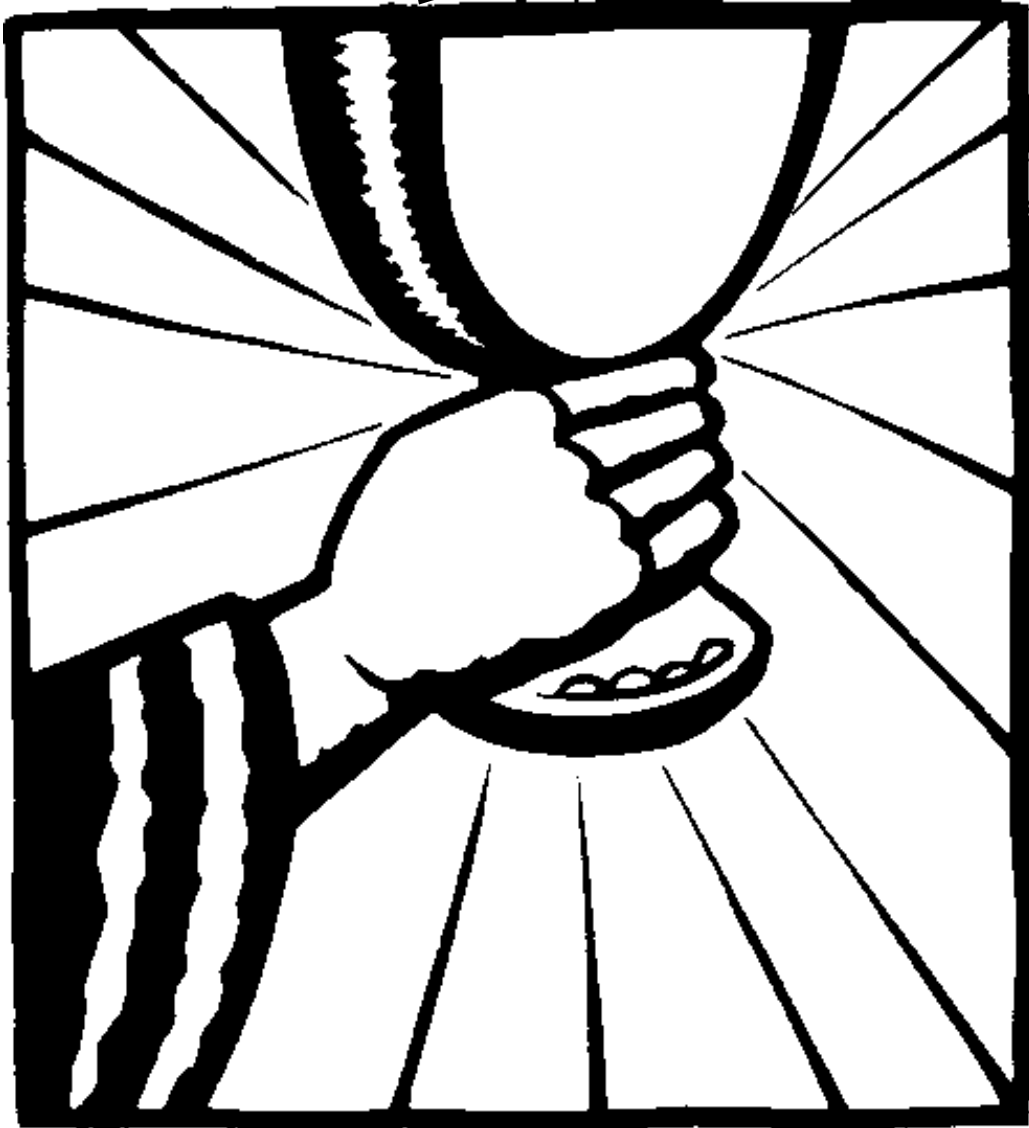


August 20, 2006 • Our Lady of Lourdes • Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Whoever eats my flesh
and drinks my blood
has eternal life,**



**and I will raise him
on the last day.** John 6:54

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 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

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Anthony Trombino

Business Manager

Pastoral Council

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Anne Kerrigan
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Mary McMahon
Doreen Spiller
Mary Steck
John Sureau
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Marie Yuliano (*co-chair*)

Parish Staff

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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

Summer Evening Prayer 2006



Learn
More About
Our Church

Our Lady of Lourdes: Then and Now - Ministry

Monday, August 21
7 PM on the Great Lawn

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!



