

**“Whoever loses one’s life for
my sake will find it.”**

Matthew 16:25



Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Our Lady of Lourdes • August 31, 2008



Pastoral Team

Rev. Michael A. Vetrano
Pastor

Welcome to our Parish Family! New Parishioners are cordially invited to register as members of our parish family. Please call or visit our Parish Office.

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: lkrol@ollschool.org

Religious Education Office

661-5440

Monday-Friday: 9 AM - Noon

1 PM - 5 PM

7 PM - 9 PM

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Parish Outreach Office

661-9262

Monday: 9:30 AM - 7:30 PM

Tuesday -Friday: 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM

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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.*

*Our Lady
of Lourdes*

455 Hunter Avenue
West Islip, New York 11795

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish



Italian Family Feast 2008

September 10 - 14, 2008

Opens Wednesday thru Friday at 7 PM

Opens Saturday at 6 PM

Opens Sunday at 2 PM

Official Feast Sponsor

- **West Islip Wines & Liquors, Inc.**
- **Hither Brook Nursery, Inc.**

Captain/Volunteer Meeting

There will be a brief meeting for all Captains and Volunteers on Thursday, September 4 at 7:30 PM in Room 16. All are asked to attend. Volunteers are always needed and welcomed to support our annual Italian Family Feast 2008. Please join us on September 4!

Walk for Mary

Saturday, September 13

Beginning at 4 PM at the "Feast Grotto"

We'll process through key parts of our parish community including:

- "Jesus and the Children" in the Fr. Joe Garden
- The St. Joseph Statue at the Convent
- Our Lady of Lourdes statue at Our Lady of Lourdes School
- Parish Outreach and the Brendel Parish Center
- Statue of the Blessed Mother in front of OLL Rectory

Our procession will feature beautiful readings and wonderful hymns giving honor to the Blessed Mother and our parish community!

The procession concludes at the Entrance Hymn at the Parish Feast Mass Saturday, September 13 at 5 PM. All are welcome!

NEW!

"The Magic of Mark & Kym"

An illusionary journey into the World of Magic!

Sunday, September 14 on the Great Lawn

Show Times: 2:30 PM, 3:30 PM and 5 PM

Free Admission!

Come one and all-especially children -to see live exotic animals, breathtaking illusions, and become involved in audience participation!

Pay-One-Price

Ride *all* rides each day-Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday-for only \$25
(**\$5 discount with coupon**)
purchase Pay-One-Price at the feast



Super Raffle

**Drawing to be held on Sunday evening,
September 14 at 9 PM**

Super Raffle tickets are \$100 each - only 200 tickets sold!

Advance Tickets

**Any six rides for \$13 (average discount of over 50%!)
Tickets good for any ride/any day of the Feast!
Purchase "Advance Tickets" at the Parish Office,
Monday through Friday from 9 AM to 5 PM.
Advance ticket sales end Monday, September 8.**



Thank You

As we enter to the final weeks of summer, let's take some time to thank our Summer Evening Prayer sponsors!
meal sponsor... **Munch Landscape, Inc.**

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Parker/Gull Activity Comm.

P.O. Box 9400 • Smithtown, NY 11787-9400

Saving Grace Virtual Assistants

26 Railroad Avenue #340 • Babylon, NY 11702 • 649.4276

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West Islip Orthodontics

725 Montauk Highway • West Islip, NY 11795 • 661.6202

We also thank **Vitagliano Orthodontics** for their gift donations!

Sing to the Lord!

Kick off the Fall season by getting involved in the OLL Music Ministry. If you've always wanted to sing with a choir or play with a music group, now is the perfect time to join. Our groups will begin singing and playing at Masses again after Labor Day.

The OLL Choir rehearses every Thursday night 8 PM - 10 PM and sings weekly at the 11 AM Mass, September - June. Our first rehearsal is on September 4 in the Church. We especially need tenors and basses. Adults who are proficient in playing a musical instrument and are interested in playing with the Adult Choir at the 11 AM Mass are also invited to join us at our first rehearsal.

The Contemporary Group, grade 8 through college age, rehearses on Sunday afternoon 4:30 PM - 6 PM and sings at "The Six," September - June. Our first rehearsal will take place on September 9 in the Church. Students, we'd love to have you come and sing with us - bring a friend or two with you. Also, if you're proficient at a musical instrument, we would love to have you join our group.

