Lady of

455 Hunter Avenue West Islip, New York 11795

Pastoral Jeam

Rev. Michael A. Vetrano **Pastor** Rev. Stanislaus Chukwube

Associate Pastor



Welcome to our Parish Family! New Parishioners are cordially invited to register as members of our parish family. Please call or visit the Parish Office.

Mission Statement

As stewards of all that God has given us, the Parish Family of Our Lady of Lourdes serves and ministers to all who come to this place. Regardless of a person's history, ethnicity, gender, orientation, age or race, we commit ourselves to open wide the doors of our Parish to provide a place of welcome and hospitality.

Vision...

so that all may know that they are a vital part of the Body of Christ, we further recommit and challenge ourselves to:

- •Live out our Baptismal call passionately by caring for all of God's people with justice.
- •Grow in an understanding of God's role in each of our lives.
- •Respond to the Gospel in a radical way, inviting and inspiring all to form the Kingdom of God in every moment of life.
- •Acknowledge we are not complete without the willingness to grow, discern and discover the Spirit who moves and guides us.

Rev. John Asomugha In Residence

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

Salomon Acosta

Regina Ann Cioffi

Jane Desthers

Stephen Frodell

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Maria Lucie (co-chair)

Mary McMahon

Doreen Spiller

Mary Steck

John Sureau

Fr. Mike Vetrano

Marie Yuliano (co-chair)

Parish Staff

Barbara Catuosco

Religious Education Office

Mary Anne Lettieri

Parish Office

Debbie Mever

Bulletin/Parish Office

Rosemary Multer

School Office

Rex Muro

Organist

Rita Spera

Religious Education Office

Lori Walsh

Parish Office

Special Summer Pick Me Up Collection!

Show your love for OLL by taking part in our "Special Summer Pick Me Up Collection!" This weekend - June 24/25

Summer is a great time to catch up on much needed projects around our parish church and offices. When I spoke to you about our parish needs last year, I expressed my concern and that of our parish finance committee, that many important projects were being put off. We were able to complete some projects this year – especially the installation of a new phone system (a big thank you to Jim Wallace and Dave Brethel who made it all possible by donating the technical skill and labor.) We still have several projects that really need your help.





This weekend, June 24 and 25, we will take up a "Special Summer Pick Me Up Collection." If we could reach our goal of \$17,000 we can complete all our projects this Summer!

SPECIAL SUMMER PICK ME UP COLLECTION

1111	Here is my contribution to our summer projects			
	\$500 \$250 \$100 \$50 Other			
	Name:			
SUMMER	Address:			
PROJECTS	City and Zip			

Remembering Our History

Summer Evening Prayer 2006 Our Lady of Lourdes: Then and Now



Summer Evening Prayer will be held on each Monday evening at 7 PM on the Great Lawn beginning July 17 through August 21.

Celebrating the past five decades of life here at Our Lady fo Lourdes. We'll look at different aspects of our parish's life, how we've changed, and how each of us are called to be even more actively involved in our parish's future!

If you're interested in being a part of this great ministry – contact the Parish Office at 661.3224 or e-mail to *jsureau@ollchurch.org*

Empowering Our Minds and Spirits

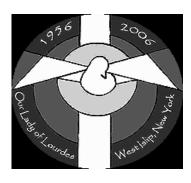
Fourth Annual OLL Youth Mission Awareness Retreat to El Salvador July 1-7, 2006

Our travelers are preparing for our fourth annual Mission Retreat to El Salvador—an experience of a lifetime! They will spend a week living and working among the poor and visiting our sister parish in El Salvador. Our travelers seek your prayers as their date of departure draws near. Please keep them and our sister parish in your thoughts.

Fundraiser for El Salvador Sister Parish

Fr. Ed Dowling, S.J., who teaches at Fordham and is with us at OLL on Sundays, has graciously offered the proceeds of sales of his books to benefit our Sister Parish Project. Fr. Dowling's books, *Have You Heard the Good News, Reflections on the Sunday Gospels*, come in three volumes (for liturgical years A, B and C) and offer wonderful, intelligent reflections on each Sunday's gospel for the entire year.

They are a wonderful prayer companion and offer great insight into the historical background of the readings. Each volume is \$10 or set of three for \$25. Orders can be made at the Parish Office in person, by phone to 661.3224, or by email to *parishoffice@ollchurch.org*.



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

Please help make this an unforgettable event!

