

My Grace

is sufficient for you, for

my **power**

is made perfect

in weakness.

2 Corinthians 12:9

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 9, 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. Robert Scheckenback
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

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 Scordia
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
Anne Kerrigan
Maria Lucie (*co-chair*)
Mary McMahon
Doreen Spiller
Mary Steck
John Sureau
Fr. Mike Vetrano
Marie Yuliano (*co-chair*)

Parish Staff

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Religious Education Office
Mary Anne Lettieri
Parish Office
Debbie Meyer
Bulletin / Parish Office
Rosemary Multer
School Office
Rex Muro
Organist
Rita Spera
Religious Education Office
Lori Walsh
Parish Office

Remembering Our History

REMEMBER



Summer Evening Prayer 2006
Our Lady of Lourdes:
Then and Now-Vision
Monday evening, July 10
7 P.M. on the Great Lawn

Celebrating the past five decades of life here at Our Lady of 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!

Mission:

Then and Now

What is a parish about?
What have we been about?
Where are we going?

Homilists:

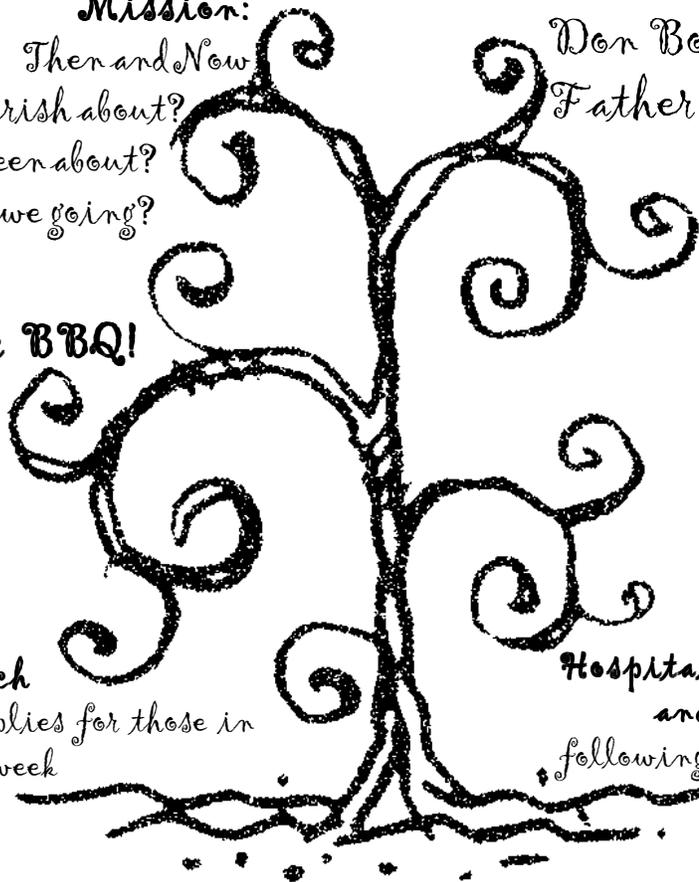
Don Bolin and
Father Mike

Celebrate Summer BBQ!

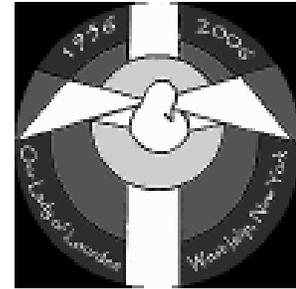
begins at 6 P.M.
Monday, July 10

Please help support
Parish Outreach
by bringing school supplies for those in
need each week

Hospitality
and Fellowship
following, each evening



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



Beautiful Raffles/ Prizes/ Music/Fellowship

All Are Welcome

Tickets will go on sale in August!

Tickets will be sold on a first come-first served basis.

Cost: \$100 per person

Empowering Our Minds and Spirits



Come join us for Christmas in July!

