

" Take courage,
it is I;



do not be Afraid."

Matthew 14:27

Our Lady of Lourdes

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time • August 7, 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. 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
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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, August 8
with homilist
Sr. Betty Toohig, SC
at 7 PM

Our presider will be
Sr. Margaret Bickar, SC

Music for Evening Prayer
will be led by our
Filipino Prayer Group.

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

Arts and Crafts
sponsored by
Parker Hannafin, ESD

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.

“Don't forget your
school supplies!
(see page 4)”

Can you help us out? Send an e-mail 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.

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.

Did you miss a week of Children's Liturgy?

Don't fear! Check out the table by the Parish Center which has the handouts and parent pieces for each week of Children's Liturgy. We're hoping for a web page soon – can you help us out? If so, please contact John Sureau at jsureau@ollchurch.org or call 661.3224.

Social Action

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.

School Supplies Needed

Throughout the month of *August*, we are asking our entire parish to help those in need by bringing new, unused school supplies to Summer Evening Prayer each Monday night. As we prepare for another school year, many families in our parish and the local community need basic school supplies so they can get off to a good start this school year. Can you help? If so, pick up a few school supplies as you see them on sale or when shopping for your family. Bring them to *Summer Evening Prayer each Monday of August* and leave them in the baskets by the hospitality table. Thanks for your help and support.

Throw a Bag in...

Many soup kitchens and local shelters rely on plastic shopping bags (the ones you get at Target, Best Yet, etc.) to provide food and resources to their communities. Can you help by saving your plastic bags each week and dropping them off in the Social Action baskets each Sunday? This way, you're not harming the environment and you're helping those in need! This is something *everyone* can be a part of.

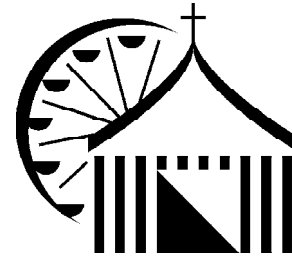
Italian Family Feast 2005

Super Raffle

Tickets will be on sale at the Church doors before and after all masses during the month of August. Tickets will also be available at the Parish Office, Monday thru Friday – 9 AM to 5 PM.

Each ticket is \$100. Only 200 tickets will be sold!

Don't wait – get your number early!



Volunteers needed!

Volunteers are always needed to support our annual Italian Family Feast 2005. We have our faithful volunteers that come and help year after year-and to them we are very grateful. We need to attract new volunteers to keep our feast the wonderful annual event that it is. Can you help? If you are interested or have any questions, please call the Parish Office at 661.3224.

Keeping Our Church Clean

Thank you for your help in keeping our Church clean. What a huge help it has been....and please keep it up! If you see something wrong, please let someone know. If there is a bulletin left behind, a worship aid tucked in the missalette rack or something out of place, please return it. Many hands make light work and little things make a big difference in making our worship space even more welcoming and comfortable.

Religious Education

Grade 1 Program

Parents whose children are in public school, Grade 1- Fall 2005, are asked to register their children for the Pep 1 Program.

Registration will take place in the Parish Center (the room opposite the playground) on the following dates/times:

Family name A - G: Thursday, September 22 at 10 AM or 8 PM

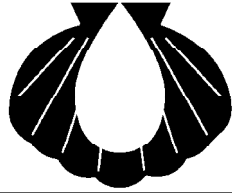
Family name H - O: Monday, September 26 at 10 AM or 8 PM

Family name P - Z: Wednesday, September 28 at 10 AM or 8 PM

If your child *was not baptized at OLL*, a Baptism Certificate is required.

There is a “*family fee*” of \$90, and books \$20/worksheet fees \$15 are payable at this meeting.

However, if you already have children attending the program, the first grader is included in the “*family fee*.”



Baptisms

Joshua Anthony Gutierrez

Daniel & Crystal

Johnathan Castro

Gustavo & Louise

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

Paul Peter Morris, husband of Carol

Upcoming Marriages

Allison Epp, OLL and *Nicholas Betzold*, Ss. Philip & James, St. James

Susan Gianiotis and *Arthur Nappo*, both OLL

Victoria Baimas and *John Whatley*, 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, August 8

St. Dominic

8:00 AM Thomas Vincent Riker

Tuesday, August 9

8:00 AM Critchley Family

Wednesday, August 10

St. Lawrence

8:00 AM Margaret O'Leary

Thursday, August 11

St. Clare

8:00 AM Rita Rubino

Friday, August 12

8:00 AM Michael Reilly

Saturday, August 13

8:00 AM Maria & Vito Colagrande, Enio Valente, Ellen & Michael Kearns, All Saints, Jesse Wanner, Diane Azznara, Joseph F. Allen, Michael A. McNulty, John Kaskoun

