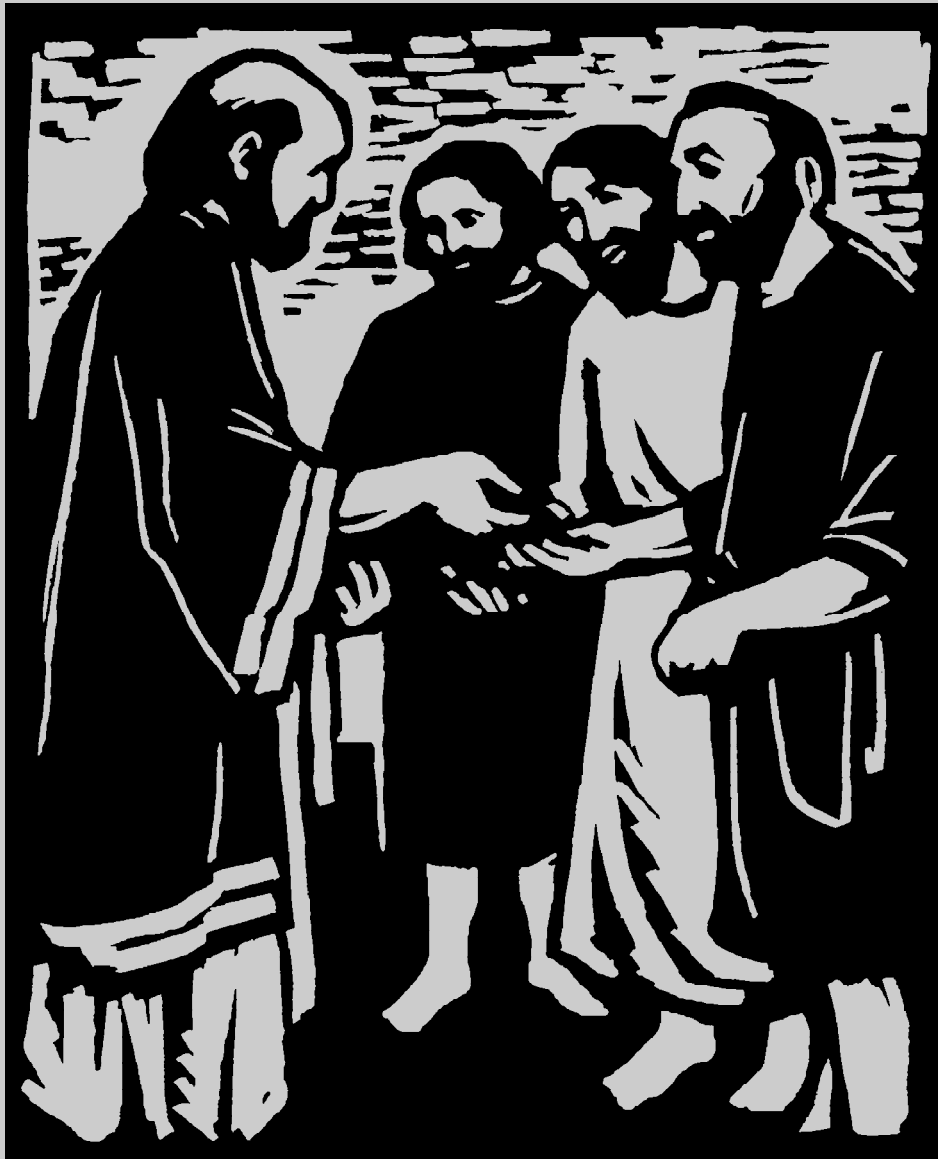


Our Lady of Lourdes



“Are you envious
because I am generous?”

Matthew 20:15

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 18, 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. 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 Scorcia
Ministry Spiritual Director
John Sureau
Coordinator of Worship
Sr. Betty Toohig
Senior Ministry-SAGE
Anthony Trombino
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Pastoral Council

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John Sureau
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Parish Office
Debbie Meyer
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Rosemary Multer
School Office
Rex Muro
Organist
Rita Spera
Religious Education Office



Our parish continues to reflect on the justice mission of the Church and how we “Respond to the Gospel in a radical way, inviting and inspiring all to form the Kingdom of God in every moment of life.”

