

“Live in peace with one another



*and the God of peace
will be with you.”*

2 Corinthians 13:11

*Our Lady of Lourdes
Holy Trinity • May 22, 2005*

Our Lady of Lourdes

455 Hunter Avenue
West Islip, New York 11795

Pastoral Team

Rev. Michael A. Vetrano
Pastor

Rev. Stanislaus Chukwube
Associate Pastor



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

Rev. Ambrose Cabildo

In Residence

Rev. James C. Vlaun

In Residence

Deacon Stephen M. Behar

Deacon John DeGuardi

Deacon Jules O. A. Gagnon

Parish Outreach

Deacon Jack Meehan

Coordinator of Stewardship

Deacon John Teufel

Sr. Margaret Bickar

Senior Ministry-SAGE

Sr. Nancy Campkin

Director of Religious Education

Regina Ann Cioffi

School Principal

Jennifer Gallagher

Director of Youth Services

Carol M. Goetz

Parish Music Director

Sr. Diane Liona

Director of Religious Education

Vita Scorcia

Ministry Spiritual Director

John Sureau

Coordinator of Worship

Sr. Betty Toohig

Senior Ministry-SAGE

Anthony Trombino

Business Manager

Pastoral Council

Michael Abbruscato

Salomon Acosta

Regina Ann Cioffi

Jane Desthers

Al Fioravanti

Stephen Frodell

Kathleen Goldin

Kathleen Holland (*chair*)

Maria Lucie

Ward Moeller

Mary Steck

John Sureau

Fr. Mike Vetrano

Marie Yuliano

Parish Staff

Barbara Catuosco

Religious Education Office

Mary Anne Lettieri

Parish Office

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Rosemary Multer

School Office

Rex Muro

Organist

Rita Spera

Religious Education Office



Parish Appreciation Party

This year the big event will be on **Sunday, May 29!**
We will begin at the **12:30 PM Mass – Mass of Thanksgiving.**

We would like to extend a special invitation to all service women and men
(military, police, firefighters, EMTs and more)
to come to Mass in uniform for a special blessing.

The Fourth Annual Parish Appreciation Party will be at **1:30 PM**
on the **Great Lawn** “under the big tent.” All are invited!
There will be games, live DJ, and more.

Celebrating Memorial Day

We invite all to a special **Bagel Bash** “under the big tent” !

Come join us on Monday morning, **May 30 after the 8 AM Mass.**

All veterans and their families are invited to attend– and will receive a special blessing at Mass.
(In case of rain we will gather in the Parish Center.)

Pastoral Council Accepting Nominees

Our Pastoral Council is currently accepting nominations for new members to fill several open seats. A person who wishes to serve on the pastoral council must be a parishioner who desires to offer their time and insight to help the pastor and pastoral team form the vision and future of the parish. Pastoral Council members must have an interest and investment in the parish.

Practically, this means that a nominee for the pastoral council must be a person who:

- Worships weekly in the parish and takes full part in the spiritual life of the community
- Offers their time and talent in service or ministry to this community
- Supports the parish financially in a manner appropriate to their means

Parishioners may nominate either themselves or another parishioner for the council. Applicants will be reviewed by the pastoral council nominating committee and if willing and qualified will be asked to complete a profile.

- Parishioners are appointed to the council by the current council in consultation with the pastor and pastoral team in a process of discernment. The goal of this process is to insure that the council represents the diversity of Our Lady of Lourdes and has the gifts and interests necessary to our present goals.
- To nominate oneself, or another, for membership on the council begin by sending a letter or email to pastoralcouncil@ollchurch.org or by postal mail to Pastoral Council, c/o Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 455 Hunter Avenue, West Islip, NY 11795. All letters of nomination will be acknowledged and must include your name and return address.

For more information on the responsibilities of council members please see our parish website.
www.ollchurch.org .

