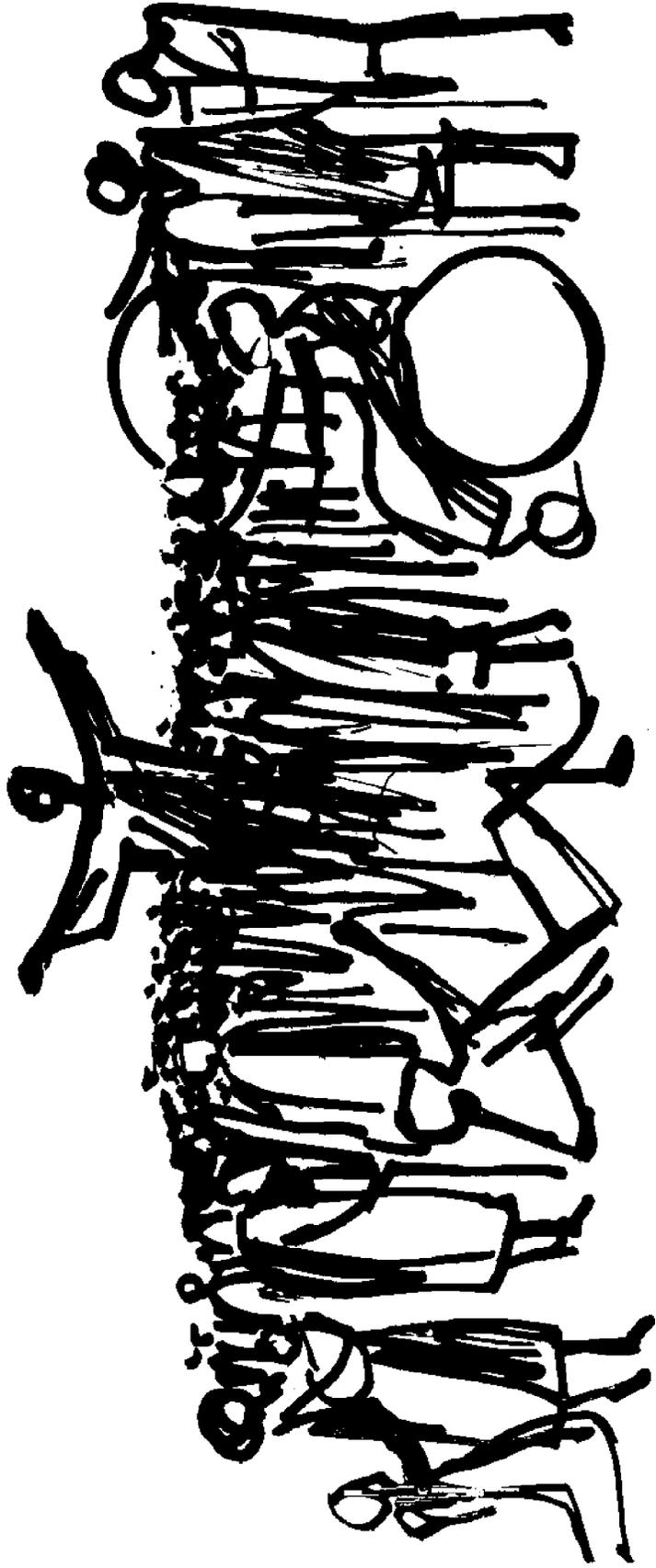


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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time • Our Lady of Lourdes • February 5, 2006

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

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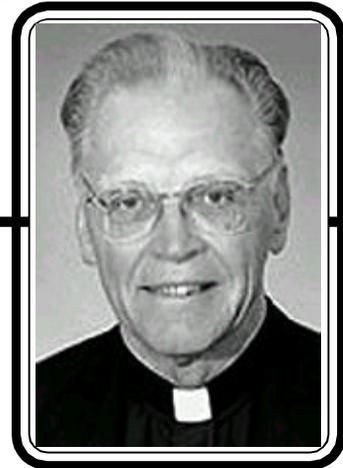
Religious Education Office



Our Jubilee Year 2005-2006



Parish History Project



On **Tuesday, February 7**, Our Lady of Lourdes welcomes Bishop Emil Wcela who will open our Parish History Lecture Series. Our Parish History Lecture Series will be evenings to explore different aspects of our past 50 years at Our Lady of Lourdes Church. We hope to record these evenings as part of our history archive project.

