

***"THE BREAD THAT I WILL
GIVE IS MY FLESH***



JOHN 6:51

FOR THE LIFE OF THE WORLD."

***NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
OUR LADY OF LOURDES • AUGUST 9, 2009***



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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.

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.

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.*

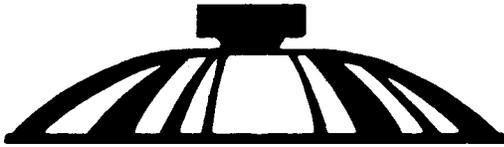
***Acknowledge** we are not complete without the willingness to grow, discern and discover the Spirit who moves and guides us.*

*Our Lady
of Lourdes*

455 Hunter Avenue
West Islip, New York 11795

**You're
Invited!**

**on the
Great Lawn**



SECOND ANNUAL POTLUCK SUPPER

6 PM

**Monday,
August 10**

To launch our August Summer Evening Prayer 2009,
we are having our Second Annual Potluck Supper!
This will be a wonderful way to share our
culinary expertise with our parish and, as is tradition at
Our Lady of Lourdes, enjoy a meal together at the table.

Bring your *culinary delight* at 6 PM to be placed at our sharing table.
Drinks and dessert will be provided.

Please call Joanne at 631.897.2171 or e-mail jmaher@glencove.k12.ny.us
if you have any questions or to tell what you are bringing.

You can also drop this form at the Parish Office or drop it in the
collection basket.

SECOND ANNUAL POTLUCK SUPPER

Name _____ Phone Number _____

Main Dish _____ (ex. quiche, pasta, chicken, etc)

Salad _____ (ex. greens, pasta, seafood, etc)

Appetizer _____ (ex. antipasti, vegetable platter, etc)

Sureau-fest:

The Journey continues...



Final Summer Evening Prayer Monday, August 24 6 PM on the Great Lawn B-B-Que and festivities to follow

Gather for a night of thanking John for his work, honoring his gifts, and celebrate his journey toward the priesthood as he enters the seminary.



We are creating a series of scrapbooks for John.

We ask you to please create an 8 1/2" x 11" page of memories, photos, thoughts and sentiments. You can submit your page as a family or individually. Please hand them in by tomorrow, Monday, August 10 to the Parish Office or in the box in the Narthex.

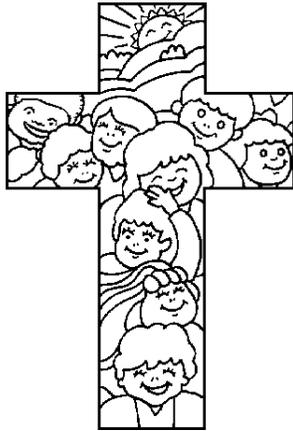
We will assemble them in binders to be presented to John this evening.

Let's make this a great night for John - All Are Welcome!



Religious Education Registration

for children in Public School, Grade 1, September 2009



Information Meeting & Registration

Meetings will take place in the Parish Center. (room opposite the playground on Hunter Ave)

Please note: Baptismal Certificates required for any child being registered in PEP I.

Wednesday, September 23	10:00 am or 7:30 pm
Thursday, September 24	10:00 am or 7:30 pm
Wednesday, September 30	10:00 am or 7:30 pm
Saturday, October 3	10:00 am

If this is your *first child in our program*, the registration fee (Family Fee) is \$160 and textbooks are \$20 (if needed.) Details will be provided at the meeting.

Men's Group

An Invitation to all men from OLL and beyond...

Come join us on **Thursday, August 20, in the Parish Center following the 8 AM Mass.**

We meet once a month to read and discuss the Scriptures for the following Sunday. Come with your ideas and suggestions. We'll gather for conversation and fellowship. Join us in this pioneering experience for **MEN ONLY**. If you plan to attend, please call Jack Fitzgerald at 587.5548.

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 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.



Allegra Meet and Greet

Come and meet our new Parish Youth Minister, Allegra!