Do you have a vacation home? 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 contact Lori at the Parish Office at 661.3224, extension 120 or email to *lori@ollchurch.org*.

Behind the Scenes with the Jubilee Dinner Committee

Our parish committee has been working hard over the last few months. *Did you know that a generous parishioner donated a weekend at Montauk as a raffle prize?*

Are you interested in a wine tour?

We have received a donation of a wine tour (for four) of a Long Island vineyard, limousine service included!

Is there a celebration coming up in your future? We have also received a donation of a DJ Party package! These are just a few of the many wonderful prizes we hope to include in our Jubilee Dinner celebration! We welcome any addition to these generous gifts. To make a donation please contact Lori at the Parish Office at 661.3224, extension 120 or email to lori@ollchurch.org.

Please take a moment and visit our beautiful church website for the latest information about our Parish Jubilee Celebration events, our parish retreat to El Salvador, Vacation Bible Camp, and more!

www.ollchurch.org





Our Lady of Lourdes 22nd Annual Duffers Classic

Timber Point Country Club August 24, 2006

Honoree Monsignor Bill Jablonski

Pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes February 1981 - June 1995

All of the profits from this year's outing will be donated to Our Lady of Lourdes School for the building of a Science Lab and/or a Technology Center.

Raffle Prizes

donations of prizes for our raffles include sporting tickets, golf equipment, gift certificates and more!

Sponsorships

You can support our event by advertising your business in our journal, or sponsoring breakfast, dinner, driving range, etc.

You're invited to join us for Cocktails and Dinner

Win a **new car** with \$75
a hole in one!

Committee member. All golfer fees must be

submitted before 8/8/06 to secure a reservation.

Be a Player

consider an individual or a foursome golf package and join us for a day of fun!

To sign up for Cocktails and Dinner only, or if you would like to purchase raffle tickets, please call any member of the Golf Committee.

Hole in one prize courtesy of

Herbie Dodge

Golf Committee

Jack Meehan Bill Young

Golf Committee				
Mike Carrano	669.1586	Continental Breakfast/Sign-In at 7 AM		
Bob Cestaro	587.0249	Green Fees-\$150 per person		
Chapey Funeral Home		Electric Cart (shared by two golfers)		
Doug Chapey	661.5644	Barbecue lunch at cross-over		
Gerry Fogarty	667.5979	Open bar and full buffet dinner at course		
Rocky Laino	661.1981	•		
Lang-Tobia-DiPalma Funeral Home		Awards for all winners!		
Sean Cavaliere	669.4040			
Dom Lettieri	669.4957	<i>Note:</i> If you have any questions or would like to		
Bill Marsden	586.0581	reserve your foursome, please contact a Golf		

587.2314

669.9140

Blood Drive

Help Save a Life – GIVE BLOOD

On **Wednesday, June 28**, Our Lady of Lourdes Parish will hold a Blood Drive **from 3:30 PM to 8:45 PM**. The Blood Drive will be held in the **Parish Center**. All eligible donors are strongly urged to give blood.



Did you know...

About 50 percent of the population can donate, yet less than five percent actually do. If you live to the age of 76 in the United States, there is a 95% chance that you will need blood. The only way there will be an adequate supply of blood is if each and every member of the community does his/her part.

Take a moment to think of the miracle you can accomplish and the many lives your one donation can affect. Your donation can help at least five patients.

Blood donors are "Quiet Heros." Be One.

Living Liturgy KANATAMINANIA KANATAMINA

As we prepare for the summer season, our liturgical ministries are reflecting, preparing, and serving so that we all may worship more powerfully and profoundly.

Servers

We are looking for many good young women and men to be part of our altar server ministry. Young people entering fourth grade this September are eligible to be altar servers. If you're interested in becoming an altar server, call the Parish Office at 661.3224 or e-mail to jsureau@ollchurch.org.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Our parish's Extraordinary Ministers are in a process of discernment as they reflect on their role in the liturgy. During this time, they will decide whether to renew their commitment to this important ministry or take some time away and perhaps share their gifts in another way.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

This active ministry has only continued to grow and grow – and we want it to grow even more. If you're interested in being a part of Children's Liturgy of the Word – as a lector, presider, art and environment minister, musician or more, contact the Parish Office at 661.3224 or e-mail to <code>jsureau@ollchurch.org</code>.

