

**"I did not come
to call the righteous**



...but sinners."

Matthew 9:13

Our Lady of Lourdes

Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time • June 5, 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

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Ministry Spiritual Director

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Mary Anne Lettieri

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Rosemary Multer

School Office

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Organist

Rita Spera

Religious Education Office

Next year we will be celebrating the

50th Anniversary of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish !

One of the many events planned, that will commemorate the past fifty years and the vision of the future fifty years, is a parish pilgrimage to Lourdes with our pastor, Fr. Michael Vetrano.

A pilgrimage to Lourdes, France will be an opportunity for you to make a connection in Lourdes with your personal devotion to Our Lady—celebrating Mass, evening Rosary walk, private devotions and enjoying a warm spring week in the south of France.

The travel dates are April 17-25, 2006. An information meeting is scheduled for all interested travelers on Tuesday, June 21 in the Parish Center at 7:30 PM with Deacon John DeGuardi.

Deacon John De Guardi
Our Lady of Lourdes
455 Hunter Avenue
West Islip, New York
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Lourdes, le 30 mars 2005.

Cher Ami,

Je tiens à vous remercier de nous avoir fait parvenir à Lourdes le livre d'intentions que nous déposerons à la Grotte au cours d'une messe que nous célébrerons pour les personnes qui ont ainsi confié leurs intentions de prières.

Je tiens également à vous exprimer ma reconnaissance pour votre don.

Ce me sera une joie en avril 2006 de faire votre connaissance à l'occasion du pèlerinage que vous désirez accomplir dans les Sanctuaires de Lourdes.

Avec l'assurance de ma prière devant la Grotte,



Père Raymond ZAMBELLI
Recteur des Sanctuaires Notre-Dame de Lourdes

Deacon John DeGuardi
Our Lady of Lourdes
455 Hunter Avenue
West Islip, New York
USA 11795

Lourdes, March 30, 2005

Dear Friend,

I want to thank you for sending to Lourdes the book of intentions which we will place at the Grotto during a Mass that we will celebrate for the persons who have listed their prayer intentions.

I also want to thank you for your gift.

It will give me joy to meet you in April, 2006, at the time of the pilgrimage that you are planning to make to the Shrine at Lourdes.

With the promise of my prayer at the Grotto,

Father Raymond Zambelli
Rector of the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes

Living Liturgy

Celebrating new sacristans!

We are pleased to welcome *Eddie Hodgson* and *Meaghan Lucie* to our team of Sacristans. Eddie is a freshman at West Islip High School and has been a big part of “The Six” for the past year. Meaghan is a sophomore at St. John the Baptist. She has been an altar server and lector in our parish for many years.



They both join an already committed team of young people – *Kevin Frodell, Gregory Cunn, Matt Baltrusitis and Joe McCormack* – who minister and serve our entire parish through their liturgical work. Let’s welcome and pray for Eddie, Meaghan and for all the young people of our parish who take such an active role in the life of the Church.



Summer Evening Prayer

Our Summer Evening Prayer Committee is off and running – with plenty of ideas and in need of plenty of help! We meet only a few times (*3 at most*) and work together to plan each night of prayer over the summer. For some on this committee – this is their only ministry. For others, this is one of many. People of all ages - from 7 to 107 (we’re not telling you who’s that old!) are part of this group and new people are always welcome.

If you’re interested leave a message for Carol Paprocky or John Sureau in the Parish Office at 661.3224 or e-mail to jsureau@ollchurch.org.

If you can, come to our next meeting on **June 9 at 7 PM in the Parish Center.**

Religious Education

Honoring our Military Service Women and Men

At our monthly *Grade 6/7/8 “Hang Out Night”* on Friday, May 27, we welcomed USMC Sgt. Joseph Torre from our parish family who shared his experiences of serving in the military throughout the world, including the Middle East. Sgt. Torre brought tremendous honesty, stories and reflections challenging our young people to remember the commitment that those in the military make each and every day. We also remembered US Army PFC Brad Soyack, also from our parish family, who couldn’t be at the “Hang Out Night” because he’s in Texas waiting to come home from serving in Iraq. His pictures, posters and video were thought provoking for our 6/7/8 graders. Let’s pray for Sgt. Joe Torre and PFC Brad Soyack and all who serve our country in the Armed Forces.

