

**OUT OF REVERENCE  
TO CHRIST."**

**"BE SUBORDINATE TO  
ONE ANOTHER**



**EPHESIANS 5:21**

**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
OUR LADY OF LOURDES • AUGUST 23, 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.*

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*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.*

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## *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



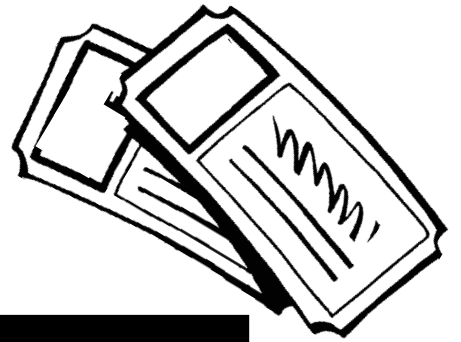
## Italian Family Feast

**September 16 - 20, 2009**

**Opens Wednesday thru Friday at 7 PM  
Opens Saturday at 6 PM**

### Pay-One-Price

**Ride *all* rides each day-Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday-for only \$25/day (\$5 discount with coupon)**



### Super Raffle

**\$10,000 in Prizes!**

**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!**

# 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**

A night when we thank John Sureau, honor him, pray with him and send him off to the Seminary in our great OLL style--like a big block party!

Let's have some fun and write a note to John on Monday night at the "Sureau-fest" and share your memories with photos, drawings, and lots of Love. (You may also leave your note in the box in the NARTHEX this weekend)



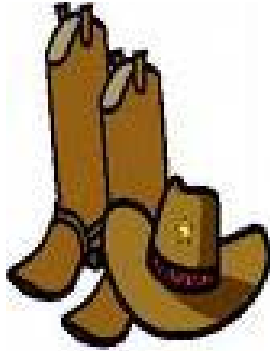
In lieu of gifts, if you wish, please make a donation to our OLL Parish Outreach.

Again, so you don't forget...

**See you at the "Sureau-fest", THIS Monday, August 24 beginning at 6 PM... Sureau can't go without seeing you...**

**ALL ARE WELCOME !!!**





***IT'S THAT TIME OF THE YEAR AGAIN!!!***

***(No, Not Back To School!)***

***RESERVE THE DATE:***

***OUTREACH SQUAREDANCE***

***SATURDAY OCTOBER 24<sup>TH</sup>***

***8 PM TO Midnight***

***Dosado....swing yer pardners!!!!***

### **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!

Could this be the ministry for you?? If so, e-mail Fr. Bob at [frbob@ollchurch.org](mailto:frbob@ollchurch.org) for more information about this wonderful ministry.

### **Rosary Christian Mothers**

Rosary Christian Mothers will meet Tuesday September 1 at 7:45 PM in the Church for the Rosary and 8PM in Parish Center for our monthly meeting. Look forward to seeing you there!

### **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](mailto: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 a great way to say “Hi” and welcome Allegra to our parish community. All are welcome!

## Summer at “The Six”

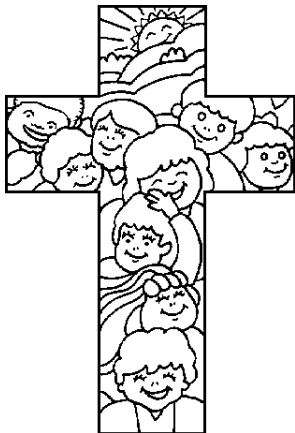
Our Six Committee is busy working to make our Sunday night liturgy a relaxing, meaningful and great way to end the summer weekends. So this summer – sleep late, go to the beach, relax and then give thanks to God (and we’ll help!)

***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.”

## 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 1.*

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

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.

## **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.



## ***Rest In Peace***

*William Williamson* died on July 30 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was August 11. We extend our prayers to his son, Robert, daughters, Kathleen and Maryann and entire family.

*Agnes R. Hallahan* died on August 8 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was August 11. We extend our prayers to her many nieces and nephews and entire family.

*Deborah A. O'Loughlin-Harty* died on August 10 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was August 12. We extend our prayers to her husband, Martin, daughter, Gabriella and entire family.