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

Rest In Peace

Liberta M. Brusca Carlo Piccola Carlo Massaro



Upcoming Marriages

Gina Jack, St. Cyril & Methodius and
Michael D'Angelo, OLL
Victoria McLoughlin, OLL and
Edward Aromando, St. Joseph, Babylon

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 call the Parish Office.

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.

Baptisms

Arabella Elizabeth McCarthy
Robert and LisaMarie
Brianna Teresa Hartill
Johnny and Heather

Remembering...

Monday, June 26

8:00 AM Virginia Petrino

Tuesday, June 27

St. Cyril of Alexandria, bishop, doctor

8:00 AM Kathryn Chazey & Anthony Stiefvater

Wednesday, June 28

St. Irenaeus, bishop, martyr

8:00 AM Vita J. Kelly

Thursday, June 29

Ss. Peter and Paul, apostles

8:00 AM Frank Gagliano

Friday, June 30

First Martyrs of the Roman Catholic Church

8:00 AM Barbara McGarrity

Saturday, July 1

8:00 AM Maureen A. Parson, Blessed Mother & St. Anthony,

Lyndee Hope Vogt, Arthur Beyhl, Frederick Hopps, Franzel Metz, In Thanksgiving, Concetta Bordengo,

Madeline Manangaro

5:00 PM William G. Otterbeck

Fr. John Asomugha

Sunday, July 2

8:00 AM Gertrude Hawxhurst

Fr. Ed Dowling

9:30 AM John Wallace

Fr. John Asomugha

11:00 AM Tony Squeo

Fr. Stan Chukwube

12:30 PM Joseph Rizzo

Fr. John Asomugha

6:00 PM People of the Parish, Kenneth Connelly, Catherine Spina,

Norah Williamson, William Beyerbach, Jeffrey Smith, Lucille Tullipano,

Kami Jean Guida, Nicholas Macario, Marilou Milano, Eugene McAuliffe

Fr. Stan Chukwube

2006 Catholic Ministries Appeal

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

Parish Status as of	June	1, 2000
Parish Goal	\$1	18,600
Pledged Amount	\$	91,072
# of Pledges		393
Average Pledge	\$	232

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.

We have passed the halfway point of the Catholic Ministries Appeal. As you can see, we have not met our parish goal to date. In order that we might benefit from receipt of our rebate, we must meet our goal-better still exceed it! In order to do that-we need the help of each of our parishioners. To show your support for your parish, please contact our Parish Office at 661.3224.

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 our parish and Diocese, please contact our Parish Office at 661.3224.

Financial Summary

June 18, 2006

\$ 15,125.25 -\$ 21.00 Weekly Collection Weekly Budget +/- for the week \$ (5,874.75)

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

It is my sad duty to inform you that Monsignor John J. Wiest died on, Tuesday, June 13, 2006. Fr. John (Jack) Weist was the pastor of OLL from June 17, 1967 to March 26, 1969 when he was then appointed pastor of St. Mary in Manhasset. He was the second pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes and was succeeded by Fr. Brendel. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

FR. Mike

Church Position Available

Our rectory is looking for a cook for several evenings a week. If you are interested, please call the Parish Office at 661.3224.

School News

Fourth Grade Authors Tea

Ms. Lerche, fourth grade teacher at Our Lady of Lourdes School, worked with her class helping the students to write and illustrate their own chapter books. The students had a great time writing and making them. They all did an awesome job! The finished books were read to parents/friends/family at an "Authors Tea". It was a great opportunity for our students and a wonderful keepsake for them to treasure. Applause to all our fourth grade students and a big thank you, Ms. Lerche.

Prayer for Summer

Dear God,

you made the four seasons.

Each summer arrives as part of your perfect pattern and will,

yet is unique unto itself.

This summer, help me to see

not only the enjoyment of vacations,

but the joy of your will.

Help me to feel not only the pleasure of a warm sun,

but the contentment of a life guided by you.

Help me to know, not only the satisfaction

of a project completed,

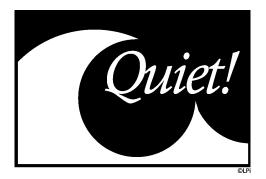
but the fulfillment of a heart filled by you.

Help me to see you in all things, Lord,

in all the seasons of life you give us.

Amen.





12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

It is said that one of the leading causes of many physical problems in our lives is stress. Whether it be financial hardships, relationships, or work-related difficulties, we all endure stress to some extent every now and then. Sometimes, however, we may feel as though our stress is building to an almost unbearable level - a personal storm. How do we handle such personal storms? Is it possible for us to simply reach out our hands or our hearts and quiet these storms?

