

Our **L**ady 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

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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

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Parish Office

Debbie Meyer

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Rosemary Multer

School Office

School Office

Rex Muro

Organist

Rita Spera

Religious Education Office

Third Week of Lent Monday, March 27 7:30 PM Church

Parish

Lenten Mission

...given by the Sisters of Saint Joseph in celebration of the 50th Anniversary of our parish.



"Let us listen to the cries of the poor... to the hearts of all who struggle!"

Sister Elaine Roulet, CSJ
Director of My Sister's House, Our Journey
Currently residing at My Sister's House, Breezy Point, NY

Sister Elaine is the founder and director of several shelters for families and children including The Children's Center at Bedford Hills Correctional Facility, and Providence House in Brooklyn.

Most recently "Our Journey", a facility to enable those released from prison to enhance their spirituality through retreats and service. Sister Elaine brings her tremendous energy and spirit during this Lenten Season. The Gospel of John 12, which S. Elaine will reflect on, are the words of Jesus that are at the core of her being. Jesus calls us to live each day of our lives, "Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be." Lent challenges us to change, to conversion, to be more. It is in Jesus that we are strengthened and empowered. Our prayer deepens who we were, who we are now, and what we are called to be. Together let us listen during this Lenten journey to the many voices in our lives that bring us closer to our God.

Empowering Our Minds and Spirits

Pilgrimage to Lourdes

We ask that you pray for our pilgrims as they travel to Lourdes, **April 17-25**, **2006**. We also invite you to write your petitions for our pilgrims to take to Lourdes on your behalf. You may bring your petitions to the Parish Office. Please place them in a sealed envelope addressed to "Deacon John." (*Please note: do not include a monetary donation.*)

The next information meeting will be on Tuesday, March 28 at 7:30 PM in the OLL School library.



OLL Readers Theatre Presentation

This Tuesday, March 28, at 7:30 PM, OLL Readers Theatre will present: "When the Twins Went To War" and "A Christmas Truce," two short parables about war and peace. Come and listen to these touching tales, followed by an open discussion led by our actors. Refreshments will follow. Admission is free! Come and bring a friend!

Planning for our Future

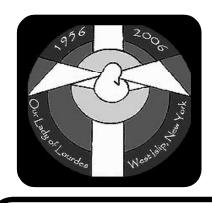
OLL Jubilee Design Project "Listening Sessions"

Over the next few weeks, everyone will be invited to join one of the "Parish Listening Sessions" for our Jubilee Design Project.

As you heard when this was presented at mass a few weeks ago, one of the exciting projects of our jubilee year involves engaging the whole parish community in assessing the physical spaces of our parish and thinking about what we might like OLL to look like in the future.

Twelve parishioners have been trained as facilitators by the Detroit Mercy Design Center, and they will be conducting almost 40 meetings during the next two months! Everyone will have a chance to be part of this wonderful, creative process! This week, we'll begin meeting with some of our parish groups: Catechists, Senior Circle, Nocturnal Adoration, Centering Prayer Group, Social Action Committee, and Sister Parish Committee.

Look for upcoming schedules about other ministries, and for "Open Meetings" that anyone can attend. It's really important that we hear from every parish voice! Come and be part of the process!



Our Jubilee Year 2005-2006

Directed Prayer

A week of ...

"Directed Prayer" is coming to OLL!

Sunday, April 30 - Saturday, May 6 What's God like for you? What's praying like for you?



Perhaps taking a week to focus more intently on noticing God's loving presence in and around you might be just the way...

For the week of April 30-May 6, a group of spiritual directors, affiliated with St. Ignatius Retreat Center, Manhasset will come to Our Lady of Lourdes Parish to offer a one week individually "Directed Retreat" experience.

What's involved?