Dear Parish Family :

On March 13th, 600 soldiers returned safely to the United States after serving a year in Iraq. Among them was our son Brad.

On behalf of Brad and our family we would like to take this time to thank all of our Our Lady of Lourdes Parish family for your prayers and support. They were a source of strength and comfort during difficult times for both Brad and our family.

Your prayers and kindness will forever hold a place in our hearts.

Thank You and God Bless,
The Soyack Family

Pastoral Formation Institute

Have you heard about Pastoral Formation Institute...and want to know more?

Have you thought could this be for me...but need more information?

Then this night is for you!

Come and join with your parish family members who are...beginning Pastoral Formation Institute this September, entering their second year, graduating in June and past graduates.

We invite you to this opportunity to ask your questions and...
Learn more about this program sponsored by the Diocese of Rockville Centre.

All this is happening on **Tuesday, June 7, at 7:30 PM in the Parish Center**. Please call Religious Education Office/Adult Faith Formation at 661-5440 to let us know you'll be there.

Youth Ministry



Our Lady of Lourdes Fourth Annual Vacation Bible Camp July 25-29, 2005 Don't miss the fun!



Where? Right on the grounds of Our Lady of Lourdes, which will be transformed into **B.U.G.S. Adventure Camp: "Bringing Us God's Spirit!!"**

What will we do? Our "entomologists" (a.k.a. OLL campers) will participate in lots of fun daily activities: singing super songs, making cool crafts, launching butterflies, observing an ant farm, and learning about God through different Bible adventures! And, of course, there'll be snacks!

Who can come? Campers should presently be in Pre-K (age 4) through 5th grade.

Students in grades 5-12: we need you as volunteer counselors and assistants!!

Who's running the camp? The camp director is Dr. Jennifer Gallagher, the Youth Services Director at OLL. She'll be working with a volunteer team of adults and teens from our parish family.

How much does it cost? The cost is \$50 per child. The fee includes all materials, snacks, crafts, an official camp T-shirt, and a closing camp celebration for all!

How do I sign up? Fill out the registration form (which is available at the school and religious education offices and will be in the bulletin on June 19) and mail it to:

OLL at 455 Hunter Ave. (att. Jennifer Gallagher) with all fees by June 30.

Questions? Email JenGallagher@ollchurch.org

Camp Volunteers Needed

We need adults and teen volunteers! If you can spare a week to help out at camp, email JenGallagher@ollchurch.org



Giving Garden Planting Day Volunteers Needed!

We need help planting our Giving Garden (*the small garden plot near the back fence*), which provides fresh vegetable for local soup kitchens. If you can lend a hand, please come down

Thursday, June 16 at 6 PM. Bring a spade and gloves if you can!

We also need families and individuals to take a week of "garden duty" during the summer.

If you can help out, email JenGallagher@ollchurch.org

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.



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

Marie Cirone

Pray for Our Sick

Harry Anderson

Jannine Augustine

Christian Bullock

Maria Chiarello

Regina Cranor

John Finch

Frank Gill

Marguerite Martinelli

Arabella Elizabeth McCarthy

Vincent Meade

Nichole O'Connor

Nanette Pache

Virginia Petrino

Joe Radosti

James Santiago

Rose Serragano

Joseph Shields

Dorothy Sullivan

Loretta Vitale

Vee Vivo

Remembering...

Baptisms

Jake Justin DeVito

Justin & Melissa

Amanda Nicole Dolan

Christopher & Jennifer

Paul John Quigley, Jr.

