

Our Lady of Lourdes
Seventh Sunday of Easter • May 28, 2006



“If we love one another,
God remains in us.”

1 John 4:12

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
Senior Ministry-SAGE
Anthony Trombino
Business Manager

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Doreen Spiller
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
Lori Walsh
Parish Office

Upcoming Jubilee Event



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 after Mass in the school cafeteria.



Flags of Native Countries

Fun Family Event!

For the kids...
juice, ice cream,
face painting,
kids kornet



Native Costumes
-wear it if you have one



Traditional Dancing
from different countries-
Ireland, Portugal, Philippines...

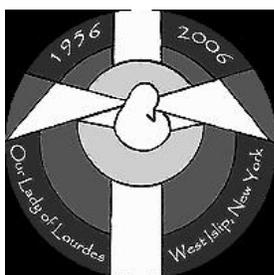


good ol'
American...



We will celebrate the many heritages within our parish family. The celebration will include dessert, music, customs, traditional costumes and dancing. We're asking each family in our parish to bring something of their family heritage-it could be a dessert, a bread and/or cheese- enough for a family. We will have a "Heritage Sharing Table." Our parish family will be able to share and sample a taste of the many traditions that make up *our story*... **One Faith-Many Traditions.**

Please call the Religious Education Office at 661.5440 or email to Religioused@ollchurch.org to let us know what you will be bringing.



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

Please help make this an unforgettable event!

Do you have a vacation home? 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 contact Lori at the Parish Office at 661.3224, extension 120 or email to lori@ollchurch.org.

Behind the Scenes with the Jubilee Dinner Committee

Our parish committee has been working hard over the last few months.

Did you know that a very generous parishioner donated a weekend at Montauk as a raffle prize?

Are you interested in a wine tour?

We have received a donation of a wine tour (for four) of a Long Island vineyard, limousine service included.

Is there a celebration coming up in your future?

We have also received a donation of a DJ Party package!

These are just a few of the many wonderful prizes we hope to include in our Jubilee Dinner celebration! We welcome any addition to these generous gifts. To make a donation please contact Lori at the Parish Office at 661.3224, extension 120 or email to lori@ollchurch.org.

Please take a moment and visit our beautiful church website for the latest information about our Parish Jubilee Celebration, the recent pilgrimage to Lourdes, and other happenings in our parish.

www.ollchurch.org





Henry Flores is coming!

Monday, June 5th

7:30 PM Church

Henry Flores is the coordinator of our program in El Salvador (CFCA-the Christian Foundation for Children and Aging). This charismatic young man decided at an early age that he was called to help the poor, to make a difference for the Salvadoran people.

Growing up in El Salvador during the Civil War of the 80's, Henry experienced unspeakable horrors and the poverty and corruption that pervaded his country. His story, though, is a story of hope, and that hope shines through the faces of the thousands of children he helps every day. He will talk about how all of us, and especially young people, can make a difference in the lives of the poor in our world!

Henry, and his wife Roxana have been hosts to the group from our parish who have traveled to El Salvador for the past four years, and we are thrilled to have him speak in our parish on Monday, June 5, at 7:30PM in the Church. Don't miss it! You'll hear one of the most powerful and inspiring stories you can imagine!

Fourth Annual

OLL Youth Mission Awareness Retreat to El Salvador

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. Questions? Email jengallagher@ollchurch.org

Fundraiser for El Salvador Sister Parish

Fr. Ed Dowling, S.J., who teaches at Fordham and is with us at OLL on Sundays, has graciously offered the proceeds of sales of his books to benefit our Sister Parish Project. Fr. Dowling's books, *Have You Heard the Good News*, *Reflections on the Sunday Gospels*, come in three volumes (for liturgical years A, B and C) and offer wonderful, intelligent reflections on each Sunday's gospel for the entire year. They are a wonderful prayer companion and offer great insight into the historical background of the readings. Each volume is \$10 or set of three for \$25. Orders can be made at the Parish Office in person, by phone to 661.3224, or by email to parishoffice@ollchurch.org.



