

"Peace be with
you." John 20:19



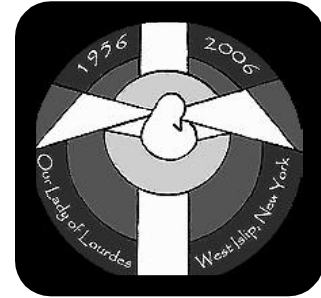
Our Lady of Lourdes
Second Sunday of Easter • April 23, 2006

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. John Asomugha
In Residence
Rev. Robert Scheckenback
In Residence
Deacon Stephen M. Behar
Deacon John DeGuardi
Deacon Jules O. A. Gagnon
Parish Outreach
Deacon Jack Meehan
Coordinator of Stewardship
Deacon John Teufel

Sr. Margaret Bickar
Senior Ministry-SAGE
Sr. Nancy Campkin
Director of Religious Education
Regina Ann Cioffi
School Principal
Jennifer Gallagher
Director of Youth Services
Carol M. Goetz
Parish Music Director
Sr. Diane Liona
Director of Religious Education
Vita Scorcia
Ministry Spiritual Director
John Sureau
Coordinator of Worship
Sr. Betty Toohig
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Business Manager

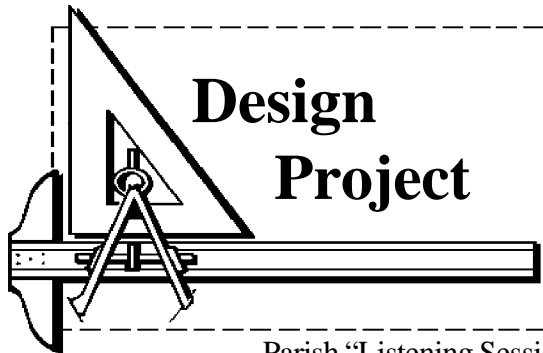
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John Sureau
Fr. Mike Vetrano
Marie Yuliano (*co-chair*)

Parish Staff

Barbara Catusco
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
Lori Walsh
Parish Office

Our Jubilee Year 2005-2006



“Listening Sessions”

Parish “Listening Sessions” have been scheduled to assess the physical spaces of our parish and think about what Our Lady of Lourdes should look like in the future. “Listening Sessions” are being held with all the ministries of our parish and all parishioners are welcome to participate by attending a session.

Upcoming “Ministry Sessions”

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| Tuesday, April 25 | 11:00 AM | Liturgical Ministers |
| Wednesday, April 26 | 7:30 PM | Liturgical Ministers |
| Thursday, April 27 | 7:30 PM | Evangelization/Adult Music Ministry |
| Friday, April 28 | 8:00 PM | Good Samaritan Prayer Group |
| Saturday, April 29 | 9:30 AM | Art & Environment |
| Sunday, April 30 | 4:00 PM | Music Ministry/Six Committee |
| Monday, May 1 | 8:00 PM | Rosary Christian Mothers |
| Wednesday, May 3 | 9:30 AM | Catechists |
| Wednesday, May 3 | 7:30 PM | Liturgical Ministers |
| Thursday, May 4 | 5:00 PM | Liturgical Ministers |
| Thursday, May 4 | 7:30 PM | Catechists |
| Friday, May 5 | 7:30 PM | Pre-Cana |
| Saturday, May 6 | 9:00 AM | Liturgical Ministers |
| Sunday, May 7 | 9:00 AM | Holy Name Society |
| Tuesday, May 9 | 9:00 AM | SAGE Ministry |
| Tuesday, May 9 | 7:30 PM | Scout Leaders |
| Wednesday, May 10 | 7:30 PM | Summer Evening Prayer |
| Thursday, May 11 | 7:30 PM | Instructors-AFF, VIRTUS, RCIA |

Open sessions are limited to 25 participants so that everyone will have an opportunity to be heard. You may reserve a space at an open meeting by calling the Parish Office 661-3224 or sending an email to Lori Walsh at lori@ollchurch.org. The success of this project depends on you! It’s really important that we hear from every parish voice. You are invited to come and be part of the process.

