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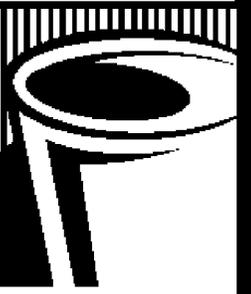
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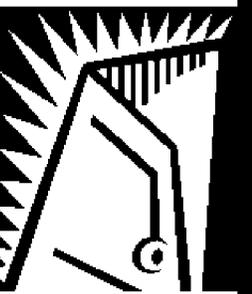
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Christ the King

Thirty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 20, 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

Rev. Nestor Watin

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

Business Manager

Pastoral Council

Michael Abbruscato

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Jane Desthers

Stephen Frodell

Anne Kerrigan

Maria Lucie (*co-chair*)

Mary McMahan

Doreen Spiller

Mary Steck

John Sureau

Fr. Mike Vetrano

Marie Yuliano (*co-chair*)

Parish Staff

Barbara Catuosco

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Mary Anne Lettieri

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Rosemary Multer

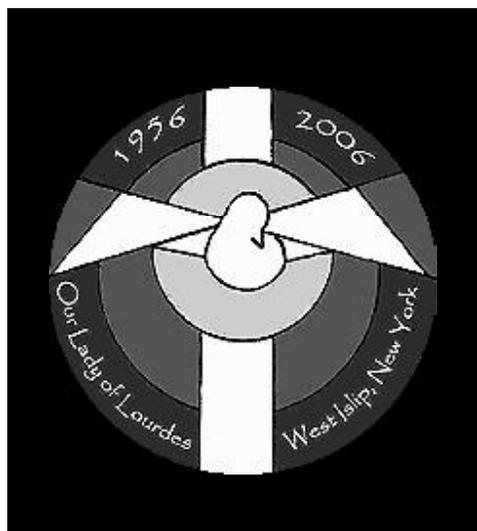
School Office

Rex Muro

Organist

Rita Spera

Religious Education Office



Our Jubilee Year Begins!

All are invited to come and join us
on Thanksgiving Day
at the 9:30 AM Mass
 as we begin our Jubilee Year!

Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Come with Father Mike on a pilgrimage to Lourdes!

As part of our 50th Anniversary Celebration, we will make a pilgrimage to Lourdes, travel dates **April 17-25, 2006**.

Arrangements have been made to gather at the very place that St. Bernadette experienced her apparitions of our Blessed Mother.

Our journey will take us to Avignon, the city of the Popes, Arles, Carcassone, Lourdes and Paris.

We will meet again on **Tuesday, November 29 at 7:30 PM in the Parish Center.**

If you have any questions or for additional information please call the Parish Office at 661.3224.

OLL Website

Please take a moment and visit our parish website. You'll be glad you did!

It is chock full of information regarding our "**Jubilee Year**." There are links to "*Remembering Our History*", "*Celebrating Our Parish Life*", "*Empowering Our Minds and Spirits*" and more.

The parish website is www.ollchurch.org.

This month, our parish will begin the celebration of our 50th year! What a special and wonderful time it will be for our entire parish family.

The Jubilee Year begins on Thanksgiving Day with the **Thanksgiving Mass at 9:30 AM on Thursday, November 24.**

Come give thanks to God for the many blessings of our lives during this jubilee year!

As part of our celebration, we would like to acknowledge, honor and bless those parishioners who were here at the start!

If you were a parishioner here in 1956, or in the first days of Our Lady of Lourdes, please contact the Parish Office at 631.661.3224 or e-mail to parishoffice@ollchurch.org.

Let's pray that this year we empower and enliven our parish community!

Celebrating Our Parish Life

Sunday, November 27 is the first Sunday of Advent—it also is the parish-wide beginning of our "Jubilee Year."

The beginning of our *year of jubilee* is celebrated at all Sunday masses with the distribution of our commemorative jubilee pin (*free to every parishioner.*)

There will also be an opportunity to purchase a special commemorative ornament.

You're Invited

Our Lady of Lourdes 50th Anniversary

Upcoming Events

Christmas Concert

Wednesday, December 14th

7:30 PM

Church

Join us for a fun and relaxing evening of gorgeous Christmas music that will be provided by the many talented musical groups of our parish. There will be a Christmas carol sing-along, followed by hot cocoa and cookies for all!

