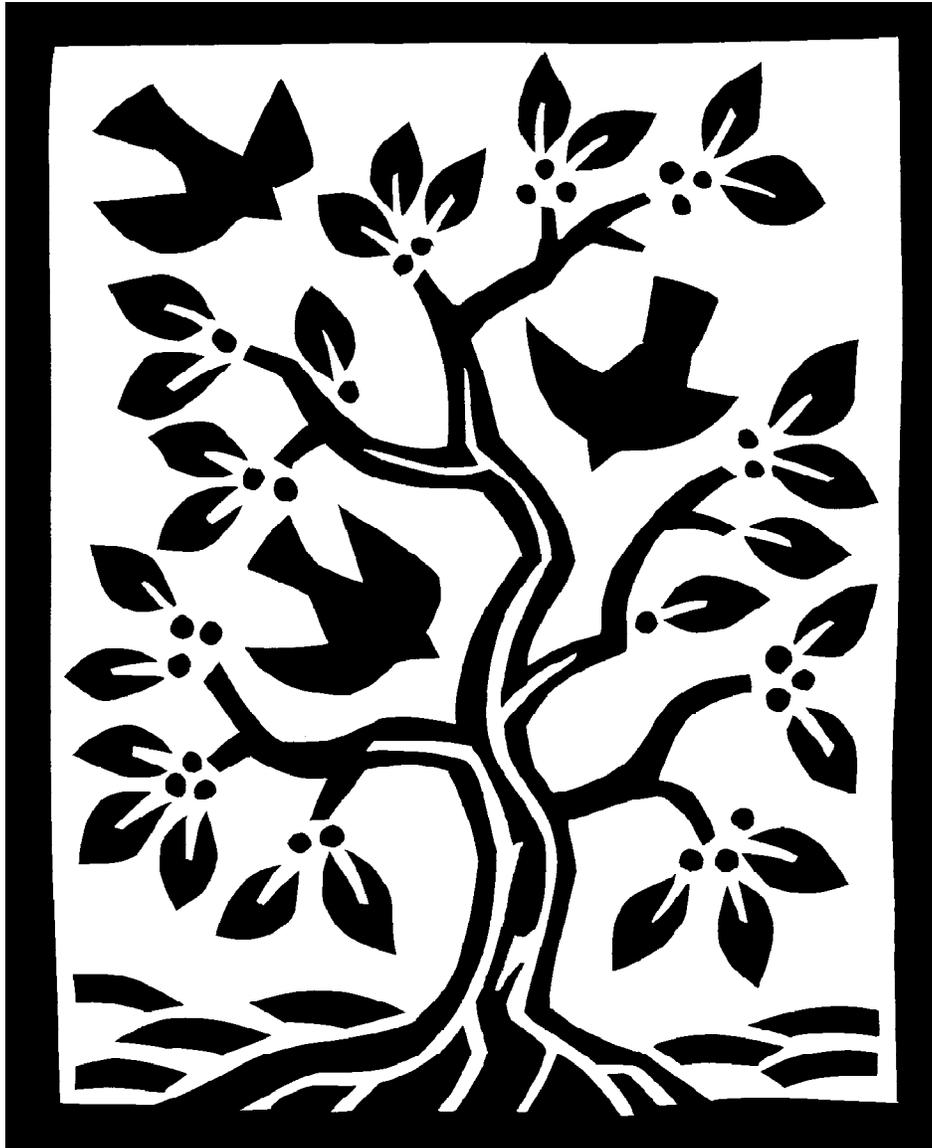


# Our Lady of Lourdes

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time • July 17, 2005



"It is the smallest of all the seeds,  
yet when full grown it is the  
largest of plants."

Matthew 13:32

# 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. Robert Scheckenback**  
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 Scorcio**  
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  
**Debbie Meyer**  
Bulletin /Parish Office  
**Rosemary Multer**  
School Office  
**Rex Muro**  
Organist  
**Rita Spera**  
Religious Education Office



# Sing a New Song



## to the Lord

### Evening Prayer

Monday, July 18  
with homilist

Sr. Diane Liona  
at 7 PM

Music for Evening Prayer  
will be led by  
OLL Women's Chorale.

Arts and Crafts  
begin at 6:30 PM  
for the kids!

Hospitality  
sponsored by  
Good Samaritan  
Medical Center

This week-  
we invite everyone  
with last name  
starting with A-L  
to bring their  
favorite dessert  
for our sharing table.

A time for our parish family  
to come together  
in a relaxed, spirited and  
fun-filled way.