Prayer and Worship

Jesus, King of All Nations Prayer Group will meet on Thursday, May 26 at 3 PM in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

The Good Samaritan Prayer Group will meet on Friday, May 27 at 8 PM in Room 16.



Nocturnal/Eucharistic Adoration will follow the **5 PM Mass on Saturday, June 4 with Benediction at 9:50 PM.**

Please come and pray with us—our prayers will be for the Pope, fathers, grandfathers and all men who have helped us on our life journey, especially for priests who are our “Spiritual Fathers.” All are Welcome and Invited—bring a friend.

Our Lady Of Lourdes Raffle

This is the time of year for communion and graduation parties, and for some of us, soccer and baseball games too! Wouldn't it be nice to finally sit back and relax one weekend with your very own **53” Panasonic Projection TV?**

Raffle tickets are \$5 each and will be sold after each Mass this weekend, May 21/ 22. Tickets are also available during the week at the school office from 9AM until 3 PM, Monday through Friday.

The drawing for the **53” Panasonic Projection Television** will be held at the **Parish Appreciation Party on May 29.**

Holy Name

Second Sunday of each month at the 8 AM Mass followed by breakfast meeting.

Senior Circle

Last Monday of each month at 12:30 PM in the Parish Center.

Rosary-Christian Mothers

First Monday of each month for spiritual and social evenings.

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:

Jerry Clark, Jr.-US Army

Justin Estelle-US Army

John Finn-US Army

William Morrow-US Marines

Brad Soyack-US Army

John Thompson-US Marines



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

Jesus, the Light in My Darkness

in my sorrow

in my loneliness

in my conflicts

The Ministry of Family Healing invites you to a night of prayer and reflection. Come "*Light Your Darkness*" on **Wednesday, May 25 at 7:30 PM in the Parish Center**. Please call the Religious Education Office to register at 661.5440. Please join us for food and fellowship following prayer and reflection. Hope to see you there!

in my sadness



School News

Our monthly **School Mass** will be on **Thursday, May 26 at 9 AM**. Our hosts for the School Mass will be Mrs. Sullivan and our second grade class in their First Communion attire with the May Crowning to follow. All are invited and welcome!

Our Lady of Lourdes School is seeking parents of OLL School students or parishioners to serve on the **Our Lady of Lourdes School Board**. There are several openings. Candidates must have completed VIRTUS training and be willing to attend monthly school board meetings, as well as additional committee meetings. In addition, we request that you have experience that will enhance the Our Lady of Lourdes School Board. If interested, please contact school principal, Mrs. Regina Cioffi, to obtain an application. Mrs. Cioffi can be reached at 587.7200. Applications are due no later than Friday, May 27.

Alumni Weekend Update is that the first mailings have gone out notifying alumni of the great plans in store, but something is missing. The Alumni Committee is still looking for more graduates of Our Lady of Lourdes School; in particular, the graduates of the 1980's. We could sure use your help tracking down the 80's. If you know of any graduates from the 80's, or others, who have not submitted their addresses via e-mail to Mr. Maher at tipperar@aol.com, please encourage them to do so. We are planning to have a second mailing, to those who have yet to receive update information, in roughly two weeks. It would be great if we could include the classes of the 1980's.

The schedule of events is as follows: July 16, 2005 Alumni Family Picnic at Belmont Lake State Park 10 AM - 4 PM and July 17, 2005 - Alumni Mass 12:30 P. M. followed by a reception in the school cafeteria. Remember, mark your calendar!

Our Lady of Lourdes School students participated in the **Interscholastic Mock Trial** competition at **St. Brigid/Our Lady of Hope Regional School on May 2**. They were prepared for trial by Mrs. Millie Rogers, an attorney. They argued for the plaintiff and won the trial in a ruling by a Nassau County judge. The eighth grade students who participated were: *Kaila Anderson, Terence Barclay, Kristina DeLeon, Stephen DeLeon, Joseph DeVito, Jillian Fitzpatrick, Brigid Gorman, Jade Greco, Brian Hannigan, James Joy, Stephen Kaminski, Chelsea Madey, Megan Palmeri, Ross Pearlman, Seth Powers, Monica Rogan, Elizabeth Spiller, Keith Stokes, Meredith Vanderveldt.*

Pastoral Care of the 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.