Take a break from the hectic schedule of the season and bring your family for a wonderful evening with your parish family.

Giving and Receiving the Gift of Peace

An evening of prayer and reflection on the true meaning of Christmas

Monday, December 19

7:30 PM

Church

In the book of the prophet Isaiah we read about the kind of gift that God wants to give to our world. A gift of Justice and Peace to be shared by each and every person and by all the nations of the earth. Without a doubt this is the true meaning of Christmas.

On this evening we will listen to John Bingham speak about how we can give this gift to others and how we can receive it ourselves. Mr. Bingham is a native Long Islander who now lives in France with his family and works for International Catholic Migration Commission which helps refugees worldwide. He is a former director of immigration for Catholic Charities and has traveled the world to spread the message of justice and peace.

If you are wondering how you can fit this talk into the last busy week of Christmas shopping, ask yourself how you can afford to miss the true meaning of this season.

Blood DRIVE

Be a Life Saver... Give Blood

Friday, November 25 (*the day after Thanksgiving*)
3:30 until 8:30 PM in the Parish Ccenter.

In real life accidents happen. People get diseases and surgery is often required. Any and all of these patients can require blood. Ninety-five percent of us will use blood at some point in our lives. We do not collect enough blood in this area to meet our needs. People needing blood most urgently are the elderly. The second largest group is children. These people rely on our donations of blood. It often means the difference between life and death. The human body is the only producer of this precious fluid and its only source is you and me, people who care.

So please, care enough to give blood on **Friday, November 25**
(*the day after Thanksgiving*) from **3:30 until 8:30 PM in the Parish Center.**

To make an appointment, please call Marie Lanfair at 669.5837.

Your gift of blood may mean another day of life for someone, another birthday, another anniversary, another hug, another smile. Love makes it all worthwhile.

School News

Three of our OLL teachers Mrs. Ronek, Mrs. Scali, and Mrs. Jaycox, have been nominated for The Disney Teacher Award. This award recognizes teachers for creativity and success in the classroom. They join an elite group of teachers from across the country who have been recognized by their communities. The next step in the awards process is that the nominees submit an application to be considered for the 2006 Disney Teacher of the Year Award. Good luck, ladies!



As part of their liturgy on November 10, sixth grade students *Ryan Antonawich, Nicole Cunningham, Matthew Hernandez, Christopher LaMarr, and Kathleen Ponzio* developed a power point presentation on the history of Our Lady of Lourdes parish and school. It was a great way to help us all prepare for the upcoming celebration of our parish 50th Anniversary.

Donations from OLL students for Hurricane Katrina victims went to buy WalMart gift cards to help the students in the Diocese of Shreveport, Louisiana. The gift cards will help the children buy clothes so that they may return to school after the devastation wrought by Hurricane Katrina.

Please consider supporting our school's SCRIP program. The SCRIP desk is located in the OLL School Lobby. The SCRIP desk hours are Monday and Wednesday, 12 noon - 2:45 PM, Thursday 12:30 PM - 3:15 PM, Friday, 12 noon - 3:15 PM and Sunday, after the 9:30 AM Mass. In-stock items are available immediately and orders placed by 10AM Monday will be available for pickup on Friday or thereafter. Please consider supporting our school's SCRIP program. The SCRIP desk is located in the OLL School Lobby. The SCRIP desk hours are Monday and Wednesday, 12 noon - 2:45 PM, Thursday 12:30 PM - 3:15 PM, Friday, 12 noon - 3:15 PM and Sunday, after the 9:30 AM Mass.

Becoming Married: The Journey to Intimacy

future classes in the series...

Communication...

talking and listening secrets that lead to intimacy

Wednesday, January 18, 2006

presented by Pat Leonard

Parenting...

how do we parent through the stages of our children's lives

Wednesday, February 15, 2006

presented by Joe Tomaselli

Beginning Again...

healing and freedom through the annulment process

Wednesday, May 17, 2006

presented by Fr. Mike Vetrano

to be held from 7:30 - 9:30 PM in the Parish Center

Our Catholic Faith Through Literature

future classes in the series...