Bishop Wcela opens the series with a presentation at **7:30 PM in the Parish Center**. His presentation, “**Roots: How the Church of the 50’s Formed Us**”, will discuss the traditions of our church and the years that led up to the Second Vatican Council.

After Bishop Wcela’s talk, parishioners will have an opportunity to share their memories of life at OLL in the 50’s and even to have those memories recorded for future generations.

Also, look for details in the next few weeks about upcoming Parish History Events, some of which include:

- The Times They Are a’Changing: Emergence of Lay Leadership and the Post Vatican Church
- From Socials to Social Action: the Development of the Church’s Role in Social Justice Issues
- We Didn’t Start The Fire:

The Historical Events That Formed Our World and Our Church During the Past 50 Years

Between Now and Forever

Celebrate our 50th Jubilee!

As part of our year-long series of events celebrating the many facets of ministry, you are cordially invited to experience the healing which flows from understanding the many dimensions of grief and loss...**“Between Now and Forever”**, a multimedia project on *Loss, Grief and Transcendence* presented by Cindy Pickard. Twenty-five large, framed pieces weave together the heartfelt stories, photos, poetry and artwork of a number of people who have experienced a significant loss. Among these is the story of our own parishioner, Matthew Rogan, whose father was killed on September 11. This exhibit will be on display in the **Parish Center on Saturday, February 11 and Sunday, February 12, from 8 AM until 8 PM.**

Elaine Stillwell, Diocesan Coordinator for Bereavement Services, will be the keynote speaker for a **“Healing of the Heart”** seminar, designed to provide education, sharing and renewal. Individual workshops are described in the inserted flyer.

The workshop will be held on **Saturday, February 11 from 10 AM - 1 PM in the school cafeteria.**

For more information/registration, contact Sister Diane at sdiane@ollchurch.org or call 631.661.6350.

There is no fee for this event.

Upcoming Events

Readers Theatre

Readers Theatre is a form of dramatic presentation in which short plays are presented with minimal sets and costumes. It's easy and fun!

Our first Readers Theatre presentation will be in early February and will be for teens and adults. Readers Theatre for children will be held in March.

Performing Arts at OLL

Eighteen-year-old, world class pianist Natasha Paremski comes to Our Lady of Lourdes in performance on March 23. Natasha's concert is the latest in the OLL Young Artist's Series and follows the success of the Rachel Barton Pine violin concert last season. Our parish is committed to providing opportunities to celebrate and appreciate the beauty of the arts. Save the date!

Read-A-Thon

In your wildest dreams, you could not image the marvelous surprises that await you...

Our Lady of Lourdes School has just embarked on another Read-a-Thon year. What literature did we choose for this year's theme? Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, of course!

This year, our students are racing along a chocolate river to see which class can get to the great glass elevator first. They will be doing their best to read their share of the total school pledged 2,104 hours of reading for the next few weeks. Not only will they be collecting prizes along the way, but the winning class will win a special luncheon just for them!

This week's star readers who helped read towards 44% of our goal are: *Peter Calves, Richard DeMotta, Jordan Duprey, Elizabeth Flynn, Hannah Funk, Marissa Gargiulo, Agnes Goldin, Brandon Khoury, George Khoury, Brigid Merkel, Raquel Roman, Emily Zotto, and Nicholas Zotto...* Congratulations!



Catholic Schools are an important part of the educational mission here at OLL and throughout the diocese.