*Alfredo Giron* died on August 7 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was August 13. We extend our prayers to Genevieve Frank and entire family.

## ***Upcoming Marriages***

*Kerry Kolodziejcki, OLL and*

*Chris Fosorile, Maria Regina, Massapequa*



# Remembering . . .

## Monday, August 24

*St. Bartholomew, apostle*

8:00 AM Joseph Intoci

## Tuesday, August 25

8:00 AM Gladys Wilson

## Wednesday, August 26

8:00 AM Leonard J. Parine

## Thursday, August 27

*St. Monica*

8:00 AM Patrick & Donald Manning  
and  
Dorothy & Joseph Boening

## Friday, August 28

*St. Augustine, bishop & doctor*

8:00 AM Peter Reehil

## Saturday, August 29

8:00 AM Agnes Hallahan, Christopher Becker,  
Ernestine Parrino, Michael Lennon

5:00 PM George Stone

*Fr. Mike Vetrano*

## Sunday, August 30

8:00 AM Joseph & Christina Kollmer  
*Fr. Ambrose Cabildo*

9:30 AM Tony Squeo  
*Fr. Mike Vetrano*

11:00 AM Michael Worysz  
*Fr. Bob Scheckenback*

12:30 PM Vincent Barbera  
*Fr. Ambrose Cabildo*

6:00 PM People of the Parish, Lena Bianco, Michael Crespo,  
Mickey Lennon, Mary McGreal, Antonino Durante  
*Fr. Bob Scheckenback*



## Baptisms

*Jenna Nicole Tussie*

Anthony and Jaclyn

*David Michael Harrington*

Diane

*Madison Anne Harrington*

Diane

*Andrew Jason Cohen*

Jason and Andrea



## 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

There was a man who lived on the edge of a small Midwestern town. He kept to himself, had his groceries delivered, and never ventured past his own front gate. No one made an effort to know him, and it stayed that way for nearly sixty years. When the man passed away, it was found that he had no family. The state-appointed lawyer for his estate ordered everything in his home sold or disposed of. Upon entering his home, the auctioneers found nearly every wall of the home covered in beautiful oil paintings, created by the man no one knew. He had a beautiful gift, yet he kept it to himself, and in doing so he deprived so many others of its beauty.

Today's Gospel reading from John continues the theme of Jesus as the bread of life. He tells those listening that whoever eats his flesh and drinks his blood will have eternal life. We hear these words at every Mass as the priest recites the similar words from the Last Supper. We hear them so often we might not even react to their true meaning. Yet imagine hearing them for the first time that day with Jesus! The people, who have already witnessed his miracles, still refer to him as "this man." They cannot believe.

We approach the altar solemnly, reverently. The host is placed in our hands; "the body of Christ." We are offered the cup; "the blood of Christ." And with each gift, we respond, "Amen." And it is in that amen that we are truly saying, "Yes, in receiving the true body and blood of Christ, I am becoming the body and blood of Christ and wish to share it with others." Our faith, our belief in God's saving grace, "is a treasure of life which is enriched by being shared" (CCC 949).

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### Readings for the Week of August 16, 2009

<b>Sunday:</b>	Prv 9:1-6/Eph 5:15-20/Jn 6:51-58
<b>Monday:</b>	Jgs 2:11-19/Mt 19:16-22
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Jgs 6:11-24a/Mt 19:23-30
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Jgs 9:6-15/Mt 20:1-16
<b>Thursday:</b>	Jgs 11:29-39a/Mt 22:1-14
<b>Friday:</b>	Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Mt 22:34-40
<b>Saturday:</b>	Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Mt 23:1-12
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69

## Financial Summary

### August 16, 2009

Weekly Collection	\$ 15,781.00
Weekly Budget	-\$ 19,000.00
+/- for the week	\$ (3,219.00)

*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.

## Pastoral Formation Institute

The Diocese of Rockville Centre celebrates the 20th Anniversary of the Pastoral Formation Institute. You are invited to the celebration! Saturday, November 7 at St. Agnes Cathedral. Liturgy begins at 6:30 PM, Bishop William Murphy presiding, followed by cocktail hour, dinner and dancing to the music of D.J. Xtreme sounds. Limited seating so reserve your tables early! Tickets are \$50 per person before September 1 and \$55 after. Ticket purchase includes cocktail hour, full course buffet dinner, dessert, wine, beer and soft drinks. Please make check payable to "Pastoral Formation Alumni Association" and mail to Diocese of Rockville Centre, Office of Faith Formation, P.O. Box 9023, Rockville Centre, NY 11571-9023, Attn.: Patricia Schreck.