Parish Outreach

Outreach Office Hours

Monday through Friday from 9:30 AM until 3:30 PM.

For information/assistance call 661.9262.

Scrip is sold in the Outreach office during business hours.

Home Care

If you need help at home—home companion or child care—please call Parish Outreach at 661.9262.

Our Lady of Lourdes Bereavement

Our parish support group for those who have lost a loved one—All Are Welcome!

If interested, please call the Parish Outreach Office at 661.9262.



Pantry Needs

Thank you for your continued generosity in helping to provide food and necessities for so many in need.

The current pantry needs are many. Please donate whatever you can—some suggested items would be:

baked beans, boxed rice, canned fruits, chicken in a can, coffee, cookies, crackers, instant potatoes, jelly, mayonnaise, mustard, peanut butter, relish, spaghetti sauce, sugar, toothbrushes, toothpaste, tuna fish.

Altar Society

Joyce Petersen

Pray for Our Sick

Jannine Augustine

Christian Bullock

Lynn Castellano

Maria Chiarello

Regina Cranor

Edward Cronin

MaryAnn Cronin

John Finch

Benjamin Vincent Margulies

Marguerite Martinelli

Arabella Elizabeth McCarthy

Vincent Meade

Nichole O'Connor

Marion O'Neill

Virginia Petrino

Joe Radosti

Rose Serragano

Dorothy Sullivan

Loretta Vitale

Remembering...

Baptisms

Emma Elizabeth Abbate

John and Christi

Mary-Angela Attallah

Robert and Ghada

Gianna Kaitlyn Gentile

Mathew and Kimberly

Jake Ryan McKay

Daniel and Tracey

Samantha Alexis Medina

Ramon and Sonia

Zachary Louis Martin

David and Jodi

Arturo Armando Arcila

Armando and Mylorenz

Kamryn Elizabeth Cinotti

Albert and Christina

Jeremy Dominick Nilsen

Jan and Carolyn

Marco Anthony Tanza

Salvatore and Jodianne

Alexa Lynne Marg

Donald and Michelle

Emmanuella Hachem

Hadi and Marguerite

Resting in Peace

Rose Cohen,

mother of Evelyn

Frances Serrao,

wife of Gregory

Estelle Gerek Mannix,

sister of Douglas

Kathleen McGuire,

sister of Deborah

Josephine E. Geldmacher,

mother of Rudolph



Monday, May 23

8:00 AM Mary O'Dea

Tuesday, May 24

8:00 AM Kyle Goldberg

Wednesday, May 25

8:00 AM Catherine M. Peterson

Thursday, May 26

St. Philip Neri

8:00 AM Ethel Dixon Isola

Friday, May 27

8:00 AM Josephine Rappa

Saturday, May 28

8:00 AM Peter Schreiner, Margaret Drake,
Walter Uhlich, José Brito, Michael Davis, Mary
Malone Kroupa-Casey, Philonna Masta, Robert
Frances Ritter, Frankie Jedlicka

5:00 PM Ethel Dixon Isola & Antoinette Isola
Fr. Stan Chukwube

Sunday, May 29

8:00 AM Anne Magner
Fr. Ambrose Cabildo

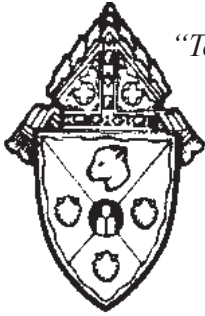
9:30 AM John D. Russo
Fr. Stan Chukwube

11:00 AM Albert Maione
Fr. Jim Vlaun

12:30 PM David Bednor
Fr. Mike Vetrano

6:00 PM Rick & Ruth Munkwitz, Ted
LeComte, Roger Cavalluzzo, Alfred Requeña,
Maureen Murphy, Joseph Maggiore, Ralph Wallace,
Salvatore Dellaria, Robin Akalski
Fr. Ambrose Cabildo

Catholic Ministries Appeal



“Touching the lives of many through Diocesan & Parish ministries and services.”