Here are some opportunities for all of us to support Catholic Education...

Special Gifts — Classroom Angels

For a gift of \$1000, from a person or group, you can become a classroom angel for a whole year. Your name or a memorial inscription will be placed over the door of one of our classrooms as a reminder of your generous gift.

School Scrip

Scrip is sold throughout the year on Sunday mornings and, also, on school days in the school. Purchasing Scrip as gifts or for your own day-to-day purchases costs you nothing and benefits special programs in Our Lady of Lourdes School.

Breakfast with Santa

Our Lady of Lourdes annual Breakfast with Santa was a huge success! The breakfast included delicious pancakes, eggs and sausage along with bagels and other delicious breakfast munchies.

In addition to our wonderful Santa, we had a Chinese auction and super raffles with some great prizes! All the children were treated to wonderful crafts.

A very special "Thank You" to all the families, students, and friends of OLL for helping wherever needed. Let's not forget a special thank you to Christina Macina, Breakfast with Santa Chairwoman. Last, but not least, a BIG thank you to Robert Natale who did a fabulous job!

Becoming Married: The Journey to Intimacy

future classes in the series...

Parenting...

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

- Infancy • Toddler • School Age
- Pre-Adolescent • Adolescent • Adult

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

Classes will be from 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM in the Parish Center

"Praying from the Soul:

The Way of Spiritual Journaling"

Have you ever wondered what God's will is for you?

Thursdays, February 16 and March 2, 2006

presented by Pat Leonard

Journaling is a spiritual tool to record and reflect on the movement of Grace in our life. Through observing the unfolding of our journey, we can be more open to hearing and responding to God's desires for us.

Healthcare Issues in the 21st Century

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 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.

Living Liturgy

Praying Together...Staying Together

As we continue in this New Year – thank you for staying. We have seen a marked decline in the number of people leaving Mass early. Let’s keep working at it though. We are reminded, again and again, how important it is that we stay at the Liturgy – from the beginning when we greet one another until the end when we are blessed and sent forth to bring the gift of Jesus to all we meet!

Lectors

Proclaiming the Word...in Story!

Our next workshop for lectors will be this **Monday, February 6 from 7:30 PM to 8:30 PM in the Church**. All lectors are asked to be there.

Ash Wednesday 2006

We are already planning for **Ash Wednesday 2006**, which is **March 1**. All Liturgical Ministers are asked to sign up by next Sunday, February 12. Thank you for your help.



RCIA

We welcome and pray for our parish’s candidates and catechumens as they continue the process of the RCIA. They are now meeting after the 9:30 AM Mass in this time of enlightenment as they prepare for Lent and special celebrations that bring them to a place of even greater honor in the life of this community.

Please pray for them as they learn more about the faith they wish to live and especially remember: *Sandy Bove, Sylvain Chouen, Bob Kuchler, Christopher Lennon, Theresa Lennon, Doreen Teymour and Shereen Teymour!*

The RCIA calls each of us to be involved. This is a journey – not just for these women and men – but for our entire parish. As they work to put their own faith into action, let’s pray they can be a real witness and inspiration for all of us!

The Six

Have you been to “The Six” lately?

So many have come forward to make this liturgy a special celebration – one filled with great music, great community and a great experience of prayer. We give special thanks to the members of our “Six Committee” who have met, worked and planned some special events and activities!

We have nearly 100 young people who bring life to this liturgy – by serving as ushers, lectors, Extraordinary Ministers, greeters and assist in so many “behind the scenes” ways...and we are always looking for more people to bring life and energy to this important ministry and Mass.

Our next “Six Committee” meeting is **Sunday, February 12, at 7 PM in the All Purpose Room – all are welcome!**

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

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.

Rest In Peace

Catherine Mangiaracina
John Finch
Maureen Hitchen



Upcoming Marriages

Diane Mills, OLL and
Erich Brueckmann, Jr.