Allegra D'Alo joins our team this August. Allegra will be working in youth ministry, organizing community events to keep our young people engaged with the many different ministries here at OLL. Watch our bulletin for events as Allegra plans them. Write her a note of welcome at allegra@ollchurch.org.

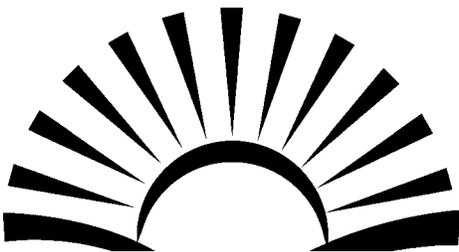
As is our tradition here at OLL, there will be food and fun on the **Great Lawn following "The Six," on Sunday, August 30** for the youth of our parish.

What another great way to say "Hi" and welcome Allegra to our parish community. All are welcome!

Wedding Ministry

Our parish has a wonderfully active Wedding Ministry. Women and men from our parish work as teams to guide brides and grooms through their rehearsal and their most special wedding day!

Our next meeting will be this Tuesday, August 11 at 7 PM in the Parish Center. Could this be the ministry for you?? If so, come to the meeting or e-mail Fr. Bob at frbob@ollchurch.org for more information about this wonderful ministry!



Summer at "The Six"

Our Six Committee is busy working to make our Sunday night liturgy a relaxing, meaningful and great way to end the summer weekends. So this summer – sleep late, go to the beach, relax and then give thanks to God (and we'll help!)

Beginning August 9...

"The Six" is outside! Come and enjoy Mass in the Fr. Joe Garden! -All you need is a beach chair or blanket – maybe a little sunscreen – and an openness to celebrate the wonder of God's creation! Of course if it's raining we'll be inside the Church. Come and celebrate at "The Six."

Daily Mass

8 AM

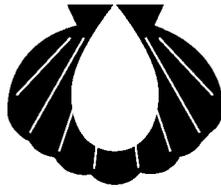
Weekend Masses

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.
(Free babysitting available)

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.

Baptisms

Maxim Joseph Kucala

Linda

Siena Rose Caballero

Anthony and Sharon

Daniel Owen Crean

Timothy and Josette

Kaitlyn Quinn Malone

Peter and Elaine

Denisse Fiamma Pico

Andres and Vanesa

Savannah Mae Walsh

Philip and Diana

Nicholas Antoine Abi-zeid

Antoine and Dawn

Remembering . . .

Monday, August 10

St. Lawrence, deacon & martyr

8:00 AM Caruba Family

Tuesday, August 11

St. Claire, virgin

8:00 AM Peter Herger

Wednesday, August 12

St. Jane Frances de Chantal, religious

8:00 AM Robert Beck

Thursday, August 13

St. Pontian, pope & martyr, & Hippolytus, priest & martyr

8:00 AM Steven Perone

Friday, August 14

St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe, priest & martyr

8:00 AM Nicholas and Teresa Ambrosino

7:30 PM People of the Parish

(vigil) Fr. Bob Scheckenback

Saturday, August 15

8:00 AM Joseph Christian V. LaCarrubba, Teodoro de Roxas, William Speck, Violet Evans, Hedwig Marczak, Arthur Pietro, Patrick Kennedy, Louise Medlock, Louise Carbonara, Sandra Nieves

5:00 PM Lynch Family

Fr. Ambrose Cabildo

Sunday, August 16

8:00 AM Robert P. Wilson

Fr. Bob Scheckenback

9:30 AM William Martino

Fr. Ambrose Cabildo

11:00 AM Danny Salegna

Fr. Bob Scheckenback

12:30 PM Michael Walsh

Fr. Ambrose Cabildo

6:00 PM People of the Parish, Gerard Francavilla, Vincent & Josephine Papa, Dileo & Gambardella Families, Frances Cannizzaro, Rosemarie Lena, Mary Cronin, Louise Carbonaro, Katherine (Betty) Walsh, Sandra Nieves, Joseph Aragona, Frances Cassidy

Fr. Bob Scheckenback

Feast of the Assumption

Saturday, August 15

not a Holy Day of Obligation

Please note: there will be a vigil Mass on

Friday evening, August 14 at 7:30 PM.

