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Risen!

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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.

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In Residence
Rev. Robert Scheckenback
In Residence
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Deacon John DeGuardi
Deacon Jules O. A. Gagnon
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Looking Toward the Resurrection



One of the wonderful features of Our Lady of Lourdes is having our own artist in residence, Deacon John DeGuardi. As you look around our parish, you see many signs of his artistic ability such as our jubilee year pins — which many of us so proudly wear, our processional cross, and the pictures in our Parish Office.

Recently, John gave each member of our pastoral team a copy of an icon he created. You can see the icon at left and a much more beautiful version in color on our website (www.ollchurch.org.)

Today, most people talk about icons as part of computer screens but in the world of art, an icon is a sacred image. Painting one requires artistic ability and something more, great faith and insight into our relationship to God.

As Deacon John gave us this icon, he explained that it is an icon of Jesus on the cross but that when we look closely, the icon leads our eyes past the cross, through a kind of window, to a beautiful landscape, the resurrection. It is a way of expressing in an image how this sacred time leads us through the difficult parts of life towards the resurrection.

In a way, this icon is about what we do as a church. We take people through the ordinary and sometimes difficult parts of life, through a kind of window – which is faith – toward our God. We do this in every part of our parish life.

Today we “walk through this window” in welcome. People come to our church from many places and also from different cultures, ages, orientations, and ways of life. All of us are welcome. This welcome is a decision made in faith, a sign of God’s own welcome for all, the saint and the sinner alike.

Our church walks through this window every day in service and in worship as we help people find what they need spiritually, physically, and emotionally. All we do is a window into the life of Jesus who washes our feet and teaches us to serve the needs of all.

We walk through this window in our Jubilee Year as we look through the past, our joys and our sorrows, our successes and failures, and see the faith that has built and formed this wonderful parish community.

Whether you are the newest or oldest member of our church, I invite you to take a look around this weekend at all who gather and at all that is happening in our community. Understand that you are welcomed and invited to look through the window of faith that is here as often as you like or can. Know that you are welcome to help us look together toward the gift of life that God gives us in the resurrection of Jesus.

Thank you, Deacon John, for giving us such a wonderful picture – of ourselves!

May the joy and peace of Easter be with you always,

Fr. Mike

Fr. Mike Vetrano
Pastor



Our Jubilee Year 2005-2006

Planning for our Future



OLL Jubilee Design Project “Listening Sessions”

Upcoming Open Sessions

Sunday, April 23	10:30 AM (<i>children</i>)
Monday, April 24	7:30 PM
Tuesday, May 2	7:30 PM
Tuesday, May 9	7:30 PM (<i>youth</i>)

Parish “Listening Sessions” have been scheduled to assess the physical spaces of our parish and think about what Our Lady of Lourdes should look like in the future. Listening sessions are being held with all the ministries of our parish and all parishioners are welcome to participate by attending an open session.

Upcoming Ministry Sessions

Sunday, April 23	10:30 AM	Children’s Liturgy/Family Liturgy
Tuesday, April 25	11:00 AM	Liturgical Ministers
Wednesday, April 26	7:30 PM	Liturgical Ministers
Thursday, April 27	7:30 PM	Evangelization/Adult Music Ministry
Friday, April 28	8:00 PM	Good Samaritan Prayer Group
Saturday, April 29	9:30 AM	Art & Environment
Sunday, April 30	4:00 PM	Music Ministry/Six Committee
Monday, May 1	8:00 PM	Rosary Christian Mothers
Wednesday, May 3	9:30 AM	Catechists
Wednesday, May 3	7:30 PM	Liturgical Ministers
Thursday, May 4	5:00 PM	Liturgical Ministers
Thursday, May 4	7:30 PM	Catechists
Friday, May 5	7:30 PM	Pre-Cana
Saturday, May 6	9:00 AM	Liturgical Ministers
Sunday, May 7	9:00 AM	Holy Name Society
Tuesday, May 9	9:00 AM	SAGE Ministry
Tuesday, May 9	7:30 PM	Scout Leaders
Wednesday, May 10	7:30 PM	Summer Evening Prayer
Thursday, May 11	7:30 PM	Instructors-AFF, VIRTUS, RCIA

Open sessions are limited to 25 participants so that everyone will have an opportunity to be heard. You may reserve a space at an open meeting by calling the Parish Office 661-3224 or sending an email to Lori Walsh at lori@ollchurch.org. The success of this project depends on you! It’s really important that we hear from every parish voice. You are invited to come and be part of the process.