Today's Gospel reading from Mark conveys a very brief episode from the life of Jesus, but as with every other story and parable, a significant event with lasting relevance. Amidst the swirling winds and waves crashing over the side of their boat, Jesus sleeps unconcerned. Yet his disciples, fearing for their lives, awaken him. By calming the storm and thus relieving their fears, so too can our faith in Jesus Christ calm us in even the most difficult of times.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us that above all else, faith is certain. In fact, it is more certain than all the knowledge of the world simply because it is rooted in the very word of God, perfect and incapable of anything but the truth. (CCC 157) At that point in our lives when the storms of doubt and despair threaten to overtake us, it is then that we must reach deep within and take hold of our faith as our truly greatest lifeline.

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Readings for the Week of June 25, 2006

Sunday: Jb 38:1, 8-11/2 Cor 5:14-17/ Mk 4:35-41

Monday: 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18/ Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday: 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36/ Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday: 2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3/ Mt 7:15-20

Thursday: *Vigil:* Acts 3:1-10/ Gal 1:11-20/ Jn 21:15-19

Day: Acts 12:1-11/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/ Mt 16:13-19

Friday: 2 Kgs 25:1-12/ Mt 8:1-4

Saturday: Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19/ Mt 8:5-17

Next Sunday: Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24/ 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15/ Mk 5:21-43

or 5:2-24, 35b-43

Altar Society

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



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 ...

Patrick Bowers, Thomas Brennan, Jo Brogan, Christian Bullock, Emilio Ceribelli, Regina Cranor, Philip Ferrara, Joseph Fiore, Jason Fisher, Lillian Gerken, Michael Glander, Diane Lane, Carlyn LePage, Anna Lettieri, Anthony Lombardo, Mike Lorento, Benjy Margulies, Peter McCann, Sr., Francis Olivieri, Joe Radosti, Rose Serragano, Loretta Vitale

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

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 Social Ministry

Parish Outreach

Outreach Office Hours

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

Myths and Facts about Immigrants

Confused about Immigration Reform?

"The Church hears the suffering cry of all who are uprooted from their own land...of those without rights, without any security... and she supports them in their unhappiness."

Pope John Paul II, World Migration Day, 2000

Immigrants don't pay taxes...

Immigrants pay taxes, in the form of income, property, sales, and taxes at the federal and state level. As far as income tax payments go, sources vary in their accounts, but a range of studies find that immigrants pay between \$90 and \$140 billion a year in federal, state, and local taxes. Undocumented immigrants pay income taxes as well, as evidenced by the Social Security Administration's "suspense file" (taxes that cannot be matched to workers' names and social security numbers), which grew by \$20 billion between 1990 and 1998.

Immigrants come here to take welfare...

Immigrants who enter the country legally are not permitted to receive welfare for five years; undocumented immigrants can never receive welfare. Immigrants generally come to work and reunite with family members. Immigrant labor force participation is consistently higher than native born, and immigrant workers make up a larger share of the U.S. labor force (12.4%) than they do the U.S. population (11.5%). Moreover, the ratio between immigrant use of public benefits and the amount of taxes they pay is consistently favorable to the U.S. In one estimate, immigrants earn about \$240 billion a year, pay about \$90 billion a year in taxes, and use about \$5 billion in public benefits. In another cut of the data, immigrant tax payments total \$20 to \$30 billion more than the amount of government services they use.

Sources: www.justiceforimmigrants.org (The Catholic Campaign for Immigration Reform); US Conference of Catholic Bishops, Department of Migration and Refugee Services; Public Policy Education Network and Office of Immigrant Services, Catholic Charities, Diocese of Rockville Centre



WEEK 1 canned pasta, ravioli, etc. chili macaroni & cheese pasta tomato sauce

Weekly Needs

detergent hot chocolate tea

Desperate Need

boxed potatoes boxed rice canned fruit cereal coffee cookies jello/pudding soup

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-conventlowerlevel. **12-Step Divorce Recovery** Each Wednesday at 7:30 PM,

Lourdes Hall-convent lower level.

Good Samaritan Prayer Group of Long Island

The Good Samaritan Prayer Group of Long Island holds their **meetings every Friday** (except the first Friday of the month) at OLL School in Room 16 from 8 PM until 10 PM. All are welcome to experience singing, praying and fellowship each evening.