Congratulations Sister Lynn Caton, CSJ

Lynn Caton professed her first vows as a Sister of St. Joseph on Saturday Aug 1, 2009 at Sacred Heart Chapel in Brentwood.

Lynn is a member of our OLL Parish Family as are her parents, Geraldine and Gerald Henry. Lynn is a gifted singer and was a cantor in our Music Ministry.

Lynn stood before all present and said her Act of Profession. She received the Community Pin from S. Jeanne Amore, President of the Congregation.

We wish her many blessings as she continues to live out her call of “Love of God and Neighbor” as a Sister of St. Joseph.



Summer Evening Prayer

Summer Evening Prayer will return tomorrow, August 10. Potluck supper will begin at 6 PM and Evening Prayer to start at 7 PM. This week, Carol Goetz, our parish Music Director, and members our Taize Prayer Ministry will lead us in this beautiful and holy time of prayer. A candle lighting will be part of our prayer.

Next week, August 17, we're gathering this year, at Robert Moses-Field 2! We'll be at the beach around 5 PM– so come early and enjoy a delicious and relaxing dinner on the beach (BYOD – Bring Your Own Dinner!)

We'll gather by the main clubhouse at Field 2 for Evening Prayer at 7 PM and dessert will follow. (The prayer service will be on the cement – so do not fear walking on the beach!) All are welcome!

Serving the Body of Christ....

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

We congratulate and welcome our parish's newest Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion – *Jan Blake, Liz DaSilva, Kathie Finnegan, Dawn Prate, and Karen Volk* – who have been commissioned to serve as Extraordinary Ministers in our parish! Pray for them as they begin this important ministry in the life of OLL!

What does it take to be an Extraordinary Minister?

- Participation in Sunday Eucharist.*
- Commitment to serve two to three times a month*
- Attendance at a Diocesan Training and a parish training*
- Openness to bring Communion to the Sick*

If you have other questions or are interested in becoming an Extraordinary Minister, please contact Mrs. Mary Borgs of our Parish Liturgy Committee at 661.3224, x. 135.

Financial Summary

August 2, 2009

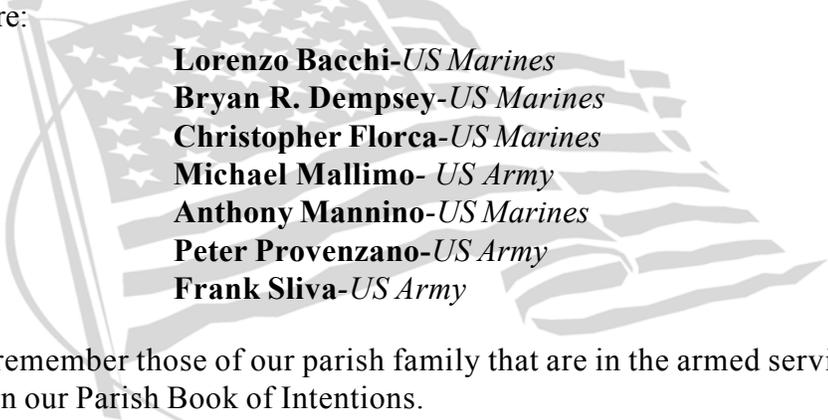
Weekly Collection	\$ 18,854.00
Weekly Budget	-\$ 19,000.00
+/- for the week	\$ (146.00)

The estimated weekly collection needed to maintain and operate our parish buildings, ministries, programs and salaries is \$19,000.