The New York State Catholic Bishops have published a powerful Pastoral Letter on Society’s Responsibility to the Poor and Vulnerable.

Let’s pray and reflect on these words throughout the next few months and how we can live them out as a faith community.

Each week we shall publish an excerpt.



Pastoral Letter on Society’s Responsibility to the Poor and Vulnerable

The Challenge of Economic Justice in New York State

This is a challenging and crucial time for the people and leaders of New York State. Many people are struggling while escalating demands and claims on both our private and public resources create painful and difficult choices for us as we set our social, economic and fiscal priorities... We know that sacrifices will be required from all. We also believe that a commitment to the common good requires that the benefits and burdens, the gains and sacrifices be shared equitably, with special attention to how these decisions impact our poorest and most vulnerable people. We are writing this pastoral letter because our faith calls us, as followers of Jesus Christ, to express our deep conviction that New York State’s historical covenant with people who are in need and struggling, must be maintained, not weakened, and even strengthened where necessary as we set these priorities.

We are writing to our sister and brother Catholics and to all of the people of New York to share our experience, recall our social teaching, recommit our resources to the service of this covenant and to urge vigilance and action by all New Yorkers as we undertake these challenges, to safeguard the vitality of the common good, the protection of our poorest and most vulnerable members, and the solidarity of all our people with each other. This pastoral letter is grounded, as is all our social teaching, on our belief in the sacredness of human life and the dignity of the human person made manifest in relationships with family and community.

More than 13 percent, nearly 2.5 million people, live below the federal poverty guideline of \$15,670 for a family of three in New York State.

Please turn to page 13 for the second excerpt in series...

Music in Ministry

Choir Rehearsals

Youth Choir will have rehearsal on **Thursday, September 22** at **7 PM** in the **Church**.

Adult Choir will have rehearsal on **Thursday, September 22** at **8 PM** in the **Church**.

We're still singing!

Contemporary Music Group

Our Contemporary Music Group includes members that are eighth grade through college age.

Also, if you are proficient on an instrument and would like to play with our groups, please join us. If you would like further information, you may contact Carol Goetz at 661-3224 or email to music@ollchurch.org.

In the meantime, warm up those voices and tune up those instruments and become part of our music ministry!

Let's continue to sing a new song....

This Summer, our Evening Prayers focused on the ways we can sing a new song to the Lord in many parts of our lives, but most especially when we come to Church. Mrs. Carol Goetz, our Parish Music Director, offered the homily at one of our Evening Prayers, addressing why people struggle to sing at Mass entitled "*The Top Ten Reasons People Don't Sing At Mass*". Mrs. Goetz's reflection – which we hope to print for the next few weeks – gives us much to think about. Let's begin...



#1 – I don't sing well.

I've never heard anyone at a celebration where people were engaging in communal singing ever say, "You'll have to excuse me- I'll just wish you a happy birthday. I don't really have a good singing voice. I hope you'll understand."

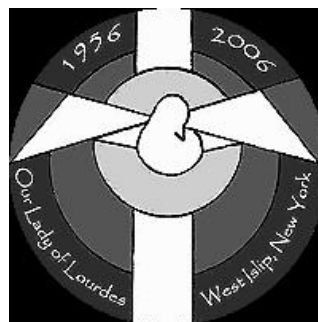
It truly doesn't matter. This could actually be very liberating. If you are one of those people whose teacher said, "You just mouth the words," here's your chance to sing in a non-judgmental environment. No one is going to rate your singing and God certainly will not.

Besides if everyone around you is singing, you'll be in the crowd and no one voice will stand out."

Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Please join us on our **Pilgrimage to Lourdes, April 17 -25, 2006** with Fr. Michael Vetrano, commemorating the *Fiftieth Anniversary of Our Lady of Lourdes.*

For more information you are cordially invited to the Lourdes meeting on **Tuesday, September 27 at 7:30 PM in the Parish Center.**



Living Liturgy

Serving the Lord with Gladness

We welcome our newest altar servers to ministry!

