

**"There is a boy here who has five
barley loaves**



**and two
fish."**

John 6:9

**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Our Lady of Lourdes · July 29, 2012**



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.

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

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 ad-
vance, please call the Parish Office.

**Rite of Christian Initiation of
Adults(RCIA)** A process to be em-
braced by the Catholic Church. For
non-Catholics and for Catholics who
have never received formal religious
education. If interested, please call
the Parish Office.

Mission Statement

As stewards of all that God has given us, the Parish Family of Our Lady of Lourdes serves and ministers to all who come to this place. Regardless of a person's history, ethnicity, gender, orientation, age or race, we commit ourselves to open wide the doors of our Parish to provide a place of welcome and hospitality.

Vision...

so that all may know that they are a vital part of the Body of Christ, we further recommit and challenge ourselves to...

Live out our Baptismal call passionately by caring for all of God's people with justice.

Grow in an understanding of God's role in each of our lives.

Respond to the Gospel in a radical way, inviting and inspiring all to form the Kingdom of God in every moment of life.

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

Pastoral Team

Msgr. Brian McNamara
Pastor

Rev. Patsy Amabile

Associate Pastor

Rev. Robert Scheckenback

Associate Pastor

Deacon John DeGuardi

Deacon Tom Lucie

Deacon Jack Meehan

Coordinator of Stewardship

Deacon John Teufel

Sr. Margaret Bickar

Senior Ministry-SAGE

Sr. Nancy Campkin

Director of Religious Education

Trish Frodell

Director of Parish Social Ministry

Louise Jane Krol

School Principal

Sr. Diane Liona

Director of Religious Education

Mary McMahon

Business Manager

Robin Reynolds-Brennan

Coordinator of Worship

OLL Choir Director

Vita Scorcio

Ministry Spiritual Director

Sr. Betty Toohig

Senior Ministry-SAGE

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Deacon Jack Meehan

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Bob Natale

Eileen Rega

Vita Scorcio

Parish Staff

AnnMarie Buonaspina

Director of Youth Choirs

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Parish Organist

Jennifer Gallagher

Women's Chorale Director

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Parish Office

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Rosemary Multer

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Rita Spera

Religious Education Office

Lori Walsh

Parish Office



Parish Office

661.3224, option 1

Monday-Thursday

9 AM - 7:30 PM

Friday: 9 AM - 5 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, option 2

Monday-Friday

9 AM - 3 PM

email: lkrol@ollschool.org

Religious Education Office

661.5440, option 3

Monday-Friday

9 AM - Noon

1 PM - 5 PM

7 PM - 9 PM

email: ReligiousEd@ollchurch.org

Parish Outreach Office

661.9262, option 4

Monday- Friday

9:30 AM - 3:30 PM



Welcome

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all newly registered members of our parish family...

David and Jordana Krupnick & family

George and Joan Haarstick & family

Darlene Parmentier

Giuseppe and Stacy Giaquinto & family

...we are truly blessed by your presence among us!



Upcoming Marriages

Kerri Finn, OLL and

Matthew Kaszubski, St. Francis, Greenlawn

El Salvador Mission

"Sponsorship Weekend"

The participants of Our Lady of Lourdes Mission Trip would like to extend an invitation to all parishioners. **The weekend of August 18/19 will be "Sponsorship Weekend"**. After all the Masses, members the Mission Trip group will be in the APR providing all parishioners with the opportunity to sponsor a child or elderly person in El Salvador. This has been a wonderful experience which we would like to share with our parish family. Please join us in helping the poor of El Salvador, and make a difference in someone's life.

Along with that, we will be again selling our Casa Project piggy banks to collect loose change. This "change" has become the major funding for building homes in El Salvador. As always we thank you for your continued support and generosity to our El Salvador Mission .



Dear Parishioners:

Greetings from the rectory! I hope and trust that all goes well by you and that you are enjoying the summer-or at least weathering the heat and humidity.

As you know, Fr. Mike began a Capital Campaign to renovate/refurbish various areas and buildings in the Parish. One of the aspects of the campaign focused on the Church itself. We will receive brand new pews; the current pews are in poor shape and refurbishing the current pews was almost as expensive as purchasing new ones. Hence, the decision was made to purchase new pews. In addition, there will be a somewhat different configuration of the pews as well. There will also be new carpeting in the Church and sanctuary area.

Due to this work, the **Church will be closed from Monday, July 30 until Friday, August 10.** During that time, daily Mass will be held in the newly renovated Parish Center. On the weekend of August 4/5, Mass will be celebrated in the All-Purpose Room. Funerals will be celebrated in the local parishes by our priests, musicians, etc. While I realize that this work is an inconvenience, it simply was not possible to have the church open and the work accomplished at the same time.