Our Youth Choir, grade 2 through grade 8, rehearses every Thursday 7 PM - 8 PM and sings at the 9:30 AM Mass each Sunday, September - June.

Women's Chorale rehearses once a month and sings at the 11 AM Mass on the first Sunday of each month, September - June.

There are also opportunities to sing with many of our groups during holiday seasons. Our **Holiday Choir** requires a limited commitment to a small number of rehearsals before Christmas or Easter.

If you have any questions regarding the *Adult Choir*, *Contemporary Group* or *Holiday Choir*, please contact Carol Goetz at 661-3224 or music@ollchurch.org. If you have any questions about the *Youth Choir* or *Women's Chorale*, please contact Jennifer Gallagher at 661-3224 or jengallagher@ollchurch.org.

Adult Faith Formation 2008/2009

Living Wills, Health Care Proxies, Complex Health Care Decisions, Patient Rights

We live in a rapidly changing and challenging technological world. Patient and family members are often faced with complex medical and legal issues as they try to assume greater responsibility for their own health care decisions.

This course will explore some of the medical, ethical, and legal dimensions of health care decision making. Topics to be addressed are living wills, health care proxies, artificial life support, palliative care and patient rights. Please join us on Tuesdays, September 9, 16, 23 at 7:30-9:30pm in the Parish Center with presenters: Marty and Anne Kerrigan



Blessing of the Backpacks

Sunday, September 7

9:30 AM Family Mass

All are welcome!

This Sunday our Family Liturgy Committee invites all to gather at the 9:30 A.M. Family Mass. Here we'll bless our newest students and their school supplies. Hospitality follows in the Fr. Joe Garden.

Ministry of Consolation

The Ministry of Consolation is looking for bakers! Please consider becoming a part of this "tradition." If you are interested, or have any questions, please call the Parish Office at 661.3224.

"THE SIX"

Our parish's "Six Committee" has been busy working on our weekly 6 PM Sunday night Mass outside! Next Sunday, September 7, we'll meet to begin planning great things for the Sunday night liturgy. The meeting will take place at 5 PM in the Parish Center. All are welcome!

Religious Education Registration

for children in Public School, Grade 1, September 2008

INFORMATION MEETING & REGISTRATION: (meeting will take place in the Parish Center – the room opposite the playground on Hunter Ave)

*Please note: **Baptismal Certificates required for any child being registered in PEP 1, including children Baptized at Our Lady of Lourdes.***

Monday, September 22	7:45 pm
Wednesday, September 24	1:00 pm or 7:45 pm
Thursday, September 25	1:00 pm
Monday, September 29	10:00am or 7:45 pm

The registration fee (Family Fee) is \$140 and texts are \$20 and the materials fee and worksheets are \$20. Details will be provided at the meeting.

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

Support Groups

Alcoholics Anonymous:

Monday and Tuesday at
8 PM and Saturday at 2 PM
and 7 PM in Lourdes Hall-
convent lower level.

ALANON:

Each Wednesday at
10 AM in Lourdes Hall-
convent lower level.

Rosary/Novena

Rosary

Daily after 8 AM Mass

Miraculous Medal Novena

Monday after 8 AM Mass

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.

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.

Upcoming Marriages

Debra Araneo, OLL and

Charles LoMonaco, OLPH, Lindenhurst

Karen Smith and

Joseph Jackowski, both OLL



The Parish Office will be closed on
Monday, September 1 in observance
of Labor Day.

The Parish Office will reopen on
Tuesday, September 2 at 9 AM.

Remembering...