Our newest altar servers are: *Cassidy Bock, J.P. Cantalino, Kelly Feeney, Kieran Frodell, Jaclyn Hahn, Billy Martin, Jillian Oross, Lynn Paz, Michael Trujillo and Dorothy Wilkinson.*

They have worked and trained hard to learn the many tasks associated with being an altar server at OLL. Special thanks to Patrick Gordon who trained our newest crew of servers!

Thanks!!

We give thanks to *Mr. John Carroll* who designed, built and delivered a brand new ambo for our use at Children's Liturgy of the Word (and other events) in the Parish Center. The ambo will be a great way for our young people to better understand how God is working through all of them! What a great example of stewardship at work!

Liturgy Team

Our Liturgy Team will meet on **Wednesday, September 21, at 7:30 PM in Room 16.** If you're interested in being a part of our "Liturgy Team" – call the Parish Office at 661.3224 or e-mail to jsureau@ollchurch.org.

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.

Senior Circle

Senior Circle **Tai Chi** will be held on **Monday, September 19** at **10 AM** in the **All-Purpose Room**.

Religious Education

Classes Begin!

Pep 2 classes begin on **Thursday, September 22** at **4 PM**.

Grade 1 Program Registration

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 (*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*”.

Upcoming Parent Orientation Meetings

Pep 2	Monday, Sept. 19	10 AM or 8 PM	Parish Center
	Wednesday, Sept. 21	10 AM or 8 PM	Parish Center
Grade 8	Thursday, Sept. 22	10 AM or 8 PM	Cafeteria
Grade 7	Thursday, Oct. 6	10 AM or 8 PM	Cafeteria
Grade 6	Thursday, Oct. 20	10 AM or 8 PM	Cafeteria
Grade 5	Thursday, Oct. 27	10 AM or 8 PM	Cafeteria

Please consult the Religious Education calendar for further information on each grade level.

Education & Faith

Open houses present students and parents with a special opportunity to gain information about the programs, faculty and facilities of the Catholic High Schools on Long Island. Administrators, faculty members, staff and students are available to describe school programs and to answer questions at the Open House events. For additional information on particular schools, plan to attend one or more of the Open Houses.

Saturday, September 17	11 AM-2 PM	Our Lady of Mercy Academy
Sunday, September 18	10 AM-1 PM	St. Anthony's High School.
Sunday, September 25	1 PM-4 PM	St. Dominic High School
Saturday, October 1	10 AM-1 PM 2 PM-4PM	Kellenberg Memorial High School Chaminade High School
Sunday, October 2	12 PM-2:30 PM 2 PM-4:30 PM	Holy Trinity Diocesan High School St. Mary's College Prep High School
Saturday, October 15	10 AM-1 PM 10 AM-1 PM 12 PM-2:30 PM	Sacred Heart Academy McGann-Mercy Diocesan High School Academy of St. Joseph
Sunday, October 16	10:30 AM-2 PM	St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School

Applications for the Catholic High School entrance exam are available at the Religious Education Office and the OLL School Office.

Proverbs with a Twist

A first grade teacher collected well-known proverbs. She gave each child in her class the first half of a proverb and asked them to come up with the remainder of the proverb. Their insights may surprise you.

- No news is ...
impossible.
- A penny saved is ...
not much.
- The pen is mightier than the ...
pigs.
- Don't bite the hand that ...
looks dirty.
- You can't teach an old dog new ...
math.
- Where there's smoke there's ...
pollution.
- Two's company, three's ...
The Musketeers.
- Happy the bride who ...
gets all the presents.
- Never underestimate the power of ...
termites.
- If at first you don't succeed ...
get new batteries.
- When the blind leadeth the blind ...
get out of the way.
- If you lie down with dogs, you'll ...
stink in the morning.
- You get out of something what you ...
see pictured on the box.
- Laugh: the world laughs with you, cry ...
you have to blow your nose.