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:



Lorenzo Bacchi-*US Marines*
Bryan R. Dempsey-*US Marines*
Christopher Florca-*US Marines*
Michael Mallimo- *US Army*
Anthony Mannino-*US Marines*
Peter Provenzano-*US Army*
Frank Sliva-*US Army*

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



19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Perhaps you've heard the story of the atheist who while out hiking fell off the side of a cliff, only to grab on to a branch that stopped him from falling to a certain death. He held on for dear life, with nothing between him and the canyon below. He decided at that moment to give prayer a chance, asking God for salvation from his fate. A voice from above told him to let go of the branch; his new faith would save him. The man thought for a moment, and then looking skyward asked, "Is there anyone else up there I can talk to about this?" When we are offered the gift of eternal life, do we ignore it?

We listen to the words of Jesus as he admonishes a crowd of grumblers: "No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draw him, and I will raise him on the last day." We are drawn to God; on Sundays we are drawn to Mass. Our parishes draw us in from the parking lot or the street; our pastor draws us to the altar to receive the holy Eucharist. At times, we may feel as if we are holding on for our dear lives, barely able to make it through each day. It is at these times that we quiet ourselves and listen to God. We are drawn into loving arms, and we are safe.

Underlying Jesus' message that he is the bread of life is that in order for us to receive eternal life, we must live in love. To live in love means to seek Jesus, and through him God, in contemplative prayer. We seek him, because doing so is the beginning of true love (CCC 2709). In the sharing of the Eucharist at every Mass, we are reaffirming our vow to live a life of love. Today, as you approach the altar, leave behind your anger and bitterness. Let go of that branch, and you will be saved.

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Readings for the Week of August 9, 2009

Sunday:	1 Kgs 19:4-8/Eph 4:30---5:2/Jn 6:41-51
Monday:	2 Cor 9:6-10/Jn 12:24-26
Tuesday:	Dt 31:1-8/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wednesday:	Dt 34:1-12/Mt 18:15-20
Thursday:	Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Mt 18:21---19:1
Friday:	Jos 24:1-13/Mt 19:3-12
Saturday:	<i>Vigil:</i> 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28 <i>Day:</i> Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56
Next Sunday:	Prv 9:1-6/Eph 5:15-20/Jn 6:51-58

Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Elizabeth Netska*.
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.



Pray for Our Sick

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

*Susan Aviza, Deacon Dick Barry, Ben Bellotti, Nicholas Buscemi, Jr., Howard Campkin,
Philip Charron, Nicholas Cibelli, Michael Ciotkosz, Regina Cranor, Ann Donlon,
Marge Flem, Susan Gigante, Edward Herger, Brian Hinkelman, Lili Hinkelman,
Margaret Keating, Veronica Kenny, Kathleen Kerrigan, Kara Lobasso,
Baby Josephine Mahan, Vicky Massaro, Michele McCann, Peter McCann, Sr.,
Dorothy Meloni, Rick Mirabella, Anita Montouri, Rae Morris, Brenden Muldoon,
John O'Brien, John J. Oleksiuk, Arthur Petrino, Joanne Popper, Laura Prichard,
Santa Quevedo, Joe Radosti, Carol Randazzo-Hopkins, Florence Schlageter,
Jayna Schmidt, Dorothy Shiavone, Joe Shields, Albina Sipplak, Derek Stahl,
Mary Clair Stephen, Baby John Tramazzo, Vera Vieni, Flo Worysz*

The Pearl of Great Price and its Cost

by Ron Rolheiser, OMI

A woman I know tells this story: She married a man she loved but, early on in the marriage, was too immature to responsibly carry her part of the relationship. One night she went to a party with her husband, drank too much, and left the party with another man. Eventually she sobered up and repentantly found her way home, fully expecting the marital skies to be ripped asunder with anger. But her husband though hurt and shaken by what had happened was calm, philosophical, direct.

When she walked sheepishly into the room he demanded neither an explanation nor an apology. Ultimately, what is there to say? He simply said to her: "I'm going away for a few days so that you can be alone because you need to decide who you are: Are you a married woman or are you something else?" He took a three-day sabbatical from her, she cried, sorted out the question he had put to her, and now, years beyond this painful incident, she is inside a solid marriage and infinitely more aware that the pearl of great price comes precisely at a price.