- •A commitment to spend a half hour a day in prayer-at home, on the train, wherever...
- •A commitment to meet at the parish for approximately one half hour, with a spiritual director-your companion on the journey
- •An openness to God's love

Brochures containing applications are available at the Religious Education Office. Registration deadline is April 19. For more information, call Vita Scorcia at the Religious Education Office at 661.5440 or email <u>Religioused@ollchurch.org</u>

Adult Faith Formation

Healthcare Issues in the 21st Century

Living Wills, Health Care Proxies, Patient Rights with Marty and Anne Kerrigan

Tuesdays, March 28 and April 4, 2006 Parish Center 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM

We will provide NYS Health Care Proxy forms and show how to complete them. The Proxy form will designate and empower a trusted person of your choice to make medical treatment decisions for you should you be incapacitated by injury, illness, or infirmity. Legally, if you were to become unable to communicate, this person alone could accept or reject your medical treatments and ensure that your wishes were followed.

During our sessions, we'll help you understand the potential benefits and the burdens of treatment alternatives such as dialysis, respirators, feeding tubes, CPR and DNR (Do Not Resuscitate) orders.

With this background, you and your designated proxy will be better prepared to discuss your wishes and determine your treatment decisions.

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.

Religious Education... coming together

Grade 7 – Discovering What's Important

Last Tuesday, our parish's seventh graders and their parents participated in a talk with Mr. Robert Scott, member of the Religious Studies Department at St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School. Mr. Scott spoke of the importance of keeping God and family as the focus and suggested ways to resist some of the many challenges of popular culture. Pray for our seventh graders and their families as they work through the middle school years to more fully discover who God is calling them to be!

Grade 8 - Teen to Teen

Last Wednesday, our parish's eighth graders and their parents attended a prayer service led by the Dominican Youth Preachers. These students, now seniors at St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School, speak throughout the Diocese about the challenges of living the Christian life in today's society. As part of their presentation, the youth preachers invited all forward to recommit themselves to caring for and being present to one another. Let's pray for our eighth graders – our parish's candidates for Confirmation – that they will work hard to discover the presence of God working through them!

Living Liturgy

Special Ministers of the Eucharist

Are you interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister at Our Lady of Lourdes? This is such a wonderful and life giving ministry in our parish. Special training sessions are offered by the Diocese of Rockville Centre this Spring.

If you are interested, contact the Parish Office at 661.3224 or e-mail to *jsureau@ollchurch.org*



Sunrise Easter Liturgy

We are preparing, once again, for our Sunrise Easter Mass at Captree Overlook! We hope to have only one quick meeting – soon. If you're interested in being a part of this special liturgy, please call the Parish Office at 661.3224 or e-mail to *jsureau@ollchurch.org*

Holy Week

We are always looking for some extra help during Holy Week – April 9 – 16! If you are relatively free and able to help – please contact John Sureau at 661.3224 or e-mail to *jsureau@ollchurch.org* There is something for everyone!

School News

OLL School Annual Fashion Show

"Rising to New Heights!" Our annual fashion show will be held on Thursday, March 30 at LaGrange Inn, West Islip. Tickets are going fast! The tickets can be purchased at the school office or you can call Kate Newman at 587.6948. Tickets are \$50. Come join us for an evening of food, fashion, music, fun and grand raffle prizes! Among the raffle prizes is a \$500 Coach store gift certificate, a weekend at Kutcher's, a stay at the Sheraton Hotel, NY and a diamond necklace!

Congratulations!

The Suffolk County Dental Society has chosen four OLL students as finalists in the "Keeping Smiles Brighter" Contest for Children's Dental Health Month. The four students are Michelle Fioravanti- grade 7, Danielle King and Alexandra St. Laurent-grade 6, and Molly Whalen-grade 8. Their entries will be sent to the New York State Dental Association for further judging with the hope of a possible state prize.

Thinking about a Catholic Education?

Be Part of Our Family – Our Lady of Lourdes School

A school to believe in, a place to call home.

We can answer your questions. Please stop in or give us a call.

For further information, please call Mrs. Regina Cioffi, Principal at 587-7200.

Now accepting Registration for September 2006

Nursery through 8th Grade with Full Day Kindergarten

Excellence in academics, spiritual growth, middle school sports programs, drama, dance, music, multi-student discount and so much more!