Paul & Michelle

Nicolas Alejandro Vallejo

Salvador & Cheryl-Ann

Nicholas Christopher Alanis

Rudy & Debbie

Resting in Peace

Mary Carbone,

wife of Frank

Beatrice Kern,

aunt of Stacie

Upcoming Marriages

Dorothy Pope and

Mark Palm, both OLL

Lena Jacob, St. Aloysius and

Biju Abraham, OLL

Monday, June 6

8:00 AM D-Day Veterans

Tuesday, June 7

St. Ephrem

8:00 AM Francis A. Kosiczky

Wednesday, June 8

8:00 AM LaRocca & Sweeney Families

Thursday, June 9

8:00 AM Edward DeMatteo

Friday, June 10

8:00 AM Michael Alangi, Rocco Teresa & Louis Caputo

Saturday, June 11

8:00 AM Mary Podesta, Peter Schreiner, Bill Ryan,
Vincent McCarthy, Ronald Hall,
Dawne Lowery, Dorothy Henry,
George & Jenny Rodenburg,
Hank Stellman, In Thanksgiving

5:00 PM Nancy Santoro

Fr. Mike Vetrano

Sunday, June 12

8:00 AM Consuelo Ball

Fr. Jim Vlaun

9:30 AM Joseph Rizzo & Robert Cullen

Fr. Stan Chukwube

11:00 AM Patrick Manning & Grandparents

Fr. Mike Vetrano

12:30 PM Michael Alonge

Fr. Ambrose Cabildo

6:00 PM Rose Ingrassia, Dorothy Spafford,
Joseph Maggiore, Cindy Mendez,
Frances Toia, Al Velten, John O'Neill,
Kathleen McGuire, Andrew Fennell,

Frances Serrao, Lori & Mark Battell (living)

Fr. Stan Chukwube

Financial Summary

May 29, 2005

Weekly Collection	\$ 16,730.81
Weekly Budget	-\$ 19,057.00
+/- for the week	\$ (2,326.19)

The estimated weekly collection needed to maintain and operate our parish buildings, ministries, programs, and salaries is \$19,057.

Farewell Fr. Jim!

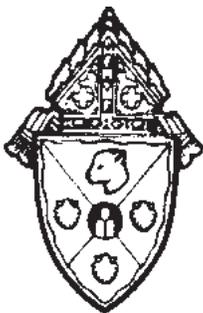
Save the date...Saturday, June 25

Fr. Jim Farewell Celebration

Saturday, June 25 at the 5 PM Mass followed by an Italian Pasta Dinner in the Café!

As mentioned last weekend, our parish community has been called to send Fr. Jim forth to a new assignment at Telecare and a new residence somewhere in Nassau (he hopes!). So how can we do this – *by eating and celebrating and praying together on Saturday June 25th!* Are you interested in helping – by cooking, decorating, cleaning up, setting up or even have a few creative and crazy ideas? We’d like to form a little committee of anyone interested to meet and plan this out. If you’re interested, please call the Parish Office at 661.3224 or e-mail to jsureau@ollchurch.org. It’ll probably only involve one meeting and may be a great and easy way for you to get involved!

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.

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.

“When We Love, We Serve”

Minister Profile: Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

The ministry of Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion is a **life giving** and **life changing** ministry! Today at OLL nearly 225 parishioners serve in this ministry. Extraordinary ministers not only assist the priest and deacon with distribution of the Eucharist on Sundays but also at funerals, weddings, weekday masses, parish wide Eucharistic celebrations and to the homebound.

The Eucharist is the living presence of Jesus given to us by Him to feed us for our journey through life. We believe that this True Presence of Jesus is His, Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. Extraordinary ministers are humbled and privileged to know that they can share this gift of life with our parish family. How precious is this gift of our Lord and how blessed it is to be a part of this ministry and witness our sisters and brothers approach the table to receive the Precious Body and Blood of Christ. These ministers bring this gift of life given by Christ, to those who cannot worship with us regularly through a disability or illness.