Bring your family and  
friends – and invite others  
to come as well.

Can you help us out—send an e-mail [jsureau@ollchurch.org](mailto:jsureau@ollchurch.org) or call 661.3224. Also—are you a business owner who can help us offset some costs related to Evening Prayer? If so, please let us know.



## Our Lady of Lourdes 21st Golf Outing

The Holy Name Society of Our Lady of Lourdes will be holding its 21st Annual Golf Outing on Thursday, August 25 at the Timberpoint Country Club.

Sign-in with continental breakfast starting at 7 AM. Green fees, electric cart, barbeque lunch at cross-over, open bar and full buffet dinner at course. Awards for all winners! Shot-gun start at 8 AM. Fee is \$150 per golfer.

### This event sells out every year!

Contact a committee member early to reserve your spot. All golfer fees must be submitted before August 1 to secure your reservation.

For reservations or information, please call: *Bob Cestaro at 587.0249,*

*Gerry Fogarty at 667.5979, Rocky Laino at 661.1981, Dom Lettieri at 669.4957 or Bill Marsden at 586.0581.*

## Children's Liturgy

Our Children's Liturgy of the Word celebration continues throughout the summer. Please come with your entire family each week to the 9:30 AM Mass as our youngest parishioners are called forth to hear God's Word in a special way – led by lay women and men – in the Parish Center. What about you? Our Children's Liturgy of the Word teams are looking for new members. The commitment in time is not tremendous, but the feeling of bringing children closer to God is! There will be a two-session training soon and then you'll join one of our "teams" that meet once every six weeks to plan out a particular Sunday celebration. If you're interested, please contact the Parish Office at 661.3224 or e-mail to [jsureau@ollchurch.org](mailto:jsureau@ollchurch.org).

## Keep Our Church Clean

Our parish Church is just that – *Our Church!*

Please make an effort to return the missalettes to the racks, pick up excess bulletins and bring it to a friend that may have been away from the Church for awhile and let someone know if you see something that needs attention. Doing these simple things goes a long way in making our worship space more welcoming to all who come here!

## Social Action

As we prepare for our Parish's 50th Anniversary, these areas are vital to our lives as Catholic Christians. Our Social Action Group is working to put together everyone's input and ideas. Do you have thoughts about our parish's work in the areas of justice and outreach? If so, let us know!

The two major questions we reflected on together were:

- What are we doing well in the areas of justice and outreach?
- What can we do better in the 50th year and beyond?

If you have some thoughts or ideas, please leave a note in the Parish Office or e-mail to [jsureau@ollchurch.org](mailto:jsureau@ollchurch.org).

## SAGE

The **SAGE Group** (Senior **A**dvocates for **G**rowth and **E**nrichment) will meet on **Tuesday, July 19**, in the **Parish Center at 9 AM**. All older parishioners are welcome. Picnic under the trees will follow. Please bring lunch and folding chair.

Dear Parishioners,

Summer is a great time for parishioners but a rough time for parishes. People are away on vacation, church attendance drops a bit, expenses (like air conditioning) are high, and besides the weekend collection, there are very few other sources of income for the parish (like tuition, program fees and the like).



We came into this summer behind in the game because of a hard winter and now, if you look at our weekly collections, you can see that we are falling further and further behind.

We need a summer boost. A sign of support for all the wonderful programs like Summer Evening Prayer and Vacation Bible Camp that continue through these months.

This weekend we will have a special second booster collection. Our goal will be to have it equal or exceed a regular Sunday collection. To get to that goal I would ask each family to donate to this collection as you do to a regular Sunday collection. If you have not been able to contribute up to now - this would be a great sign of support.

What most people like about our community is that it offers so much, so many services and so much welcome, to anyone who comes to worship here. We can only continue to be this kind of community if we have the assurance of your support.

Won't you please consider a generous donation to our booster collection this weekend? Remember that all funds in this collection will be used right here, and only here, in our parish programs.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*Fr. Mike*

## Blood Drive

Marie Lanfair and Dorothy Bosshammer, OLL Blood Drive coordinators, would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone that helped to make our annual Blood Drive such a success! We want to thank all our volunteers, all the people from the blood bank and, most of all, we want to thank the parishioners who signed up and came down to give their blood (174 people registered and 152 pints were donated). It was a very successful drive. Thank you so much!

## *This just in...*

The Long Island Blood Service is proud to present the Bronze Award to Our Lady Of Lourdes Church for 2003 Annual Blood Drive (179 blood donations). Good news is always nice!