The Prodigal Son **Tuesdays, March 7, 14 and 21, 2006**
presented by Tom Petriano

Vino and DaVinci **Wednesday, May 3, 2006**
presented by Margaret Mannino

to be held from 7:30 - 9:30 PM in the Parish Center

Healthcare Issues in the 21st Century

Caring for the Caregiver

**Tuesdays, ~~November 15~~ and November 22
with Sr. Betty and Sr. Margaret
7:30 - 9:30 PM in the Parish Center**

*"Caregiving is more than giving care; it is also receiving care.
In the every-dayness of your caregiving lies something more: sacredness."*

J. Miller - *The Grit and Grace of Being a Caregiver*

Are you caring for a loved one? Do you feel burdened, isolated, alone? Do you know that the healthiest way to care for another is to care for yourself? Caring for a family member at home or in a nursing home, can be lonely, even overwhelming.

During these two sessions, Sister Margaret and Sister Betty of our SAGE ministry will help you explore these issues, offering support and sources of information.

Attendees will benefit most by being present at both sessions; however, attendance at either session will be of value.

future classes in the series...

Catholic Thinking on Issues of Life and Death

Tuesday, February 28, 2006 with Father Mike

Living Wills, Health Care Proxies, Patient Rights

Tuesdays, March 28, 2006 and April 4, 2006 with Marty and Anne Kerrigan

Pre-Registration is necessary and helpful. This will enable us to have enough reading material and refreshments for all those attending. Please call the Religious Education Office, Monday-Friday, 9AM – 5PM and 7PM – 9PM, 661-5440 or e-mail to religioused@ollchurch.org.

Fee: \$5 per presentation or \$15 for the series (5 presentations). No fee is required for those who have paid the Religious Education Family Fee or Our Lady of Lourdes School Tuition. Fees may vary appropriately.

Happy



thanksgiving

The Parish Office will be **closed** on **Thursday, November 24** in observance of **Thanksgiving Day**. The Parish Office will reopen on Friday, November 25 at 9 AM.

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.

Financial Summary

November 13, 2005

Weekly Collection	\$ 17,879.53
Weekly Budget	<u>-\$ 19,057.00</u>
+/- for the week	\$ (1,177.47)

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

Baptisms

- Gianna Isabella Aliani*
Christopher and Michele
- Andrew Roger Amoros*
Peter and Amy
- Kaelyn Elizabeth Bernstein*
Robert and Colleen
- Ian Scott Frigiola*
Scott and Alicia
- Mia Jean Graziano*
Anthony and Jennifer
- Nicholas John Kelly*
John and Lori
- Alexa Morgan Rondinella*
Renato and Christina
- Anthony Charles Vacca*
Gerald and Stephanie

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, November 21

Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 AM Denise Bosler

Tuesday, November 22

St. Cecilia, virgin, martyr

8:00 AM Barbara Cannon

Wednesday, November 23

St. Clement, pope, martyr

8:00 AM Baby & Richard Joseph Shaddock

Thursday, November 24

St. Andrew Dung-Lac and companions

9:30 AM People of the Parish

Friday, November 25

St. Catherine of Alexandria, virgin, martyr

8:00 AM Frank & Rose Monroe

Saturday, November 26

8:00 AM Rick Munkwitz, Philip Bellacosa, Lucy Parladore,
Roy Melling, Jean Fabozzi, Sr. Phyllis Esposito, RSM, Robert
Wilson, Saul Rodriguez (L)

5:00 PM Danny Salegna

Fr. Mike Vetrano

Sunday, November 27

8:00 AM Dr. Sebastian Rodriguez

Fr. John Asomugha

9:30 AM Eugene DeCanio & Joseph Scalia

Fr. Mike Vetrano

11:00 AM Albert Maione

Fr. John Asomugha

12:30 PM Patrick Manning & Grandparents

Fr. Stan Chukwube

6:00 PM People of the Parish, Rick Munkwitz, Angie
Locetta, Salvatore & Joe Rotolo, Christopher Sessa, Mary Castillo,
Rose DeOrio, Percivaranda, Jeanett, & Brenda Arevallo,
Esperanza Lober, Wilfredo Colon-Lopez, Ethel M. Benvenuto,
Cecilio & Josefa Rivera, Christopher Byrne

Fr. Bob Scheckenback

Altar Bread & Wine

In Memory of

Baby and Richard Joseph Shaddock

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

Senior Circle

Our Senior Circle meets at 12:30 PM in the Parish Center on the last Monday of every month.