Parish status: May 11, 2005
Pledged to date: \$107,299
Potential Rebate: \$23,619
Pledges to date: 466
Average pledge: \$230.26

Thank you to all those parishioners who have responded so generously to the CMA. We are almost at our parish pledge goal of \$118,600 which was the amount contributed in 2004. However, more pledges are needed if we are to meet/exceed this goal.

These gifts support ministries such as: Catholic Charities, the Seminary, Pastoral Ministries, Education/Formation and local parish projects. These ministries provide programs for social services and goods for the needy, personal development and spiritual growth. Through their programs, these ministries support schools, housing for the elderly, protection for the abused and services for the chronically ill, chemically dependent and disabled. Pastoral ministries of our deacons, chaplains and missionary staff are also supported through CMA. (Last year, our parish received \$34,900 from the appeal to help fund our own programs and ministries.) ***These are the ministries, programs and services that all Catholics need to support if we are to fulfill the mission of the Church.***

This year’s rebate formula will generate increased amounts for new pledges of \$50 or more. If you were not able to pledge last year, please consider making a pledge this year.

Pledges can be sent to the parish office or deposited in the collection baskets. Checks accompanying the pledges, although not necessary to make a pledge, should be made payable to “Catholic Ministries Appeal” and enclosed in an appropriately labeled envelope. Blank pledge cards are available at all the Church entrances.

Financial Summary

May 15, 2005	
Weekly Collection	\$ 17,012.11
Weekly Budget	-\$ 19,057.00
+/- for the week	\$ (2,044.89)
<i>The estimated weekly collection needed to maintain and operate our parish buildings, ministries, programs, and salaries is \$19,057.</i>	

“When We Love, We Serve”

Ministry Profile: Religious Education

The Church has used the word “catechesis” to describe the ministry which seeks to make faith living, conscious and active through teaching, prayer and witness. The word catechesis is derived from an ancient word meaning to echo the word of God. Parents are the primary religious educators of their children. Parents and guardians teach by the way they live and practice our Catholic Christian faith.

Religious education, as a tangible sign of *love* of God, *love* of family, *love* of parish family, creates an environment to *serve* others. It is in this selfless giving that parents serve in our Religious Education Program by volunteering as catechists, hall monitors, babysitters, chaperones, clerical assistants, hospitality, shopping, phoning, computer work, thereby engaging in sharing their passion in every way.

The Christian community recognizes that it must help parents assume their responsibility of educating their children in the faith. Those responding to this call from God are Catechists. As catechists, in particular, he or she *serves* by their desire to share their faith by teaching weekly classes, preparing, attending monthly workshops and working on special grade level activities.

The mission of the **Religious Education Ministry** at Our Lady of Lourdes is to provide the basis for a lifelong process of catechesis in the foundations of our Catholic faith, in an atmosphere of prayer, learning and service to 2,800 students. Our Directors of Religious Education, Sister Diane Liona and Sister Nancy Campkin, supported by Barbara Catuosco and Rita Spera of the Religious Education staff, provide leadership and inspiration to the 150 catechists and 200 volunteers who carry out the ministry’s mission. This is accomplished through catechist workshops, parent meetings, family Eucharistic and prayer celebrations, sacramental preparation, sacramental celebrations, “hang-out” nights, and of course, religious education classes for students in grades 1 through 9... with the lived experience that the journey continues... because *When We Love, We Serve... and We Belong.*

As catechists and volunteers in the Religious Education Ministry, adults and high school students are called to share their faith with the young people of our parish. They act not only as teachers, but more importantly as models of faith, companions on their journey of faith, facilitating communication between the young people and the mystery of God, between young people and the community, and among themselves.