Financial Summary

September 11, 2005

Weekly Collection	\$19,473.35
Weekly Budget	<u>-\$19,057.00</u>
+/- for the week	\$ 416.35

Hurricane Katrina \$ 1,062.00
(second week)

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

Baptisms

- William John Antippas*
Bill and Christine
- Gwyneth Marie Baione*
Robert & Kelly Ann
- Sean Thomas Lennon*
Christopher & Danielle
- Kaiden Edwin Lewis*
Douglass and Susan
- Tina Joanne Mattel*
Robert & Toni
- Shae Elizabeth Wallace*
James & Maureen
- Alexa Rae Munoz*
Robert and Carmen

Upcoming Marriages

- Brooke LaFountain and*
Ronnie Anderson, both OLL
- Kimberly Tuthil and*
John Desthers, both OLL
- Julia DiFiglia, OLL and*
Robert Comer, St. Mary's, East Islip
- Kelly Carey, OLPH, Lindenhurst and*
Michael Durso, OLL
- Samantha Fallon, St. Joseph, Babylon and*
Frank Mancini, Jr., OLL
- Paige Napoli, OLL and*
Michael Carbone, St. Patrick, Bay Shore

Baptism

Please contact the Parish Office to schedule an appointment.

Marriage

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

Remembering...

Monday, September 19

St. Januarius, martyr

8:00 AM Peter Reehil

Tuesday, September 20

*St. Andrew Tim Taegon, Paul Chong Hasang
and companions, martyrs*

8:00 AM Rose Petrone

Wednesday, September 21

St. Matthew, apostle, evangelist

8:00 AM Joanne Wolffe

Thursday, September 22

8:00 AM Baby Shaddock

Friday, September 23

8:00 AM James Loretz

Saturday, September 24

8:00 AM Bobby Purelli, Robert T. Beck, Rose Bassile,
Joseph Paci, Concetta Minella, Frank Dibella, Ennio Cerdelli,
In Honor of the Blessed Virgin & Sacred Heart

5:00 PM John Lovari

Fr. John Asomugha

Sunday, September 25

8:00 AM Catherine Homann

Fr. Stan Chukwube

9:30 AM Joan Goode

Fr. John Asomugha

11:00 AM Frank Downey

Fr. Mike Vetrano

12:30 PM Thomas Coletto

Fr. Stan Chukwube

6:00 PM Rick Munkwitz, William B. Basso, Mike &
Josephine Ferrante, Ernest Grawunder, Adelaide Cruz, Rose Bassile,
Lewis Tagarello, Anthony & Marie DeLuke, Theresa Rooney,
Cecilio Rivera, Josefa Morales, Kenneth Sweeney

Fr. Mike Vetrano

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

Resting in Peace

James Hunt,

father of Maureen

John Fedorenchik,

husband of Loretta

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,
Maria Chiarello, Angela D'Angelo, Barney D'Angelo,
Mary Doyle, John Esposito, John Finch, Julia Guando,
Fr. Bill Jablonski, Benjy Margulies,
Arabella Elizabeth McCarthy, Nichole O'Connor,
Frances Parine, Robert Petersen, Joe Radosti,
Winifred Rooney, Rose Serragano, Loretta Vitale,
Diana Zotto*



Altar Society

Rose Grant

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.

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Jesus, King of All Nations Prayer Group will meet on Thursday, **September 22 at 3 PM** in the **Blessed Sacrament Chapel**.

The Good Samaritan Prayer Group will meet on Friday, **September 23 at 8 PM** in **Room 16**.

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

Michael F. Loguidice-US Air Force

Paul McEvoy-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.

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 chili*
- canned fruits*
- canned soups*
- canned vegetables*
- cereal*
- children's disposable diapers*
- cookies*
- crackers*
- jello*
- jelly*
- pudding*
- spam*

Support Groups

Alcoholics Anonymous

Monday and Tuesday at 8 PM and Saturday at 7 PM in Lourdes Hall-convent lower level.

ALANON

Each Wednesday at 10 AM in Lourdes Hall-convent lower level.

Social Action Weekend

Next weekend...

**Social Action Weekend at Our Lady of Lourdes
Saturday, September 24 and Sunday, September 25**

We are honored to welcome Catholic Relief Services and the Good Shepherd Sisters to Our Lady of Lourdes to speak about their work and ministry, how we have already supported them, and how we can do so in the future.

Catholic Relief Services

Father Robert Richter, of Catholic Relief Services will be speaking at the Masses on the weekend of September 24/25. CRS is the official international relief and development agency of the United States Catholic Community. Father Richter is participating in a national effort to say thanks for your generous support to assist the victims of the tsunami emergency.