Monday, September 1

8:00 AM Louise Riedemann

Tuesday, September 2

8:00 AM Ethel Isola

Wednesday, September 3

St. Gregory the Great, pope, doctor

8:00 AM Michael Torina

Thursday, September 4

8:00 AM Carmella Parasole

Friday, September 5

Blessed Teresa of Calcutta

8:00 AM Emilio Ceribelli

Saturday, September 6

8:00 AM John Lovari, Peter Schreiner, Margaret Staiger,
Michael Pollack, Donald Bolin, Irene Napoli,
Joseph Niemiec, Mr. & Mrs. Gary LaCarruba (L)

5:00 PM Helen Sullivan

Sunday, September 7

8:00 AM James Celiberti

9:30 AM Tony Squeo

11:00 AM George A. Wild

12:30 PM Neil & Carmela Santorelli

6:00 PM People of the Parish, Philip Puleio, Kenneth Rodgers,
Rick Munkwitz, Sal & Nancy Fico, Joseph Violino,
Dorothy A. Haight, Agnes Nigro, Arthur Donald Gallagher,
Dominic J. Scotto, Michael Ruscito, Donald Bolin



Rest In Peace

Marie Takats died on August 15 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was August 19. We extend our prayers to her son, Scott, grandchildren and entire family.

Bridget Flynn died on August 18 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was August 20. We extend our prayers to her daughter, Catherine and her entire family.

Donald Bolin died on August 18 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was August 22. We extend our prayers to his wife, Anne, children, grandchildren and entire family.



(I am venturing a guess that everyone reading this has had a 'Heck-a-mint' moment.)

One Sunday in June; Dan, myself, Evelina and Edward took a bicycle ride through Babylon to Belmont Park. We rode around the lake, followed some trails, and eventually ended up at Southard Pond.

This was an 'adventure' for us as we had never been in this park and there was a bit of the thrill of exploring as we didn't know where we would end up. As we neared the end of a trail we realized that we had landed in Babylon on Park Ave. directly behind the Hiberanian Hall. The kids, hot and tired, were really troopers as we had been out for several hours. Dan, being a member of the Hibernians, suggested we stop into the hall 'just for the heck of it, maybe we could get the kids a drink. "Heckamint! Heckamint! What is a heckamint?" Edward piped up, trailing behind us on his bicycle. "That, Edward is a Heckamint" said Evelina as she jumped off her bicycle and pointed to a small kitten curled up next to the tire of an old car parked in the lot; the tire providing some shade from the sweltering heat. As Evelina gingerly approached the cat, it scurried underneath the car. From this vantage point, the little kitten could watch our every move with no fear of harm.

Imagine four backsides up in the air as we all bent over and watched this little cat! What a sight! Several minutes passed and we were at a stand still-the cat wasn't moving and we soon realized neither were Evelina and Edward. "Dad, you have to do something," pleaded Evelina. "That little kitten is so cute and it will absolutely die if we don't take it home!" Now we were really entrenched in a standstill: the kitten wasn't moving, Evelina and Edward were not moving and we were not taking this stray cat home! Hot, tired and sweaty we

needed to reach a compromise soon or I would be crawling under the car just to get out of the heat! The deal was struck on the agreement that we would feed "Heckamint" but not take it home. Dan went in search of cat food, I found a tree with shade and Evelina and Edward stretched out on the hot pavement talking to Heckamint-who remained under the car, out of the sun, occasionally stretching and yawning, quite amused I am sure!

Evelina named the cat "Heckamint" but as I reflected on this event, it seemed that Heckamint was greater than the cat. Heckamint, became for us the experience of suspending our own needs in order to care for or tend to the needs of another. In the moment of recognizing the vulnerability of the other-in this example, the kitten; Evelina and Edward suspended their own needs and desires; the need for a drink and shade, the desire for a cool ice cream; in order to offer aid to one in need. This is empathy, this is compassion-this is a Heckamint moment. What an opportunity to affirm the development of empathy and compassion in our children. As parents, we have 'heckamint moments' throughout the day.

In Outreach, I receive many phone calls from adult children balancing needs of their own young children with the needs of aging parents-'heckamint moments' when we are summoned to go beyond the 'self' for the good of the 'other.' This ability needs to be cultivated in our children. I am reminded of the saying: "It is not what I say but what I do." Model this for your children-let them help you fill a bag of groceries for Outreach.

—Mary McMahan
Director,
Parish Social Ministry

Parish Outreach

Office telephone: 661-9262, option 4

Summer Hours:

For the months of July and August...

Outreach is open on Mondays and Thursdays from 10 AM to 4 PM. Outreach is closed on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

We will resume regular hours in September.

