

OUR LADY OF LOURDES • THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME • JULY 2, 2006

**“DO NOT BE
AFRAID;
JUST
HAVE
FAITH.”**

MARK 5:36



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. Robert Scheckenback
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

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 Scorgia
Ministry Spiritual Director
John Sureau
Coordinator of Worship
Sr. Betty Toohig
Senior Ministry-SAGE
Anthony Trombino
Business Manager

Pastoral Council

Michael Abbruscato
Salomon Acosta
Regina Ann Cioffi
Jane Desthers
Stephen Frodell
Anne Kerrigan
Maria Lucie (*co-chair*)
Mary McMahon
Doreen Spiller
Mary Steck
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

Remembering Our History

REMEMBER



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Summer Evening Prayer 2006 Our Lady of Lourdes: Then and Now

Summer Evening Prayer will be held on each Monday evening at 7 PM on the Great Lawn beginning July 10 through August 21.

Celebrating the past five decades of life here at Our Lady of Lourdes. We'll look at different aspects of our parish's life, how we've changed, and how each of us are called to be even more actively involved in our parish's future!

Mission:

Then and Now

What is a parish about?

What have we been about?

Where are we going?

Homilists:

*Don Bolin and
Father Mike*

Celebrate Summer BBQ!

begins at 6 PM

Monday, July 10

Arts and Crafts

6:30 PM

each night

Please help support

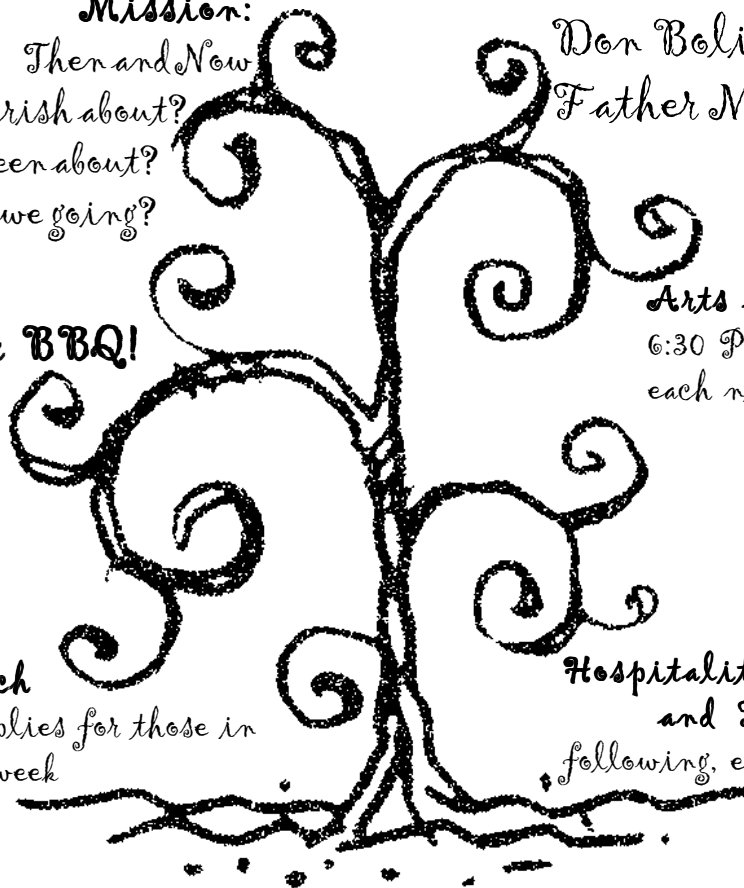
Parish Outreach

by bringing school supplies for those in need each week

Hospitality

and Fellowship

following, each evening





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

Beautiful Raffles/ Prizes/ Music/Fellowship

All Are Welcome

Tickets will go on sale in August!

Tickets will be sold on a first come-first served basis.