Every choice is a renunciation. Thomas Aquinas said that and it helps explain why we struggle so painfully to make clear choices. We want the right things, but we want other things too.

Every choice is a series of renunciations: If I marry one person, I cannot marry anyone else; if I live in one place, I cannot live anywhere else; if I choose a certain career, that excludes many other careers; if I have this, then I cannot have that. The list could go on indefinitely. To choose one thing is to renounce others. That's the nature of choice.

In most areas of our lives we do not feel this so painfully. We choose and there isn't a lot of sting to the loss. But the area of love is more sensitive. Here we feel the sting of loss more strongly and here we often find it hard to accept the real limits of life. What are those limits? They are the limits that come with being an infinite spirit in a finite world.

We are fired into this world with a madness that comes from the gods and has us believe that we are destined to embrace the cosmos itself. We don't want something, we want everything. That's a simple way, though a good one, of saying something that Christianity has always said, namely, that in body and soul we are

meant to embrace everyone and we already hunger for that. Perhaps we experience it most clearly in our sexuality, but the hunger is everywhere present in us. Our yearning is wide, our longing is infinite, our urge to embrace is promiscuous. We are infinite in yearning, but, in this life, only get to meet the finite.

That's what makes love difficult. We are overcharged for our own lives. We have divine fire inside us, want everything, yearn for the whole world, and yet, at a point, have to commit to one particular person, at one particular place, and in one very particular life, with all the limits that imposes. Infinite desire limited by a finite choice, such is the nature of real life and love.

Life and love, beyond the abstract and beyond the grandiosity of our own daydreams, involve hard, painful renunciation. But it is precisely that very renunciation that helps us grow up and makes our lives real in a way that our daydreams don't.

In trying to explain some of the deeper secrets of life, Jesus gives us this parable: The Kingdom of God is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, when he finds a single one of great value, he goes and sells all that he owns and buys that pearl. That, the pearl of great price, the value of love and its cost, is in essence the challenge that young husband put to his wife when he told her to sort out the question: "Are you a married woman or are you something else?" For what are you willing to renounce other things?

What is our own pearl of great price? Are we willing to give up everything in exchange for it? Are we willing to live with its limits? Until we are clear on these questions there is forever the danger that, like the wife who left the party without her husband, we will act out in dangerous and hurtful ways.

Thoreau once said: "The youth gets together materials to build a bridge to the moon or perhaps a palace or a temple ... at length the middle-aged man concludes to build a woodshed with them."

So too in love and life: The child sets out make love to the whole world and the adult eventually concludes to marry a single person, in essence, to build a woodshed. But it's only in that woodshed where life and love are real in this world.

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Parish Outreach

Office telephone:

661-9262, option 4

Office hours:

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

Pantry Needs

baked beans
boxed potatoes
boxed rice
canned meat
cookies
crackers
hot chocolate
mayonnaise

Outreach Memorial Donations

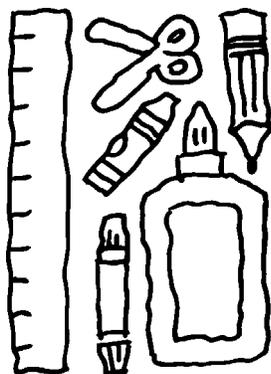
Parish Outreach has received many donations in memory of loved ones.

- William Sasso has made a donation to Outreach in memory of his father, *Paul*.
- The Small Family has made a donation to Outreach in memory of *William Small*.
- A donation in memory of *Charles Brady* has been given to Outreach.

If you would like to make a donation to Parish Outreach in memory of a loved one, please call Mary McMahon, Director of Parish Social Ministry at 661.3224, option 4.