5:00 PM Steven Perone

Fr. Stan Chukwube

Sunday, August 14

8:00 AM Ventura & Laura Cafaro

Fr. Ambrose Cabildo

9:30 AM William Martino

Fr. Stan Chukwube

11:00 AM Joseph Rizzo

Fr. John Asomugha

12:30 PM Theresa Guinan

Fr. Stan Chukwube

6:00 PM Scott Dascall, Teresa & Nicholas Ambrosino, Gloria Kuntz, Delia (Tilly) Mullarkey, Desmond Conry, Margaret Chapman, Rose M. Marro, Robert Petrucelly, Bernardino Cruz, Obenza Family, Stein Family, Shaun Ryan

Fr. Ambrose Cabildo

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

Financial Summary

July 31, 2005

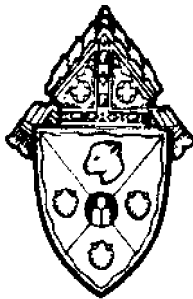
Weekly Collection	\$16,918.00
Weekly Budget	<u>-\$19,057.00</u>
+/- for the week	\$ (2,139.00)

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

There will be a second collection at all Masses on the weekend of August 13/14 for the Church in Latin America.

Catholic Ministries Appeal

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



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

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.

SAGE

The SAGE Group (**S**enior **A**dvocates for **G**rowth and **E**nrichment) will meet on **Tuesday, August 9** in the **Parish Center at 9 AM**. All older parishioners are welcome.

Senior Circle

Senior Circle **Tai Chi** will be held on **Monday, August 8** at **10 AM** in the **Parish Center**.

The Senior Circle trip to **Tropicana**, originally scheduled for September 13 has been changed to **Tuesday, September 20**. The cost is \$20 with \$5 back. For information or reservations, contact Vera at 587.1553. Seating is on a first come-first served basis.

Living Liturgy

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.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Have you ever desired to serve the local community by ministering communion at Mass or bringing communion to the sick? This fall, the Diocese of Rockville Centre will offer training for those interested. Our parish will offer a follow up training for all to serve here and to potentially bring communion to the sick at home in our parish community. If you're interested, you can e-mail to jsureau@ollchurch.org or call the Parish Office at 661.3224.

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.

Ushers

We are always in need of committed women and men to serve in our usher ministry. The ministry of usher is one of the most vital as they welcome, assist parishioners, take up the collection and help people to receive the Eucharist! If you're interested, talk to one of the ushers at the Mass you attend or call the Parish Office at 661.3224 or e-mail to jsureau@ollchurch.org.

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

fax: 661-7143

website:

www.ollchurch.org**Our Lady of Lourdes
School**

587-7200

Monday-Friday:

9 AM - 3 PM

email: 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**Parish Outreach**

661-9262

Monday-Friday:

9:30 AM - 3:30 PM

S.A.G.E.

661-3224

**(Senior Advocates for
Growth and Enrichment)**

email:

Sage@ollchurch.org**Thrift & Gift Boutique**

Monday & Thursday:

9 AM - 11 AM

Saturday: 10 AM - 1 PM

Pray for Our Sick

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

*Jannine Augustine, Jo Brogan, Christian Bullock,
Tom Capo, Suzanne Coyle, John Finch,
Concetta Franco, Diana Kaehne, Benjy Margulies,
Danny McCann, Arabella Elizabeth McCarthy,
Silvestro Messina, Nichole O'Connor, Michael Ojeda,
Joe Radosti, Rose Serragano, Dorothy Sullivan,
Rose Towler, Dorothy Traufield, Loretta Vitale*



Altar Society

Marie Cirone

Anointing of the Sick

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

Communion CallsCommunion 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.



Daytime Eucharistic Adoration

The afternoon adoration for the month of **August** will be on **Wednesday, August 10 from 1-3 PM**. All are invited and welcome to come and pray for peace in our families, peace in the world, for the Pope, and for the Holy Catholic Church.

Jesus, King of All Nations Prayer Group will meet on Thursday, **August 11 at 3 PM** in the **Blessed Sacrament Chapel**.

The Good Samaritan Prayer Group will meet on Friday, **August 12 at 8 PM** in **Room 16/cafeteria**. Also, Good Samaritan Prayer Group **Day of Prayer** is scheduled for **Saturday, August 13 at 9 AM** in the **Parish Center/cafeteria**.