This past week, we also began our Vacation Bible Camp; over 200 children participated in the camp. I would like to thank all our young volunteers for helping to make the camp successful.

Remember what Mother Theresa often said: "Together we can do something for God".

In Christ,

Msgr. Brian





Nocturnal Adoration

Nocturnal Adoration will follow the 5 PM Mass on **Saturday, August 4**, concluding with Benediction at 9:50 PM. Please come and pray with us. All are invited and welcome. Bring a friend!

Daytime Eucharistic Devotion

The afternoon adoration for the month of August will be on **Wednesday, August 8 from 1-3 PM**. All are invited and welcome!



Senior Circle

The Senior Circle meets on the last Monday of each month. The next meeting will be held on **Monday, July 30 at 12:30 PM in the Spiritual Life Center**.

Senior Circle Event

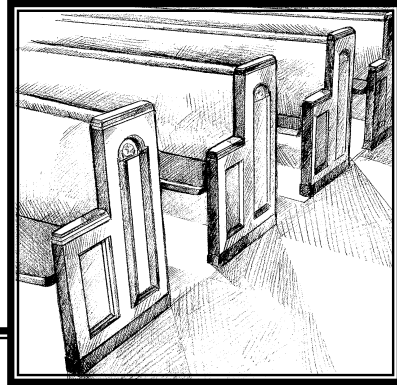
9 to 5 The Musical

Creative Ministries in Oakdale

Sunday, August 12 at 2PM

Tickets are \$18 each

Call Wilma at 631.669.4728



Capital Campaign

It's here-the installation of the new pews and carpet!

The installation of the new pews and carpet in the church and sanctuary area will begin this week.

In order to accomplish this project in a timely fashion, the Church will be **closed from Monday, July 30 until Friday, August 10.**

Mass will be celebrated weekdays in the Parish Center and in the All-Purpose Room for Sunday Mass the weekend of August 4/5.

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.

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: Wednesday at 10 AM in Lourdes Hall (convent lower level.) *Free babysitting available*

Day-by-Day/Girls Night Out: Thursday at 7:30 PM in Lourdes Hall (convent lower level.)

Men's Prayer Group-morning

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

We invite all men of the parish to meet for prayer and reflection after the 8 AM Mass on **Thursday, August 16, 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.

SAGE

The SAGE Group (*Senior Advocates for Growth and Enrichment*) will meet on **Tuesday, July 17 in the Parish Center at 9 AM.**

Men's Prayer Group-evening

An evening Men's Prayer Group! It will be held once a month, on the third Tuesday of each month, from **7:30 PM until 8:30 PM in the Spiritual Life Center.** The next meeting will be on **Tuesday night, August 21** . Come with your ideas. We'll read and discuss the Liturgy for the following Sunday Mass.

For more information, call Bob Natale at 893.3041, Charles Zeiss at 669.7189, or Cliff Proctor at 669.3198.

A Night Under the Stars

West Islip Symphony Orchestra hosts its annual free summer concert "A Night Under the Stars" featuring the music of yesterday, today and tomorrow , co-sponsored by the Town of Islip on Wednesday, August 1 at 8 PM on the grounds of the West Islip Library. (rain location: West Islip High School). For information, please call 631.751.8154 or visit

www.wisymphony.org. Bring your blankets and chairs.



- Canned pasta
- Macaroni and cheese
- Pasta sauce
- Rice
- Instant potatoes

Donations to Outreach

Parish Outreach receives many donations..

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

Family Liturgy and Children's Liturgy of the Word

During the month of August (Sundays-August 5th, 12th, 19th, and 26th), there will be no dismissal of the children for the Children's Liturgy of the Word. We encourage families to continue to attend the 9:30 AM Liturgy, as the Liturgy, music, and usual family spirit will remain the same.

The Family Liturgy Committee thanks you for this indulgence as they take the time to renew themselves. We will start up the dismissal again on September 2nd and be back in full swing for our "Welcome Back to School Sunday" celebration on September 9th (with a blessing of backpacks and school supplies)



The Beginning Experience

Divorced/Widowed/Separated

The Beginning Experience weekend, **August 17-19, at the Montfort Spiritual Center in Bay Shore.**

The program helps grieving single-again persons emerge from the darkness of grief in to the light of a new beginning and move in to the future with renewed hope.

For information and reservations, call John at 516.822.0635 or Karen at 201.736.8200.