Upcoming “Open Sessions”

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|------------------|-----------------|
| Monday, April 24 | 7:30 PM |
| Tuesday, May 2 | 7:30 PM |
| Tuesday, May 9 | 7:30 PM (youth) |

EVERYONE NEEDS A VACATION!

Our "Family Retreat Day "
is a chance for you to
spend some time
with the people most
important to you -
YOUR FAMILY!



**Why not plan to join us at Saint Ignatius Retreat House in
Manhasset, New York
Sunday, May 7, 2006
10:30AM to 3:30 PM**

**Relax on the beautiful grounds of the retreat house-
enjoy a family lunch together (with children's menu.)
Sunday Mass with Fr. Mike Vetrano**

Talks for parents, teens, kids, and seniors given by the St. Ignatius Team

*For further information, call Vita Scorgia at the Religious Education Office at 661-5440 or
contact the St. Ignatius Retreat House on-line at www.inisfada.net*

Please complete and return the form below by Friday, April 28 to the Religious Education Office.

Family Retreat Day

Registration Form

Name: _____

Address: _____ Town/Zip: _____

Telephone #: () _____ Cel #: () _____

_____ Adults @ \$35 _____ Teens @ \$23 _____ Youth (7-12) @ \$12

_____ Seniors (62 and over) @ \$30 _____ under 7 (no fee)

Make check payable to: St. Ignatius Retreat House

Empowering Our Minds and Spirits

Pilgrimage to Lourdes

The OLL Pilgrimage to Lourdes has begun!
Please continue to keep our pilgrims in your prayers.

Follow their progress on our parish website at:
www.ollchurch.org/lourdes2006.



Upcoming Jubilee Events



Heritage Weekend!

Celebrating Our Story...One Faith-Many Traditions.

This event will begin with Mass at 12:30 PM on Sunday, June 4- Pentecost Sunday. Our celebration will continue under the tent on the Great Lawn. We will celebrate our many heritages within our parish family.

The celebration will include food, music, traditional dancing and customs along with the OLL tradition of our American favorite – hamburgers and hot dogs, which will be provided. We're asking each parish family to bring dessert and breads (enough for a family) from all different countries according to their families' heritage.

Our Lady of Lourdes 50th Anniversary Dinner Dance November 17, 2006 Southward Ho Country Club



Raffle prizes are needed—please help to make this an unforgettable event! Do you have a vacation home? Would you be willing to donate a week or weekend as a prize? Do you have frequent flier miles to share as a prize? All donations will be considered – be creative, be generous.

If you are able to make a donation or know someone that can, please call the Parish Office at 661-3224 and ask for Lori or email to lori@ollchurch.org

School News

Thinking about a Catholic Education?

We can answer your questions. It's still not too late to register. Please stop in or give us a call. Be Part of Our Family – Our Lady of Lourdes School. For further information please call Mrs. Regina Cioffi, principal at 587-7200. Now accepting Registration for September 2006 - Nursery through 8th Grade with Full Day Kindergarten. Excellence in academics, spiritual growth, middle school sports programs, drama, dance, music, multi-student discount and so much more!

See us in action!

You're invited to join our school family. Come and visit us at Our Lady of Lourdes School. We are having a **Curriculum Fair on Monday, May 15**. We have so many things to show you and tell you about. This is a great opportunity to see what the students in OLL have been doing and why you should join our school family! Registration is open for the 2006-2007 School Year. If you can't make it to our Curriculum Fair, call us in the School Office for further information at 587-7200 or e-mail us at rcioffi@ollschool.org.