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

Ed Kelly III-US Air Force

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)

7. **Develop a eucharistic attitude. Become disciplined in giving thanks.**

The Eucharist not only provides the interior strength needed for this mission, but is also—in some sense—its plan (#25). One fundamental element of this plan is found in the very meaning of the word “Eucharist” thanksgiving. This transcendent point of reference, which commits us constantly to give thanks for all we have and are—in other words, to a “Eucharistic” attitude (#26).

The central mystery of our faith is Christ’s death and Resurrection, yet it is easy to forget this in the daily annoyances we encounter, the tragedies we experience, and the hopes that are dashed through no fault of our own. An attitude of thankfulness comes more naturally to some than others, and it is easier to be thankful when times are good. A eucharistic attitude however, requires us to become students of thankfulness. Even if we are not accustomed to giving thanks in the face of the most difficult of mysteries, we can learn. We can begin to give thanks even when we don’t “feel” thankful. We can practice being thankful by taking time each day to call to mind those things for which we are thankful. In this way, we can become habitually thankful. This is a eucharistic attitude.



19th Sunday of Ordinary Time

A tour guide in Rome had the amazing ability to look at a group of tourists and tell you where they came from. Clues like clothing, gestures, luggage, and even how close they stood together when they spoke, revealed their cultural background. After years of dealing with pilgrims and tourists alike, the guide was able to identify people's homeland by their dress and behavior.

The Apostles were not always certain that Jesus was who he claimed to be. They often needed reassurance, both before and after the Resurrection, that he was truly the Lord. Peter wants to walk on water, Thomas wants to touch him, the Apostles ask a lot of questions and want to see him eat. But in their hearts, they know him and in the breaking of bread they recognize him.

Recognizing Jesus and responding to him is part of the practice of faith. What do we need to see? He is present in our world, leading us and guiding us to act in his name. We see him in many ways: in the needs of others; in the call to service; through our prayer and worship; in word and sacrament. Through the eyes of faith and in the depths of our heart, we know he is near.

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Readings for the Week of August 7, 2005

Sunday:	1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Rom 9:1-5/ Mt 14:22-33
Monday:	Dt 10:12-22/ Mt 17:22-27
Tuesday:	Dt 31:1-8/ Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wednesday:	2 Cor 9:6-10/ Jn 12:24-26
Thursday:	Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/ Mt 18:21-19:1
Friday:	Jos 24:1-13/ Mt 19:3-12
Saturday:	Jos 24:14-29/ Mt 19:13-15
Next Sunday:	Is 56:1, 6-7/ Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/ Mt 15:21-28

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

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.

Thrift Shop

We cannot accept winter items such as clothing, blankets, skis, toys and books at this time.

We greatly appreciate your cooperation in this dilemma, we simply don't have the room.

Now the good news! We will celebrate the joyous season of Christmas every Saturday in the month of August from 10 AM until 1 PM. We are offering beautiful, low priced items for sale. The proceeds will benefit the Outreach Pantry. Please come and enjoy a cool shopping day with Christmas in your heart.

Thrift & Gift Boutique

Monday & Thursday: 9 AM - 11 AM

Saturday: 10 AM - 1 PM

Escape for the Weekend

An opportunity to enrich your marriage on August 20 and 21 at the Hampton Inn-Brookhaven, Farmingville. The cost is \$175 per couple for weekend which includes Myers-Briggs workshop, all materials, one room-double occupancy, breakfast and lunch on Saturday, breakfast on Sunday. Please make check payable to-Office of Laity and Family, and send to: P.O. Box 9023, Rockville Centre, NY 11571-9023. For further information and registration, please call 516.678.5800, ext. 223

Bereavement Support Group

Facilitator training to be held at St. Sylvester Parish in Medford on Tuesday, August 16 from 7 PM - 9 PM or Emmanuel Retreat Center at Kellenberg High School, Uniondale on Wednesday, August 17 from 7 - 9 PM. There is a \$20 fee for registration, book and facilitator guide. To register, call 516.678.5800, ext. 508 or e-mail cllok@drvc.org.

Pastoral Formation Institute

Are you looking for a community where you can grow spiritually and explore your faith? Pastoral Formation Institute is a two year process of spiritual and theological formation. Daytime classes for Fall 2005 to be held at St. Rosalie Parish, Hampton Bays and St. James Parish, Setauket. For further information or to request an application call Fran at 516.678.5800, ext. 630 or e-mail fmartinez@drvc.org.

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

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:

"Moving On"

Don't forget to tune in! Visit "Religion & Rock" on the web, 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.

Our Lady of the Assumption Feast

Our Lady of the Assumption Feast to be held at OLA Parish in Copiague on Wednesday, August 10 through Sunday, August 14. Come and enjoy the giant midway, great food, casino, and more! For more information, call Joe at 842.3135.