Cost: \$100 per person

Empowering Our Minds and Spirits

Fourth Annual

OLL Youth Mission Awareness Retreat to El Salvador

July 1-7, 2006

The members of our parish community who are part of our Mission Trip left on Saturday, July 1 to learn, pray and share life with the people of El Salvador and our sister parish in Esquipulas. Last Sunday, we offered this prayer of blessing and sending forth...

We bless you, O God, and we praise you always. Look kindly on these women and men as we send them forth as messengers of peace, marked with our love and support. Guide their steps with the power of your grace. Strengthen them in spirit, so that they will not falter through weariness. Make their words the echo of Christ's voice, so that those who hear them may be inspired by their witness.

Fill the hearts of your missionaries with the Holy Spirit, so that, becoming all things to all people, they may lead many to your love and everlasting life. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

Please pray it throughout the upcoming week and remember in a special way our parish missionaries...

Dana Baltrusitis, Stacie Baltrusitis, Michelle Budion, Christina Contelmo, Christina Cuzzo, Joseph Dorfmeister, Jennifer Gallagher, Justin Grunenberg, Lauren Olsen, Dottie Perdue, Raymond Rodriguez, Kristen Schmidt, Kristine Trujillo, Nancy Trujillo, Fr. Mike Vetrano and Joseph Walsh.

OLL Fifth Annual Vacation Bible Camp

S.A.N.T.A. Camp-Super Awesome New Testament Adventure

Come join us for Christmas in July! July 24 - 28 9 AM until 12:30 PM daily

Campers should be age 4 through grade 5. Students in grades 5-12 are needed as volunteer counselors and assistants. The cost is \$65 per child. The fee includes all materials, snacks, crafts, an official camp tee shirt and a closing camp celebration. Please call the Parish Office at 661.3224 for registration. For further information email Dr. Jennifer Gallagher, camp director, at jengallagher@ollchurch.org.

Special Summer Pick Me Up Collection!

*Thank you to all of our generous parishioners
who took part in our
"Special Summer Pick Me Up Collection!"*

Our "Special Summer Pick Me Up Collection"
last week collected \$4,728.

We are almost one-third on our way to goal!
With the amount collected so far, we have been able to
tackle the patching and repairing of the many leaks in
our parish grounds and facilities.



Church
Renovating the Ministers Sacristy where
our lectors, ushers, and Eucharistic
ministrars prepare for Mass.
Cost: approximately \$8000 for
carpet, paint, storage cabinets,
lighting, and closets.

Safety
New walkway and safety lights
are needed around many of our
church walkways.
Cost: approximately \$5000

Keep us looking good
Repairs and improvements to our
parish grounds and facilities
Cost: approximately \$4000

We are planning another
"Special Summer Pick Me Up Collection"
on July 8/9.

If we reach our goal of \$17,000
we can complete all our projects this Summer!

SPECIAL SUMMER PICK ME UP COLLECTION



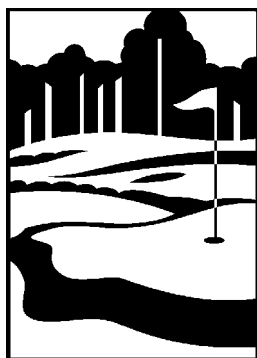
Here is my contribution to our summer projects...

\$500 _____ \$250 _____ \$100 _____ \$50 _____ Other _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City and Zip _____



Our Lady of Lourdes 22nd Annual Duffers Classic Timber Point Country Club August 24, 2006

Honoree

Monsignor Bill Jablonski

Pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes

February 1981 - June 1995

All of the profits from this year's outing will be donated to Our Lady of Lourdes School for the building of a Science Lab and/or a Technology Center.

Raffle Prizes

Donations of prizes for our raffles include sporting tickets, golf equipment, gift certificates and more!

You're invited to join us for
Cocktails and Dinner
only
\$75

Win a **new car** with
a hole in one!

Sponsorships

You can support our event by advertising your business in our journal, or sponsoring breakfast, dinner, driving range, etc.