Extraordinary ministers know that Jesus can indeed change lives through the gift of the Eucharist. How many of us – in receiving the Eucharist – have been comforted and transformed? How many of the sick in our community are comforted not only by the Eucharist but the good and holy women and men who take the time to pray with and be present to them? How many of us are inspired to go out and share our faith because we believe in the True Presence of Jesus in the Gift of the Eucharist?

The Extraordinary Ministers of our parish love the Eucharist and the Church and find this ministry a fulfilling and transforming way to serve the members of our parish family. While we have many ministers – there is always a need to add more women and men to this ministry. Do you have a love for the Eucharist? Do you have a love for God’s people? Then why not consider joining this ministry.

To become an Extraordinary Minister you can contact the Parish Office at 631.661.3224 or email to jsureau@ollchurch.org. Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are required to attend a Diocesan training session (offered in the Fall and the Spring). In addition, there is training here at OLL. Ministers are generally assigned to the Masses they attend regularly and then can volunteer to bring Communion to the sick or for other special celebrations.

Take some time this week – particularly as we have just celebrated the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ this past weekend. Is this a ministry and way for you to serve this parish community? In your reflection, pray for our parish and especially for our Extraordinary Ministers who serve loyally and humbly each week.

Check out next week’s bulletin for even more information about being an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion at OLL!

Senior Circle will have **Tai Chi** on **Monday, June 6 at 10 AM** in the **Parish Center**.

For further information please call Senior Circle/Parish Outreach at 661.9262.

Rosary Christian Mothers will have their monthly meeting on **Monday, June 6 at 8 PM** in the **Parish Center**. The meeting will begin with the **Rosary at 7:45 PM in the Church**.

Holy Name Society will have their monthly meeting on **Sunday, June 12 at 9 AM** in **Room 16**. The meeting will begin with the **Rosary at 7:40 AM in the Church** followed by the 8 AM Mass.

Prayer and Worship

Jesus, King of All Nations Prayer Group will meet on Thursday, June 9 at 3 PM in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

The Good Samaritan Prayer Group will meet on Friday, June 10 at 8 PM in Room 16.

The afternoon **Eucharistic Devotion** for the month of June will be on Wednesday, June 8 from 1-3 PM in the Church. All are invited and welcome to come and pray for peace in our families, peace in the world, for the children of the world and for the Pope.



The “**Six Committee**” will meet on Sunday, June 5 at 7 PM in the Parish Center.

Music

Adult Choir will practice on Thursday, June 9 at 8 PM in the Parish Center.

Contemporary Music Group will meet on Sunday, June 12 at 4:30 PM.

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 (see page 4)*
- John Thompson**-*US Marines*



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

A Time for Rejoicing!

Saturday, June 11 will be a day of great joy and celebration for our Diocese. Bishop William Murphy will ordain Rev. Mr. Jaime Calderon Hernandez to the priesthood. The Ordination will take place at 11 AM at St. Agnes Cathedral and will also be televised on Telecare. Many people have prayed for and encouraged all the seminarians and priests of our diocese, please continue to do so at this special time. Let us rejoice with Deacon Jaime and his family!

Lord Jesus and Great High Priest,

Pour a generous sharing of your Holy Priesthood into your newly ordained priest. Following Your Holy example, may he grow to be a gentle and humble shepherd for Your people. Grant that many men will be inspired by his example to consider serving Your Church in the Holy Vocation of Priesthood. Amen.

Religious Retirement Fund

Religious Sisters and Brothers who have been involved in education, health care and social ministry in the Diocese of Rockville Centre need our help. The stipends being earned by young members of Religious Communities are no longer enough to support the needs of the elderly members of their Communities. The number of elderly Religious in assisted living or nursing facilities continues to rise. The Diocese of Rockville Centre has committed to return to our Religious Communities a portion of our gifts of treasure, in appreciation for the many years of service to the people of our diocese of the dedicated servants of Our Lord. Please assist the elderly Religious with a once a year gift, as generous as your means will allow. Your gift may be placed in the mail or dropped in the collection basket on the weekend of June 4/5.