Financial Summary

January 22, 2006

OLL School Donation \$ 3,016.50
(100% stays at OLL)

January 29, 2006

Diocesan School Donation \$ 2,052.00
(50% stays at OLL)

January 29, 2006

Weekly Collection \$ 18,899.00
Weekly Budget -\$ 21,000.00
+/- for the week \$ (2,101.00)

*The estimated weekly collection needed to maintain
and operate our parish buildings, ministries,
programs and salaries is \$21,000.*

Anointing of the Sick

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

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, February 6

St. Paul Miki and his companions, martyrs

8:00 AM Elinor Shaddock

Tuesday, February 7

8:00 AM LaRocca & Sweeney Families

Wednesday, February 8

8:00 AM Albert Ritacco

Thursday, February 9

8:00 AM Vita J. Kelly

Friday, February 10

St. Scholastica, virgin

8:00 AM Frank Gagliano

Saturday, February 11

8:00 AM Concetta Petrucci, Vincent McCarthy, Margaret Collins,
Jerry Clifford, Charles Farrell, Paul DeGuardi, Michael Reilly,
Raymond Lamothe, Dorothy Cagnard, Joseph Scalafini

5:00 PM Our Lady of Lourdes

Fr. Mike Vetrano

Sunday, February 12

8:00 AM John Flynn

Fr. Nestor Watin

9:30 AM Alexander Thomas Girgenti

Fr. Mike Vetrano

11:00 AM Patrick & Donald Manning,
Dorothy & Joseph Boening

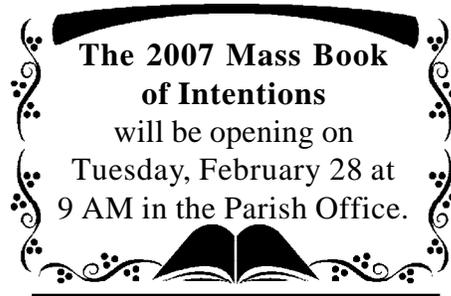
Fr. Ed Dowling

12:30 PM Mary Brady

Fr. Bob Scheckenback

6:00 PM People of the Parish, Richard Munkwitz, Sr. & Rick Munkwitz,
Pat Perna, John B. McHugh, Sr., Catherine Spillane, Donald Manning,
Ralph Fandacone, James Holland, Josephine Alizio, Mary Dunham,
Catherine Mangiaracina

Fr. Stan Chukwube



Altar Society

Carol Grillo

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.

Pray for Our Sick

Please remember in your thoughts and prayers ...

Thomas Brennan, Jo Brogan, Christian Bullock, Frank Cambria, Jerry Castonguay, Regina Cranor, Mary Derasmo, Christopher Fisco, Jason Fisher, Walter Francis, Deborah Grillo, August Grim, Madeline Hopper, Mary Ellen Jaggi, Vincent Liguori, Mike Lorento, Benjy Margulies, Peter McCann, Sr., Arabella Elizabeth McCarthy, Margaret Miller, Kayla Muldoon, Nichole O'Connor, Joe Radosti, Rose Serragano, Susan Trifali, AnneMarie Valentino, Rosemary Van Acker, Loretta Vitale, Mary Walsh

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 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

S.A.G.E.

661-3224

(Senior Advocates for Growth
and Enrichment)

email: Sage@ollchurch.org

2006 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

The 2006 Catholic Ministries Appeal has just begun at Our Lady of Lourdes. This extraordinary endeavor is designed to support the ministries and services of our Parish and Diocese. Your participation provides support to the many programs and services that help further the mission of Jesus Christ here on Long Island.

The funds raised for this most important appeal will support five main areas. One of the areas that receives support is **Catholic Charities**.

Assisting more than 68,000 people last year, Catholic Charities offers programs and services that reach across Long Island to help God's people in need. Catholic Charities serves the basic needs of the poor, troubled, weak and oppressed and is committed to addressing the causes of injustice. This great work is a wonderful sign that the Catholic community in the Diocese of Rockville Centre shares its gifts and resources to help make known God's kingdom in this life.