Classroom Angels

Our new "Angels" program is off to a wonderful start! Five "Classroom Angels" have been pledged to date. A family, group of families, alumnus or parishioner can support a classroom for one year for a pledge of \$1,000. Your name or a memorial inscription will be placed over the door of one of our classrooms as a reminder of your generous gift.

Religious Education

...during the Easter Season!

Sponsor/Candidate Enrollment Sunday

Sunday, April 30 - Third Sunday of Easter

6 PM Mass

All seventh graders choose a Sponsor in preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please come and join with all the seventh graders of our parish, their families and their newly chosen Sponsor, as we celebrate this commitment. They look to their Parish Family for prayers and support on their faith journey.

and...

"Rescue Closing"

Sunday, May 21

6 PM Mass

All eighth graders, parents and their Sponsors share in celebrating their time together. The eighth graders and their Sponsors have been getting together and doing service for others.

and...

Grade 6/7/8 Hang Out Nites

continue on...

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| Friday April 28 | 7:30-9:30pm | Parish Center |
| Friday May 19 | 7:30-9:30pm | Parish Center |
| Friday June 23 | 7:30-9:30pm | Parish Center |

Come, have some fun! There's something for everyone of all ages.

Adult Faith Formation

Our Catholic Faith Through Literature

Vino and DaVinci

Learn the truth behind the DaVinci codes.

Wednesday, May 3, 2006

presented by Margaret Mannino

7:30 - 9:30 PM in the Parish Center

Becoming Married: The Journey to Intimacy

Beginning Again...

Where do I stand with the Church after divorce?

There is good news—healing and freedom through the annulment process.

Wednesday, May 17, 2006

presented by Fr. Mike Vetrano

7:30 - 9:30 PM in the Parish Center

Pre-Registration is necessary and helpful. Please call the Religious Education Office at 661-5440 or e-mail to religioused@ollchurch.org.

Fee: \$5 per presentation. 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.

Youth Ministry

Fourth Annual OLL Youth Mission Awareness Retreat

July 1-7, 2006

Join us for our fourth annual Mission Retreat in El Salvador—an experience of a lifetime! Spend a week living and working among the poor and visiting our sister parish in El Salvador. This trip is especially focused for teens and young adults. An **information meeting** will be held on **Thursday, April 27 at 6 PM in the school library** for all young people (and their parents) who are interested. Questions? Email jengallagher@ollchurch.org



Attention all Kids!

“*Camp Christmas*” is almost here! Don’t miss OLL’s Fifth Annual Vacation Bible Camp as we celebrate Christmas in July. We’ll deck the halls from July 24-28. Rumor has it that Santa may stop by on his surfboard! Mark your calendars and plan to join us for a fun and exciting week learning about God and a whole array of wintry cool subjects. Registration forms will be in the bulletin in May.

Henry Flores is coming!

Henry Flores is coming!? June 5th. Watch upcoming bulletins for the mystery to unfold...



Dear Parish Family,

The wonderful weather we have enjoyed in recent days has only added to our beautiful celebrations of Holy Week and Easter Sunday!

It is a true sign of deep faith and spirit of community in our parish that so many people came together to make our liturgies so faith-filled, alive and beautiful!

There are too many to mention by name, but I wish to thank all those who:

welcomed our parishioners, prepared our worship space, presided at our liturgies, ministered the Eucharist, read the Word of God, led us in song, praised God with instrument and voice, served at our masses, and most of all, for all who prayed and celebrated with us.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Mike

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.

Rest In Peace

Wilhelmina Malits

Florence Ferrara

Catherine Patricia Smith

Carmela J. Inzirro-Caiola



Upcoming Marriages

Danielle Hulse and

Robert Maloney, both OLL

Theresa Romeo, OLL and

Peter DelPrete, St. Patrick, Smithtown

Stacey Maguire and

Christopher Fournier, both OLL

Remembering...