By virtue of our Baptismal call we respond to God’s call in our life by serving our church and one another in our parish family. Consider your passion to serve God. Listen to God’s invitation in your life. Do you have a desire to share your faith? Are you open to the surprising ways your own faith may be deepened through this experience of sharing your faith?

Have you felt the call to share your faith? You can learn more by contacting the Religious Education office at religiously@ollchurch.org. You can also e-mail Sister Nancy snancy@ollchurch.org or Sister Diane sdiane@ollchurch.org or call Religious Education at 661-5440.



Trinity Sunday

A number of scientists were asked about the influence of science on their faith. You might expect that they would be agnostic and dismiss religion as superstition. But many had a very different reaction. The more they delved into their fields of study, the more convinced they were of the existence of God. The mysteries of the universe pointed to the source of creation.

The mystery of the Trinity is not one we can explain or fully comprehend. Our finite intelligence cannot wrap itself around that which is infinite. But we can describe it. We speak of God as creator, source life, font of love. We see Jesus as Savior, eternal priest, Lord and teacher. We see the Holy Spirit as life, love, power and sanctifier. Our descriptions allow us to understand, in part, the mystery of God as he lives and acts in our lives.

Contemplating the mystery of God can either overwhelm us or push us closer to belief. God is all that Jesus has revealed him to be. He loves us, redeems us and makes us holy. He shares himself with us. God is closer to us than we are to ourselves. The great mystery is not how God can be so great, but rather that we are so great to God.

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Readings for the Week of May 22

Sunday: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/ 2 Cor 13:11-13/
Jn 3:16-18

Monday: Sir 17:20-24/ Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12/ Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: Sir 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17/ Mk 10:32-45

Thursday: Sir 42:15-25/ Mk 10:46-52

Friday: Sir 44:1, 9-13/ Mk 11:11-26

Saturday: Sir 51:12cd-20/ Mk 11:27-33

Next Sunday: Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a/ 1 Cor 10:16-17/
Jn 6:51-58

Ignation Lay Volunteer Corp

The **Ignation Lay Volunteer Corp.** is an opportunity for men and women , age 50+, to offer their skills, wisdom and life experience in direct service to the needs of people who are poor. In return for a commitment with a local service project, the ILVC provides guidance for personal reflection and prayerful conversation with fellow ILVC volunteers. Together we hope to see the face of Christ a little more clearly and contribute to the transformation of the world. For additional information please call 516.248.2022 or email to ignatianli@earthlink.net.

Let's Talk About Stroke

St. Patrick's Family Outreach together with St. Charles Hospital Stroke Program will present a **"Free Stroke Awareness Workshop"** on **Thursday, May 26 from 10 AM until 12 Noon** at **St. Patrick's Church, Bay Shore**.

Please call Catherine Dennis for reservations and information at 631.665.7216.

Marriage Encounter

Take the leap from just "good" to GREAT on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend! If you would like greater depth, growth, and enrichment in your relationship, you'll love what a Marriage Encounter Weekend can do for you! The next weekend will be **June 3-5** at the **Radisson in Holtsville**. Reserve your spot by calling 1.866.499.6354 or visit us on the web at www.wmeli.org.

Ministry of Consolation-Part I

The Office of Laity and Family of the Diocese of Rockville Centre presents **Ministry of Consolation-Part I** workshop at **St. Patrick's in Southold**, each Thursday in June **beginning June 2**. The workshop will be from **10 AM until 12 Noon**.

For registration or further information, please call 516.678.5800, ext. 631.