Pantry Needs

baked beans
boxed potatoes
boxed rice
cookies
crackers
mayonnaise

Donations

- Outreach has received a donation in memory of *Vincent Horne*. Mr. Horne was the brother-in-law of Pat Horne, a volunteer in Outreach. Outreach extends our prayers to the Horne family.
- Outreach has received a donation in memory of *Don Bolin* from Mary & Pete Cunningham.
- The Meehan Family has made a donation to Outreach in memory of *Arthur Gallagher*, father of Jen Gallagher.

Outreach Oktoberfest

“The Best of the ‘Wurst’ in Town!”

Saturday – October 4

Hibernian Hall in Babylon

8 PM – Midnight

Music, dancing, German buffet and, of course, beer!

Oktoberfest Trivia



Did you know...

In 1812, Oktoberfest was cancelled because Bavaria was involved in the Napoleonic War?



In 1819, the citizens of Munich assumed responsibility for the Oktoberfest and decided that Oktoberfest would be celebrated each and every year, without exception!



In 1816, carnival booths appeared at the Oktoberfest, with prizes, silver, porcelain, and jewelry-no flat screen TV. You have to attend the “Outreach Oktoberfest to win a flat screen TV!

Tickets on sale in the Outreach Office! Limited seating available.

\$40 per person includes German buffet unlimited beer/wine/soda



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22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

During the housing boom a couple of years ago, the airwaves were filled with commercials by mortgage lenders telling us that buying a house was the most important investment we could ever make in our lives. Unfortunately, some people lost everything in trying to buy more than they could afford when their payments increased down the road. Was this an investment, or merely a gamble?

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." This is not as daunting a request as it sounds on the surface. Jesus is asking us to understand that while we are given many gifts during this earthly life such as wealth and property, we must always remind ourselves that it could all disappear in an instant. With faith, we are willing to accept whatever happens to us.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us that although we may suffer some sacrifices in our lives, we need only to remember the ultimate sacrifice of Jesus Christ. As he took up his cross, we are joined to him in taking up ours (CCC 618). He accepted his coming sacrifice; are we willing today to accept whatever sacrifices may be asked of us? Today in prayer, offer first your thanks for all that you have been given, and then offer it all back freely if it is asked of you.

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Readings for the Week of August 31, 2008

Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27
Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5/Lk 4:16-30
Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16/Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9/Lk 4:38-44
Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23/Lk 5:1-11
Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5/Lk 5:33-39
Saturday: 1 Cor 4:6b-15/Lk 6:1-5
Next Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20

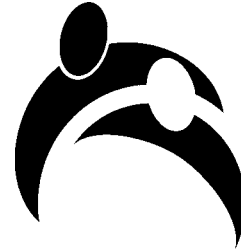
Altar Society

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.

Pastoral Care of Our 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.
- would like to receive the Sacrament of the Sick.



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:

Bryan R. Dempsey-US Marines
James J. Ferrara-US Marines
Thomas W. Ferrara -US Air Force
John Finn-US Army
Christopher Florca-US Marines
Donnie Frank-US Marines
Armand J. LeComte-US Marines
Anthony Mannino-US Marines
Peter Provenzano-US Army

...and remember those of our parish family that are in the armed services, listed
in our Parish Book of Intentions.

Pray for Our Sick

Please remember to keep in your thoughts and prayers ...

*Connie Altadonna, Lucas Anderson, Susan Aviza, Deacon Dick Barry,
 Nicholas Buscemi, Jr., Howard Campkin, Lynn Castellano, Rose Contelmo,
 Regina Cranor, Karen DellaVecchia, TJ Devlin, Josephine DiBenedetto,
 Susan Gigante, Samantha Hil, Brian Hinkelman, Lili Hinkelman,
 Kathleen Kerrigan, William Kuhlilm, Richard Lang, Nancy Letsch,
 Kara Lobasso, Vicky Massaro, Michele McCann, Peter McCann, Sr.,
 David McCarthy, Eleanor McGee, Dorothy Meloni, Brenden Muldoon,
 Joseph Ortiz, Robert Petersen, Arthur Petrino, Joanne Popper, Joe Radosti,
 Patricia Salimbene, Dorothy Schiavone, Joe Shields, Derek Stahl,
 Diana Marie Taveras, Baby John Tramazzo, Jean Virgilio, Pat Wallace*

Mother Teresa's Faith

by Ron Rolheiser, OMI

A recent book on Mother Teresa, *Mother Teresa: Come Be My Light*, makes public a huge volume of her intimate correspondence and in it we see what looks like a very intense, fifty-year, struggle with faith and belief.