Monday, April 24

St. Fidelis, priest, martyr

8:00 AM Lucy & Eddie Regina

Tuesday, April 25

St. Mark, Evangelist

8:00 AM William Martino

Wednesday, April 26

8:00 AM William Petersen

Thursday, April 27

8:00 AM Eugene Parine

Friday, April 28

St. Louis Mary de Montfort, priest

8:00 AM Angelo & Felicia DeLeo

Saturday, April 29

8:00 AM Sylvan J. Lodespoto, Patricia Mastrocinque, Madeline Hopper,
In Honor of St. Ann, Kevin Clyde, Rose Gandolfo, Robert Engle,
Gertrude Moore, Carmella Tufano, Donald Federlin, Eleanor Smith

5:00 PM John Lovari

Fr. Stan Chukwube

Sunday, April 30

8:00 AM Mary Lepsis

Fr. John Asomugha

9:30 AM Teresa Doyle

Fr. Mike Vetrano

11:00 AM Robert Tryon

Fr. Stan Chukwube

12:30 PM Nicholas Spinelli

Fr. John Asomugha

6:00 PM People of the Parish, Mary D. Walsh, Werner Paschke,
Ralph Marotta, Vincent Baldo, Sue Valenza, Mary Capiello,
Richard Wright, Sr., Michael Guardino, Raymond Garcia,
Angelo Manuzzi, Sal Tranchina, Carlo Geronimo

Fr. Mike Vetrano

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.

Altar Bread & Wine

Baby & Richard Joseph Shaddock

Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Monenna Kennedy*.
If you would like to help care for our altar needs, please call the
Parish Office at 661.3224.

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 ...

*Deborah Barbaro, Thomas Brennan, Jo Brogan, Christian Bullock, Jerry Castonguay,
Regina Cranor, Bernadette DeVirgilis, Nick Durso, Jason Fisher, Annmarie Franzese,
Theresa Grasso, Claire Hopkins, Anna Lettieri, Anthony Lombardo, Mike Lorento,
Benjy Margulies, Joseph Marrone, Peter McCann, Sr., Arabella Elizabeth McCarthy,
Thomas Newton, Joe Radosti, Theresa Rienzo, Rose Serragano, Miriam Verdi,
Loretta Vitale, Donna Walsh, Norah Williamson*

Our Lady of Lourdes School

587-7200

Monday-Friday: 9 AM - 3 PM

email: rcioffi@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 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

Stewardship In Action

Outreach means to surpass another in reach or to be more or greater than and to exceed expectations. This dictionary definition truly epitomizes our Parish Outreach ministry. During each holiday season, the men and women of our outreach program “exceed” expectations and reach out to our parish community and beyond. Those that would not “have” for the holidays, “have.”



Stewardship in action is clearly exhibited daily by our Parish Outreach volunteers, but is most exceptional during the holiday season. Packages of complete holiday dinners are organized and delivered by this ministry.

OLL Parish Outreach services such a large number of people in our community.

Aside from holiday foods, our outreach program provides the day to day needs of the community of Our Lady of Lourdes. They truly seek out those who are in need and are there for those who seek help. Parish outreach lives the gospel message by their actions!

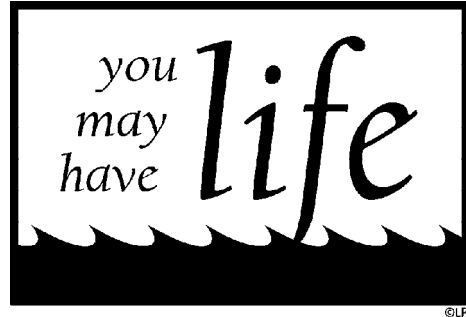


and holy is your name...

we would like to extend a special thank you to all who made a donation at Easter...