# The Gospel Unfolding in History

by Ron Rolheiser, OMI

We didn't stop burning witches because we stopped reading scripture. We stopped burning witches because we kept on reading scripture.

Gil Bailie, author of *Violence Unveiled*, wrote those words and they express a truth too easily ignored today. Neither liberals nor conservatives generally want to read history accurately. The former want to think that we stopped burning witches precisely because we did stop reading scripture, whereas the latter want to forget that we once did burn witches and justified it in God's name. There is an important truth in this.

Rene Girard once wrote that the cross of Christ is the most revolutionary moral event ever in human history and its implications are still slowly unfolding within human consciousness. What Girard means, among other things, is that some of the deeper spiritual and moral elements that are contained in the cross are like medicine in a time-release capsule. They are dissolving slowly within history and we are gradually absorbing their meaning. Simply put, it is taking us many centuries to understand more fully what is contained in the revelation of the cross.

For example: It took the universal church more than 1500 years to understand that we may not use force and violence to spread the gospel or to silence those who do not agree with us. It took all the churches more than 1800 years to understand and accept that slavery was wrong; It took all the churches nearly 2000 years (and Pope John Paul II) to understand and accept that capital punishment is wrong. And it has taken all the churches more than 2000 years to understand and accept somewhat more fully the equality of women.

But, in spite of how long it took to realize some of this, there is progress, slow, measurable, irreversible. We are, at some crucial places, understanding the gospel more deeply today. We need only look at what is happening today within certain extremist circles of Islam to see where (in some ways) we once were and how far we have progressed from there. We too, like Al-Qaeda, had our own period of history wherein we believed that error had no rights and that violence and killing could be justified in God's name. Today, happily, within all the Christian churches, that is becoming harder to justify, irrespective as to whether that killing is abortion, euthanasia, capital punishment, or pre-emptive war.

Understanding this can be very helpful for a number of reasons:

First, because it is honest. We all struggle with wanting to rewrite history so that it fits our own theories. In terms of the moral unfolding of the gospel, conservatives like to believe that ancient and medieval times were a golden age for Christianity, and in some ways they were. But they are slow to admit that this golden age was more golden for some than for others. Those centuries were also a time when the church (at least for a large part) believed in slavery and in the use of violence to further gospel aims. The Inquisition was real, brutal, and not golden in any way. Liberals, while not slow to point this out, are much slower to accept that core of the moral, social, and even technological progress within the secularized world arose out of Judeo and Christian roots. Liberals too easily believe that we stopped burning witches and developed democracy because we stopped reading scripture. But Bailie is right and his insight calls us to honesty.

Second, the truth that Bailie captures can call us too to patience and hope. We can draw hope from looking at the larger historical picture. We are making moral progress, even if that progress is unfolding with agonizing slowness, sometimes imperceptibly, throughout the centuries. It doesn't always look like it, but in the end, within all the churches today there is less violence being justified in God's name than at any other time in history. That is moral progress.

Perhaps that progress isn't happening fast enough for our own liking, but we can draw hope from the picture that history gives us: We no longer justify slavery, capital punishment, and most forms of inequality and violence in God's name. No doubt all of us, on the right and on the left, have our frustrations with how slowly one or other moral issue is progressing, but it is helpful to remember that nearly 2 billion people with a two-thousand year history tend to move rather slowly.

Every age of Christianity has had its moral blind-spots, but also its saints. Our age is no exception. And so we have good reason to hope that the gospel will continue to unfold and the meaning of the cross, like medicine in a time-release capsule, will continue to release more deeply its meaning in history, and that all of us, Christian and non-Christian alike, will continue to realize more and more deeply that God plays no favorites, that all people are equal, and that violence of any kind may never be justified in God's name.