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

Baptisms

Gabriella Grace Abbatiello
Alfred and Marisa
Hope Isabella Donovan
John and Jean
Charlotte Marie Gent
Gary and Michelle
Madison Aimee McCandless
Christopher and Kim

Rest In Peace

Joseph B. Buccola Kevin Clyde Donald Carlo James J. Fearon



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

March 19, 2006

Weekly Collection \$ 18,493.45 Weekly Budget -\\$21,000.00 +/- for the week \$ (2,506.55)

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, March 27 8:00 AM Shaun Ryan

Tuesday, March 28 8:00 AM Vita J. Kelly

Wednesday, March 29

8:00 AM Lawrence F. Kelly, Sr.,

Raymond T. Kelly and Robert J. Kelly

Thursday, March 30

8:00 AM Rose Monroe

Friday, March 31

8:00 AM Sister Marie Richardson

Saturday, April 1

8:00 AM Voice of the Faithful, Vincent McCarthy, Maureen A. Parson,

Salvatore & Constance Filangeri, Gloria Gladkowski, Joe Bill Tucker, Richard Dyckman, Ann O'Shaunessy,

Charles Koon, Agnes Hierl, Gordon Ruffing, Carmine Maiocco

5:00 PM Josephine & Antonio Paladino

Fr. Nestor Watin

Sunday, April 2

8:00 AM Fannie Messina

Fr. Stan Chukwube

9:30 AM Eileen Basta

Fr. Ed Dowling

11:00 AM Francis Durante

Fr. Mike Vetrano

12:30 PM Joseph Rizzo

Fr. Bob Scheckenback

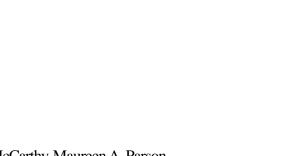
6:00 PM People of the Parish, Nicholas Capozzi, Jr., Alan Pauze,

Errol Kats, Edward DeMatteo, Mary Kilcullen, Jake Conforti,

Madeline Hopper, Maria Baldi, Clarence Cheney, Marie Murphy,

Peter James Squicciarini, James Simmons, Rudolf Macher

Fr. Nestor Watin



Please submit Easter Flower donations no later than Sunday,

April 2 so that they may be

printed in the Easter bulletin.



Dedication Bricks, for placement in the Fr. Joe Lukaszewski Memorial Garden "Walk of Life," are available. For further information visit the Parish Office or call 661.3224



Altar Society

Angela MacDermott

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 ...

Diane Boylan, Thomas Brennan, Jo Brogan, Christian Bullock, Jerry Castonguay, Regina Cranor, Jason Fisher, Henry Kossinger, Anthony Lombardo, Mike Lorento, Benjy Margulies, Ralph Marotta, Joseph Martucci, Peter McCann, Sr., Arabella Elizabeth McCarthy, Joe Radosti, Grace Relihan, Rosa Ruisi, Rose Serragano, Loretta Vitale, Norah Williamson

Our Lady of Lourdes School

587-7200

Monday-Friday: 9 AM - 3 PM **email:** <u>rcioffi@ollschool.org</u>

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

 $and \underline{E}nrichment)$

email: Sage@ollchurch.org

OLL Altar Servers

Time

Talent

Treasure



Talent Treasure

Time

No gift of the heart done well ever goes unnoticed by God!

Everyone here at Our Lady of Lourdes knows how fortunate we are as a parish to have such a large group of dedicated altar servers. These young boys and girls give their time and talent every week in this wonderful ministry!

The role of an altar server is to assist the priest and deacon during liturgy. This includes Masses, funerals, weddings and other special services. The "Ministry of Altar Servers" is open to boys and girls from the 4th grade and up. This ministry provides an opportunity for the young people of our parish not only to offer their service but also allows them to be more active in their participation at Mass. In addition to providing a great service, altar servers also develop strong friendships and get to participate in various social functions throughout the year. The next one coming up is a trip to a L.I. Ducks baseball game!

The altar servers here at OLL are a great example of "Stewardship in Action!" They are always looking for good young women and men to join them. If you are interested in learning more about becoming an altar server, you can e-mail John Sureau at <u>jsureau@ollchurch.org</u> or leave a message for John at the Parish Office by calling 661.3224.

2006 Catholic Ministries Appeal

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"Touching the lives of many through
Diocesan and Parish Ministries
and services."