M/M John Allocca, M/M Philip Ambrosino, Olympia Aparo, Ann Basso, B. Benevides Family, The Bolands, Mary Borgs, Mrs. Bosshammer, M/M Ed Brewer, Denise Brosseau, Buonaspina Family, Cantalino Family, Liz Carbone, M/M M. Carmano, Marie Cirone, The Colon Family, Marguerite Cognato, Margaret Cook, Cramer Family, M/M Edward Critchley, M/M Richard Dare, DeLuca Family, Anthony DeMotta, Desena (Denise & Michaelene), Dimino Family, Dorothy Ennis, Falco Family, Joanie Finch, Anita Ferruggiari, Maryann Fiorenza, R. Flynn, J. Fogarty, Forerunner Telecom, Inc., Gagnon Family, Girl Scout Troop 1253, Golden Family, Gorman Family, Heartt Family, Hiller Family, F. Hodgkins Family, M/M Paul Johnson, Keogh Family, M/M Douglas Killane, Marilyn Koch, Marilyn Kolk, M/M Robert Kops, Barbara Kwiatkowski, Marie Lanfair, Grace LaPenna, The Lavazoli Family, M/M J. Lehmann, Howard & Eileen Lewis, Lillis Family, Michael & Mary Lyden, Mary Ellen Lyons, John & Nicole Madden, Barbara J. Malmquist, M/M R. Manley, Frank Marciano, Ronnie & Bob Martorana, McPhail Family, Meehan Family, Moran Family, M/M P. Munch, T. Nadvornik, T. Navborna, Shevawn O'Connor, Gloria Oliveira, OLL Choir, OLL Senior Circle, Petrizze, Marie Posanti, Mary & Martin Quinn, J. Radosti, Mrs. Carol Rea, Marie Ricigliano, Carol Salat, Sage Sisters, M/M Schiavone, Schreiner Family, Florence Schlageter, Schmitt Family, M/M Severino, Doris & Richard Shaddock, M/M J. Shields, Small Family, Tim & Christine Tamney, Connie & Carmine Telesca, M.A. Templeton, Anthony Tito, Barbara Viamonte, M/M Vieni, Karen Walker, Wilson Family, Pat & Harold Wissing, M/M J. Yalaemko, Cecelia & Joseph Zito

We have tried our best not to leave anyone off our list. However, if we have omitted your name, please forgive us and accept our sincere thanks for remembering our needy in a special way this Easter Season.



Second Sunday of Easter

Three people were sitting on a beach, watching the sun set on the horizon. The first person saw a palette of colors and thought of beautiful artwork. The second saw the end of another day and felt tired. The third imagined that there could be nothing greater than God's love, a love that would allow them to see something as wondrous as a sunset. Three people, three different images.

As John the Baptist watched Jesus walk near them, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" John's imagery of a lamb presents different images to different people. The sweet innocence of a young lamb is one image, yet John was also recalling the daily sacrifice of two lambs in the temple. He knew that the lambs were offered as a sacrifice for their sins, but he also knew that Jesus Christ would sacrifice his life for all sin. In Revelations, we are also given the image of the lamb on a throne, worthy of glory and praise.

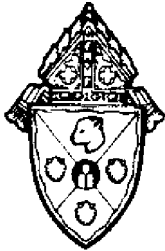
The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us that sacred images in our homes and churches are intended to awaken and nourish our faith in the mystery of Christ. (CCC 1192) With the image of the lamb, each week we acknowledge in song that Jesus Christ takes away the sins of the world, and further we ask the Lamb of God to grant us peace.