Arts & Crafts

6:30 PM

*sponsored by
Good Samaritan
Medical Center*

Homilist:

Vita Scorcia

Meal & Hospitality

*sponsored by
Munch Landscape, Inc.*

Mission: Then and Now- Ministry

Let's get involved!

Has it always been easy to get involved in parish life?

Please help support

Parish Outreach by bringing
school supplies for those in need.



Our Lady of Lourdes Italian Family Feast 2006 September 13 - 17

Super Raffle

Tickets will be on sale at the Church doors before and after all weekend Masses.

Tickets will also be available at the Parish Office, Monday thru Friday – 9 AM to 5 PM.

Each ticket is \$100. Only 200 tickets will be sold! Prize winning drawing will be held on Sunday, September 17 at 9 PM.

Don't wait – get *your* number early!

Volunteers needed!

Volunteers are always needed to support our annual Italian Family Feast 2006.

We have our faithful volunteers that come and help year after year-and to them we are very grateful.

We need to attract new volunteers to keep our feast the wonderful annual event that it is!

Can you help?

If you're interested or have any questions, please call the Parish Office at 661.3224.

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**Our Lady of Lourdes
Italian Family Feast
September 13 - 17, 2006**

Pay One Price

Ride all rides on
**Wednesday, Thursday
and Sunday**
for only \$20

(purchase Pay One Price
tickets at the feast)

Opens

Wednesday - Friday
at 7 PM
Saturday at 6 PM
Sunday at 2 PM

Super Raffle

Drawing to be held on
Sunday September 17 at 9 PM
Super Raffle tickets are \$100 each

Only 200 tickets being sold!

Advance Tickets

Any six rides for \$12
(average discount of over 50%)

**Tickets good for
any ride/any day.**

Purchase "Advance Tickets" at
the Parish Office Monday through
Friday from 9 AM until 5 PM.

Advance ticket sales end
Monday, September 11.

Religious Education

Registration for children in public school entering Grade 1 in September 2006 to be part of Our Lady of Lourdes Religious Education P.E.P. Program.

Family names A - L	Monday, September 25	10 AM or 7:30 PM
Family names M - Z	Wednesday, September 27	10 AM or 7:30 PM

Meetings will be held in the Parish Center (*room opposite the playground*) and will begin promptly at the designated time.

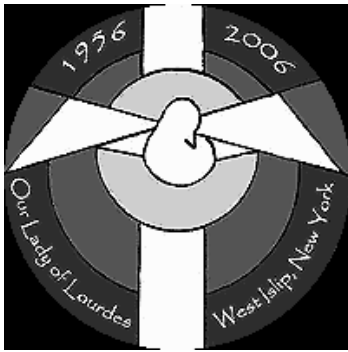
Please bring the child's Baptism Certificate. There is a Family Fee of \$105 for families new to the program.

Have you seen ...?

By now, you have probably seen our parish's seminarian, John Ryan, at liturgies throughout the summer months. John is preparing to enter his second year of formation at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington. John is from our parish community and has certainly brought much back to our parish in the time he has been here. John has been part of Vacation Bible Camp, Summer Evening Prayer, serving at daily and Sunday liturgy, assisting at the Hospitality Too Soup Kitchen in Brentwood and taking part in a number of other meetings and parish events. John will return to the seminary on August 26 to begin his second year of formation. Let's continue to keep John and his family in our thoughts and prayers.

Prayer for a Parish Seminarian

*God our Father,
You have chosen Your Son, Jesus Christ,
to reveal Yourself to us.
You have chosen Your Church to show us
Your love through Him.
You have chosen John Ryan, your son,
to be a priest as a sign of that love to
Your people.
We pray that the Holy Spirit continue to fill
him with Your peace and joy as he prepares
for the holy priesthood.
We pray that through his priesthood he may
proclaim the wonder of Your faithfulness and
love to all through Jesus Christ our Lord!*
Amen.