This year, the Catholic Ministries Appeal allocation for Catholic Charities helps fund some of these programs and services offered by our Diocese: affordable senior housing, assistance to persons with disabilities, Regina Residence and more.

Please consider supporting this important initiative as it will help us continue to do the work of the Lord here on Long Island. To show your support for your parish and Diocese, please contact our Parish Office at 661.3224 or tear off and return the pledge card below.



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

2006 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

P 516.379.5210 ext. 2 F 516.379.5043 e-mail: catholicministries@drvc.org

TO PROVIDE FUNDS I/WE AGREE TO MAKE A GIFT OF:

PLEDGE \$ _____ INITIAL PAYMENT \$ _____ BALANCE \$ _____

If you would like to charge your contribution to your credit card, please check here.

SIGNATURE OF DONOR _____

PARISH OF DONOR _____

Please make checks payable to:
Catholic Ministries Appeal. Thank you for your support.

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. Anthony, Rocky Point: Helping People Come a Long Way

by Susan Paulson, Parish Social Ministry Coordinator

In 1998 a young mother from Ecuador came for the first time to St. Anthony's Outreach in Rocky Point. You could tell even with her limited command of English that she was both uncomfortable and uneasy about having to ask the church for help. Both Elena and her husband, Eduardo, had come to the US seeking a better life for themselves and their two children. In Ecuador, the government was not always the place you would turn for assistance and you definitely didn't question what you were told to do. They had very good paying jobs in professional fields but were unable to use them in our country without knowing the language and going back to school to update their skills.

Over the years, Elena has taken part in the parish English as a Second Language (ESL) program and has taken it another step and gone to BOCES to enhance her language skills. She worked at any job that would put food on the table and pay the rent, cleaning houses, shopping for the elderly, whatever. Her husband worked for a pool company which brought good money during the summer but during the winter he needed to work as a bus boy in the local catering business.

Each time Elena came for food or services you could see in her eyes the determination and desire to not make requests for help become a way of life. She started the process of having her family become citizens even though the cost was beyond their means (the parish was able to help with part of the cost when they fell behind). Because of her persistence, Elena and her husband now have their green cards (legal documentation) and she is able to work at Stony Brook University, full time as a lab assistant. Her hope is that someday she and her husband can get back to doing the kind of work they did in Ecuador where he was a physician and she a psychologist. But for now - they have come a long way. Recently they were able to beg and borrow enough money to purchase a home here in Rocky Point and share it with her mother and father. You just know that this family will make it, and it has been a pleasure and a privilege to be part of the journey with them.

Parish Social Ministry

Parish Outreach + Social Action = Greater help for those in need!

Last week, nearly fifty members of our parish's Social Action Group and Parish Outreach came together to talk, share and support one another. This is the first time a meeting like this has happened and what a great experience it was. We talked about our plans for the future, how we can better support one another and together how we can make an even greater difference in the life of our parish community.

Social Action Update

When is a Peanut Butter and Jelly sandwich no longer a sandwich?

...when you can't get a hold of the bread!

Due to a mix-up, we were not able to make peanut butter and jelly sandwiches this past Sunday. We will reschedule for a Pre-Lenten or early Lenten session. Watch the bulletin for further details.

St. Bernards needed

Our Saint Bernard League is growing with nearly fifty requests to be shoveled out when the snow comes!

NOW...

we need some great St. Bernard volunteers!

If you are a teenager, an entire family or a single woman or man, Girl Scout, Cub Scout, or Boy Scout – and you're up for and able to shovel, please call the Parish Office at 661.3224 or e-mail to jsureau@ollchurch.org.