Baptism

Riley Shay Kenefick
Dennis & Adrianna
Gabriella Frances Brunjes
Richard & Sabrina
Ethan Bryce Beltran
David & Jessica
Anthony Michael Bonavoglia, Jr.
Anthony & Elena
Daniel Antonio Castillo
René & Lorraine
Reagan Sue Sullivan
Jeffrey & Melissa
Adrian Lacson Jordeleza
Florence & Elizabeth



Rest In Peace

Rosemary Cipolla died on July 3 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was July 12. We extend our prayerful sympathy to her and entire family.

Antonia K. Prato died on July 7 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was July 12. We extend our prayerful sympathy to her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and entire family.

Robert T. Ryan died on July 9 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was July 12. We extend our prayerful sympathy to his wife, Florence, children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and entire family.

Dolores A. Krebs died on July 9 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was July 13. We extend our prayerful sympathy to his children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and entire family.

Madeline M. Bacino died on July 15 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was July 19. We extend our prayerful sympathy to her husband, Salvatore, children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and entire family.

Maura V. Camilleri died on July 19 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was July 23. We extend our prayerful sympathy to her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and entire family.

Marion Coletto died on July 21 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was July 23. We extend our prayerful sympathy to her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and entire family.

Remembering...

Monday, July 30

Saint Peter Chrysologus, bishop and doctor of the Church

8:00 AM Jens G. Olsen

Tuesday, July 31

Saint Ignatius of Loyola, priest

8:00 AM Lillian LaRocca

Wednesday, August 1

Saint Alphonsus Liguori, bishop and doctor

8:00 AM Robert Hodgson

Thursday, August 2

8:00 AM Edward Lanigan, M.D.

Friday, August 3

8:00 AM Kathleen Ferrara

Saturday, August 4

8:00 AM Mary Accardo, John D. Kokoris, Valerie Benkov (*living*),
Ralph J. Fletcher, Sr. (*living*), Mrs. Kerry Drbul

5:00 PM Rose Napoli

Sunday, August 5

8:00 AM Bart Varca

9:30 AM Richard Kraeger

11:00 AM Patrick McCarthy

12:30 PM Dorothy & Joseph Boening and
Patrick & Donald Manning

6:00 PM People of the Parish, Fanny Zanghi, Giuseppe Modica,
Ryan Bailey, Eugene Bonacci, Frank Augello, Walter Fackner,
Margaret Prieto, Joseph Martucci, Bill Mace, Millie Sabarese





17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

When I was growing up, fishing vacations were the norm. These were always "guy" trips in which my father took my brother and me along with my grandpa and great uncle to a cabin in northern Wisconsin. There were two places we would frequent, usually alternating from year to year. Both had good rivers with flowages that were created by dams originally constructed by the Civilian Conservation Corps during the years of the Great Depression. On those trips, my grandfather would tell stories about how difficult the Depression days were. He would always include anecdotes about people who had to fish every day in lakes, ponds, and rivers just to be able to eat. Grandpa would always end those stories with a line like, "You had better fish today as though that is all you're going to have to eat." It was his effort to spur us on to bring in a good catch.

If only the fishing of my youth had been as easy as the miracle in this weekend's Gospel. Here was enough fish to feed five thousand, all because a boy had two of them in a basket along with five barley loaves. Sitting in a boat with my line in the water, and the bobber floating and hook dangling, I could only imagine what it would be like to have so many fish.

Wishing for miracles does not make them happen. We will be reading from John's Gospel until the end of August and, as we will hear in the weeks to come, the work of Jesus is much more than giving people enough bread and fish to eat. Even in these difficult economic times, we may not have to fish as if that is all we will have to eat today. But we must accomplish the work of God, which, as we will find out next week, involves bringing others to faith. Maybe we do have to go fishing, but not for fish!

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Readings for the Week of July 29, 2012

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| Sunday: | 2 Kgs 4:42-44/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15 |
| Monday: | Jer 13:1-11/Mt 13:31-35 |
| Tuesday: | Jer 14:17-22/Mt 13:36-43 |
| Wednesday: | Jer 15:10, 16-21/Mt 13:44-46 |
| Thursday: | Jer 18:1-6/Mt 13:47-53 |
| Friday: | Jer 26:1-9/Mt 13:54-58 |
| Saturday: | Jer 26:11-16, 24/Mt 14:1-12 |
| Next Sunday: | Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35 |

Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Nancy Trujillo*.
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 ...