**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 be going on sale soon!

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

Cost: \$100 per person

watch upcoming bulletins for more information...



**Our Lady of Lourdes
50th Anniversary
“Golden Jubilee Journal”**

The *Golden Jubilee Journal* will portray Our Lady of Lourdes illustrious parish history of the past fifty wonderful years!

We offer all parishioners and friends an opportunity to express their best wishes, congratulations, or to memorialize loved ones with a journal ad.

If you are interested in placing an ad in our *Golden Jubilee Journal*, stop by the Parish Office or call 661.3224 for a “Contract”. Fill it out and return it with payment to OLL Church.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please call Mike Abbruscato at 661.3224.

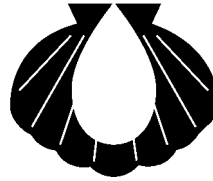
Daily Mass
8 AM

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

Jacob Thomas Anderson
Ronnie and Brooke

Devin Josef Christensen
Donald and Jessica

Maxwell Justin Fortunato
John and Renee

Fred Rich Golder
Fred and Lori

Amanda Grace Lopez
Maurice and Janice

Aidan Timothy MacDougall
Timothy and Mary

Breonna Marie Rhein
Robert and Jennifer

Zachary Rhein
Robert and Jennifer

Amanda Maureen Schneider
Craig and Joanmarie

Julia Rose Stanton
Erik and Allisa

Upcoming Marriages

Lorena Moschetta, OLL and
Lev Beylin, OLL

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.

**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.

Remembering...

Monday, August 21

Pius X, pope

8:00 AM Vita J. Kelly

Tuesday, August 22

8:00 AM Mary Homann

Wednesday, August 23

St. Rose of Lima, virgin

8:00 AM Dominic Graci



Thursday, August 24

St. Bartholomew, apostle

8:00 AM Frank Ferguson

Rest In Peace

Ida Carvo

Friday, August 25

8:00 AM Wellington Mara

Saturday, August 26

8:00 AM Sean Barraga, Concetta Bordengo, Mike Glander, Gino Derocchis, Alison Dunne, Procita & DeFeo Family, Geno Rossi, Baby John Nicholas Abazis, Libretti Family, Rodenburg Family, Dolores, Mario & Lisa Venturo

5:00 PM John Lovari

Fr. Ambrose Cabildo

Sunday, August 27

8:00 AM Maryann Torre

Fr. Stan Chukwube

9:30 AM Joseph Intoci

Fr. Mike Vetrano

11:00 AM Helen & Joseph Dyczynski

Fr. John Asomugha

12:30 PM Mary & Dominick Assante

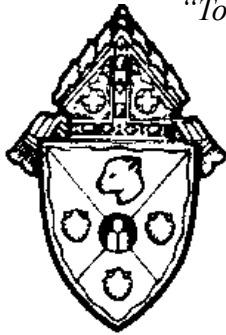
Fr. Ed Dowling

6:00 PM People of the Parish, James M. Quinn, Lawrence Lamberti, Tyler Poole, Gregory Hallahan, Hattie Kucinski, John Seefranz, Kathy Bogan, Mildred Rodriguez, Michael O'Connor, Hugh J. Leitch

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 August 10, 2006

Parish Goal	\$118,600
Pledged Amount	\$ 93,822
# of Pledges	406
Average Pledge	\$ 231

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

August 13, 2006

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

...collection amount will be published next week.

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

Living Liturgy



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!

Once again, I must return to the Eucharist. “Because there is one bread, we, though many, are one body”, says St. Paul (I Cor 10:17). By this he meant; since we receive the same Lord and he gathers us together and draws us into himself, we ourselves are one. This must be evident in our lives. It must be seen in our capacity to forgive. It must be seen in our sensitivity to the needs of others. It must be seen in our willingness to share. It must be seen in our commitment to our neighbours, both those close at hand and those physically far away, whom we nevertheless consider to be close.

For reflection:

Who needs forgiveness in your life?