## ***Baptisms***

*Angelina Nicole Ameri*

Robert and Maria

*Emily Merylenal Flores*

Francisco and Melissa

*Madison Taylor Flores*

Francisco and Melissa

*Vincent Joseph Gallo*

Joseph and Christine

*Kyle Martin Greenfield*

Geoffrey and Melida

*Jack Ryan Dyer*

John and Lori

*Grace Elisabeth Lehle*

Lee and Melissa

*Aidan John Jimenez*

Misael and Margaret

## **Baptism**

Please contact the Parish Office to schedule an appointment.

## **Marriage**

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



## ***Resting in Peace***

*Frank Bonsignore*, brother of Viola  
*Luann Veccia*, wife of Richard  
*Elizabeth Ilchert*, mother of Jacqueline  
*John Mirabella*, husband of Mildred

## ***Upcoming Marriages***

*Monica deAbreu*, Our Lady of Peace, Lynbrook & *Brian Adamson*, OLL

*Julianne Messina*, OLL and *Robert Rotunno*, Our Lady of Grace, W. Babylon

*Danielle Cusack* and *Charles Henning*, both OLL

## **Anointing of the Sick**

Throughout the liturgical year. If needed sooner, please call the Parish Office.

## **Communion Calls**

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

## Remembering...

### Monday, July 18

*St. Camillus de Lellis*

**8:00 AM** Bernadette Pavia

### Tuesday, July 19

**8:00 AM** Peter Reehil

Daily Mass

8 AM

### Wednesday, July 20

**8:00 AM** Frank Chimera

Weekend Masses

**Saturday:** 5 PM

**Sunday:** 8 AM, 9:30 AM,  
11 AM, 12:30 PM and 6 PM

### Thursday, July 21

**8:00 AM** Patrick McCarthy

Reconciliation

**Saturday:** 4 PM - 4:45 PM

### Friday, July 22

*Mary Magdalene*

**8:00 AM** Thomas F. Caputi

### Saturday, July 23

**8:00 AM** Angelo Crisci, James T. Murphy, Virginia Petrino,  
Susan Adams, Raymond Hunt, Jack Gannon,  
Joseph Derrico, Joseph Dudek

**5:00 PM** William J. Heartt

*Fr. Mike Vetrano*

### Sunday, July 24

**8:00 AM** Henry J. Reidemann

*Fr. Ambrose Cabildo*

**9:30 AM** John J. Goode, Sr. & Joan Goode

*Fr. Mike Vetrano*

**11:00 AM** Lucille Yovino

*Fr. John Asomugha*

**12:30 PM** Kevin Keenan

*Fr. Ambrose Cabildo*

**6:00 PM** Kevin O'Brien, Frances Serrao, Ralph DellaMorte,  
Mary Calcagno, David John Zimmerly,  
Charlotte Quinn, Lydia Yarish, All Saints,  
Arnold Gehnich, Frank Bonsignore

*Fr. John Asomugha*

### Financial Summary

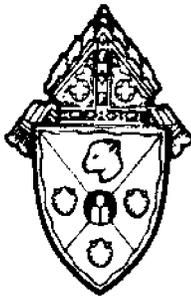
**July 10, 2005**

Weekly Collection	\$17,869.53
Weekly Budget	<u>-\$19,057.00</u>
+/- for the week	\$ (1,187.47)

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

### Catholic Ministries Appeal

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



<b>Parish status:</b>	<b>June 21, 2005</b>
<b>Pledged to date:</b>	<b>\$110,029</b>
<b>Potential Rebate:</b>	<b>\$25,803</b>
<b>Pledges to date:</b>	<b>490</b>
<b>Average pledge:</b>	<b>\$224.55</b>

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.

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.

**Youth Ministry**  
**OLL Vacation Bible Camp**



**B.U.G.S. Adventures-**  
**Bringing Us God's Spirit!**  
Monday, July 25-Friday, July 29  
9 AM until 12:30 PM

(9 AM-drop off campers in cafeteria / 12:30 PM-pick up campers in church)

### For Volunteers

**Decorating Day:** Thursday, July 21, from 10 AM to noon in the cafeteria. Come help transform OLL into BUGS adventure camp!

**Volunteer Orientation:** Friday, June 22, from 9 AM -12 PM.

### Family Events



**Camp Orientation Sunday:** July 24, 9:30 AM Mass, followed by a brief “*meet your counselor*” orientation in the cafeteria.

Camp T-shirts will be distributed.

