“Were not our hearts burning within us?”

Luke 24:32

Third Sunday of Easter
Our Lady of Lourdes - May 8, 2011
Our Lady of Lourdes

455 Hunter Avenue
West Islip, New York 11795

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

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.

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.

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.
Pastoral Team

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Pastor

Rev. Patsy Amabile
Associate Pastor
Rev. Robert Scheckenback
Associate Pastor
Rev. Ambrose Cabildo
In Residence

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As members of the Our Lady of Lourdes Parish family, we are faced with a challenge that only together can be overcome. The projects which are planned for the restoration and renovation of the Parish are important to each and every member of the Parish Family of Our Lady of Lourdes.

It is only by our generosity and reflection for a sacrificial commitment that we will be able to accomplish our objectives. Through the sacrifice and commitment of generosity of those who have come before us, we have been blessed with the Parish of Our Lady of Lourdes. Now, in order to build upon the gifts of our predecessors, it is our desire to accomplish the following projects:

**Church Lighting and Electric System**
- Our Church is presently inadequately lit. The lighting must be replaced so that our parish community can worship in an appropriately lit space.
- The electrical system needs to be replaced to support the new lighting system in a cost effective easily managed way.

**Narthex Entrance and Church Doors**
- We will restyle our existing entrance to reflect the welcoming spirit of our parish. This will provide an entrance which is attractive, clearly marked, and dignified.
- Our Church doors have served us well over the years and now are in need of replacement.

**Church Pews, Kneelers, and Chairs**
- After twenty-five years of dedicated service, it is time to replace our worn out and broken pews, kneelers, and chairs.

**Parish Center**
- From top to bottom, the Parish Center needs to be refurbished, including: painting, carpeting, cabinets, chairs, and tile.
- The present air conditioning/heating units are twenty-five years old and can no longer be cost effectively repaired. They need to be replaced.
- It is necessary to relocate a central drain which runs through the PC and is prone to untimely and unpleasant backups.

**Parish Grounds**
- Many of our curbs and sidewalks are crumbling and need to be replaced.
- We have many damaged lighting fixtures in the parking lot which require replacement.
- Needed repairs, which will prevent further damage must be made. Following the repairs, the parking lot will be resealed and relined.

**Rectory Office**
- Upgrading the existing Rectory entrance by providing an entrance that is clearly recognizable and accessible, better serving the needs of our parishioners.
- A new grotto dedicated to Our Lady of Lourdes would mark the entrance to our Rectory welcoming all to our parish.
Thank you to the following parishioners who have made their pledge of sacrifice to our Capital Campaign. Our campaign is off and running, however, we can only meet our goal through the participation of the entire parish. Over the course of the next few months you will be hearing more about our Capital Campaign.

This listing is updated as of the morning of Wednesday, April 27. (Should there be any discrepancies, or if you do not wish to have your name listed, please note it on your pledge card or call the Parish Office at 661.3224.)

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Religious Education
at Our Lady of Lourdes during the Easter Season...

For all in Grade 7 in our Parish Family...

Sponsor/Candidate Enrollment Sunday
Sunday, May 15
6 PM Mass
All seventh graders in our Parish Family choose a Sponsor in preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please come and join with all the seventh graders of our parish, their families and their newly chosen Sponsor, as we celebrate this commitment. They look to their Parish Family for prayers and support on their faith journey.

For all in Grade 8 in our Parish Family...

“Rescue Closing”
Sunday, May 22
6 PM Mass
All eighth graders in our Parish Family, their Sponsors and parents share in celebrating their time together. The eighth graders and their Sponsors have been getting together and doing service for others.

For all in Grades 6/7/8 in our parish family...

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Don’t forget…there’s something for everyone!
All 6th / 7th / 8th graders of our Parish Family- come play volleyball, basketball. We have Guitar Hero 2, free raffles, music and more. DON’T MISS IT!

also…

Grades 9/10/11/12
ALL ARE WELCOME! Be a part of the Team. High School leaders help with set-up, participating in activities, refreshments, clean-up, etc... and assist Adult Chaperones. For more information, call 661.5440, option 3 or email religioused@ollchurch.org.

Reminder...