Again and again, she describes her religious experience as “dry”, “empty”, “lonely”, “torturous”, “dark”, “devoid of all feeling”. During the last half-century of her life, it seems, she was unable to feel or imagine God's existence.

Many people have been confused and upset by this. How can this be? How can this woman, a paradigm of faith, have experienced such doubts?

And so some are making that judgment that her faith wasn't real. Their view is that she lived the life of a saint, but died the death of an atheist. For doctrinaire atheists, her confession of doubt is manna from the abyss. Christopher Hitchens, for example, writes: “She was no more exempt from the realization that religion is a human fabrication than any other person, and that her attempted cure was more and more professions of faith could only have deepened the pit that she dug for herself.”

What's to be said about all of this? Was Mother Teresa an atheist?

Hardly! In a deeper understanding of faith, her doubts and feelings of abandonment are not only explainable, they're predictable:

What Mother Teresa underwent is called “a dark night of the soul.” This is what Jesus suffered on the cross when he cried out: “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” When he uttered those words, he meant them. At that moment, he felt exactly what Mother Teresa felt so acutely for more than fifty years, namely, the sense that God is absent, that God is dead, that there isn't any God. But this isn't the absence of faith or the absence of God, it is rather a deeper presence of God, a presence which, precisely because it goes beyond feeling and imagination, can only be felt as an emptiness, nothingness, absence, non-existence.

But how can this make sense? How can faith feel like doubt? How can God's deeper presence feel like God's non-existence? And, perhaps more importantly, why? Why would faith work like this?

The literature around the “dark night of the soul” makes this point: Sometimes when we are unable to induce any kind of feeling that God exists, when we are unable to imagine God's existence, the reason is because God is now coming into our lives in such a way that we cannot manipu-

late the experience through ego, narcissism, self-advantage, self-glorification, and self-mirroring. This purifies our experience of God because only when all of our own lights are off can we grasp divine light in its purity. Only when we are completely empty of ourselves inside an experience, when our heads and hearts are pumping dry, can God touch us in a way that makes it impossible for us to inject ourselves into the experience, so that we are worshipping God, not ourselves.

And this is painful. It is experienced precisely as darkness, emptiness, doubt, abandonment. But this is, in fact, “the test” that we pray God to spare us from whenever we pray Matthew's version of the Lord's Prayer - “Do not put us to the test.”

Moreover this experience is usually given to those who have the maturity to handle it, spiritual athletes, those who pray for and truly want a searing “purity of heart”, people like Mother Teresa. They ask Jesus to experience and feel everything as he did. He just answers their prayers!

Henri Nouwen, in a book entitled, *In Memoriam*, shares a similar thing about his Mother: She was, he states, the most faith-filled and generous woman he had ever met. So when he stood at her bedside as she was dying he had every right to expect that her death would be a serene witness to a life of deep faith. But what happened, on the surface at least, seemed the exact reverse. She struggled, was seized by doubts, cried out, and died inside a certain darkness. Only later, after prayer and reflection, did this make sense. His mother had prayed her whole life to die like Jesus - and so she did! A common soldier dies without fear, Jesus died afraid.

In a remarkable book, *The Crucified God*, Jurgens Moltmann writes: “Our faith begins at the point where atheists suppose that it must end. Our faith begins with the bleakness and power which is the night of the cross, abandonment, temptation, and doubt about everything that exists! Our faith must be born where it is abandoned by all tangible reality; it must be born of nothingness, it must taste this nothingness and be given it to taste in a way no philosophy of nihilism can imagine.”

Mother Teresa understood all of this. That is why her seeming doubt did not lead her away from God and her vocation but instead riveted her to it with a depth and purity that, more than anything else, tell us precisely what faith really is.

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Financial Summary

August 24, 2008

Weekly Collection	\$ 15,806.00
Weekly Budget	-\$ 21,000.00
+/- for the week	\$ (5,194.00)

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

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.