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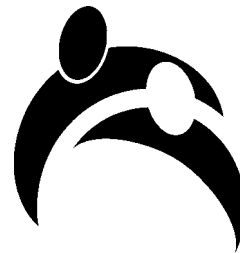
## Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Janet Loehr*.  
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, Helen Ciolino, Michael Ciotkosz, Regina Cranor,  
Ann Donlon, Debbie Eichen, Andrea Flathman, 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, Gertrude Parine, Arthur Petrino,  
Joanne Popper, Laura Prichard, Santa Quevedo, Joe Radosti, Carol Randazzo-Hopkins,  
Michael A. Savino, Florence Schlageter, Jayna Schmidt, Dorothy Shiavone, Joe Shields,  
Albina Sipplak, Derek Stahl, Mary Clair Stephen, Baby John Tramazzo, Grace Cunneen,  
Vera Vieni, Flo Worysz*

## This, and Catholic Too!!!!

In early August, we took a road trip. We decided not to tell Evelina and Edward our destination as we anticipated the relentless litany: “Are we there yet? How much longer? I’m bored! He’s leaning on my side of the car! Her foot is on my part of the floor!” We packed the car, told the kids we were going to New Jersey and we drove, and drove and drove. After several hours in the car Evelina remarked that we were driving a long time to be going to New Jersey. Well past Washington, I explained that we thought we’d visit Williamsburg, Virginia instead. What a great opportunity to learn about American history first hand, to have an educational vacation in order to be ready for school in September. As I waxed on about the value of this trip—probably speaking more to myself than the kids, Evelina interrupts; “Mom, this is summer and I don’t think we should have to learn. Vacations are about FUN! Isn’t it bad enough that you make us be Catholic during the summer! Now we have to learn too!”

Ah, make them be Catholic during the summer! Truth is, there is no vacation from being a Catholic. Once baptized, Catholic becomes part of our nature, incorporated into the very essence of who we are as individuals, as Community. The sacramental action of Baptism draws us into Community, makes us one with the life of the Church and compels us to speak-out for the rights of those oppressed, marginalized by society, devalued because of mental illness, victims in anyway. There is no vacation from being Catholic!

## Pantry Needs

- canned vegetables
- chili
- crackers
- jelly
- macaroni & cheese
- pasta
- tomato sauce
- tuna

Outreach has been inundated these months. The office was open throughout the month of July and has been on a reduced schedule in August.

I must share with all the sad reality that our Pantry is empty. Donations of food have fallen off drastically while the need has increased dramatically. The needs which people bring to the Outreach office have become more complicated and more tragic. The economy has had an effect on all of us. I am not asking for financial assistance at this time—our most pressing and urgent need is for canned food.

I understand that purchasing back to school supplies puts a dent in most budgets, but if it is at all possible, please consider placing one can of food in the Outreach bins next week. Tuna, jelly, canned vegetables, crackers, any extra can on a shelf in your kitchen will do! Thanks and remember, as there is no vacation from being a Catholic, there is no vacation from poverty as well.

*-Mary*

## Parish Outreach

**Office telephone:**

661-9262, option 4

**Office hours:**

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

## Outreach Memorial Donations

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

If you would like to make a donation to Parish Outreach in memory of a loved one, please call Mary McMahan, 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*

## Do you or someone you know, need *cataract surgery*?

Due to the success of the program, Mission Cataract USA has been extended! If you have been diagnosed with cataracts and you don't have health coverage, MISSION CATARACT USA is a nationwide effort to provide this out-patient surgical procedure for those who qualify! Ophthalmic Consultants of Long Island (OCLI) is participating in this effort and is offering FREE Cataract Surgery to residents of Nassau, Suffolk and Queens who are not covered by medical insurance and who are unable to pay for the surgery themselves. Call by August 31st 1-866-SEE-OCLI (1-866-733-6254) and mention "Mission Cataract" to find out if you are eligible.

## 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.

## Retrouvaille-*A Life Line for Married Couples*

Retrouvaille is a peer ministry. Couples who have had problems in their own marriages and have recovered from those problems, share their experiences with troubled couples in the hope that they too will see that their marriage can be saved.

For more information about the upcoming Retrouvaille weekend that begins on Friday, September 11 at the Montfort Retreat House in Bay Shore, please call 1.800.470.2230 and you will be connected to an experienced couple confidentially who can help.