Be a Player

Consider an individual or a foursome golf package and join us for a day of fun!

To sign up for Cocktails and Dinner only, or if you would like to purchase raffle tickets, please call any member of the Golf Committee.

Golf Committee

Mike Carrano	669.1586
Bob Cestaro	587.0249
Chapey Funeral Home	
Doug Chapey	661.5644
Gerry Fogarty	667.5979
Rocky Laino	661.1981
Lang-Tobia-DiPalma Funeral Home	
Sean Cavaliere	669.4040
Dom Lettieri	669.4957
Bill Marsden	586.0581
Jack Meehan	587.2314
Bill Young	669.9140

Continental Breakfast/Sign-In at 7 AM
Green Fees-\$150 per person
Electric Cart (shared by two golfers)
Barbecue lunch at cross-over
Open bar and full buffet dinner at course
Awards for all winners!

Note: If you have any questions or would like to reserve your foursome, please contact a Golf Committee member. All golfer fees must be submitted before 8/8/06 to secure a reservation.

Living Liturgy



As we prepare for the summer season, our liturgical ministries are reflecting, preparing, and serving so that we all may worship more powerfully and profoundly.

Servers

We are looking for many good young women and men to be part of our altar server ministry. Young people entering fourth grade this September are eligible to be altar servers. If you're interested in becoming an altar server, call the Parish Office at 661.3224 or e-mail to jsureau@ollchurch.org.

Extraordinary Ministers

This past Thursday, Sister Noreen Cleary, SC challenged our Extraordinary Ministers to go out to bring the presence of Christ to all they encounter – not just those they minister the Eucharist to. This evening of prayer provided extraordinary ministers with the opportunity to renew their commitment to this powerful ministry.

What about you?

Would you like to be an Extraordinary Minister? If so, contact the Parish Office at 661.3224, x. 135 or e-mail to jsureau@ollchurch.org. You must attend a Diocesan Training the Fall of 2006 and then follow up workshops at OLL!

Assembly...YOU!

Last year at World Youth Day, Pope Benedict XVI called on young people to see the liturgy – the prayer and praise of the Church, essential to their lives. His words are challenging and a cause for reflection for all of us! Throughout the next few weeks, we'll publish those words here. Take some time each week to read them over and let them take effect in your life!

What is happening? How can Jesus distribute his Body and his Blood?

By making the bread into his Body and the wine into his Blood, he anticipates his death, he accepts it in his heart, and he transforms it into an action of love. What on the outside is simply brutal violence - the Crucifixion - from within becomes an act of total self-giving love. This is the substantial transformation which was accomplished at the Last Supper and was destined to set in motion a series of transformations leading ultimately to the transformation of the world when God will be all in all (*cf. I Cor 15: 28*).

In their hearts, people always and everywhere have somehow expected a change, a transformation of the world. Here now is the central act of transformation that alone can truly renew the world: violence is transformed into love, and death into life.

For reflection:

What happens for you at Eucharist? What do you experience?



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***Baptisms****Jack Aidan Bell*

Frank and Ashley

Victoria Rose Cusumano

Joseph and Jennifer

John Thomas Gaffney

Kevin and Teri

Patrick Edward Kelly

Gregory and Katina

Nicholas Robert Nigro

Jeffrey and Tamara

Maureen Antoinette Russomano

Gerard and Robin

Matthew Joseph Triglia

Joseph and Kristi

Upcoming Marriages*Victoria McLoughlin, OLL and**Edward Aromando, St. Joseph, Babylon***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 call 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.***Rest In Peace****Philip Ferrara**Jennie Cassetta**Sean Barraga*

Remembering...