What are you waiting for?

Altar Servers - Serving the Lord with Gladness

Each week over twenty young people make a commitment to serve this parish community as altar servers! Throughout the upcoming weeks, we'll take some time to hear their reflections on ministry and service. Maybe their words can be an inspiration for each of us!



Biography of an Altar Server

by Ryan Newman

I became involved with being an altar server in fifth grade. My mom said it would be a good way to be involved more with the Mass. It's also a way of giving back to my community and parish.

It makes me feel more involved and closer to God. It helps me to be more giving and responsible. I meet a lot of nice people at church.

Last Call!

This is your last opportunity until winter to become an altar server here at Our Lady of Lourdes! We are looking for good young people of our parish to be part of our altar server ministry. Young people who are entering fourth grade or above 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.



20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

With our children now in college, our opportunities for family dinners are becoming less frequent. Still, when we do get the chance we savor every moment. The preparation of the meal, the holding of hands as we give thanks for our gifts, our sharing of stories that usually end up with us laughing together: all of this not only reflects the Mass but also allows us to strengthen our relationships with each other and with God. We are fed by our love for each other.

In today's Gospel reading from John, Jesus is explaining to those who are questioning him that his body and blood are truly the bread of life. "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in him." It is simply not enough that we acknowledge Jesus Christ as the Son of God; in foreshadowing the sacrifice of his own body for us he only asks that we receive him through the sacrament of the Eucharist.

We are taught that when we receive the Eucharist at Mass we are receiving the fruits of Holy Communion. The principal fruit of receiving the Eucharist is indeed an intimate bonding with Christ Jesus. (CCC 1391) At our meals, we pray each day the Lord's Prayer asking for and giving thanks for our daily bread, which will sustain as long as we have life on earth. At Mass, we are given the food of eternal life, the body and blood of Christ.

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Readings for the Week of August 20, 2006

Sunday: Prv 9:1-6/ Eph 5:15-20/ Jn 6:51-58
Monday: Ez 24:15-24/ Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10/ Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11/ Mt 20:1-16
Thursday: Rv 21:9b-14/ Jn 1:45-51
Friday: Ez 37:1-14/ Mt 22:34-40
Saturday: Ez 43:1-7ab/ Mt 23:1-12
Next Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/ Eph 5:21-32
or 5:2a, 25-32/ Jn 6:60-69

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 at 661.3224.



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 ...

Pat Bonavita, Patrick Bowers, Jay Brander, Thomas Brennan, Jo Brogan, Christian Bullock, David Calogero, Brendan Caselli, June Cerami, Emilio Ceribelli, Regina Cranor, Joseph Cristallo, Fortunata Durkin, Rose Fabozzi, Jason Fisher, Anne Foote, Susan Fornatora, Daniel Guido, Anthony Lombardo, Mike Lorento, Benjy Margulies, Peter McCann, Sr., Christine Muldoon, Eugene Olsen, Joe Radosti, Joseph Rivera, Rose Serragano, Bunny Vilim, Loretta Vitale, Joe Yezek

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

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.

Parish Social Ministry

Our Parish Social Ministry (*Outreach and Social Action*) are committed to keeping you informed about the many resources that are available to you!

Elderly Pharmaceutical Insurance Coverage (EPIC) Program

EPIC is a New York State sponsored prescription plan for senior citizens who need help paying for their prescriptions. Over 360,000 seniors already belong and are saving, on average, over 80% of the cost of their medicines.

Who can join?

New York State residents can join EPIC if they are 65 or older, and have an annual income of \$35,000 or less if single, or \$50,000 or less if married.

Seniors who receive full Medicaid benefits are not eligible for EPIC benefits.

Seniors with other prescription coverage through Medicare or most other plans can join EPIC to cover drug costs not covered by that other coverage.

How does EPIC work?

EPIC is a cost sharing program. Seniors with moderate incomes pay a low quarterly fee, and participate in the Fee Plan. Seniors with higher incomes meet an annual deductible, and participate in the Deductible Plan. Those who pay a fee or meet their deductible make a copayment at the pharmacy when purchasing prescriptions. Check this website - http://www.health.state.ny.us/health_care/epic/ - more information about the program. You can also contact Parish Outreach at 661.3224 for more information or e-mail to outreach@ollchurch.org.