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

With great joy do I invite the whole Diocese to participate in the first Diocesan Eucharistic Congress which will take place from Pentecost Sunday, June 3/4 through Corpus Christi, June 18. These two weeks of giving thanks to God for the gift of His Son who left us the Eucharist as his most precious gift will be a time of extraordinary grace for one and all. We all should prepare ourselves to enter into these two weeks with open hearts and a joyful spirit as we worship and adore Our Lord in His Most Holy Body and Blood. He invites us daily to celebrate the Eucharist which is the heart of our life as Church.

The Opening Event will be a daylong family celebration at Our Lady of the Island Shrine in Eastport. With us for that day will be Cardinal Oscar Rodriguez of Honduras who will offer a reflection on The Eucharist, the Church and Diversity. He will be principal celebrant of the Opening Mass at the Shrine scheduled for 5:00 PM. My hope is that the great diversity of our diocese will be represented as families and parish representatives gather to inaugurate these two weeks of prayer, reflection, celebration and adoration.

On the diocesan level there will be two other special moments. On Saturday, June 10, we have organized a Youth Event at Holy Trinity High School, Hicksville for all teenagers and “twenty somethings” youth. From noon till 7:00 PM, we will have music, catechesis, exchanges and sharing that will culminate with Mass at 5:00 PM, which I will celebrate along with the two new priests I will have ordained at St. Agnes Cathedral that morning. The whole two weeks will be brought to a formal close with a Solemn Mass followed by a procession and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, celebrated by Cardinal Edward Egan at St. Agnes Cathedral at 12:30 PM on the Feast of Corpus Christi. All the parishes will be represented at that final diocesan Mass of Thanksgiving.

Most of the Eucharistic Congress will take place in the parishes. Your pastor and his staff are planning a wide variety of moments of prayer, reflection, catechesis and adoration centered around the Lord Jesus Christ, truly present in this Most Blessed Sacrament. At the height of this will be, of course, the daily celebrations of the Eucharist. There also can be processions, Benediction, rosaries and any number of opportunities for laity and religious and priests and deacons to show their love for the Lord who feeds us with His Body and Blood, our spiritual nourishment on the journey of life. Check your parish bulletin for local updates, the diocesan website www.drvc.org, Telecare and The Long Island Catholic for events.

The Holy Father has granted a plenary indulgence for all who participate in these moments of grace. The Lord Himself invites us to make this Eucharistic Congress a time of extraordinary blessings for us all. Plan to participate in as many moments of these two weeks as possible. Invite family members and friends to join you, especially any who may have fallen away from regular practice. The blessings the Lord will give us during these two weeks will be the spiritual impetus to bring our Diocese along the right path towards next year’s Synod and next year’s celebration of our fiftieth anniversary as a Diocese.

I believe there is nothing more important I can do as bishop but call you all to share these two weeks of honoring and worshipping Our Lord in the Eucharist. May he who said “This is my Body for you” be present to us all and may we become ever more His Body as we share in the banquet of our Eucharistic Lord.

William Murphy

Bishop of Rockville Centre

Nocturnal Adoration



Nocturnal/Eucharistic Adoration will follow the 5 PM Mass on Saturday, June 3 with Benediction at 9:50 PM. Please come and pray with us—our prayers will be for fathers, grandfathers, and all men who have helped us on our life's journey, especially for priests who are our "Spiritual Fathers." All are welcome-bring a friend!

Fr. Joe Lukaszewski Memorial Garden

We are once again accepting orders for bricks for the Fr. Joe Lukaszewski Memorial Garden walkway. The bricks are \$150 each. The bricks are scheduled to be engraved July 31 for installation during the Summer.



If you would like to order a brick as a remembrance of a special event or as a memorial for a loved one, please stop by the Parish Office for an order form or call 661.3224 for further information.

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!