Important Confirmation Meeting
For all Eighth Grade Parents in OLL Parish Family -

Wednesday, May 18 at 7:30 PM in the Parish Center
or
Thursday, May 19 at 10 AM in the Parish Center
or
Thursday, May 19 at 7:30 PM in the Parish Center

Did you know?
You can go to “eChalk” at www.ollreled.org to link and follow your “own” grade to find new and exciting activities, important parent info, and view our OLL Religious Education Calendar.
A Journey in the Footsteps of Jesus
The Holy Land through the pictures of Fr. Mike
Tuesday, May 17
7:30 PM
Parish Center
Presenter: Fr. Mike Vetrano

On April 25, thirty parishioners of OLL are making a journey to the Holy Land with Fr. Mike and Deacon John DeGuardi. They will be visiting many of the sites we hear of in the Gospels each week—the Mount of the Beatitudes, the Sea of Galilee, the Garden of Gethsemane, and many famous churches erected in the places which celebrate important events in Jesus life. Fr. Mike will be sharing this journey with us through pictures and stories of this first OLL Pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

The Work of the Holy Spirit
Tuesdays, May 3 and May 10
7:30 PM
Parish Center
Presenter: Fr. Bob Scheckenback

“Fill the Hearts of the faithful; enkindle in them the fire of your love”
There are 50 days between Easter and Pentecost; Called the Mystagogia.
What do we expect to happen? Come learn about the work of the Spirit.
What is Pentecost? Confirmation? Who is this third person of the Trinity?
Two nights to look at different aspects of the Holy Spirit, and how that Spirit works in your life.

There is a $5 fee for each session. No fee is required for those who have paid the Religious Education Family Fee or Our Lady of Lourdes School tuition. Registration is necessary and helpful. This will enable us to have enough reading material and refreshments for all those attending. To register, please call the Religious Education Office at 661.5440, option 3 or email to religioused@ollchurch.org.

Prayer Shawl Ministry
Bring your prayer and creativity together in a gift of love.
Join us ...
All you need to bring is scrap yarn, knitting needles or crochet hooks (patterns and instructions will be given to you) and your gifts of love and prayer. Please call the Religious Education Office at 661.5440, option 3, for upcoming dates.
Prayer for Divine Mercy

An invitation to all men and women to be part of God’s plan.
We invite you to meet in prayer for the world and our nation to put their trust in God. Our hope is that the nations will have a new spirit of morality.
Please come with your love and hope for humanity as well as your prayer requests. We gather together every Thursday at 1:30 PM before the Blessed Sacrament for about one half hour.
For more information, call Charles Argento at 586.8528.

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June 27 - August 5
9 AM - 5 PM
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Registration now being accepted. For further information, or to register, please contact Lisa Kennedy, director at 631.587.7200, extension 101 or email to lkennedy@ollschool.org.

OLL School Plant Sales
Mother’s Day Weekend after Mass on Sunday, May 8.
Get a blooming gift for Mom for Mother’s Day. We will have beautiful blooming hanging baskets and plants available for purchase.

OLL School Spring Annuals & Veggies Plant Sale
Preorder form at www.ollschool.org-”In The Backpack”. Orders are due Tuesday, May 17 in the school office. Pick up will be Saturday, May 21 from 1 - 4 PM. If you have any questions, contact Bronwen at bsessa@ollschool.org

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Our Lady of Lourdes
27th Annual Golf Classic
Monday, July 18, 2011
Southward Ho Country Club
Bay Shore

So you know Father Mike was a hiker, an amateur photographer, and answered a higher calling, but did you know he once had a pilot’s license? Father Mike is this year’s Golf Outing Honoree for so many reasons. Keep reading the bulletin for more fascinating facts about our Pastor.

The Golf Committee is looking for more volunteers to help with our outing. For more information, please contact Golf Committee member Rich Maher at 661.5478 or Frank Antonawich at 587.7988.

Tickets are on sale now—but seating is limited. Ladies, please do rush to the Outreach Office to purchase your tickets to this most coveted event. There will be tea for drinking, food for noshing, outstanding company and prizes galore! Of course, a Chinese Auction to complete the affair. Do attend wearing your finest Victorian attire and prepare to ‘dress’ your table. And of course, the proceeds of this event will support the good works of Outreach!
**Baptisms**

*Christopher Paul Shields*

Paul and Gabrielle

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**Rest In Peace**

*Benedict J. Bellotti* died on April 23 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was April 26. We extend our prayers to his children, and entire family.

*Frances T. Brown* died on April 26 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was April 29. We extend our prayers to her husband, Alexander, children, grandchildren, and entire family.

*Salomon Acosta, Sr.* died on March 2 and a Memorial Mass was April 30. We extend our prayers to his son, Salomon Acosta, Jr., his children, grandchildren, and entire family.

*Minerva (Minnie) Polini* died on April 27 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was May 2. We extend our prayers to her husband, Ernest, children, grandchildren, and entire family.

*Mark Petito* died on May 2 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was May 6 at Our Lady of Grace, West Babylon. We extend our prayers to his parents, Lorraine and Bob, and entire family.