Baby Patrick Anthony, Joseph Badala, Jr., Catherine Battiata, Henry Bauer, Eric Becker, Gina Blydenburg, Clare Buetow, George Camilleri, Robert Capasso, Matthew Carolan, Nicole Cerny, Marion Coletto, Paula Dannhauser, Beverly DeCanio, Jeanne DellaRagione, John Desmond, Jake Feldman, Thomas Fico, Joann Fiorello, Gaetano Fiorini, Rudy Fusco, Kenneth Garretson, Vivian Gordon, Margaret Hanly, Marie Impellizeri, Joan Isopo, Debbie Lamb, Nora Lee, Theresa Lodespoto, Christopher Maher, Marge Marotta, Tony Marotta, Danielle Mazzarone, Denise Michelback, Rosalie Montanino, Philomena Owens, Phyllis Pascuita, Ethel Pellegrino, Joanne Popper, Hilda Poulos, Joe Radosti, Baby Paige Rajotte, Louis Sanchez, Joseph Schiavone, Ann Marie Schiraldi, Isabella Shaw, Derek Stahl, Lyndsey Stahl, John Stephen, Nancy Turano

Of Nietzsche, Feuerbach, and Dark Nights of the Soul

by Ron Rolheiser, OMI

Few people have ever written as penetrating a critique of faith and religion as have Friedrich Nietzsche and Ludwig Feuerbach. "God is dead," Nietzsche declared, "and we are his murderers!" And we murder God, he contends, in subtle ways to which we are entirely blind.

In a vast over-simplification, their critique might read as follows: Faith and religion are, in the end, human projections. We believe in God because we need to, pure and simple. We create God to serve our own needs. We need to believe in God because without a belief in God we cannot deal with the pain, brokenness, inadequacy, and limits within our own lives. We lack the vision and the courage to live without a god; thus the opium of faith and religion. God and religion are drugs we create for ourselves to get us through the pain of life and give us hope for something beyond.

But this accusation is not their major challenge. More challenging is their assertion that we create God because we need to rationalize our choices by putting them under a divine cloak. God isn't just the great opium we ingest to numb our pains and disappointments, God is especially the great rationalization, the great justification, the great sacred permission we need in order to serve ourselves and still be under the illusion that we are serving a higher, sacred cause.

It doesn't take much looking around to see why they say this. Everywhere, it seems, we are manipulating faith and religion for our own benefit. Someone once quipped that God made us in his own image and likeness and we have never stopped returning the favor. Faith and religion rarely work purely. Invariably some human element is very evident within them.

One only has to look at the role religion has played in history to see overwhelming evidence for this. Today, for example, we see every form of violence being justified in God's name, most evident of course in extremist Islam, but hardly limited to that. And we see the same thing everywhere within our private histories. All of us tend to somehow manage to have God on our own terms, in ways mostly advantageous to us, and in ways that let us rationalize our decisions and have God and religion give their stamp of approval.

So what's to be said about all of this? John of the Cross, I suspect, would say that Nietzsche and Feuerbach are 98% correct. Most of the time, we are manipulating God and religion to suit our own needs. But ... and this makes all the difference ... Nietzsche and Feuerbach are 2% wrong and, in that 2%, God

can find the space to flow purely into our lives and religion can find the space to mediate God's presence and truth in purity.

Admittedly, human nature being what it is, we are forever unconsciously trying to fit God to our own needs. We don't easily or naturally let God put a rope around us and take us where we would rather not go. We want God, religion, and truth, but on our own terms. Church-wise, we have the same proclivity. Churches too find it hard to let God put a rope around them and take them to places where they would rather not go. However at a certain time God puts an end to that by plunging us, individually and sometimes as whole church communities, into what the mystics call a "dark night of a soul". What is this?

What happens in a "dark night of the soul" is that both our imaginations and our hearts are emptied and dried of all meaningful thoughts and feelings about God. We are driven to our knees in helplessness and find ourselves in a state where all our efforts to capture God in our imaginations and in our feelings are futile. Try as we might, all of our former thoughts, feelings, and securities about God, even our feelings about God's very existence, are now empty and dry and no longer able to serve us. We are left, at the level of thought and affectivity, feeling like an atheist or an agnostic.

But, as Jurgens Moltmann puts it, our faith begins at the exact point where atheists think it must end, in the taste of nothingness, in emptiness, in darkness, and in the complete powerlessness to imagine God's existence or affectively sense God's presence. In that emptiness and powerlessness, God can finally begin to flow into our lives purely, untainted, unaffected by our own needs, expectations, and imaginative constructs. Our very emptiness, dryness, and imaginative and affective impotence are what render us incapable of manipulating God. We are too weak to taint the inflow of God into our lives. Real faith and real religion begin there.

When we are completely down-and-out in terms of our own faith and religious securities, God can finally begin to mold us in his image and likeness and flow into our lives pure and untainted.