Empowering Our Minds and Spirits

Pilgrimage to Lourdes



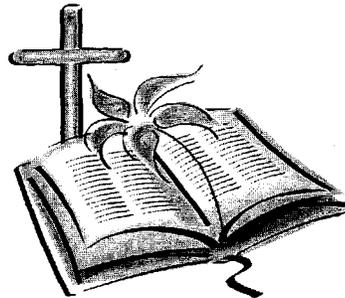
Our Pilgrimage to Lourdes departs this Monday!
Please keep our pilgrims in your prayers this week.
Follow their progress on our parish website at:
www.ollchurch.org/lourdes2006.

Their travels include Provence and Avignon. Our hotel in Lourdes is just a short walk from the grotto where Bernadette experienced nineteen apparitions of our Blessed Mother. Our pilgrims will experience an international “Rosary Walk”, celebration of Mass, and time for private devotions. Their last stop (*aren't you jealous*) will be Paris and Mass at the Church of St. Catherine Labore. Let us keep each other in our prayers this week and please do follow our progress online!

“Directed Retreat Week”

is coming to OLL!

Sunday, April 30 - Saturday, May 6



How does it work?

We will meet initially on Sunday afternoon at 2 PM at Our Lady of Lourdes. Our first meeting will last about one hour and you will meet your retreat director/prayer guide. The Prayer Guides are a group of spiritual directors affiliated with St. Ignatius Retreat Center, Manhasset who have been trained in leading prayers and spiritual exercises in the tradition of St. Ignatius.

After this meeting, each retreatant will meet privately with his/her prayer guide at our parish for approximately one-half hour each day, Monday through Friday. During these meetings, the retreatant and prayer guide will reflect together and will examine different ways to pray, including meditation and praying with scripture.

Each retreatant commits to set aside a half hour each day for a prayer period on a scripture passage. On Saturday morning at 9:30 AM, there will be a group closing session at Our Lady of Lourdes.

Brochures containing applications are available at the Religious Education Office. Registration deadline is April 17. For more information, call Vita Scorcia at the Religious Education Office at 661.5440 or email Religioused@ollchurch.org

EVERYONE NEEDS A VACATION!

Our "Family Retreat Day "
is a chance for you to
spend some time
with the people most
important to you -
YOUR FAMILY!



***Why not plan to join us at Saint Ignatius Retreat House in
Manhasset, New York
Sunday, May 7, 2006
10:30AM to 3:30 PM***

***Relax on the beautiful grounds of the retreat house-
enjoy a family lunch together (with children's menu.)
Sunday Mass with Fr. Mike Vetrano***

Talks for parents, teens, kids, and seniors given by the St. Ignatius Team

*For further information, call Vita Scorgia at the Religious Education Office at 661-5440 or
contact the St. Ignatius Retreat House on-line at www.inisfada.net*

Please complete and return the form below by Friday, April 28 to the Religious Education Office.

Family Retreat Day Registration Form

Name: _____

Address: _____ Town/Zip: _____

Telephone #: () _____ Cel #: () _____

_____ Adults @ \$35 _____ Teens @ \$23 _____ Youth (7-12) @ \$12

_____ Seniors (62 and over) @ \$30 _____ under 7 (no fee)

Make check payable to: St. Ignatius Retreat House

Upcoming Jubilee Events

Celebrating Our Story...



Heritage Weekend!

A parish Jubilee Event to celebrate what makes us unique and yet alike. Mark your calendars for Sunday, June 4 beginning with the 12:30 PM Mass.

This event, “**Heritage Weekend,**” will begin with Mass at 12:30 PM on Sunday, June 4-Pentecost Sunday.

Our celebration will continue under the tent on the Great Lawn. We will celebrate our many heritages within our parish family.

The celebration will include food, music, traditional dancing and customs along with the OLL tradition of our American favorite – hamburgers and hot dogs, which will be provided. We’re asking each parish family to bring dessert and breads (enough for a family) from all different countries according to their families’ heritage.

Our Lady of Lourdes 50th Anniversary Dinner Dance November 17, 2006 Southward Ho Country Club



Raffle prizes are needed–please help to make this an unforgettable event! Do you have a vacation home? Would you be willing to donate a week or weekend as a prize? Do you have frequent flier miles to share as a prize? All donations will be considered – be creative, be generous.

If you are able to make a donation or know someone that can, please call the Parish Office at 661-3224 and ask for Lori or email to lori@ollchurch.org

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.