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**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.
Remembering...

Monday, May 9
8:00 AM  John Sweeney

Tuesday, May 10
Saint Philip and Saint James, apostles
8:00 AM  Joseph Shields

Wednesday, May 11
8:00 AM  Brian Cerdella

Thursday, May 12
8:00 AM  Christopher Clyde

Friday, May 13
8:00 AM  Joseph Shields

Saturday, May 14
8:00 AM  Albert Tellez, Rosemarie Digangi, Albert Romanelli,
Maria Mendoza Ilagan, Angelo Perrotti, Edward Boucher,
Leonardo Reyes Vicencio, Christopher Chiordano,
Anthony Pandolfo, Joseph Lutz
5:00 PM  Joseph & Patricia Santangelo
  Fr. Ambrose Cabildo

Sunday, May 15
8:00 AM  Edward Wernikowski
  Fr. Pat Amabile
9:30 AM  Harry Hogan, Jr.
  Fr. Mike Vetrano
11:00 AM  Richard Heithaus
  Fr. Ambrose Cabildo
12:30 PM  Stephanie Garcia
  Fr. Bob Scheckenback
6:00 PM  People of the Parish, Thomas Emma, Gertrude Parine, Ida Breyer,
  Sr. Rose Michael Hillery, Rose Grillo, George Oommen,
  Patricia Puchalski, James Fortunato, Elizabeth Sullivan,
  Catherine Lipari, John P. Audia
  Fr. Bob Scheckenback

Upcoming Marriages
Amanda Punzi, OLL and
Timothy Kearney, St. Peter, Islip
3rd Sunday of Easter

Journey tales are a popular form of literature. Some involve a quest, like the various renditions of the tales of King Arthur or the modern classic by J. R. R. Tolkien, The Hobbit. Others reflect a wandering experience, as chronicled in Jack Kerouac's novel, On the Road, or John Steinbeck's diary, Travels with Charley. All of these stories have as a common thread the gradual unfolding of discovery as the journey progresses. New insights are gained and in many tales it is revealed that not everyone is as he or she first seems.

That is certainly the case in this Sunday's Gospel, which portrays the journey to Emmaus, a small village about seven miles northwest of Jerusalem. Jesus comes upon two disciples who are dismayed about the Crucifixion. He talks with them on the way and opens their minds to an understanding of the Scriptures. When they sit down together for the evening meal, they recognize him in the breaking of the bread.

Whether the story is historically accurate or not is of little consequence. It is the meaning that is most important. The real presence of the risen Lord is revealed in the breaking of the bread. When Christians gather, whether around a table in Emmaus or an altar halfway around the world from that little town, the risen Lord is truly there. In the Eucharist we celebrate each Sunday Christ is really present. Preachers are fond of asking the question, "What would you do if you met Jesus today?" as though Jesus were only present two thousand years ago. But the fact is that in the Eucharist we really do encounter Christ. We meet him each time we celebrate Mass and receive Communion. So the preacher's question is far from idle speculation. As the Emmaus story points out clearly, we do meet Christ. But for all of us the question still remains: "What would you do?"

Do you have an answer?

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Spring Cleaning?
The holidays are long gone….and spring cleaning has begun. Wondering what to do with that pin cushion you received for Christmas? Thinking of ‘re-gifting’ that candle or tie? Outreach is accepting new ‘re-gifting’ items to be used in baskets for the Chinese Auction during the Victorian Tea. Please drop your items off in the Outreach office before May 15! Thanks.

Donations to Outreach: April

- Outreach has received donations in loving memory of Pat Wallace from: Doris and Alfred Gonzalez, The Mount Holly Volunteer Rescue Squad, David and Diane Wehner, Farm and Wilderness Foundation, Fran and Bill Angeloro, Terri and Mark Donahue, Paula and Jim Weydig, Lynn and Rob Welsh, Winnie Andrae, Patricia McCann, Robert and Joan Wallace, Eileen Molloy, Maureen and Frank Balestra, Alosia Foote, Marie Ricigliano, Muriel Wickes, Elizabeth and William Wallace, Catherine and Sal Bracco, John and Barbara Markle, Marilyn Rieger, Josie Melton. John and Linda Berryhill, Deacon John and Ann DeGuardi, David and Connie McGee, Kirk and Ann Reichart, Jeanne and Bruce Moore, Michael and Sherri Waugh, Kathleen Kruger.

- The Metropolitan Transportation Authority has made a donation to Outreach in memory of Salomon Acosta, Sr.

- Anita Ferruggiari has made an Easter Donation to Outreach.

- The SAGE Group has made a donation to Outreach in memory of Jerry Fabozzi, Diane Garretson’s father.