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Readings for the Week of April 23, 2006

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| Sunday: | Acts 4:32-35/ 1 Jn 5:1-6/ Jn 20:19-31 |
| Monday: | Acts 4:23-31/ Jn 3:1-8 |
| Tuesday: | 1 Pt 5:5b-14/ Mk 16:15-20 |
| Wednesday: | Acts 5:17-26/ Jn 3:16-21 |
| Thursday: | Acts 5:27-33/ Jn 3:31-36 |
| Friday: | Acts 5:34-42/ Jn 6:1-15 |
| Saturday: | Acts 6:1-7/ Jn 6:16-21 |
| Next Sunday: | Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/ 1 Jn 2:1-5a/ Lk 24:35-48 |

2006 Catholic Ministries Appeal



*“Touching the lives of many through
Diocesan and Parish Ministries
and services.”*

Parish Status as of March 31, 2006

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| Parish Goal | \$118,600 |
| Pledged Amount | \$ 79,274 |
| # of Pledges | 338 |
| Average Pledge | \$ 235 |

The 2006 Catholic Ministries Appeal is in full swing here at Our Lady of Lourdes. Thank you to all those parishioners who have responded so generously. 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. Your support is needed to achieve our goal!

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 our Parish Office at 661.3224.

Financial Summary

April 9, 2006-Palm Sunday

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| Weekly Collection | \$ 22,342.03 |
| Weekly Budget | <u>-\$ 21,000.00</u> |
| +/- for the week | \$ 1,342.03 |

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

April 16, 2006-Easter Sunday

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| Easter Collection | \$ 43,749.00 |
| Ministry Collection | <u>+\$ 8,010.00</u> |
| Weekly Collection | \$ 51,759.00 |
| Budgeted Amount | <u>-\$ 60,000.00</u> |
| +/- for the week | \$ (8,241.00) |



Parish Outreach

Our Lady of Lourdes Food Pantry clients receive food on a weekly basis. Many of our clients just need our assistance during a time of crisis and some need ongoing help. The donations you make allow us to ease the financial burden for these clients and supply them with nourishment for their families. We at Outreach are grateful for your ongoing support and ask you to continue to help us in our effort to assist our clients.

In order to insure an ample supply of a variety of goods, we have prepared the following lists. Food Stamps cannot be used for the purchase of taxable items such as toilet paper, toothpaste, detergent, personal hygiene and feminine products, hence there is a great need for these items.

Hopefully, the new format will be more informative and helpful to you in understanding our needs. Brown paper bags from the supermarkets are always a welcomed item. All items can be placed in the baskets at each entry of the Church before or after Mass, in the food bin by Parish Outreach Office or left directly at the Parish Outreach Office during working hours.

Outreach Office Hours

Monday through Friday from 9:30 AM until 3:30 PM.
For information/assistance call 661.9262.

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.

WEEK 1

- chili
- canned ravioli
- macaroni & cheese
- pasta
- spaghetti
- tomato sauce

Weekly Needs

- coffee
- detergent
- hot chocolate
- tea

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.

Beginning April 26...

12-Step Divorce Recovery

Each Wednesday at 7:30 PM in Lourdes Hall-convent lower level.

Holy Name Society

Take me out to the ballgame!

The OLL Holy Name Society will once again be selling raffle tickets to see the Long Island Ducks. There will be two tickets to see ten games. Each raffle is \$1 or six raffles for \$5. Tickets will be on sale after Masses each weekend through the weekend of May 7.

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**.

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:

Daniel D'Arienzo-*US Army*

John Finn-*US Army*

Paul McEvoy-*US Army*

William Morrow-*US Marines*

William Potter-*US Army*

Peter Provenzano-*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.

SAGE

The SAGE Group (**S**enior **A**dvocates for **G**rowth and **E**nrichment) will meet on **Tuesday, April 25 in the Parish Center at 9 AM**. All older parishioners are welcome.

Senior Circle

The **Senior Circle** meets on the last Monday of each month. The next meeting will be held on **Monday, April 24 at 12:30 PM** in the **Parish Center**.

American Sign Language

Clery School for the Deaf is offering evening Adult Education classes in American Sign Language.

The Spring session will be **April 19 through June 14** (adults only) .

For registration, call Carolyn Kelly at 631.588.0530.