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

Grade 6/7/8 Hang Out Nite

Friday June 23

7:30-9:30pm

Parish Center

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

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

Upcoming Marriages

*Veronica Roza, OLL and**Ronald Knapfel, St. Elizabeth, Melville*

Rest In Peace

*Albert Cavalieri**Edward F. Brembs**Norman Scanapico**Diana Zotto***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.

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.

Baptisms

Jeremy Donald Jestel

Ethan and Christine

Patrick Ryan Berger

Richard and Dawn

Andrew John DiStefano

Robert and Claire

Lila Grace Gmelch

Peter and Renee

Colin Henry Larsen

Peter and Veronica

Shane Peter Larsen

Peter and Veronica

Joseph Anthony Montesanto

Joseph and Bridgette

Carly Mae Moss

Akira and Jeanie

Kaylee Ann Rittenhouse

Richard and Cynthia

Dante Cole Sgambati

Raymond and Linda

Remembering...

Monday, May 29

8:00 AM Lawrence F. Kelly, Sr.
Raymond T. Kelly
Robert J. Kelly

Tuesday, May 30

8:00 AM Angelo & Felicia DeLeo

Wednesday, May 31

8:00 AM Patrick Manning

Thursday, June 1

8:00 AM Frank Barba

Friday, June 2

8:00 AM Alfred Isola

Saturday, June 3

8:00 AM Maureen A. Parson, Margaret Mesirole, Barbara Dempsey,
Anthony Mosca, Michael Light, Robert Nichols,
Albert J. Simone, Jackie Paserb, Frank Lagauskas,
Sacred Heart Thanks

5:00 PM Eileen Basta

Fr. John Asomugha

Sunday, June 4

8:00 AM D-Day Veterans
Fr. Stan Chukwube

9:30 AM Joe, Nina, Kathy Chiarelli
Fr. Mike Vetrano

11:00 AM Joseph DiMola III
Fr. Ed Dowling

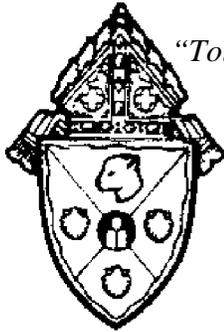
12:30 PM Richard J. Ryan
Fr. Mike Vetrano

6:00 PM People of the Parish, Richard Riker, Karl Volovar,
James Belcher, Catherine Spina, Armeta Zawadzki,
Rosalie & Arthur Frisch, Philip DeVirgilis, Rose Manco,
Asuncion F. Castro
Fr. Stan Chukwube



Celebrating Sacraments

2006 Catholic Ministries Appeal



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

Parish Status as of March 31, 2006

Parish Goal	\$118,600
Pledged Amount	\$ 84,937
# of Pledges	363
Average Pledge	\$ 234

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.

We are at the halfway point of the Catholic Ministires Appeal. As you can see, we have not met our parish goal to date. In order that we might benefit from receipt of our rebate, we must meet our goal-better still exceed it! In order to do that-we need the help of each of our parishioners. To show your support for your parish, please contact our Parish Office at 661.3224.

Your participation provides support to the many programs and services that help further the mission of Jesus Christ here on Long Island. 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

May 21, 2006

Weekly Collection	\$ 16,589.18
Weekly Budget	-\$ 21,000.00
+/- for the week	\$ (4,410.82)

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

Lourdes

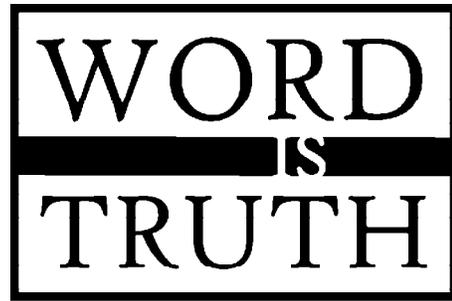
*I let my fingers
lightly touch
jagged walls,
small crevices,
smooth rocks
where water
shaped and rounded them.
I move deeper
into the grotto,
and looking up,
a statue of Mary
tells a story
of a beautiful Lady
who came
radiant,
gentle,
visible only to Bernadette
Soubirous,
innocent child,
believing,
trusting,
knowing
the Lady was heaven-sent.
With open arms,
Bernadette welcomed the gift
of telling the world
to pray.*