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.

canned peas
jelly/preserves
macaroni & cheese
peanut butter
pork & beans
spaghetti sauce
tea
toilet paper
tuna



Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

A song on the country music charts a while back made the statement “There’s gotta be something more.” Have you had that feeling? Of course! Even the best of us have looked around and wondered, despite all that we’ve accomplished, if there isn’t more that we could have done or said or even felt. We feel unfulfilled, even when we think we’ve worked harder than ever.

Today’s reading from Mark tells of the first instance of Jesus healing the sick. One can imagine how quickly word would spread that someone could do what Jesus was accomplishing; soon “the whole city had gathered at the door.” One morning before sunrise, he left to pray in solitude. Later, he and his disciples went to other villages to preach, because Jesus knew in his heart there was more to his message than performing miracles. The people must believe, they must know of God’s love.

Similarly, those of us who are called to teach about Christ must also seek to know him in our hearts. We are to realize his love, his sufferings, and his sacrifice if we are ever able to proclaim his message as he wished. As we are taught in the Catechism of the Catholic Church, we “should be able to apply ... the mysterious words of Jesus: ‘My teaching is not mine, but God who sent me.’” (CCC 427-429) Knowing him, we will be truly fulfilled.

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Readings for the Week of February 5, 2006

Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/ 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/ Mk 1:29-39
Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/ Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/ Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/ Mk 7:14-23
Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/ Mk 7:24-30
Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/ Mk 7:31-37
Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/ Mk 8:1-10
Next Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/ 1 Cor 10:31-11:1/ Mk 1:40-45



Daytime Eucharistic Devotion

The afternoon adoration for the month of February will be on **Wednesday, February 8 from 1-3 PM.**

All are invited and welcome! We will be praying for world peace, our families, our priests and all religious.

Holy Name Society

The Holy Name Society meets on the second Sunday of each month. The next meeting will be on **Sunday, February 12.** We will begin with the Rosary at 7:40 AM in the Church and the meeting will follow the 8 AM Mass in Room 16.

Jesus, King of All Nations Prayer Group

The Jesus, King of All Nations Prayer Group meets each **Thursday afternoon** in the **Church.** The meeting is from **3 PM until 4 PM** in front of the **Blessed Sacrament.**

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:



John Finn-*US Army*
Kenneth Gein-*US Army*
Paul McEvoy-*US Army*
William Morrow-*US Marines*
William Potter-*US Army*
Peter Provenzano-*US Army*
Jonathan Rothwell- *US Army*
James Stultz- *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-convent lower level.

ALANON

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

Bereavement Support Group

Our Lady of Grace Parish, West Babylon offers a free eight week Bereavement support Group for adults who are struggling to cope with the death of a loved one. Registration is required in order to attend this group, which starts on Monday, February 6 from 7 PM -9 PM. Seating is limited. For registration or information, please call 661.9354.

Bishop Murphy's Lenten Vocation Retreat Weekend

March 10-12

We all have a vocation in life. Some are called to be married, and some are called to be single. Others are called to a special vocation, which involves serving the Lord in a special way. They can be called to the Priesthood. To decide what your vocation in life is, it is helpful to pray to the Holy Spirit for discernment. If you are a man, mature high school age or older, interested in a priestly vocation, Bishop William Murphy, along with priests and seminarians of the Diocese of Rockville Centre invite you to join in this weekend retreat. Arrival will be at **5 PM on Friday, March 10 and the retreat will conclude after Mass at noon on Sunday, March 12.** This weekend will offer time for prayer, Mass and socializing along with open discussions of the priesthood. There is no fee to attend but pre-registration is required. For further information or to register, please contact the Vocation Office at 631.424.9888 or email to Vocations@drvc.org.

Service Auction

Saint John the Baptist DHS is proud to announce their **7th Annual Service Auction** which will be held on **Friday, February 10 at 7 PM in the Cougar Cafe.** There will be many items to bid on, door prizes, and raffles! Please join us for a fun evening where the proceeds will benefit the students of St. John's. For further information, please call 631.587.8000.

Propagation of the Faith

Today... join the worldwide mission of Jesus... Join the Propagation of the Faith!