Monday, July 3

St. Thomas, apostle

8:00 AM Evans/Marczak Family

Tuesday, July 4

St. Elizabeth of Portugal

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

Wednesday, July 5

St. Anthony Zaccaria, priest

8:00 AM Rick Munkwitz

Thursday, July 6

St. Maria Goretti, virgin, martyr

8:00 AM Rick Munkwitz

Friday, July 7

8:00 AM Elizabeth Ilchert

Saturday, July 8

8:00 AM Richard Wilson, Lillian & William Fennikoh, Vincent McCarthy,
Cornelius J. Peterson, Charles Homann, Deacon Anthony Muccio, Frank Muccio,
Concetta Bordengo, Philip Ferrara, Theresa Anetrella, Kenneth Hamilton

5:00 PM John Lovari

Sunday, July 9

8:00 AM John and Catherine Dunn

9:30 AM Josephine Barila

11:00 AM Vivian and Andreas Baudendistel

12:30 PM Lydia Olsen

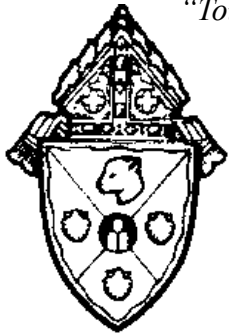
6:00 PM People of the Parish, Thomas Manzi, Ralph Marotta, Kenneth Connelly,
Norah Williamson, William Beyerbach, Rocco Tormenia, Anthony Walsh, Nicholas
Macario, Michael Greene, Aidan Michael Williams, James Brigaglino, Rose Van Wagner,
Rick Munkwitz, Frank Van Bramer



Altar Bread & Wine

In memory of Rick Munkwitz

2006 Catholic Ministries Appeal



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

Parish Status as of June 1, 2006

Parish Goal	\$118,600
Pledged Amount	\$ 91,072
# of Pledges	393
Average Pledge	\$ 232

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 have passed the halfway point of the Catholic Ministries 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 our parish and Diocese, please contact our Parish Office at 661.3224.

Financial Summary

June 25, 2006

Weekly Collection	\$ 15,816.25
Weekly Budget	-\$ 21,000.00
+/- for the week	\$ (5,183.75)

Peter's Pence \$ 2,352.00

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

It is with sadness that we inform you that Mrs. Marilou Milano has recently passed away. Mrs. Milano was the Our Lady of Lourdes School principal from 1990 through 1994. Mrs. Milano is survived by her husband, children and grandchildren. She will be deeply missed by her family as well as the parish family of Our Lady of Lourdes.

Pastoral Formation Institute

Discover the PFI Experience with a PFI Information Session. The Office of Faith Formation is planning to run PFI Information Sessions at the following locations:

Thursday, July 6 at 7:30pm at St. Aidan Parish, Williston Park

Tuesday, July 11 at 7:30pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, West Islip

Tuesday, July 18 at 7:00pm at St. Rosalie, Hampton Bays

Wednesday, July 19 at 7:30pm at St. Anthony Church, Oceanside

Deepen and explore your faith in a community setting. Classes will begin in the Fall. A two year process of spiritual growth and theological formation, with a third year of training in your chosen ministry. For more information, contact Jeanne at 516.678.5800, ext 510 or jsavage@drvc.org.



Independence
Day

The Parish Office will
be closed on Tuesday, July 4
in observance of
Independence Day.

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.



13th Sunday of Ordinary Time

When a very small child decides to take that first step, she will begin with mom or dad holding her hands as she rises up on wobbly legs. She will reach up and wrap her tiny hand around a single finger of her parent's hand as they guide her for a few tiny steps. Even with her back to her parent the child knows that her safety lies at the very end of her fingertips.

A crowd is making its way through the center of town. They have heard that this rabbi they are following has the power to heal with only his touch, and is on his way to perform such a miracle. This is something they have to see, because "seeing is believing." Yet one in the crowd makes her way towards him. She doesn't need to see him perform a miracle; she knows in her heart that this is the Son of God. To reach out in faith, she will be saved.