Take some time – if not for yourself – for someone you care about, to learn more about this program!



WEEK 1

canned pasta-ravioli, spaghetti, etc.
chili
pasta
tomato sauce

Our pantry is running low on the following items...

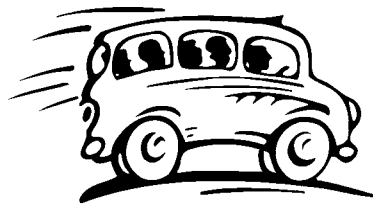
cereal
coffee
macaroni & cheese
soup

Atlantic City Bus Trip

Come join the **Senior Circle** for a day of fun on **Tuesday, September 19** to the **Tropicana Casino**. The cost is \$20 and you get back \$5.

The bus leaves from OLL parking lot at **9:30 AM sharp**.

For information or reservations call Vera at 587.1553.



Good Samaritan Prayer Group of L.I.

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*

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.

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**.

Gennesaret Retreat

Gennesaret Retreat, especially designed for persons who live with a serious illness, will be held at the Montfort Spiritual Center in Bay Shore on September 15, 16, and 17. To register or receive more information about this weekend, please call Colette Fanelli at 631.665.7052 or Sister Sally Ryan at 516.678.5800, ext. 540.

Charismatic Healing Mass

All are welcome! **St. Margaret of Scotland Church in Selden** will have a Healing Mass on **Tuesday, August 22**. Praise and worship will begin at 7 PM with the Mass at 7:30 PM. The celebrant will Fr. Anthony Ewherido. For further information please call 732.3131.

Girl Scout Pray and Play Day

Brownies through Senior Girl Scouts are invited to the **Girl Scout Pray and Play Day on Saturday, October 7** at the **Shrine of Our Lady of the Island in Eastport**. The program of crafts, fun and prayer will **begin at 9:30 AM and conclude with Mass at 3:30 PM**.

For information, call the Diocesan Catholic Scouting Office at 516.678.5800, extension 245.

CSJ 150th Anniversary Celebrations

The Sisters of St. Joseph of Brentwood, NY invite everyone to join us at the following event as we conclude our year of celebration marking 150 years of service in the Dioceses of Brooklyn and Rockville Centre.

On Saturday, September 9 at 2 PM, The Mary Louis Academy Auditorium, S. Elizabeth Johnson, CSJ will speak on "Launch Out into the Deep." A reception follows the presentation. Send \$10 per ticket (with a stamped self-addressed envelope) to S. Karen Kaelin, St. Joseph Convent, 1725 Brentwood Road, Brentwood, NY 11717-5587.

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:

"Uncertainty"

Don't forget to tune in! Visit "Religion & Rock" on the web, www.religionandrock.com.

Also watch "Good News with Father Jim" on TELE CARE, 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

Would you like to live forever? Jesus would like you to. God sent Jesus so that one day we could live with him forever in heaven. Remember how the Israelites waited every morning for manna? Do you remember they got so hungry they cried? Well, Jesus wants us to wake up every morning, excited to meet him and talk to him. When we read God's Word, and when we pray every day, he wants to come inside. He wants to be the one to fill every one of our needs.



Dear God,

help me to keep coming back for more of Jesus every single day.

Amen.



Word Unscramble

Unscramble words from today's Gospel reading:

bread
heaven
people

world
eat
drink

life
true
food

bread	<u>b</u>	<u>r</u>	<u>e</u>	<u>a</u>	<u>d</u>
lfei	___	___	___	___	___
wldor	___	___	___	___	___
pplleo	___	___	___	___	___
dnkri	___	___	___	___	___
fodo	___	___	___	___	___
hevena	___	___	___	___	___
tuer	___	___	___	___	___
eta	___	___	___	___	___

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Mission for the Week

Ask your parents if you can have a snack of grape juice and bread today.

Talk about how the Israelites came to get manna every morning.

How can you as a family make Jesus a part of your day, every day?