Natural Family Planning

NFP is a holistic approach to family planning. Both husband and wife come to understand their fertility, emotions, and family planning intention. The next **Natural Family Planning class** will be held **Friday, May 27 at 7:30 PM at Christ the King, Commack**. For further information please call John and Mary Linge at 631.543.3452.

Religion & Rock

Tune into "Religion & Rock" with Fr. 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.

Next Sunday's theme is: **"Sensitivity"**. Don't forget to tune in!

Visit "Religion & Rock" on the web, www.religionandrock.com.

Retrouvaille

Is your marriage tearing you apart? Retrouvaille is a program for marriages that are in trouble. It offers a lifeline to couples suffering with relationship problems. No group discussions. The program will help you rediscover each other, examine your life and learn to communicate more effectively. The next weekend will be in **Bay Shore, June 17-19**. For further information, please call 1.800.470.2230.

Sociable Singles

Wine and Cheese Night (Age 40+) **Saturday, June 4 at Ss. Cyril & Methodius Church**, Deer Park. \$10 donation at the door. For further information please call 631.242.4711.

Daily Mass

8 AM

Weekend Masses

Saturday: 5 PM

Sunday: 8 AM, 9:30 AM, 11 AM, 12:30 PM, 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.

Communion Calls

Communion brought to those who are homebound. Contact the Parish Office.

Marriage

Arranged at least six months in advance, please contact the Parish Office.

Rosary/Novena

Rosary: Daily after 8 AM Mass

Miraculous Medal Novena: Monday after 8 AM Mass

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.

Parish Office

661-3224

Monday-Friday: 9 AM - 7:30 PM

Saturday: 9 AM - 5 PM

Sunday: 9 AM - 2 PM

email: ParishOffice@ollchurch.org

fax: 661-7143

website: www.ollchurch.org

Our Lady of Lourdes School

587-7200

Monday-Friday: 9 AM - 3 PM

email: ReginaC@ollschool.org

SAGE (Senior Advocates for Growth and Enrichment)

661-3224

email: Sage@ollchurch.org

Thrift & Gift Boutique

Monday & Thursday: 9 AM - 11 AM,

Saturday: 10 AM - 1 PM

Alcoholics Anonymous

Monday and Tuesday at

8 PM and Saturday at 7 PM in Lourdes Hall.

(lower level-convent)

ALANON

Each Wednesday at 10 AM in Lourdes Hall

(lower level-convent).

Religious Education Office

661-5440

Monday-Friday:

9 AM - Noon, 1 PM - 5 PM,

7 PM - 9 PM

email: ReligiousEd@ollchurch.org

Sharing the Gospel



The people were all filled with the Holy Spirit — not just some of them. Not just the smartest, the strongest, the coolest, or the best-looking were filled. What a day that must have been — the birthday of the church!

Everyone understood what God was saying through the apostles; and the best part is the Holy Spirit didn't just come for a visit. The Holy Spirit came home with us to stay. The Holy Spirit is with us right now. That's why we can be full of joy. No matter what happens, God is with us. No matter what trials the church goes through, God is here to stay.



Prayer

Dear God, thank you for sending the Holy Spirit to stay with me forever. Welcome, Holy Spirit! Come, live in me. Clear out anything that gets in your way, and fill my whole life. Fill your church with your love and your glory.



Word Unscramble

- lkedoc L O C K E D
- diplessci _ _ _ _ _
- ovoyederj _ _ _ _ _
- suJes _ _ _ _ _
- pacee _ _ _ _ _
- hertFa _ _ _ _ _
- bthedrea _ _ _ _ _
- reiveec _ _ _ _ _
- Hlyo Sritpi _ _ _ _ _
- fovenrgi _ _ _ _ _

locked, disciples, overjoyed, Jesus, peace, Father, Father, peace, peace, received, receive, Holy Spirit, forgiven.

Mission for the Week

Go to the library and learn something about a different culture. Learn a few words in a different language. Find out how children live in a different part of the world. Share what you learn with others.