*Continuing on,
I touch damp walls,
letting my fingers
find the crevices
made by others' hands,
whose fingers sought
to touch
healing,
joy,
peace.
I turn around -
a grotto,
a statue of Our Lady,
flocks of believers
walking on sacred ground.
The stillness tells me
the beautiful Lady
is giving her message
to us who must share
love and peace
as Bernadette Soubirous.*

Kate Shields 4.23.06

Please visit our website for more information and beautiful pictures of our "Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes" at www.ollchurch.org/lourdes2006.



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Seventh Sunday of Easter

Every fall in most parishes, at least one Sunday Mass is set aside as a commissioning Mass for the catechists of the religious education program. As they gather in a semi-circle around the altar, the priest prays over them, asking God to protect them and give them the wisdom and strength needed to serve as religious education teachers. Their mission, like that of the original disciples, is to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ to those whose ears are open to hear it.

Today's reading from John is Jesus' prayer to God on behalf of his disciples. He knew the mission of these followers was to carry his message after his ascension, but he also knew that the road ahead for them was filled with doubt, hatred and evil. With Jesus, they were safe. As they made their way into the world on his behalf Jesus was asking for God's loving arms to protect them. Soon, he would commission them with the Holy Spirit.

On this final Sunday of the Easter season, we are taught in the Catechism of the Catholic Church that to catechize means to reveal in the Person of Christ the whole of God's eternal design reaching fulfillment in Christ. He suffered and died for us and now after rising is living with us forever. Only he can lead us then to the love of God in the spirit and give us a share in the life of the Holy Trinity. (CCC 426) While you may not teach in your parish's religious education program, if you truly believe in the love of Christ you, too, are a commissioned catechist!

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Readings for the Week of May 28, 2006

Sunday: Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/ 1 Jn 4:11-16/ Jn 17:11b-19
Monday: Acts 19:1-8/ Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/ Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/ Lk 1:39-56
Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/ Jn 17:20-26
Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/ Jn 21:15-19
Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/ Jn 21:20-25
Next Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9
 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b
 or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/ Rom 8:22-27/ Jn 7:37-39;
 Day: Acts 2:1-11/ 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13
 or Gal 5:16-25/ Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Joyce Petersen*.
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 ...

*Aniello Bianco, Patrick Bowers, Thomas Brennan, Jo Brogan, Christian Bullock,
Jerry Castonguay, Regina Cranor, Jason Fisher, Anna Lettieri, Gianfranco Lima,
Anthony Lombardo, Mike Lorento, Benjy Margulies, Peter McCann, Sr., Jean Muller,
Marie Pascone, Carol Prince, Joe Radosti, John Schroeder, Rose Serragano,
Loretta Vitale, Norah Williamson*

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

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 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.

Parish Outreach

Outreach Office Hours

Monday through Friday from 9:30 AM until 3:30 PM.
For information/assistance call 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
Chef Boy ar Dee-canned ravioli
macaroni & cheese
pasta
spaghetti
tomato sauce

Weekly Needs

coffee
detergent
hot chocolate
tea

Desperate Need

paper towels
spaghetti sauce

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.

12-Step Divorce Recovery

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

Church Position Available

Our rectory is looking for a cook for several evenings a week. If you are interested, please call the Parish Office at 661.3224.

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**.

Good Samaritan Prayer Group of Long Island

The Good Samaritan Prayer Group of Long Island holds their **meetings every Friday** (*except the first Friday of the month*) at **OLL School in Room 16** from **8 PM until 10 PM**. All are welcome to experience singing, praying and fellowship each evening.

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

Michael Mallimo-US Army

William Morrow-US Marines

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.

Our whole parish family rejoices with the Potter family in gratitude for the safe return of their son from active duty. **William Potter-US Army** has returned to the United States safe and sound. Thank you, William, for your generous service to our country! The Potter family would like to thank Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Family for all of their prayers.