Upcoming Marriages

Janeen Roppolo and

Timothy Dawley, both OLL

Danielle Hulse and

Robert Maloney, both OLL

Theresa Romeo, OLL and

Peter DelPrete, St. Patrick, Smithtown

Rest In Peace

Robert P. Engle



Financial Summary

April 9, 2006

Weekly Collection	\$
Weekly Budget	<u>-\$ 21,000.00</u>
+/- for the week	\$ ()

Due to a change in the bulletin deadline, the collection amount for April 9 will be published in a subsequent bulletin.

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, April 17

8:00 AM Maria Manganis

Tuesday, April 18

8:00 AM Vita J. Kelly

Wednesday, April 19

8:00 AM Peter Reehil

Thursday, April 20

8:00 AM Lawrence F. Kelly, Sr., and
Raymond T. Kelly and Robert J. Kelly

Friday, April 21

8:00 AM Josephine Sanfilippo

Saturday, April 22

8:00 AM Harry & Rose Alfieri, Guiseppa Ingoglia, Mercedes Dalmedo,
Suzie Guardino, Solanda Sportillo, Joseph Agosta,
In honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Vincent Baldo,
Josephine & Mike Ferrante, Richard T. Dwyer

5:00 PM James L. Boyle
Fr. John Asomugha

Sunday, April 23

8:00 AM Anne Ricciardi

9:30 AM Joan Barry
Fr. Stan Chukwube

11:00 AM Mary Lynch
Fr. Ed Dowling

12:30 PM Casertano & Galbo Family
Fr. John Asomugha

6:00 PM People of the Parish, Gerry Panacciulli, Mary D. Walsh,
Tony Grasso, Joseph Buccola, James J. Fearon,
Providencia Perez, Ralph Marotta, Michael Provenzano,
Carolyn Konsevitch, Rosalind Tellerman



Celebrating Sacraments

Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Carol Grillo*. If you would like to help care for our altar needs, please call the Parish Office at 661.3224.

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 ...

Deborah Barbaro, Diane Boylan, Thomas Brennan, Jo Brogan, Christian Bullock, Jerry Castonguay, Regina Cranor, Jason Fisher, Theresa Grasso, Claire Hopkins, Anna Lettieri, Anthony Lombardo, Mike Lorento, Benjy Margulies, Joseph Marrone, Peter McCann, Sr., Arabella Elizabeth McCarthy, Joe Radosti, Theresa Rienzo, Rosa Ruisi, Rose Serragano, Miriam Verdi, Loretta Vitale, Donna Walsh, Norah Williamson

Our Lady of Lourdes School

587-7200

Monday-Friday: 9 AM - 3 PM

email: rcioffi@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

Stewardship In Action

**Mother Theresa tells us,
“Love begins at home, and it is
not how much we do...
but how much love we put
in that action.”**



This Easter Season, we are reminded once again that our God so loves us that He gave us His only Son. In His Son, we are given the gift of life eternal. A response to God’s great gift of love can clearly be seen in the many Ministries that serve our community here at Our Lady of Lourdes. Our Ministries put into action the quote from Mother Theresa referenced above.

Our Lady of Lourdes is our Spiritual Home. This is a place of love where we proclaim to everyone we encounter, “All are Welcome.” The Ministries here at OLL put so much love into all of their actions. As you look around the Church today, you will notice outward signs of the response to God’s love and generosity. Our Art and Environment Ministry has beautifully decorated the Church. This adornment truly helps each of us reflect upon the great feast of Easter. Our Music Ministries have worked hard to enhance all of our Liturgies. Our Lectors have prepared themselves to proclaim God’s Sacred Word. Our Extraordinary Ministers of Communion have greeted the faithful and distributed the Eucharist. Our Altar Servers provide much needed assistance to our Priests and Deacons. Our Ushers help everyone to find a comfortable seat.

Everywhere you turn there will be someone looking to do the little things that make this a very special place to come and worship our God. We must remember that there is so much more service happening at OLL outside of Sundays each and every day. May each of us take some time to consider how we can be more involved in a Ministry that supports our Parish Family and our Community. No loving gift of service no matter how small is insignificant. May God continue to bless all of our Ministries here at Our Lady of Lourdes!



Here are a few questions to help you reflect on what stewardship means in your own life:

Do I consciously pursue my relationship with God?

Is there something I can do to grow in my knowledge and love of my faith?

Am I willing to share my love for God with others, in my words, my deeds, and my prayer?

Youth Ministry

OLL El Salvador Mission Trip

July 1-7, 2006

Join us for our fourth annual Mission Retreat in El Salvador—an experience of a lifetime! Spend a week living and working among the poor and visiting our sister parish in El Salvador. This trip is especially focused for teens and young adults. For more info, email jengallagher@ollchurch.org.