Outreach School Supply Drive

Outreach will be collecting school supplies to donate to families in need. School Supplies we could use include:



- *Glue Sticks
- * Marble Notebooks
- *Two Pocket Folders
- * Soft Pencil Cases
- * Pink Erasers
- * Highlighters
- * Markers
- *Pencil Sharpeners (*that catch shavings*)
- * 2 & 3 inch Binders
- *Fiskar scissors
- *Post-It-Notes
- *Supply box
- *Tennis Balls

and of course...the old staple....CRAYONS!

Donations can be left in the food baskets at the doors of the Church....as always....our thanks!

Mary

Gennesaret Retreat ...

for those facing serious illness.

A retreat, especially designed for persons who live with a serious illness, is planned for **September 25 -27, 2009 at Montfort Spirituality Center on Saxon Avenue in Bay Shore.**

This retreat offers a respite, a quiet time, an oasis, to enable one to continue the journey. The retreat focuses on God's love, God's forgiveness and God's faithfulness.

To register or to receive more information about this weekend, please call: Colette Fanelli 631.665.7052.

The Beginning Experience

Help for the heartache of divorce, separation, and widowhood.

A weekend away for a lifetime of change.

The next weekend is August 21 through August 23.

For information and reservations, call Connie at 516.735.1720 or Carmen at 516.739.0973.

Holy Name Society

The 39th Annual National Convention of the Holy Name Societies, The National Association of the Holy Name Society, will be held in **Boston October 8 thru the Sunday, October 11.**

Representing the Rockville Centre Diocesan Union is Salvatore Pezzolanti, Past President of the Union and Vice President Region II of the National Association.

For further information for attendance by any of our Holy Name members, or of our Societies, please call Sal at 631.273.3858.

Pastoral Formation Institute

A two year process of personal, spiritual, theological and ministerial formation for Catholics. The Pastoral Formation Institute offers an exciting, integrated approach to discipleship through instruction, prayer, faith sharing and development of leadership skills. New classes beginning this Fall. For further information visit www.drvc-faith.org/PastoralFormationInstitute.html or call 516.678.5800, extension 200.

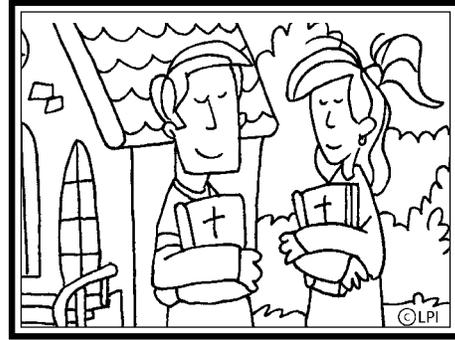
Religion & Rock

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 the East End of Long Island. Listen on Saturdays at 11 PM on Sirius Radio, Channel 159, the Catholic Channel and at 11 PM on XM Satellite, channel 117.

Next Sunday's theme is **"Relationship with God."** Don't miss it! To listen online or receive more information regarding "Religion & Rock" go to www.religionandrock.com or at "Religion & Rock" on ITUNES. Don't forget to tune into TELECARE, Cablevision 29 or Verizon FIOS 271 for the Best in Catholic Television!

Sharing the Gospel

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus compared himself to manna. A long time ago God's people ate manna in the desert, because there was no other food to eat. By sending manna falling from the sky every morning, God taught his people to trust him. Manna tasted good, and it kept them healthy. God took care of them and gave them all they needed. Then, hundreds of years later, God sent Jesus down from heaven, so people could have everlasting life with him.



Prayer



Dear God, thank you for sending Jesus down from heaven so that we can look forward to living with you forever in heaven. Amen.



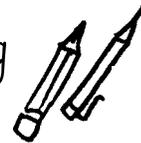
Puzzle

Find and circle eight things that are different.



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Something to Draw



Draw a picture of manna falling out of the sky.

Mission for the Week



The Hebrews often baked manna into little cakes. Ask your parents if you can make pancakes this weekend, and talk about how Jesus is like manna.