**Last Day of Camp: Bring Someone Special!** All campers are invited to bring someone special (parents, grandparents, babysitter, favorite aunt or uncle) to camp on the last day (Friday, July 29) for a fun-filled day of activities followed by hot dog lunch for all!

### Our Feast Needs You!

Many of our parish organizations are counting on this year's annual Italian Family Feast in September to be a record-breaking fundraiser for both our parish and our school. In order to achieve this type of result, we must reach beyond our regular parish family of feast-goers.

In addition to many new planned feast features, we must take advantage of new ways to promote our feast, possibly by using local TV, radio or even better use of local newspapers. If you have any experience in using these types of media advertising, or even if you don't have any experience, but would like to volunteer, please contact Dom Lettieri at the Parish Office at 661.3224 for more information.

By doing so, you will receive great satisfaction in knowing that you played an important role in achieving our parish goal of a record breaking year for our parish feast!

Parish Office  
661-3224  
Monday-Friday: 9 AM - 7:30 PM  
Saturday: 9 AM - 3 PM  
Sunday: 9 AM - 2 PM  
email:  
[ParishOffice@ollchurch.org](mailto:ParishOffice@ollchurch.org)  
fax: 661-7143  
Website  
[www.ollchurch.org](http://www.ollchurch.org)

Our Lady of Lourdes  
School  
587-7200  
Monday-Friday:  
9 AM - 3 PM  
email:  
[ReginaC@ollschool.org](mailto:ReginaC@ollschool.org)

Religious Education  
Office  
661-5440  
Monday-Friday:  
9 AM - Noon  
1 PM - 5 PM  
7 PM - 9 PM  
email:  
[ReligiousEd@ollchurch.org](mailto:ReligiousEd@ollchurch.org)

Parish Outreach  
661-9262  
Monday-Friday:  
9:30 AM - 3:30 PM  
  
SAGE  
661-3224  
**(Senior Advocates for  
Growth and Enrichment)**  
email:  
[Sage@ollchurch.org](mailto:Sage@ollchurch.org)

Thrift & Gift Boutique  
Monday & Thursday:  
9 AM - 11 AM  
Saturday: 10 AM - 1 PM



## Altar Society

Janet Loehr

### Anointing of the Sick

Throughout the liturgical year. If needed sooner, please call the Parish Office.

### Communion Calls

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

### 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.

### Altar Servers Needed

Our parish's altar server ministry is looking for young women and men entering 4th grade to become altar servers. This is a wonderful way to get even more involved in our Church while helping our entire parish grow closer to God. If you're interested, contact the Parish Office at 661.3224 or e-mail to [jsureau@ollchurch.org](mailto:jsureau@ollchurch.org).

### Lectors Wanted

Recently, our lector ministry was sponsored as part of our "Parish Stewardship Effort." If you missed the sign-up or still want some more information, please contact the Parish Office at 661.3224 or e-mail to [jsureau@ollchurch.org](mailto:jsureau@ollchurch.org).

**Jesus, King of All Nations Prayer Group** will meet on Thursday, **July 21 at 3 PM** in the **Blessed Sacrament Chapel**.

**The Good Samaritan Prayer Group** will meet on Friday, **July 22 at 8 PM** in **Room 16**.

### **Pray for Our Sick**

We ask that you keep in your prayers the sick of our parish:

*Jannine Augustine, Christian Bullock, Tom Capo, Jerry Castonguay, John Esposito, John Finch, Concetta Franco, Rita Germano, James Grillo, Sr., Diana Kaehne, Mary Lockerman, Benjy Margulies, Danny McCann, Arabella Elizabeth McCarthy, Silvestro Messina, Nichole O'Connor, Charles Oliver, Joe Radosti, James Santiago, Rose Serragano, Dorothy Sullivan, Rose Towler, Jerry Vacca, Loretta Vitale*

### **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.

### **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**

**Kenneth Gein-US Army**

**William Morrow-US Marines**

**Peter Provenzano-US Army**

**Jonathan Rothwell- 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.

### Support Groups

**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.

### Parish Societies

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

**Daytime Eucharistic  
Devotion-Wednesday**  
(following first Saturday of month)  
from 1 PM to 3 PM.

**Nocturnal /Eucharistic  
Adoration-First Saturday of  
each month from 6 PM to 10 PM.**

**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.**



## Ten Ways to Observe the Year of the Eucharist

*(one way to be printed each week in the bulletin)*

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### 4. Read the Acts of the Apostles.