At every Mass, we share the profession of faith, our creed. We are taught that Jesus affirms God as One, yet he also tells us that he is Lord as is the Holy Spirit within us. This profession that we believe in three persons of one essence is the foundation of our faith. (CCC 202) When we profess our faith, we are reaching out and seeking the hem of a garment for healing.

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Readings for the Week of July 2, 2006

Sunday:	Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24/ 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15/ Mk 5:21-43 <i>or</i> 5:21-24, 35b-43
Monday:	Eph 2:19-22/ Jn 20:24-29
Tuesday:	Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12/ Mt 8:23-27
Wednesday:	Am 5:14-15, 21-24/ Mt 8:28-34
Thursday:	Am 7:10-17/ Mt 9:1-8
Friday:	Am 8:4-6, 9-12/ Mt 9:9-13
Saturday:	Am 9:11-15/ Mt 9:14-17
Next Sunday:	Ez 2:2-5/ 2 Cor 12:7-10/ Mk 6:1-6

Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Nancy Trujillo*.
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 ...

*Jane Aspromanti, John Aspromanti, Patrick Bowers, Thomas Brennan,
Jo Brogan, Christian Bullock, June Cerami, Emilio Ceribelli, Regina Cranor,
Philip Ferrara, Joseph Fiore, Jason Fisher, Lillian Gerken, Michael Glander,
Diane Lane, Carlyn LePage, Anthony Lombardo, Mike Lorento, Benjy Margulies,
Peter McCann, Sr., Annie Morrow, Joe Radosti, Rose Serragano, Loretta Vitale*

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: rcioffi@ollschool.org

S.A.G.E.

661-3224

**(Senior Advocates for Growth
and Enrichment)**

email: Sage@ollchurch.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

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.

Myths and Facts about Immigrants

Confused about Immigration Reform?

“The Church hears the suffering cry of all who are uprooted from their own land...of those without rights, without any security... and she supports them in their unhappiness.”

Pope John Paul II, World Migration Day, 2000

Myth:

Immigrants take jobs and opportunity away from Americans...

The largest wave of immigration to the U.S. since the early 1900's coincided with our lowest national unemployment rate and fastest economic growth. Immigrant entrepreneurs create jobs for U.S. and foreign workers, and foreign-born students allow many U.S. graduate programs to keep their doors open. While there has been no comprehensive study done of immigrant-owned businesses, we have countless examples: in Silicon Valley, companies begun by Chinese and Indian immigrants generated more than \$19.5 billion in sales and nearly 73,000 jobs in 2000.

Myth:

Immigrants are a drain on the U.S. economy...

During the 1990's, half of all new workers were foreign-born, filling gaps left by native-born workers in both the high- and low-skill ends of the spectrum. Immigrants fill jobs in key sectors, start their own businesses, and contribute to a thriving economy. The net benefit of immigration to the U.S. is nearly \$10 billion annually. As former Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan points out, 70% of immigrants arrive in prime working age. That means we haven't spent a penny on their education, yet they are transplanted into our workforce and will contribute \$500 billion toward our social security system over the next twenty years.

Sources: www.justiceforimmigrants.org (The Catholic Campaign for Immigration Reform); US Conference of Catholic Bishops, Department of Migration and Refugee Services; Public Policy Education Network and Office of Immigrant Services, Catholic Charities, Diocese of Rockville Centre



WEEK 2

canned fruit-peaches, fruit cocktail, pineapple
canned vegetables
jello/pudding
jelly
peanut butter
soup

Desperate Need

coffee
cookies

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.



Daytime Eucharistic Devotion

The afternoon adoration for the month of July will be on **Wednesday, July 5 from 1-3 PM**. All are invited and welcome! We will be praying for our children, our country, our men and women in the military and our clergy.

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.

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

Michael Mallimo-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.

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

Marriage Encounter

It's time for fireworks! Put the spark back into your marriage by making a Marriage Encounter Weekend. A Marriage Encounter weekend is a special way to celebrate and enhance your marriage. Space is available for the next weekend, August 18-20 at the Melville Marriott. For registration and information, please call 1.866.499.6354.