As disciples of Jesus, strengthened by the Holy Spirit, we are called to draw others to Christ: others in our family, in our neighborhoods; others even at the "ends of the earth." Millions upon millions of people, 2,000 years after the birth of Christ, still do not know Him in faith as we do.

Through the Propagation of the Faith, we can reach those at the ends of the earth as we help to support the Church's work in more than 1,000 mission dioceses around the world. We are needed to help through our prayers, the offering of our personal sacrifice in union with the sacrifice of Christ on the Cross and our financial support. Please join the Propagation of the Faith today. Our parish will surely become more vibrant in faith as we become more and more missionary.

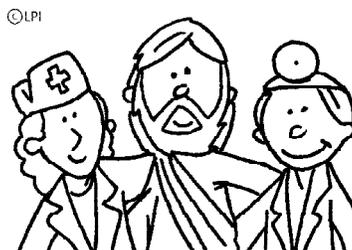
Religion & Rock

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: **"Life is a Journey."** 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.

Sharing the Gospel

What have you done to help someone else? Have you ever visited someone in a hospital or nursing home? In today's Gospel reading, Jesus helped his family. He helped his friends. He helped his neighbors. Then, Jesus knew he needed to visit other towns, too. So many people needed his help. Everywhere Jesus went, he cared for people, he helped them, and he taught them all about God.



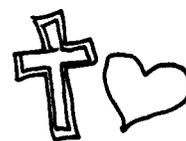
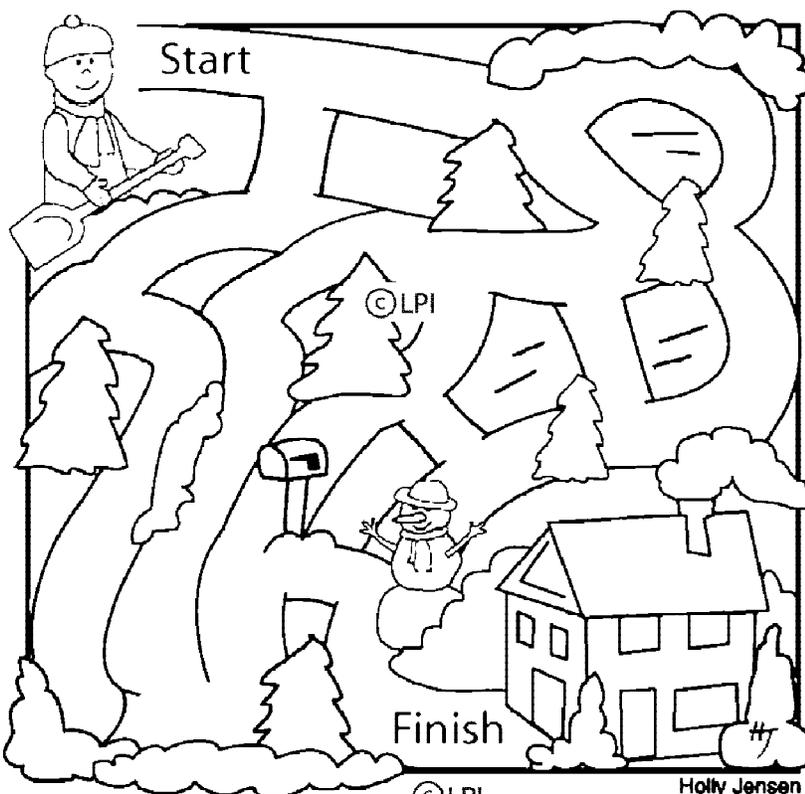
Prayer



Dear God, I want to be helpful like Jesus. Show me ways that I can help and care for the people I meet. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Maze

David wants to help his neighbor by shoveling his driveway. Help David get to his neighbor's house.



Mission for the Week

Ask your family, your friends and your neighbors how you could help them this week. As you help each one, tell them how helpful Jesus was.