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: "**Transition in Our Lives**".

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.

Vocation Programs

Over the past two years the Vocation Office has responded to over 200 requests for Vocation Events at various schools, parishes, youth groups, religious education classes, etc.

Was your parish or ministry one of them?

If not, please consider us for this year! For further information please contact the Vocation Office at 631.424.9888 or email to vocations@drvc.org.



10th Sunday of Ordinary Time

People who are a part of our lives can really make a difference. Family and friends, teachers and co-workers, neighbors and fellow parishioners love and support us as we strive to be our best. A random act of kindness from a stranger, or an unexpected letter or phone call can change our lives forever. For better or worse, our lives are shaped and influenced by those around us.

Matthew had no idea that his life would change so dramatically when he awoke on the day that Jesus approached him at his post where he collected taxes. In those few short moments, Matthew knew that life would be different. He accepted the invitation to follow Jesus and never looked back. He was called by the Lord to spread the Gospel and when Matthew said yes, his life took on a new purpose and meaning. He had not found grace; grace found him.

We do not have to be perfect to respond to the Lord. He calls us and takes us as we are. Our purpose and mission is found in our willingness to follow him, and to do our part in completing the mission of the Gospel. In both ordinary moments and the unexpected, God calls us to a deeper faith, a greater love and a vibrant hope. Like Matthew, we never know what day the Lord will call us to greatness, changing our lives forever, if only we say yes. Perhaps that day is today.

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Readings for the Week of June 5, 2005

Sunday: Hos 6:3-6/ Rom 4:18-25/ Mt 9:9-13
Monday: 2 Cor 1:1-7/ Mt 5:1-12
Tuesday: 2 Cor 1:18-22/ Mt 5:13-16
Wednesday: 2 Cor 3:4-11/ Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: 2 Cor 3:15-4:1, 3-6/ Mt 5:20-26
Friday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/ Mt 5:27-32
Saturday: Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3/ Mt 5:33-37
Next Sunday: Ex 19:2-6a/ Rom 5:6-11/ Mt 9:36-10:8



Sharing the Gospel

Have you ever gone a whole day without food? We can't live many days without food, and even less without drink. Jesus wants us to know that we can't live without him. Our bodies may live a while, but our spirits will starve to death.

Jesus comes to us in many ways. He comes to us in his Word. He comes to us through others. He comes to us in the silence of our hearts. As Catholic Christians, we know Jesus is present in the Eucharist. He comes to us in Holy Communion. Those of us who can should receive Jesus in Holy Communion often, and with great joy. Jesus is our life, and we need him every moment of every day.



Prayer

Dear Jesus, I need you. Thank you for coming to me in so many ways. Thank you especially for coming to me in the Eucharist. Help me to always welcome you and receive you with love and joy.



Word Search

Circle the following words from today's Gospel in this puzzle. Go up, down, side to side, or diagonally.

HEAVEN
LIVING
BREAD

FLESH
SON OF MAN
BLOOD

ETERNAL
FATHER
MANNA

A	G	N	E	F	L	E	S	H	G
L	W	S	H	A	V	D	O	N	B
H	I	N	E	T	E	R	N	A	L
S	G	E	I	H	S	W	O	E	O
T	L	V	Y	E	O	E	F	R	O
H	P	A	L	R	A	I	M	S	D
B	R	E	A	D	N	D	A	T	H
M	O	H	U	T	A	N	N	A	M
A	L	I	V	I	N	G	S	I	R
E	C	T	H	U	O	R	J	N	O

Mission

for the

Week

Spend some time before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament this week. Try to get to Mass early or visit a church that is open. If you can, receive Jesus in Holy Communion. Tell Jesus how much you love him.