Porch Chats

"Porch Chats for Women" presented by Sr. Pat Duffy, will be held each Thursday, beginning July 6 from 7 PM until 8:15 PM on the porch of Mary Immaculate Church in Bellport. Why not give yourself a summer break? You are welcome to join Sr. Pat on four Thursday evenings in the month of July. We will meet on the porch at Mary Immaculate Church to spend a little time discussing ways to help us grow as women dedicated to the Christian path in life. No reservations needed...just come and bring a friend! Please bring a lawn chair. There will be a "free will offering" taken.

Summer Sports Camp

Summer sports camps including basketball, lacrosse, volleyball, soccer, tennis, baseball and more will be held at St. John the Baptist High School through August 4. Weekly camps include lunch and athletic trainer. For dates, times, costs, etc. please call the Athletic Office at 631.587.8000, ext 164 or email athletics@sjbdhs.org.

Telecare Audience

You are invited to *"come on down"* and be a member of a live studio audience at **Telecare**, the television station of the Diocese of Rockville Centre located in Uniondale. They will be taping an exciting new game show that will debut this Fall. The show is called *"Divine Intervention"* and will be hosted by *Fr. Joe DeGrocco*, columnist for TLIC.

Shows will be taped from **Wednesday, August 16 through Friday, August 25**. You will be asked to stay for the taping of 2-3 shows, from approximately **10 AM until 3 PM**. Snacks will be provided and you may bring your own bag lunch if you would like. There will be lots of fun for the audience, and prizes too!

Groups are encouraged and preregistration is required. Please call 516.538.8700, extension 155 or send an email to divineintervention@telecaretv.org.

Religion & Rock

Tune into "Religion & Rock" with Fr. Jim Vlaun on Sunday from 7 AM to 8 AM on WBAB 102.3 FM or 95.3 on the East End of Long Island. Next Sunday's theme is: **"Independence Day & America."** 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

In today's Gospel reading, Jairus asked Jesus to come to his house. Jairus' daughter was dying, and he knew Jesus could make her well again. While they were walking to Jairus' house, she died. Did Jesus give up? No way! Jesus told Jairus not to be afraid, but to keep believing that Jesus could help her. Jesus was even stronger than death. He walked into the house, held her hand, and told her to get up. Jesus admired the faith Jairus had.



Prayer



Dear God,

you are even stronger than death.

Help me to have faith in you like Jairus had.

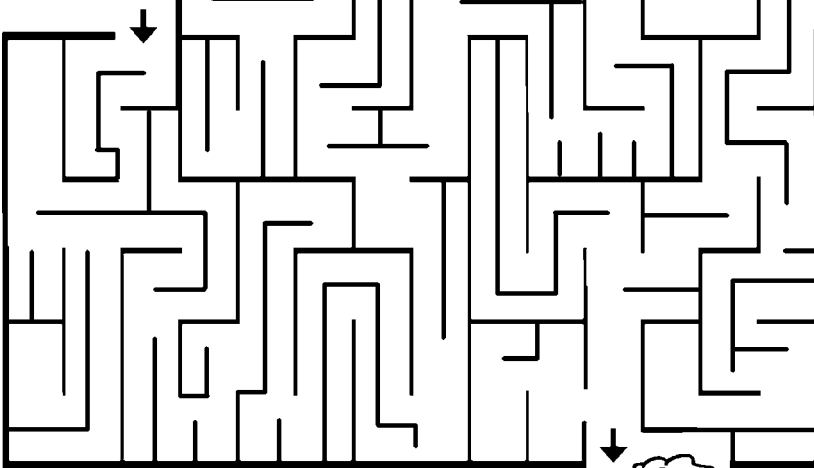
Amen.



Puzzle

Help Jesus get to the sick little girl.

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Mission for the Week

Jairus knew that Jesus could help him.

Write down three things that you are afraid of, and ask God to help you.