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.**

Nocturnal Eucharistic Adoration

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament **follows the 5 PM Mass** and concludes with Benediction at 9:50 PM on **Saturday July 1**, which is also *The Feast of the Most Precious Blood*. Come and pray with us. All are welcome.



Senior Circle

The Senior Circle meets on the last Monday of each month.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, June 26 at 12:30 PM in the Parish Center.

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:

Daniel D'Arienzo-US Army John Finn-US Army Paul McEvoy-US Army Michael Mallimo-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 Potter family in gratitude for the safe return of their son from active duty. **William Morrow-***US Marines* has returned to the United States safe and sound. Thank you, William, for your generous service to our country! The Morrow family would like to thank Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Family for all of their prayers.

Marriage Encounter

June is the month to celebrate "Married Love."

A Marriage Encounter weekend is a special way to celebrate and enhance your marriage. Space is available for the next weekend, August 18-20 at the Melville Marriott.

For registration and information, please call 1.866.499.6354.

Porch Chats

"Porch Chats for Women" presented by Sr. Pat Duffy, will be held each Thursday, beginning July 6 from 7 PM until 8:15 PM on the porch of Mary Immaculate Church in Bellport. Why not give yourself a summer break? You are welcome to join Sr. Pat on four Thursday evenings in the month of July. We will meet on the porch at Mary Immaculate Church to spend a little time discussing ways to help us grow as women dedicated to the Christian path in life. No reservations needed...just come and bring a friend! Please bring a lawn chair. There will be a "free will offering" taken.

Summer Sports Camp

Summer sports camps including basketball, lacrosse, volleyball, soccer, tennis, baseball and more will be held at St. John the Baptist High School through August 4. Weekly camps include lunch and athletic trainer. For dates, times, costs, etc. please call the Athletic Office at 631.587.8000, ext 164 or email athletics@sjbdhs.org.

Telecare Audience

You are invited to "come on down" and be a member of a live studio audience at **Telecare**, the television station of the Diocese of Rockville Centre located in Uniondale. They will be taping an exciting new game show that will debut this Fall. The show is called "Divine Intervention" and will be hosted by Fr. Joe DeGrocco, columnist for TLIC.

Shows will be taped from **Wednesday, August 16 through Friday, August 25**. You will be asked to stay for the taping of 2-3 shows, from approximately **10 AM until 3 PM**. Snacks will be provided and you may bring your own bag lunch if you would like. There will be lots of fun for the audience, and prizes too!

Groups are encouraged and preregistration is required. Please call 516.538.8700, extension 155 or send and email to *divineintervention@telecaretv.org*.

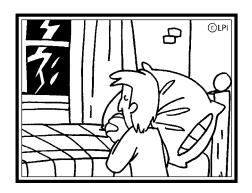
Religion & Rock

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: "Environment." 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

Jesus' disciples had a very scary night, because their faith was not very strong yet. They were crossing the sea in their boat, just as Jesus asked them to do, when a huge storm came up. Their boat was filling up with so much water they thought they would all die. When they woke Jesus up, he simply spoke to the wind and the waves, and the storm stopped completely. Now they were really scared. Who was Jesus, anyway? The wind and waves listened to him!

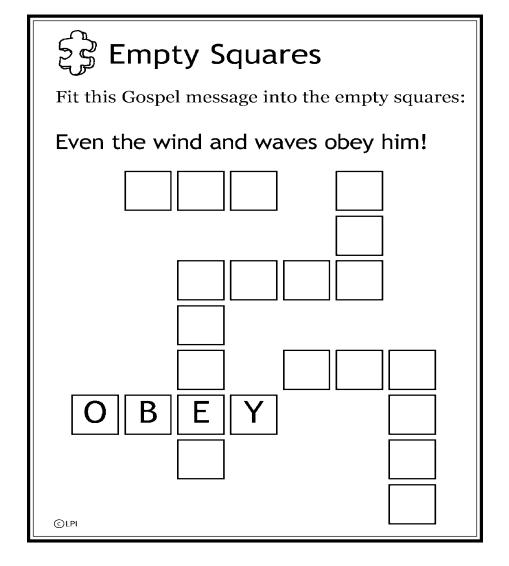




Dear God, sometimes I feel afraid, too. Help me to remember

that you are stronger than any problem I have.

Amen.





Sit down with your family, and read Mark chapter 4, verses 35-41 out loud. What are you afraid of? Pray to God, ask for help, and believe that God is stronger than any problem you have.