Victorian Tea

Our Lady of Grace Church Columbiettes presents a Victorian Tea on Sunday, June 4 from 12 noon until 4 PM in the Father Shanahan Hall. The cost is \$12 per person and will include finger sandwiches, scones, and tea tasting. Costumes are optional. For tickets or further information please call Carol at 631.884.0290 or Kathleen at 631.669.0839.

Beauty of the Spirit

The Dominican Sisters of Amityville invite you to “Beauty of the Spirit” luncheon on Friday, June 23 at 11:30 AM at the Motherhouse in Amityville.

We are celebrating the “Beauty of the Spirit” of Women-their strength, compassion and wisdom.

The keynote speaker is S. Mary Butler, OP. Tickets are \$50 per person. Proceeds generated by this benefit will be used for retired and infirm Sisters.

For tickets and additional information, contact Ann Ellingham at 631.824.6000, extension 246.

Marriage Encounter

May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened....

Come away and recharge your marriage.

The next Marriage Encounter Weekend will be June 2-4 at the Marriott Hotel in Melville. To find out more, call toll free

1.866.4.WWMELI or visit us on the web at www.WWMELI.org.

Senior Citizen Meal Program

Our Lady of Consolation has implemented a new community service program. This program will offer a hot, nutritious dinnertime meal 7 days a week, to all senior citizens within the community and family members at Our Lady of Consolation. These meals will be served in our employee cafeteria between the hours of 4:30 PM and 6:30 PM at the cost of \$3 for a complete dinner including dessert. For more information, please call Gina Irwin, manager of community relations at 587.1600, extension 8357.

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: “**Memorial Day.**”

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 had to say good-bye to someone special? In today's Gospel reading, Jesus was teaching his friends one last time. It was time for Jesus to leave. He needed to go back up to heaven, where God would honor him as king. While we wait for him to come back, we all have a special job to do. With the help of the Holy Spirit, we need to share the good news about Jesus. We want all people to believe in Jesus and go to heaven.



Dear God,
help me find the right words when I tell my friends the good news about Jesus.

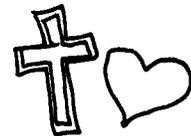
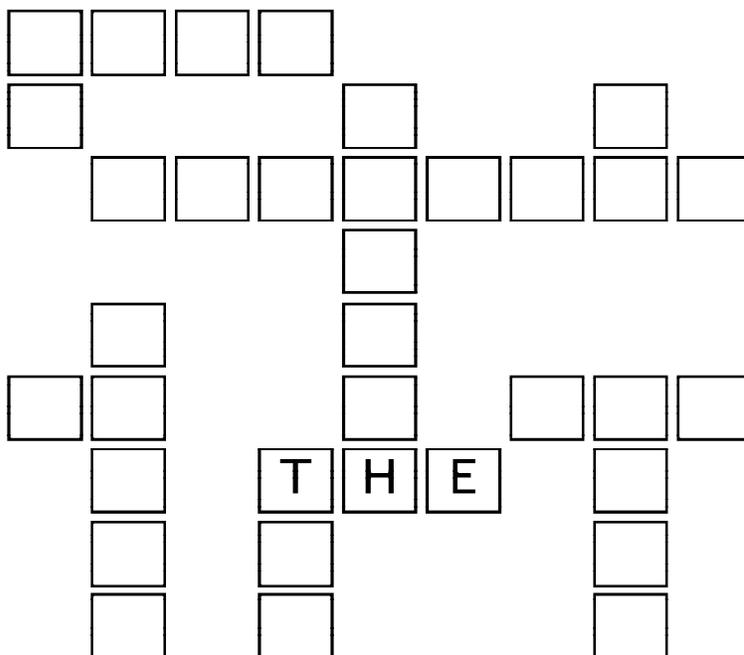
In Jesus' name, Amen.



Empty Squares

Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:

Go and preach the good news to everyone in the world.



Mission for the Week

Read today's Gospel with your family. Do you know anyone who refuses to believe in God? Pray for that person, invite them over for dinner, and love them as God would.