Women’s Recovery Retreat/Vacation

Come pray, rest and renew yourself at Siena Spirituality Center, Water Mill from August 21-25. Retreat/vacation to be led by S. Jane Doherty, OP. Pool and beach available. To register or for further information, call 631.726.4710 or e-mail www.sienawatermill.org.

Fire Island Concert

Andy Cooney will be appearing in concert at the Church of the Most Precious Blood, Davis Park, Fire Island on August 27 at 7 PM. Tickets are \$25 per person. For further information, please call 631.928.2377, ext. 22.

Craft Vendors Wanted

The St. Brigid/OLH School Fall Crafts Festival, a fun family event, to be held Saturday, September 17 on Maple Avenue in the Village of Westbury from 10 AM until 5 PM. For vendor information, call 516.984.7617.

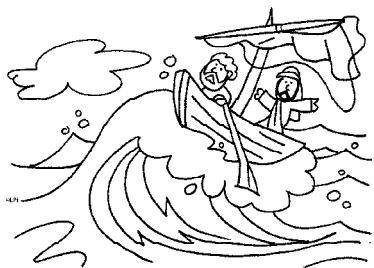
Wanted

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who have been commissioned by the Diocese to bring Holy Communion to patients at Good Samaritan Hospital. Any day, based on your availability, from 10:15 to 11:15 AM. If interested, please contact Sr. Mary Anna, Director of Pastoral Care at 631.376.4103.

Position Available

Senior Secretary/Transcriptionist
 Seeking an experienced secretary to provide secretarial, transcription and clerical services within the Office of the Bishop. Qualifications include high school graduate, business school graduate or Associates Degree in Business or Secretarial Science preferred. Three-five years high level secretarial support experience. Demonstrated expertise in the MS Office product suite and with dictaphone equipment. Typing speed of 50+ wpm required. Ability to work collaboratively with other administrative support personnel on major office and inter-office projects. 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



Some of us are afraid of storms. Some of us find other things that make us panic. In the middle of our fears, Jesus calls us to step out of our comfort zones. We may be laughed at, look foolish, or be without something we depended on - all for following Jesus. That's when we need to decide if our eyes will be on our fears or on

Jesus. Peter walked on the water when his eyes were on Jesus. He sank when he looked down at the waves. It's up to each of us - will we walk or sink?

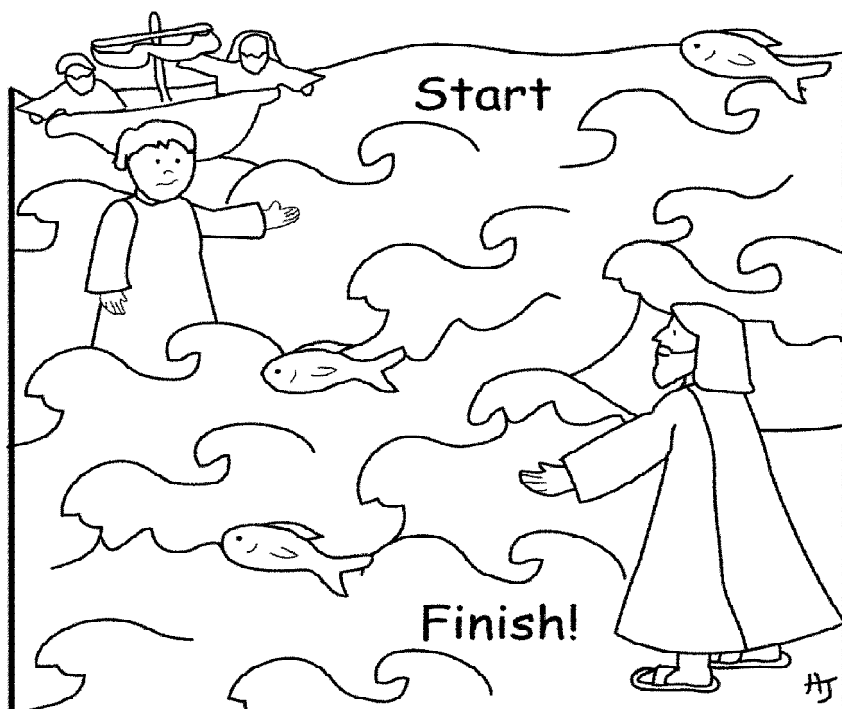
Mission for the Week



Give your faith some exercise by doing something kind for someone else - something you're not used to doing or may not feel very good at.

Puzzle

Jesus said: "I am here, don't be afraid." We can only know Jesus by believing in him. Help Peter find his way to Jesus through this wavy maze.



Prayer

Dear Jesus,

I want to answer your call.

I want to overcome my fears.

Thank you for being close to catch me when my faith is weak.