Aging in Grace and Wisdom

“Towards a Spirituality of Aging in Grace and Wisdom” presented by Brother Andre Mattieu, C.P. for bereavement ministers and the bereaved on **Saturday, April 29 from 9 AM until 2 PM** at the **Emmanuel Retreat House, Kellenberg Memorial High School , Uniondale.**

\$30 per person registration fee includes continental breakfast and lunch. To register, call 516.678.5800, ext 508 or email clok@drvc.org.

CSJ 150th Anniversary Celebration!

Join the Sisters of St. Joseph in celebrating their 150th anniversary on **Saturday, May 20 from 10:30 AM until 3 PM.** Festivities and picnic will be on **Brentwood Motherhouse grounds.** Tickets are necessary. For tickets or further information, contact S. Karen Kaelin, CSJ at karenkcsj@aol.com or by calling 631.273.1187, ext 46.

Gennesaret

A retreat for people facing serious illness that has been given for several years at Montfort Retreat Center in Bay Shore. This year the retreat will be given during the weekend of April 28 - 30. There is no charge for the weekend-it is subsidized by some very generous people who know how wonderful the retreat is. People who have attended the retreat say that it is a wonderful, extraordinary experience! We urge you to participate in this very special weekend. Call Colette mornings at 665.7052.

Ignation Volunteer

Retired? Eager to “Give Something Back?”

Your most important work may begin after you retire.

Consider making a difference as an Ignatian Volunteer: in a soup kitchen, homeless shelter, as a tutor, etc.

Who: Men and women, age 50 or older, semi-retired or retired

What: Ignatian Volunteer Corps Information Sessions

Where: St. Ignatius Retreat House (Brady Room) Searingtown Road, Manhasset

When: Thursday, May 4 from 7-8:30 PM

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: **“Pleasure and Pain.”** Don’t forget to tune in! Visit “Religion & Rock” on the web, www.religionandrock.com.

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Sharing the Gospel

Surprises can happen at any time. That's why we call them surprises. Imagine walking out of your bedroom in the morning and seeing a wrapped gift in the hallway. It's a surprise! So imagine the surprise of Jesus' friends when they saw him for the first time after Easter. The doors were locked, but Jesus found a way in. He was supposed to be dead, but they saw Jesus alive. This was no trick at all. Jesus performed miracles like this for his friends, because he wanted his friends to believe in him.



Prayer

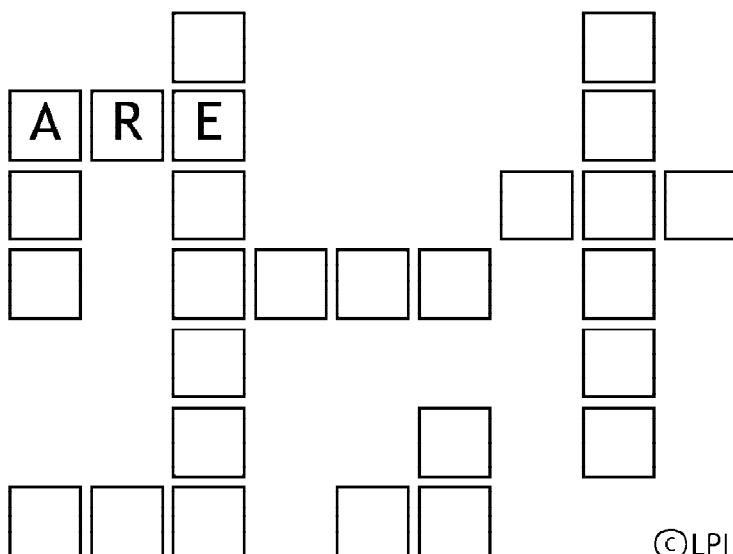


Dear God,
 thank you for showing us that Jesus is alive.
 In Jesus' name, Amen.

Empty Squares

Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:

Thomas replied, "You are my Lord and my God!"



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Mission for the Week

Read today's Gospel with your family. Talk about how you would feel if your doors were locked and Jesus came and stood in your living room. How would you react?