction** which will be held on **Friday, February 10 at 7 PM in the Cougar Cafe**. There will be many items to bid on, door prizes, and raffles! Please join us for a fun evening where the proceeds will benefit the students of St. John's. For further information, please call 631.587.8000.

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: **"Poverty"**. 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.

Sharing the Gospel

Have you ever been excited about seeing a movie, going to a class, or visiting a special place? Do you know someone else who might enjoy it, too? You might say, "This is going to be great! Come with me!" In today's Gospel reading, Jesus invited some fishermen to join him. He called out to them, "Come with me!" Jesus would show them something great-how to bring others to God.



Prayer



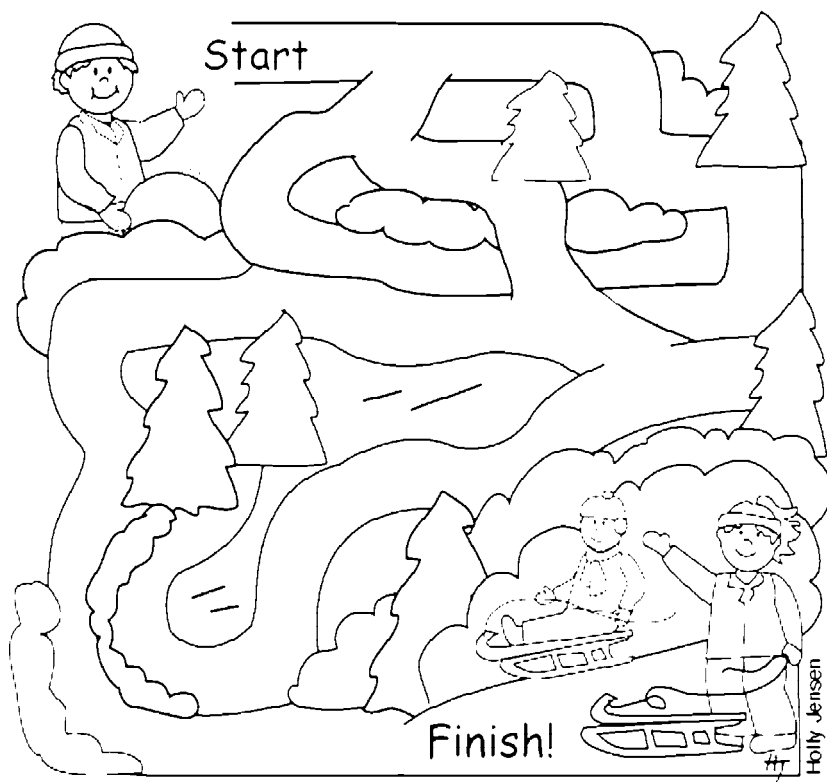
Dear God,
I want to follow you. Show me how to bring other people to you.

In Jesus' name, Amen.



Maze

Help the boy find his way to the children below so he can tell them about Jesus.



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Mission for the Week

Plan another get-together with friends who don't know about Jesus. Pray for them, and invite them to come to church with you.