Attention all Kids!

“*Camp Christmas*” is almost here!

Don't miss OLL's Fifth Annual Vacation Bible Camp as we celebrate Christmas in July. We'll deck the halls from July 24-28. Rumor has it that Santa may stop by on his surfboard! Mark your calendars and plan to join us for a fun and exciting week learning about God and a whole array of wintry cool subjects. Registration forms will be in the bulletin in May.

Henry Flores is coming!

Henry Flores is coming!?! June 5th. Read future bulletins for the mystery to unfold...

Adult Faith Formation

Our Catholic Faith Through Literature

Vino and DaVinci

Learn the truth behind the DaVinci codes.

Wednesday, May 3, 2006

presented by Margaret Mannino

7:30 - 9:30 PM in the Parish Center

Becoming Married: The Journey to Intimacy

Beginning Again...

Where do I stand with the Church after divorce?

There is good news—healing and freedom through the annulment process.

Wednesday, May 17, 2006

presented by Fr. Mike Vetrano

7:30 - 9:30 PM in the Parish Center

Pre-Registration is necessary and helpful. Please call the Religious Education Office at 661-5440 or e-mail to religioused@ollchurch.org.

Fee: \$5 per presentation. 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.

School News

Come and see for yourself-see us in action!

You're invited to join our school family. Come and visit us at Our Lady of Lourdes School. We are having a **Curriculum Fair on Monday, May 15**. We have so many things to show you and tell you about. This is a great opportunity to see what the students in OLL have been doing and why you should join our school family! Registration is open for the 2006-2007 School Year. If you can't make it to our Curriculum Fair, call us in the School Office for further information at 587-7200 or e-mail us at rcioffi@ollschool.org.



Classroom Angels

Our new "Angels" program is off to a wonderful start!

Five "Classroom Angels" have been pledged to date. A family, group of families, alumnus or parishioner can support a classroom for one year for a pledge of \$1,000. Your name or a memorial inscription will be placed over the door of one of our classrooms as a reminder of your generous gift.

Religious Education

...during the Easter Season!

Sponsor/Candidate Enrollment Sunday

Sunday, April 30 - Third Sunday of Easter

6 PM Mass

All seventh graders choose a Sponsor in preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please come and join with all the seventh graders of our parish, their families and their newly chosen Sponsor, as we celebrate this commitment. They look to their Parish Family for prayers and support on their faith journey.

and...

"Rescue Closing"

Sunday, May 21

6 PM Mass

All eighth graders, parents and their Sponsors share in celebrating their time together. The eighth graders and their Sponsors have been getting together and doing service for others.

and...

Grade 6/7/8 Hang Out Nites

continue on...

Friday April 28

7:30-9:30pm

Parish Center

Friday May 19

7:30-9:30pm

Parish Center

Friday June 23

7:30-9:30pm

Parish Center

Come, have some fun! There's something for everyone of all ages.

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.

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 jsureau@ollchurch.org 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.



paper products
personal feminine products
shampoo
toiletries-soap, toothpaste,
toilet tissue, etc

Weekly Needs

coffee
detergent
hot chocolate
tea

Support Groups

Alcoholics Anonymous

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

ALANON

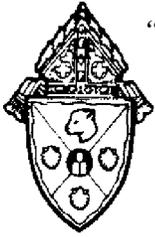
Each Wednesday at 10 AM in Lourdes Hall-convent lower level.

Beginning April 26...

12-Step Divorce Recovery

Each Wednesday at 7:30 PM in Lourdes Hall-convent lower level.

2006 Catholic Ministries Appeal



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

Parish Status as of March 31, 2006

Parish Goal	\$118,600
Pledged Amount	\$ 79,274
# of Pledges	338
Average Pledge	\$ 235