Altar Society

Monenna Kennedy

Pray for Our Sick

Please remember in your thoughts and prayers ...

Jessica Baez, Thomas Brennan, Jo Brogan, Christian Bullock, Jerry Castonguay, Lena Conti, Baby Isabella Crudele, John Finch, Brian Hampel, Madeline Hopper, Jeff Kirsty, Benjy Margulies, Peter McCann, Sr., Arabella Elizabeth McCarthy, Margaret Miller, Nichole O'Connor, Joe Radosti, Rose Serragano, Mary Stone, Rosemary Van Acker, Loretta Vitale, Valerie Vitolo

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.

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

Restoring the Covenant

“We are asked to examine our lives and to reflect on how we are living the Gospel call to love and care for each other, and not to forget the least of these.”

New York's Catholic Bishops in Restoring the Covenant

Living God's Covenant with the Poor On Long Island: Stories of Hope and Support

Living God's Covenant with the Poor in the Parish of St. Dominic, Oyster Bay: Giving and Receiving Love and Life

by Fran Jennings, Parish Social Ministry Coordinator

There are countless stories at St. Dominic's Parish Outreach about loss, poverty, pain and inequality. More difficult to communicate is what Christ unveils in each person to my heart. The people I assist help in the transforming of my heart to conform to His. Truly, some of the people I serve are not as loveable as others, yet all have a foothold in my mind and some have cemented themselves in my heart.

I had the pleasure and benefit to journey along Ava's path for ten years. As the priest who presided over her funeral stated, “Ava was a life giver.” She gave life nine times. Unfortunately, Ava's husband was extremely abusive to her and her children, and as she stated, “in those days you didn't leave and no one was taking you in with nine kids.” So, she endured, as did her children, until one day she could not endure any longer and she stabbed him. Fortunately, there was no physical injury, but it inspired him to leave.

However, by this point in time so much emotional damage had been done to her now young adult children that they began abusing drugs and drinking. In 1986 she would bury her son Lawrence, then 36, to AIDS. In 1987, she would bury Steven, 35 to AIDS from a blood transfusion. In 1989, she would bury Tony, 33 from AIDS and in June 1991, Denise 31 from cirrhosis of the liver and a month later Robert 34 from AIDS. By the time I met her in 1996 she was so distraught she could not speak without crying (and neither could I after having heard her story). Here was a woman who struggled with poverty for decades, suffered the affects of abuse, abandonment and experienced the unimaginable grief of burying five of her children. In January, 2000, Eva would bury yet another son, James, from a heart attack. I couldn't help but wonder where the justice in this was.

If we in Outreach did anything for Ava it was to love her because she loved us first. She personified God in more ways than I can recall. She would end every call with “I love you,” and no matter her financial concern, she would ask about you and your family. Every so often she would call and say, “I know you work hard so I will pass by and drop off a tray of lasagna for you and the staff.” She was humble and grateful for everything, and I am not quite certain who benefited more, Ava or me. She was a friend.

Parish Outreach is having its

Annual Fall Bake Sale!



The Annual Fall Bake Sale will be held after all the masses this weekend– November 19/20.
(with the exception of the 6 PM Mass, Sunday, November 20.)

Come and see the culinary talents of our generous parishioners–
and take some delicious treats home with you!

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



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.

Thanksgiving at OLL

It's November...

and Thanksgiving is fast approaching.



Help us set the table...

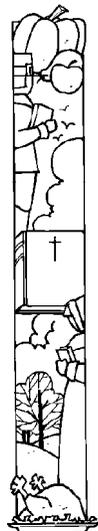
Thanksgiving

Once again, we ask our generous parish family and friends to help those less fortunate by making a donation to OLL Parish Outreach.

May we suggest that when you are shopping for your Thanksgiving dinner, simply buy a duplicate dinner, or any part thereof, for one of our needy families and bring it to Parish Outreach for distribution. *(Parish Outreach is opposite Fr. Brendel Parish Center)*

If shopping is not in your schedule, we will gladly accept food certificates or financial donations. The Thanksgiving baskets will be distributed on Monday, November 21.

We ask that you bring your donations to Parish Outreach between the hours of 8 AM and 11 AM on distribution day - Monday, November 21.