HandCrafting Justice-*Give the gift of hope*

HandCrafting Justice is a Fair Trade, non-profit project by the Sisters of the Good Shepherd which works in cooperation with women and men in 14 developing countries. A sale of handcrafts made by women in the developing world—tapestries, pottery, embroidery, weavings, toys, bags, and gifts. The sale will be held next weekend, Saturday and Sunday, September 24/25, following all the Masses here at Our Lady of Lourdes. For more information please contact HandCrafting Justice at 718.969.1966, extension 12.

Pastoral Letter on Society’s Responsibility to the Poor and Vulnerable

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Why We Are Writing on the Covenant

We are writing because as pastors we know the people of our state. From Montauk to Buffalo, from Syracuse to Plattsburgh, we have been present at their weddings and their funerals, at their baptisms and confirmations. We have worked together with the leaders and peoples of other faiths, both locally and statewide. We have talked with families who are prospering and able to maximize society’s opportunities for themselves and their children. We have also talked with people who are homeless or out of work, the undocumented, people who come to our parish food pantries, who sleep in our parish shelters. We know the people who come to our hospitals, seek help at our social service agencies, and enroll their children in our schools. Together with our parishioners and social service and health care staffs, we have listened to their stories.

These stories have raised significant questions for us. How are the poorest among us faring? How well are all our schools, public, independent and religious, serving our students? What is happening to even middle income people who are encountering increasingly exorbitant housing costs? What does a family do when they have a health crisis and no medical insurance? How will we determine how the benefits and burdens of our economy are equitably shared? What affect does the growing gap between rich and poor in our state have on the quality of our life together? How do we keep all these concerns at the center of public debate?

7.5 percent of New York’s working families earn wages below the federal poverty guideline.



25th Sunday of Ordinary Time

A local TV celebrity who hosted a cooking show was recalling the many bits of advice about cooking she had received over the years. Her favorite insight came from her grandmother, who taught her about using spices. “You don’t need much,” she said. “Just a little bit can make a big difference.”

The teaching of Jesus might offend those who are sensitive to labor issues, but this parable is not about work and pay. The parable describes the power of God’s generous love. Nothing we do merits such love, but God gives His love freely. It is His gift that forgives, heals, sanctifies and gives life. It is not measured in terms of quantity, but quality. You don’t need much, and just a little bit makes a big difference.

People may feel that they are overwhelmed by sin, abandoned and rejected by God, or doomed to hell. God’s love is so powerful that nothing can stop it. God’s desire, purpose and goal is to love and save us. Even the last one to accept His love will be as loved as the first. All He asks in return is for us to love Him. A little bit makes a big difference!

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Readings for the Week of September 18, 2005

Sunday: Is 55:6-9/ Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/ Mt 20:1-16a
Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/ Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/ Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Mt 9:9-13
Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/ Lk 9:7-9
Friday: Hg 2:1-9/ Lk 9:18-22
Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/ Lk 9:43b-45
Next Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/ Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32

Come and See Sundays

Sometimes the best way to discern whether to enter the seminary is to visit. You are invited to join us one Regular Sunday at either the minor seminary (college) or major seminary. If interested call the Vocations Office at 631.424.9888 or Vocations@drvc.org.

Spiritual Journey

A spiritual journey of hope for women sexual abuse survivors. *This group meets the first Saturday of each month at Our Lady of Miraculous Medal Church in Wyandanch.* The next meeting is scheduled for **Saturday, October 1 from 10 AM until 12 Noon** in the **Rectory Sitting Room**. For further information, please call Libby at 631.225.0734.

High School Vocation Retreat

The Vocation Office for the Diocese of Rockville Centre is sponsoring a High School Vocation Retreat Weekend at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception on Saturday, November 19 - Sunday, November 20. This retreat is for young men of high school age who might benefit from hearing more about the priesthood and use the experience in their future discernment of a vocation. There is no fee for this event, but preregistration is required. For more information please contact the Vocation Office at 631.424.9888 or email to vocations@drvc.org.

Natural Family Planning

A holistic approach to family planning. Both husband and wife come to understand their fertility, emotions, and family planning intention. Christ the King Parish, Commack on Friday, September 23 at 7:45 PM. For information and registration for this class or future classes please call the Diocesan Office of Laity & Family at 516.678.5800, extension 223.