- Robert and Evelyn Flynn have made a donation in loving memory of their uncle, Anthony John Drexler.

- Peggy Cook has made an Easter donation in loving memory of her husband, Arthur.

- Celia and Thomas Kopelakis have made a donation to Outreach in loving memory of their aunt, Rosie Grillo.

- Richard and Doris Shaddock have made a Mothers Day Donation to Outreach in honor of their mothers, Rose Monroe and Elinor Shaddock.

- JoAnn and Ed Giuffré have made a donation to Outreach in memory of Louis Filardi and Mildred Solferino.

Outreach Food Drive

Outreach needs volunteers to help with a food drive on Sunday, May 15. The Babylon Rotary Club is sponsoring a food drive at the Stop & Shop on Montauk Highway in West Babylon. We need volunteers to sign up for two hour shifts. We also need help at 3:00 pm unloading the food back here in Outreach. If you and your family (great opportunity for the kids to get involved) can help- PLEASE PHONE OUTREACH TO SIGN UP! 661.9262, option 4. Thanks!
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:

Stephen Cochrane- US Marines
Bryan R. Dempsey- US Marines
Christopher Florca- US Marines
Cari Kelly- US Air Force
Anthony Mannino- US Marines
JD Montefusco- US Marines
Joshua Tyrrell- US Army

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

Financial Summary

May 1, 2011
Weekly Collection $ 16,562.00
Weekly Budget -$ 19,000.00
+/- for the week $ (2,438.00)

The estimated weekly collection needed to maintain and operate our parish buildings, ministries, programs and salaries is $19,000.
**Altar Society**
Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Pat Wissing.*
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**
Several years ago, William Young wrote a novel which was both much-read and much-debated. Entitled "The Shack", it told the story of a man whose young daughter had been kidnapped and brutally murdered. The man, struggling with a bitter anger, is invited by mysterious note to come alone to the shack within which his daughter had been murdered. Expecting to find the murderer there, he prepares himself for brutal struggle. But he meets God in the shack instead.

What follows is wonderfully warm and theologically fertile portrayal of the trinity. But the wonderfully open, warm, embracing, nurturing, all-forgiving God that William Young's character meets does have one, hard, non-negotiable condition for getting to heaven: He has to forgive, not just his daughter's murderer, but everyone, absolutely everyone, if he is to ultimately join the community of the blessed. He can go to heaven, but not if he continues to carry his anger.

Whatever ecclesial deficiencies Young's critics have accused him of, he is dead right and powerfully challenging on this central point, letting go of anger and bitterness is a non-negotiable condition for going to heaven. Indeed, I'm convinced that there comes a point in our lives where we need only three words in our spiritual vocabulary: Forgive, forgive, forgive. Morris West, in a short autobiographical essay that he wrote to celebrate his 75th birthday, phrases this more positively. He states that, upon arriving on your 75th birthday, you should only have one phrase left in your vocabulary: Thank you!

Gratitude is the opposite of anger and we have too little gratitude in our lives. We are generally more angry than grateful. Moreover, to the extent that we even admit that we are angry, we tend to rationalize this by either dogma or cause: "I'm angry, but with cause! Mine is a righteous anger, like Jesus' when he upset the tables of the money-changers in the temple!" "Sure I'm angry, but why shouldn't I be, given how the conservatives have killed the openness of the past generation, re-entrenched a new intolerance into both the church and this country, and have no conscience for the poor!" "Sure I'm angry, but why shouldn't I be, given what the liberals are doing to this church and this country! Just look at abortion and gay marriage!"

We should be cautious in flattering ourselves in this way: Unlike Jesus crying over Jerusalem, our tears are generally not warm tears of love and sadness over division and misunderstanding. Our tears, when there are tears at all, are generally cold tears of bitterness and anger at the sense of having been wronged or of having to live in our churches and our society with people whom we consider ill-willed, lazy, small-minded, or just plain ignorant. We are more like the older brother of the prodigal son, doing mostly the right things, outwardly faithful in our religious and moral duties, but shackled with bitterness and a deep-down anger that makes it hard, or even impossible, for us to enter the dance, to let go, to forgive.

Too few of us admit that we carry a lot of anger inside of us, that there are places in us that are bitter and resentful, and that there are still certain persons, incidents, and events in our lives that we haven't forgiven.

As well, to camouflage our anger we like to make a public display of our generosity and goodness. We tend to make a show to family and friends of how nice we are by praising someone lavishly and then, almost in the same sentence, call someone else a name, slander someone, or speak viciously or sarcastically about someone. This propensity to divide others into either "angels" or "demons" is a sure indication of anger inside of us. We make a display of praising certain people (a display meant more to publicly exhibit how nice we are than to highlight someone else's virtues) and then bitterly complain about how awful some other people are and how we are forever surrounded with idiots. Both the praise and the complaint testify to the same thing, we are living with anger.