*At each Holy Mass we are called to measure ourselves against the ideal of communion which the Acts of the Apostles paints as a model for the Church in every age (#22).*

The first reading during the Easter season presents a marvelous scrapbook of how the apostles grew as a Church. Hearing how the first believers dealt with living a life of faith, we can gain a greater understanding of struggles in our present day.

Setting aside time to read and discuss the Acts of the Apostles can support individuals and parish communities by connecting with those who built the foundations of our Church. Do we make mistakes? Yes. Did they make mistakes? Yes. We are in good company.

Two thousand years later we still gather to recall Christ's memory and go forth seeking to live as he did.



## 16th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Our pastor was quite a gardener and he loved house plants. During the summer, his back porch would be transformed into a mini-nursery when all of the plants were put out for some sun and “acid rain.” Not only were there plants from the house, but also those of parishioners who sought his expert help and attention. No one could be sure, but most of us were convinced he talked them back to health!

Jesus often used plants in his parables: seeds, fig trees, flowers and grain. With sun and water, good soil and food, these plants would grow and reach their full beauty and size. These parables helped his listeners understand a spiritual way of life, a life that God had designed for our happiness and salvation. God provided for the life of a plant; how much more would he do for those he loved!

Our spiritual life is fed and nourished with love and faith, good example, sacramental grace and prayer. Like the plants that blossom with the right balance of light and water, our souls can too. We need to take care of our soul, to feed it regularly with the rich food that the Lord gives us in his sacraments, in his Word, and in each other. Let us heed what we hear and prepare a rich harvest for the Lord!

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### Readings for the Week of July 17, 2005

**Sunday:** Wis 12:13, 16-19/ Rom 8:26-27/  
Mt 13:24-43

**Monday:** Ex 14:5-18/ Mt 12:38-42

**Tuesday:** Ex 14:21-15:1/Mt 12:46-50

**Wednesday:** Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/ Mt 13:1-9

**Thursday:** Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b/ Mt 13:10-17

**Friday:** Ex 20:1-17/ Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

**Saturday:** Ex 24:3-8/ Mt 13:24-30

**Next Sunday:** 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/ Rom 8:28-30/  
Mt 13:44-52

## **Parish Outreach**

### **Outreach Office Hours**

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

For information/assistance call 661.9262.

*Script* 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:  
*boxed potatoes, boxed rice, canned fruits, canned soups, cereal, cookies, crackers, jello, jelly, pudding, saltines, vegetables—canned: corn, peas, string beans.*



### **Someone in need...**

One of our clients in Parish Outreach could use a VCR. If you have a working VCR that you no longer need and would like to donate, please contact Outreach at 661.9262.

This would be greatly appreciated.

### **Caring for the Homeless**

While you, your family members and friends travel on your summer vacations, collect travel size shampoo, conditioner, body lotion and toothpaste. Hold on to them for now and look in future bulletins for specific ways we can help St. Anne's Hospitality Too Soup Kitchen in Brentwood.

### **Helping the Hungry**

Please remember to bring your weekly food donations to Church, particularly during the summer months.

So many rely on your generosity – from both our parish and local parishes – let's not let them down! You can leave your donations at the doors of the Church every Sunday.

## **Discipleship**

The call of the disciples is so familiar to us that we tend to miss the wonder of the disciples' response, which was immediate and complete; they leave everything and follow Jesus. Can we do less if we feel that God is calling us to the priesthood or consecrated life? If you think God is calling you, contact the Vocations Office at 631.424.9888 or [Vocations@drvc.org](mailto:Vocations@drvc.org)

## **NYSCATHOLIC.org**

If you haven't done so already, please check out [www.nyscatholic.org](http://www.nyscatholic.org) and sign up for e-mail updates. This is one way we can all help those who are in need globally and locally and learn more about issues we all should be involved in!! Sign up today!

## **Health Care Coordination**

Educational workshop dedicated to "*Healthcare Coordination and Medicare Changes*" to be held on **Thursday, July 28 in Msgr. Purick Hall at St. Patrick's Church in Bay Shore from 10 AM until 12 Noon**. All seniors concerned with health costs should attend. There will be guest speakers including a representative from Social Security with new information on the Medicare changes. For reservations and information please call Catherine at 631.665.7216.

## **Nutritional Needs**

Catholic Charities is proud to administer The Commodity Supplemental Food Program/FAN. This program offers free food for seniors age 60 and over who are income-eligible. The Commodity Supplemental Food Program/FAN also offers free food for income eligible children under six years of age and women who are pregnant or up to one year postpartum. For more information, please call Catholic Charities at 631.491.4169 or 631.491.4156.