Young Widows

Young widows (50 and under) can find support, understanding and friendship in a safe place with other women mourning loss and facing similar issues. Six week bereavement support group beginning on Tuesday, September 27 from 7:30 - 9 PM at St. Thomas the Apostle Church in West Hempstead. For information and registration contact Sue Mione, R.N. at 516.481.6851.

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:

"Knowing the Issues"

Don't forget to tune in! Visit "Religion & Rock" on the web, www.religionandrock.com. Also watch "Good News with Father Jim" on TELE CARE, channel 29, on Mondays and Fridays at 9:45 AM; Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 7:45 PM; Sundays at 8 PM.

“Man Matters”

Members of the Montfort Preaching Team who are associated with Fr. Richard Rohr’s M.A.L.E.S. (Men as Learners and Elders), New Mexico, will be conducting a men’s retreat entitled “Man Matters” beginning Friday, October 7 through Sunday, October 9 at St. Joseph’s Renewal Center in Brentwood. All lodging will be single rooms for each retreatant. To register, log onto www.male.spirituality.org and look for the application or contact Joe Prato at 631.928.0992.

Wanted

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who have been commissioned by the Diocese to bring Holy Communion to patients at Our Lady of Consolation Nursing Home. Our Lady of Consolation can accommodate new Eucharistic Ministers almost any day of the week and time of the day is flexible, depending on minister’s convenience. If you have any questions or have an interest, please contact Peggy Nixdorf, chaplain at 631.587.1600, extension 8297.

Sociable Singles- 40+

Wine and Cheese Night

Saturday, October 1 at 8 PM at Ss. Cyril & Methodius Church , Deer Park.

\$10 donation at the door. For further information please call 631.667.7931 or visit our website at sociablesingles.us.

Amityville Dominican Gala

Dominican Sisters of Amityville are known through their ministry in schools, health facilities, parish affiliations, etc. This year the Dominican Sisters of Amityville celebrate 152 years of service in the Brooklyn and Rockville Centre Dioceses. The Dominican Galla will be held on October 28 at the Garden City Hotel, to commemorate their years of service and benefit the ministries of the Sisters. For further information, please contact Sister Eileen Nolan, director of Development at 631.842.6000, extension 238.

Bereavement Support Groups

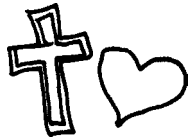
St. Mary’s Parish in East Islip is offering a free eight week support group for adults who are struggling to cope with the death of a loved one. Registration is required for this group, which begins on Wednesday, October 5 from 7 PM until 9 PM. For information and registration please call the rectory at 631.581.4266 extension 100.

(In order to participate the death must have occurred prior to July 2005.)

Perinatal Support Group to help parents whose babies have died during pregnancy or infancy. Registration is required for this group, which will meet on Thursday, September 29 from 7 PM until 9 PM. Grandparents are welcome! For registration and information please call the rectory at 631.581.4266 extension 100. We welcome you to join us in an effort to assure you that you are not alone in your grief and offer our supportive services.

Sharing the Gospel

God's kingdom in heaven will be filled with all different kinds of people. Some people may have loved God and tried to follow God's rules their whole life. Other people may have lived most of their life apart from God and then found God. Imagine their joy when God changed their lives and they began showing God's love to the people around them. God is kind enough to share heaven with everyone who loves him, no matter how long it may take some of us to follow him.



Mission for the Week

Ask God to help you show patience and kindness to your friends and neighbors who do not love God yet.



Word Unscramble

kimdnog	<u>K</u> <u>I</u> <u>N</u> <u>G</u> <u>D</u> <u>O</u> <u>M</u>
heenva	— — — — —
vinadery	— — — — — — —
afnoonert	— — — — — — — —
wrrkoes	— — — — — —
coptinam	— — — — — — —
pida	— — — —
meyno	— — — — —
jouslea	— — — — — — —
gouneers	— — — — — — —

kingdom, heaven, vineyard, afternoon, workers, complain, paid, money, jealous, generous



Prayer

Dear God,

thank you for
being kind enough
to share heaven
with everyone who
loves you.

Amen.