## Dominican Village

**Please join us for an Open House on Saturday, August 29 from**

**1 PM until 3 PM.** Dominican Village is an independent retirement community that offers assisted living and respite care, outstanding programs, all-inclusive services and bountiful amenities. For more information, or to schedule a tour at your convenience, call 631.842.6091.

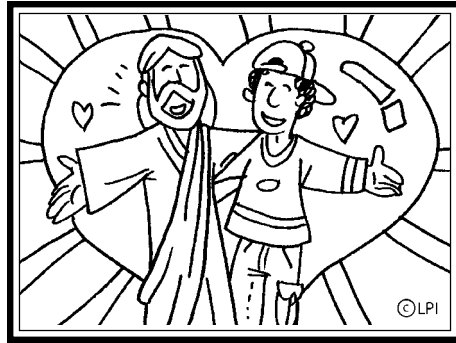
## Religion & Rock

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 "**Finding Peace.**" Don't miss it! To listen online or receive more information regarding "Religion & Rock" go to [www.religionandrock.com](http://www.religionandrock.com) or at "Religion & Rock" on ITUNES. Don't forget to tune into TELE CARE, Cablevision 29 or Verizon FIOS 271 for the Best in Catholic Television!



## Sharing the Gospel

After Jesus compared himself to manna, and said that he was sent from heaven, many of his followers turned away from him. They just could not accept what Jesus was saying. It was too hard for them to understand. We have something they did not have. We have the Holy Spirit to help us. Sometimes what we learn might be hard for us to understand, too, but we never need to walk away. We can have faith in Jesus. We can ask him to help us.



### Prayer

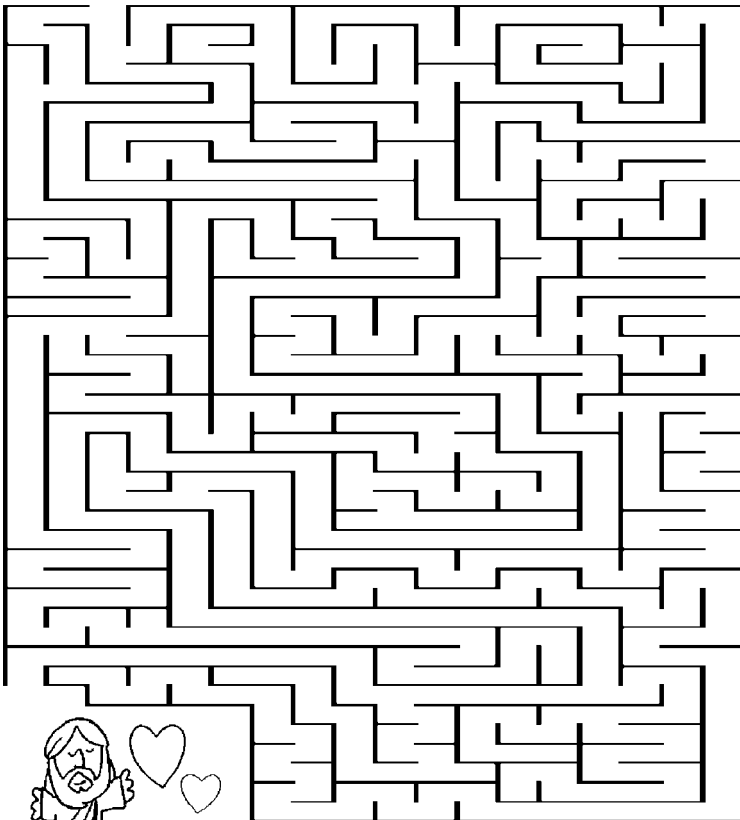


Dear God, give me the faith to trust Jesus always. Amen.

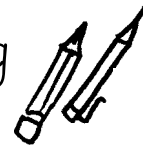


### Puzzle

Find your way through the maze to Jesus.



### Something to Draw



Draw a picture of yourself next to Jesus.

### Mission for the Week



Have you ever learned something about God that was hard to understand? Talk about it with your family, and together pray for each other. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you learn what God wants you to.