Parish	Status	as	of	March	7,	2006

Parish Goal	\$118	,600
Pledged Amount	\$ 66	,789
# of Pledges		288
Average Pledge	\$	232

The 2006 Catholic Ministries Appeal has begun here at Our Lady of Lourdes. Thank you to all those parishioners who have responded so generously. 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.

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.

Parish Outreach

Outreach Office Hours

Monday through Friday from 9:30 AM until 3:30 PM. For information/assistance call 661.9262.

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.



Easter Adopt-A-Family

sponsored by Parish Outreach

Help us to provide Easter dinner for over 100 families! Buy one dinner for your familybuy one for a family in need.

You can drop off your Easter dinner to the Parish Center on Sunday, April 9-Palm Sunday, between 9 AM and 2 PM and Monday, April 10 between 8 AM and 12 noon.

Please return the form below in the collection basket or to Parish Outreach during business hours.

Gustor_	Adopt-A-Family					
	We would be happy to share our blessings with a family of					
	four or less five or more					
Name						
Address						
Phone #						

Clean Up Your Act!

The Six

This Lent, we'll examine the many ways we can clean up our act this Lenten season-the readings of Lent call each of us to do this.

To put the thoughts and ideas into action, we're making wash up kits for the homeless. We are in need of small washcloths, large ziploc bags, toothbrushes, toothpaste, small hand sanitizers, body washes and/or bars of soap. We do not need shampoo at this time due to the great response in Advent. We'll gather to put together the Wash Up Kits after "The Six" on Sunday, April 2.

Parish Social Ministry

As part of our goals for the Jubilee Year, the Social Ministries of our parish are working on two interesting projects:

Assessment and Intervention Service

We are examining the possibility of implementing a brief counseling service for families and parishioners provided by helping professionals in the field. These professionals – most likely parishioners –would offer initial intervention and intake work and help parishioners to find referrals in the local community for follow up services. If you are a licensed social worker, psychologist, counselor, etc. and are interested in being a part of this project, please contact John Sureau at 661.3224 or e-mail to <code>jsureau@ollchurch.org</code> for an application form.

Community Kitchen

Members of Parish Outreach and Social Action are beginning to investigate the possibility of opening a Community Kitchen at Our Lady of Lourdes to provide for those in need in this community. The initial idea would be to offer a meal once a week to a segment of this community. Is this something needed at Our Lady of Lourdes? Will it work? How will we do this, if so? Those are the questions we are examining over the next few weeks and months. If you're interested in being involved in this project, contact Mrs. Dorothy Perdue at 661.3224 or e-mail to *Dorothy.perdue@att.net*.

Pray for the work of our Parish Social Ministries as we seek to grow and better serve the parish and local communities.

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.

chili canned spaghetti canned ravioli macaroni and cheese pasta spaghetti tomato sauce



Fourth Sunday of Lent

The hurricanes of 2005 were truly devastating, both in property and lives. Thousands upon thousands lost their homes, businesses, and loved ones. Yet if any positive can be found, it was the people of our country who stepped forward like never before, opening their homes for evacuees and their wallets for donations. In all, over \$1 billion dollars was given in donations from corporations to children holding bake sales.

During Lent, the Catholic Church asks us to remember those who are less fortunate than ourselves and to provide them with our time, talents, and gifts. Today's reading from the Gospel of John contains the passage, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, so that whoever believes in him shall not die but have everlasting life." This ultimate act of love for us stands as the primary model for almsgiving. God's gift to us, a son who would sacrifice his own life for us, teaches us that whatever gifts we can provide, we must do so with love.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us that as Christians, especially during the season of Lent, we are to exhibit penance in three forms: fasting, prayer, and almsgiving. (CCC 1434) Offering to share our many blessings with our neighbors in need should be done without regard to any thought as to whether the recipients are worthy or deserving or how we will benefit. And most importantly, we must do so without any recognition or expectation of thanks. God will always know what we have done. What other recognition would we need?