Honesty and humility should eventually bring us to admit this. We all carry some angers and we should not deceive ourselves on this. We need courage and honesty to face up to this.

Perhaps we could take a lesson from groups like Alcoholics Anonymous and introduce ourselves to each other, or at least to our confessors, in this way:

"My name is Ron, and I'm an angry person. I rationalize this by telling myself and others that my anger is justified, that I'm like Jesus, kicking over the tables of the money-changers to cleanse God's house. But I have come to realize that this is self-deception, simply a way rationalizing my own hurt. As I get older, I realize that I'm like the older brother of the prodigal son; I am standing outside the circle of warmth and community. But, the good news is that I'm in recovery."

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Dear Parish Family:

   Happy Easter! Spending Easter Sunday back at the parish started the Easter season off in the best way possible for me. I am reminded again and again how fortunate I am to be a part of this parish family!

   As I wrote a few weeks ago, I will be ordained to the Diaconate on Saturday, May 21 at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, Huntington. It’s hard to believe it is less than a month away. Unfortunately, because of the size of the Chapel at the Seminary, I cannot invite everyone. (If it all works out, with God’s help, there’ll be another Ordination that everyone must come to…more to come on that at a later time.) Yet, I want to celebrate Ordination to the Diaconate with all of you – for so many of you are the reason I have come to this point in my life.

   In working with Father Mike and the Pastoral Team, we have come up with a great way to celebrate this occasion. On Sunday, May 22 at the 11 AM Mass, we will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving here at Our Lady of Lourdes. It will be my first Mass as a Deacon and I hope you can be there. (I’ve heard that there might be some snacks and refreshments after the Mass, too!).

   Many have asked, what will you do next? As I write this, Bishop Murphy and my advisors at the Seminary, are working out all the details of what comes next. There are many great things in the works and I’ll let you know more on May 22 when we gather for the Mass.

   For now, let’s continue to pray for and with one another that the Easter days ahead will bring us a spirit of new life in all that we are, do and seek to become.

   Happy Easter – and thank you! See you on May 22!

   Peace –
   John Sureau

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**Daytime Eucharistic Devotion**

The afternoon adoration for the month of July will be on Wednesday, May 11 from 1-3 PM. All are invited and welcome!

**Men’s Prayer Group-AM**

*An Invitation to all men from OLL and beyond…*

We invite all men of the parish to meet for prayer and reflection after 8 AM Mass on Thursday, May 12, in the Parish Center. 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. Call Jack Fitzgerald at 587.5548 for more information.
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.

Diocesan Holy Name Societies Family Pilgrimage
Diocesan Holy Name Societies Family Pilgrimage to Our Lady of the Island Shrine, Sunday, May 15 at 11:30 AM. Open air Mass, followed by “BYB Family Picnic” on the Shrine grounds. Later that afternoon there will be Shrine devotional activities. All Diocesan families welcome. For further information please call Sal Pezzolanti at 631.273.3858.

Centering Prayer Group
OLL Centering Prayer Group will be meeting in the Spiritual Life Center on Thursday, May 19 at 7:30 PM. If you have any questions, please contact Diane at 587.0966.

Our Lady of Fatima Day
Friday, May 13 at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Island, Eastport. Stations of the Cross begin at 10 AM. Guest speaker, Steven McDonald-My Journey of Faith and Forgiveness. Closing with Benediction at 3 PM. For directions and further information, please call 631.325.0661.

Dominican Village
Please join us for an Open House on Thursday, May 19 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 or info@dominicanvillage.org.

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 “Parents.” 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 Channel 29/137 or Verizon FIOS 296 for the Best in Catholic Television!
Sharing the Gospel

Even though he had risen from the dead, two of Jesus’ friends had not seen him yet. These men were still sad and confused. Imagine their surprise when Jesus walked with them, explained the Scriptures about the Savior, and then broke “bread for a meal. They saw him alive!

Mission for the Week

Pack a bag with some snacks and your Bible, and take a long walk with your family. When you stop to eat your snacks, read your favorite story about Jesus.

Prayer

Jesus, when I am sad or confused, help me to remember that you are alive and with me always.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of Jesus walking with you on a long road.

Puzzle

Unscramble words from today’s Gospel:

Emuams
Pohprets
vliagel
etaklign
Crihts
berda
Clapoes
Mesos
Sonim

E m m a u s