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Financial Summary

July 15, 2012

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| Weekly Collection | \$ 17,258.00 |
| Weekly Budget | -\$ 19,000.00 |
| +/- for the week | \$ (1,742.00) |

July 22, 2012

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| Weekly Collection | \$ 12,697.00 |
| Weekly Budget | -\$ 19,000.00 |
| +/- for the week | \$ (6,303.00) |

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:



Kimberly Braun - *US Army*
Michael J. Clifford - *US Army*
Bryan R. Dempsey - *US Marines*
Michael Fantauzzi - *US Air Force*
Christopher Florca - *US Marines*
Kyle Fouhy - *US Marines*
Anthony Mannino - *US Marines*

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

Safely Home

Our whole parish family rejoices with the Harvey Family in gratitude for the safe return of Mark from active duty. **Mark Harvey** - *US Coast Guard*, has returned to the United States safe and sound from his tour of duty in Iraq. Thank you, *Mark*, for your most generous service to our country! The Harvey Family would like to thank Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Family for all of their prayers.

Life Center of Long Island

Desperate Need of Boys Summer Clothing!

All sizes but especially 0-3mos, 3-6mos, 6-9mos.

Our bins are empty and the clients are coming in greater numbers.

Please help us with whatever you can. Thanks and God bless you

Drop off at: 1767 Deer Park Ave, Deer Park, NY 11729, 631-243-2373

Family Film Festival

All are welcome to join us in the O'Connell Room at the Church of St. Joseph, Babylon for the film "Soul Surfer." The inspiring true story of teen surfer Bethany Hamilton, who lost her arm in a shark attack and courageously overcame all odds to become a champion again. Showing on August 15 at 2 PM and August 18 at 7 PM. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

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.

Caring for Loved Ones with Memory Impairments

Saturday, July 28, 9:30 am - 5:00 pm at Tabor Retreat Center in Oceanside.

Caring for seniors with memory issues and dementia presents unique rewards and unique challenges. Gather with other caregivers and discuss positive solutions for challenging behaviors. Presenter: Sr. M. Peter Lillian DiMaria, O. Carm., Director of the Avila Institute of Gerontology. Cost: \$50.00. Please call 516.536.3004 for further details.

Summer Gospel Skate Night

Friday, August 3 at 9:30 PM at United Skates of America, Inc., 1276 Hicksville Rd, Seaford. End of Summer celebration featuring DJ Tony Tone -NYC's Blessed kept secret! \$12 includes admission, skate rental, unlimited pizza and soda. Non-skating adults \$7 includes unlimited pizza and soda. For further information, call 516.795.5474.

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 "**Special Days.**"

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 TELE CARE, Cablevision Channel 29/137 or Verizon FIOS 296 for the Best in Catholic Television!

Sharing the Gospel

Jesus seemed to be surrounded by crowds a lot, didn't he? That's because no matter where he went, he helped people, he healed them, and he taught them about God. In today's Gospel reading, one crowd was following Jesus all day, and now they were getting hungry for dinner. Instead of sending them back home, Jesus showed everybody's God's amazing power. Jesus took a boy's lunch and made more than enough food for everybody to eat.



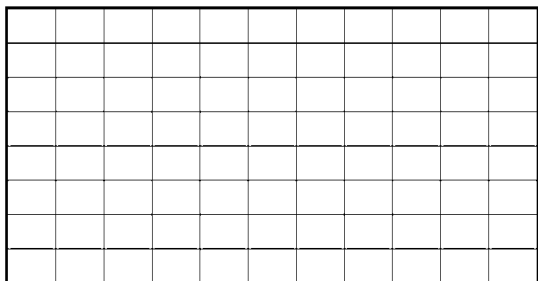
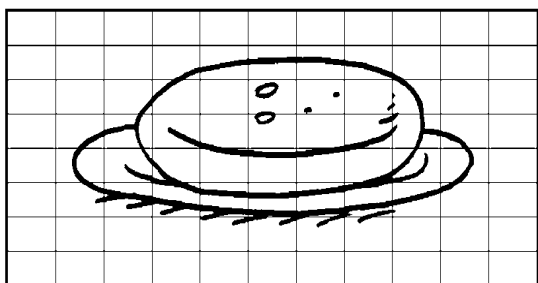
Mission for the Week

The boy in today's Gospel shared his lunch. You can share food, too. Bring boxed and canned food to a food pantry in your neighborhood, and ask God to bless the people who eat it.



Puzzle

Try to draw the same bread by following the grid.



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Prayer

Dear God,

help me always to remember that you have the power to give us more than we need.

Amen.



Something to Draw

Draw a picture of two fish and five loaves of bread.