Holy Name Society

The Holy Name Society meets on the second Sunday of each month. The next meeting will be on **Sunday, September 7**. We will begin with the **Rosary at 7:40 AM in the Church** and the meeting will follow the **8 AM Mass at 9 AM in Room 16**.

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**.

Nocturnal Adoration

Nocturnal Adoration will follow the 5 PM Mass on **Saturday, September 6**, followed by Benediction at 9:50 PM.

Please come and pray with us. All are invited and welcome!
Bring a friend.



Rosary Christian Mothers

The Rosary Christian Mothers meet on **Tuesday, September 2**. We will begin with **Rosary at 7:45 PM in the Church** followed by **meeting at 8 PM in the Parish Center**.

SAGE

The SAGE Group (Senior Advocates for Growth and Enrichment) will meet on **Tuesday, September 2**, in the **Parish Center at 9 AM**.

Gennesaret Retreat

Gennesaret Retreat held **September 19-20-21 at Montfort Spiritual Center, Bay Shore**, offers a unique opportunity for persons who face serious illness to come away for a weekend retreat of spiritual renewal and refreshment. The retreat focuses on God's love, God's forgiveness and God's faithfulness. Several parishioners have already experienced the retreat and have found the weekend extraordinary. There is no charge for the weekend retreat. All the caregivers volunteer their time. To register or to receive more information about this wonderful weekend, please call Colette Fanelli at 631.665.7052

Retrouvaille

You can help your marriage now! Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. For confidential information about the Retrouvaille program, or to register for the upcoming weekend beginning **Friday, September 5**, please call 1.800.470.2230 and you will be connected directly to a couple from Long Island/Metro Retrouvaille.

Y.A.M.S.-Young Adult Ministry, South Shore

(for adults in their 20's and 30's)

This is a new local Catholic group that is all about friends and fun while experiencing amazing spiritual, social and service events with people our age.

Bear Mountain Hike on Sunday, September 7. We will leave after the 7:45 AM Mass at Our Lady of Grace, West Babylon and gather in the lobby. Pack a lunch to eat at the top of the trail! We will chip in for gas and park pass.

To RSVP or for more information, call Lena at 631.669.0068. ext. 115

Woman Why are You Weeping?

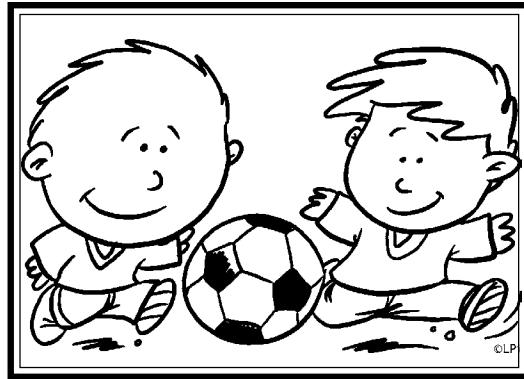
A Women's Retreat hosted by Magnificat on **Friday, September 12 to Sunday, September 14 at the Montfort Spiritual Center, Bay Shore.** Give yourself a gift of a weekend of prayer, fellowship, adoration reconciliation and praise and worship! For information and registration, please call Angela at 516.763.1739.

Religion & Rock

Tune into "Religion & Rock" with Msgr. Jim Vlaun on Sunday from 7 AM to 8 AM on WBAB 102.3 FM or 95.3 on Long Island's East End. The show is also available on Sirius Radio, Channel 159 at 11 PM on Saturday nights. Next Sunday's theme is: **"Work in Our Lives."** Don't miss it! To listen online or receive more information regarding Religion and Rock, go to www.ReligionandRock.com. Don't forget to tune into TELE CARE, Cablevision 29 or Verizon FIOS 271 for the best in Catholic television!

Sharing the Gospel

Sometimes it's hard to give of your time, or your toys, or even to share your friends. Sometimes you want to be selfish and keep everything for yourself. This is not what Jesus did. He kept sharing God's love all the time. He shared so much that he even gave his life for us by dying on the cross. Jesus wants us to share like he did, to give of ourselves even when we want to be selfish.



Mission for the Week



Give of your time this week to help someone who needs it.

Puzzle

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Prayer



Heavenly Father,
give me strength to
share your love.

Something to Draw



Draw a picture of
yourself sharing in
way that is hard
for you.