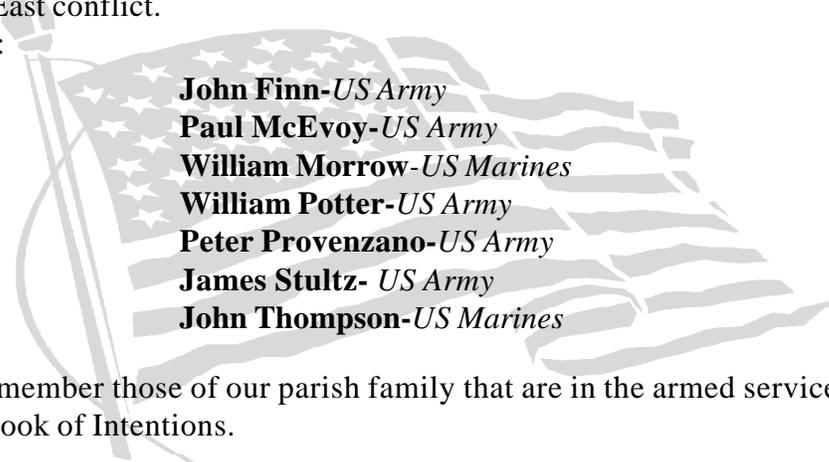
The 2006 Catholic Ministries Appeal is in full swing here at Our Lady of Lourdes. Thank you to all those parishioners who have responded so generously. This extraordinary endeavor is designed to support the ministries and services of our Parish and Diocese. Your participation provides support to the many programs and services that help further the mission of Jesus Christ here on Long Island. Your support is needed to achieve our goal!

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.

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
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.

Our whole parish family rejoices with the Gein family in gratitude for the safe return of their son from active duty. **Kenneth Gein-US Army** has returned to the United States safe and sound. Thank you, Kenneth, for your generous service to our country! The Gein family would like to thank Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Family for all of their prayers.

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**.



Easter Sunday

Who among us hasn't had the experience of answering the telephone only to hear the voice of a friend or relative we haven't spoken to in weeks, months, or even years? Immediately upon recognition, we are filled with happiness and can't wait to rekindle our relationship. During the season of Lent, we have not been proclaiming the Alleluia during Mass. And now on Easter Sunday we shout and sing it with renewed energy. Christ is risen!

Imagine if you will the hours following Jesus' crucifixion. The few people who had witnessed his death had returned home, unable to comprehend the events of that day. In the dark predawn hours of that Sunday morning, Mary Magdalene, Peter and the others returned to the tomb only to find it empty. What a crushing final insult! When the disciples left, however, Jesus appeared to Mary. Not recognizing him, she wept for the return of Jesus' body. With one word—"Mary!"—she immediately knew Christ had risen as he had promised.

On this the most glorious day of the Church, we are taught in the Catechism of the Catholic Church that the symbolism provided by the empty tomb and the linen burial cloths signifies that by God's power, the body of Christ had escaped the bonds of death and corruption. In this event, the disciples and we as followers and believers have been prepared to encounter the Risen Lord. (CCC 657) Today and every day we turn our face to the Lord, and with a single word renew our unity with Christ. Alleluia!

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Readings for the Week of April 16, 2006

Sunday:	Acts 10:34a, 37-43/ Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/ Jn 20:1-9, <i>or</i> Mk 16:1-7
Monday:	Acts 2:14, 22-33/ Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday:	Acts 2:36-41/ Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday:	Acts 3:1-10/ Lk 24:13-35
Thursday:	Acts 3:11-26/ Lk 24:35-48
Friday:	Acts 4:1-12/ Jn 21:1-14
Saturday:	Acts 4:13-21/ Mk 16:9-15
Next Sunday:	Acts 4:32-35/ 1 Jn 5:1-6/ Jn 20:19-31

Aging in Grace and Wisdom

“Towards a Spirituality of Aging in Grace and Wisdom” presented by Brother Andre Mattieu, C.P. for bereavement ministers and the bereaved on **Saturday, April 29 from 9 AM until 2 PM** at the **Emmanuel Retreat House, Kellenberg Memorial High School, Uniondale**. \$30 per person registration fee includes continental breakfast and lunch. To register, call 516.678.5800, ext 508 or email cllok@drvc.org.

CSJ 150th Anniversary Celebration!

Join the Sisters of St. Joseph in celebrating their 150th anniversary on **Saturday, May 20 from 10:30 AM until 3 PM**. Festivities and picnic will be on **Brentwood Motherhouse grounds**. Tickets are necessary. For tickets or further information, contact S. Karen Kaelin, CSJ at karenksj@aol.com or by calling 631.273.1187, ext 46.

American Sign Language

Clery School for the Deaf is offering evening Adult Education classes in American Sign Language.

The Spring session will be **April 19 through June 14** (adults only) . For registration, call Carolyn Kelly at 631.588.0530.

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 Vocations@drvc.org.

Holy Hour for Vocations

The “Friends of the Seminary” sponsor a monthly Holy Hour for the intention of an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life. The Holy Hour, which is held on the third Friday of each month at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, will include Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction. The next Holy Hour will be **Friday, April 21 at 8 PM**. All are welcome. For further information please contact the Vocation Office at 631.424.9888 or email to Vocations@drvc.org.

Religion & Rock

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