## **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:

### **"Having a Positive Attitude"**

Don't forget to tune in! Visit "Religion & Rock" on the web, [www.religionandrock.com](http://www.religionandrock.com).

Also watch "*Good News with Father Jim*" on TELECARE, channel 29, on Mondays and Fridays at 9:45 AM; Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 7:45 PM; Sundays at 8 PM.

### **The Mercy INN**

The Mercy INN Soup Kitchen of Wyandanch needs a few regular volunteers to serve at lunchtime on Monday, Wednesday or Friday. We also need some good people to serve as substitutes for regular volunteers. We serve lunch Monday through Friday from noon to 1 PM. If you can help us, please call Kathy at 631.422.1420. God Bless You.

### **Contemplatives in a Chaotic World**

Workshop to be given Monday, July 25 - Thursday, July 28 from 9:30 Am to 12 Noon at The Cenacle in Ronkonkoma. Joseph Cardinal Bernadin, Fr. Mychal Judge, Sr. Diane Ortiz, Sr. Joan Chittister—contemplative witnesses of the Gospel in today's world. Each day we will explore a different facet of living contemplatively in a chaotic world. Presented by Thomas Petriano, Ph.D., currently teaching Religious Studies at St. Joseph's College.

### **Directed Retreats**

Come for 5 - 10 days. The flow of each day allows you to move at your own pace, includes personal meeting with your spiritual director, offers the opportunity to share in daily Eucharist and invites you to spend your day, including meals in prayerful silence. To be held at the Cenacle in Ronkonkoma. For further information, please call 631.588.8266

### **Pediatric Health Fair**

This community event will provide information on a variety of pediatric topics such as stranger safety program, "shots for tots", proper car seat installation and more! Presented by Good Samaritan Medical Center on Saturday, July 28 from 9 AM until 3 PM in the Guild Conference Center. For more information, please call 631.376.4444.

### **150th Anniversary**

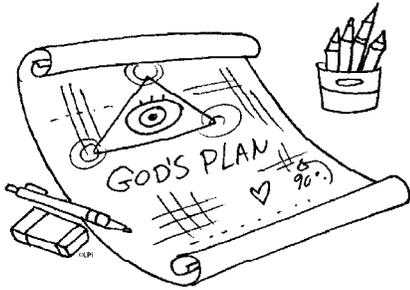
In September of this year, the Sisters of Saint Joseph will begin the celebration of their 150th Anniversary of service to the people of the Dioceses of Brooklyn and Rockville Centre. There will be a Gala Dinner Dance at the Garden City Hotel on Thursday, October 27, 2005. For additional information on this and other events of the Jubilee Year, please contact Mary Ann Crimmins, CSJ at 631.273.1187, extension 25.

### **Position Available**

Unique entry level opportunity for computer proficient, high energy, quick learner to work directly with director of Human Resources on high-level human resource issues. Candidate must be willing and able to provide administrative support and work in a team environment. Appreciation for detail oriented and accurate work product a must. Interested candidates should forward a cover letter, resumé and three references to Office of Human Resources, Diocese of Rockville Centre, P. O. Box 9023, Rockville Centre, NY 11571-9023.

# Sharing the Gospel

Life would be so sweet if everyone were perfect! It would be so easy to be good if God got rid of everyone who bugs us! But that's not God's plan. God lets the good, the bad, and the ugly all grow up together. The thing to remember is how it all ends. God's justice is sure to come, but we can't make it come faster. While we wait, we need to keep growing and not judging. We need to trust God to make it all turn out fair.



## Mission for the Week



Find something good about someone you dislike. Tell them – and others – the good you've found. Look for "wheat" among the "weeds" this week.



### Word Unscramble

faremr	<u>F</u> <u>A</u> <u>R</u> <u>M</u> <u>E</u> <u>R</u>
scadreett	— — — — — — — — — —
plnast	— — — — — — — —
wesed	— — — — — — — —
waeth	— — — — — — — —
harstev	— — — — — — — —
musradt	— — — — — — — —
grwso	— — — — — — — —
yesta	— — — — — — — —
anlegs	— — — — — — — —

*farmer, scattered, plants, weeds, wheat, harvest, mustard, grows, yeast, angels*



## Prayer

Dear God,  
 sometimes life doesn't seem fair at all. Thank you for reminding me how it all ends. Thank you for reminding me that you're the judge. I love you, God, and I trust you.