Thanksgiving at OLL

I will be happy to donate a Thanksgiving dinner for a family of _____

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone # _____



34th Sunday of Ordinary Time

A man once told me that once a month he goes to the Veterans Hospital and visits patients. He began the practice 40 years ago when he was discharged from the service. His friend had carried him to safety when he was wounded in battle. He wanted to honor his friend by reaching out to other veterans in need. He called it his living tribute of thanks.

In the Gospel, Jesus portrays the Son of Man as He judges all people. His judgment is not based on what sins we committed, but on what good we omitted. What we know now as the Works of Mercy are the ways in which we offer to God a 'living tribute of thanks' as we serve Him in each other. We honor the sacrifice of Christ the King by how well we treat and respect those who are His brothers and sisters. He comes not to find our faults, but to find our goodness, seen in our willingness to love each other.

The end of one Church Year is the beginning of the next. Resolve now to offer your tribute of thanks. Do something for others, with no expectation of anything in return. Feed the hungry, bury the dead, visit the sick, and counsel the doubtful. The only thing we can truly offer to God that He does not already have is the time and effort we spend to imitate His love for us. Our actions cry out, "Hail to the King!"

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Readings for the Week of November 20, 2005

Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/ 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/ Mt 25:31-46
Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/ Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45/ Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/ Lk 21:12-19
Thursday: Sir 50:22-24 / 1 Cor 1:3-9 / Lk 17:11-19
Friday: Dn 7:2-14/ Lk 21:29-33
Saturday: Dn 7:15-27/ Lk 21:34-36
Next Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/ 1 Cor 1:3-9/ Mk 13:33-37

50th Reunion

Calling all students from St. Agnes High School (RVC) Class of 1956. Fiftieth Reunion to be held the weekend of June 23-25, 2006! Please contact Elaine Edden Stillwell for information. Please call Elaine at 516.766.4682 or email elainestillwell@worldnet.att.

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, December 3 from 10 AM until 12 Noon** in the **Rectory Sitting Room**. For further information, please call Libby at 631.225.0734.

FOCCUS Training

The marriage preparation ministry for active people with busy lives. FOCCUS is a self-assessment instrument designed to help couples learn more about themselves and determine their readiness for marriage. To be held at **Church of the Immaculate Conception, West Hampton Beach on Saturday, December 10 from 9:30 AM until 12 noon**. The cost is \$45 with FOCCUS manual. Pre-registration required no later than December 5. For registration, please call 516.678.5800, ext. 233.

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:

"Responsibility"

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.

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
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.

Reunion Planned

The Bishop McDonnell Memorial High School Alumnae are planning a 50 year reunion for the classes of January and June 1956. For information, please contact Patricia Donovan Guerin at 631.474.3819 or Mary Louise Monroe Schuck at 631.331.5085.

Thank you for being there for me...

When we talk about reaching women facing unplanned pregnancies, it's easy to get nervous and ask, "What would I say to her? How would I connect with her?"

The answer is not in what we say, but in simply being available. If we will listen, if we can empathize and share the love of Jesus Christ, the other answers fall into place. If you have a heart to "be there" for a young woman in this situation, call us. Together we can make a difference in her life.

Life Center of Long Island at 631.243.2373.

Sociable Singles 40+

Christmas Party! Saturday, December 3 at 8 PM Ss. Cyril & Methodius Church, Deer Park. \$10 donation at the door. For further information call 631.242.4711.

The "Nutcracker"

by the New York City Ballet at Lincoln Center on December 11. Join St. Joseph's in Babylon for the New York City Ballet presentation of The "Nutcracker". Transportation will be provided by Classic Coach Company. The cost is \$110 per person. Please call Valerie Stone for information and booking at 631.236.2222.

Sharing the Gospel

Do you need to be the smartest person, the funniest person, have the most friends, or wear the coolest clothes to show how much you love God? No! God knows that when our faith is real; it will show in our loving actions. When we feed hungry people, when we give clothes to people who need them, when we care for people who are sick, and when we visit people who are lonely, Jesus sees our kindness. When we live to please God, we will be rewarded one day in heaven.



Prayer



Dear God,
help me to look for ways to show your
kindness to other people. Amen.



Puzzle

Katie is helping her mother by doing the dishes.
How can you help someone today? Find 7 things
that are out of place in the picture below.



Mission

for the
Week

Read
Matthew 25:31-46
together
as a family. Of
the suggestions in
verses 35-36,
decide which ones
your family can do
this week.