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Readings for the Week of March 26, 2006

Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/ Eph 2:4-10/ Jn 3:14-21;

Scrutinies: 1Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41

(Cycle A) or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Monday: Is 65:17-21/ Jn 4:43-54 **Tuesday:** Ez 47:1-9, 12/ Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/ Jn 5:17-30 **Thursday:** Ex 32:7-14/ Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/ Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/ Jn 7:40-53

Next Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/ Heb 5:7-9/ Jn 12:20-33; **Scrutinies**: Ez 37:12-14/ Rom 8:8-11/ Jn 11:1-45

(Cycle A) or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Stations of the Cross

We remember the road to Jesus' death and link his journey to our own as our parish's deacons lead us through this beautiful devotion.

Come and pray with us...

Fridays of Lent at 1 PM and 7 PM.



SAGE

The SAGE Group (<u>Senior Advocates for Growth and Enrichment</u>) will meet on **Tuesday, March 28 in the Parish Center at 9 AM**. All older parishioners are welcome.

Senior Circle

The **Senior Circle** meets on the last Monday of each month. The next meeting will be held on **Monday, March 27** at **12:30 PM** in the **Parish Center**.



Nocturnal Adoration

The Adoration this month will follow the 5 PM Mass on Saturday, April 1 with Benediction at 9:50 PM. Please come and pray with us. Let us prepare our hearts for the coming of Easter by praying for world peace. All are invited!

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
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.

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.**

Hall of Fame

St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School will induct Fr. James Vlaun, President and CEO of Telecare, Inc., into its **Hall of Fame** at a gala dinner to be held at **Capt. Bill's in Bay Shore on Saturday, April 1**. For table reservations and journal opportunities, please call Mr. Dromerhauser at 631.587.8000, ext 125.

Through the eyes of faith, the starving child, the believer in jail, and the woman without clean water or health care are not issues, but

The theme for the **2006 Catholic Relief Services Collection** is "Jesus in disguise." The Catholic Relief Services collection supports Catholic Church agencies that build international solidarity and relief efforts. Ministries include relief and resettlement services to the victims of persecution, war, and natural disasters, development programs to improve the living conditions of the poor, advocacy on behalf of the powerless, and peace and reconciliation work for people suffering from violence.

Please help by giving to The Catholic Relief Services collection this weekend.

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 Vocation Office at 631.424.9999 or you may email to <u>Vocations@drvc.org</u>.

Friars Golf Classic

St. Anthony's Friars Golf Classic will take place on **Monday, May 8** at the Tam O'Shanter Country Club and the Old Westbury Country Club. All proceeds go directly to St. Anthony's Endowment Fund. Foursomes and individual starts are available as well as many levels of sponsorship. If interested, please call Denise at 631.724.5251 or visit the Friars Classic website at stanthonyhs.homestead.com.

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: "Commitment." 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

Good teachers care about kids, and they want you to do well. God does, too. He knows we will never be perfect, and that is why he sent Jesus to take our sins away. When you do your best for Jesus, and when you show you care about other



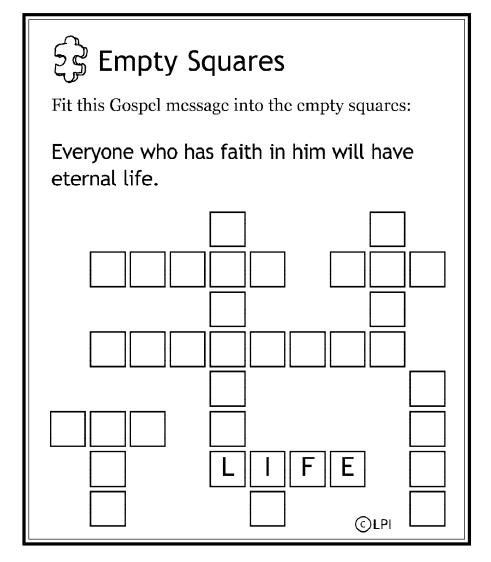
people, you make God very happy. God doesn't want to punish you. He wants you to do well. When you learn from your mistakes, and when you follow Jesus with your whole heart, God will let you live with him forever in heaven.



Dear God.

thank you for sending Jesus because you care about us so much.

In Jesus' name, Amen.





Read today's
Gospel with
your family.
Pray for anyone
you know who
does not love
Jesus. Talk
about ways
that you as a
family can
share Jesus'
love with them.