July 24 - 28, 2006

9 AM until 12:30 PM daily

OLL Fifth Annual Vacation Bible Camp

S.A.N.T.A. Camp-Super Awesome New Testament Adventure

Campers should be age 4 through grade 5. Students in grades 5-12 are needed as volunteer counselors and assistants. The cost is \$65 per child. The fee includes all materials, snacks, crafts, an official camp tee shirt and a closing camp celebration. Please call the Parish Office at 661.3224 for registration. For further information email Dr. Jennifer Gallagher, Camp Director, at jengallagher@ollchurch.org.

Camp Volunteers Meeting

There will be a brief preliminary meeting for all volunteers for Vacation Bible Camp. The meeting will be held on **Monday, July 10, from 5 PM until 5:45 PM in the school cafeteria**. If you cannot make the meeting and want to volunteer at camp, please email jengallagher@ollchurch.org. See you there!

Special Summer Pick Me Up Collection!

*Thank you to all of our generous parishioners
who took part in our first
“Special Summer Pick Me Up Collection!”*

Our “Special Summer Pick Me Up Collection”
has collected \$5,223 to date.

We are almost one-third on our way to goal!
With the amount collected so far, we have been able to
tackle the patching and repairing of the many leaks in
our parish grounds and facilities.



**S U M M E R
P R O J E C T S**

Church
Renovating the Ministers Sacristy where
our lectors, ushers, and Eucharistic
ministers prepare for Mass.
Cost: approximately \$8000 for
carpet, paint, storage cabinets,
lighting, and closets.

Safety
New walkway and safety lights
are needed around many of our
church walkways.
Cost: approximately \$5000

Keep us looking good
Repairs and improvements to our
parish grounds and facilities
Cost: approximately \$4000

We are planning another
“Special Summer Pick Me Up Collection”
this weekend, July 8/9.
If we reach our goal of \$17,000
we can complete all our projects this Summer!

SPECIAL SUMMER PICK ME UP COLLECTION



Here is my contribution to our summer projects...

\$500 _____ \$250 _____ \$100 _____ \$50 _____ Other _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City and Zip _____

IMMIGRATION REFORM...

The Time Is Now

Over the past month, we have reflected on the challenge of the immigration issue in the United States. The reality is that there is no easy answer. Whatever decisions are made, laws enacted or proclamation issued, there will be challenges ahead. Our mission as the Church, as Pope Benedict so beautifully states, is “to be people of ‘Hope, courage, love and ‘creativity in charity’ and must inspire the necessary human and Christian efforts made to help these brothers and sisters in their suffering.” Again, this is not easy.

As a sign of your willingness to enter the dialogue regarding this issue, our Social Action Group and Parish Social Ministry organizations are urging you to sign the enclosed bulletin letter or to write one of your own. Return it next week after Mass. Members of Social Action and Parish Social Ministry will be available to take your letter and send it out the following week. This is a diocesan wide effort that we are joining in. Let’s get going!

Instructions:

- 1. Please take a moment to read and understand the issues referred to in the “Immigration Reform” letter inserted in the bulletin this week.*
- 2. Be sure to sign the letter and include your address.*
- 3. You should have one letter for your Congressional Representative and one letter for each State Senator. Below you will find the addresses for our area Congressional Representatives and State Senators.*
- 4. Bring the letters with you to Mass on the weekend of July 15/16. The letters will be delivered to the respective Representatives/Senators by members of our Social Action Group and Parish Social Ministry.*

Senator Charles Schumer
145 Pinelawn Road, Suite 300 North
Melville, NY 11747
(631-753-0978)

Senator Hillary Clinton
155 Pinelawn Rd, Suite 250 North
Melville, NY 11747
(631-249-2825)

Congressman Peter King
1003 Park Blvd
Massapequa Park, NY 11762
(516-541-4225)

Congressman Steve Israel
150 Motor Pkwy, Suite 108
Hauppauge, NY 11788
(631-951-2210)



**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!

You're invited to join us for
**Cocktails and Dinner
only**
\$75

Win a **new car** with
a hole in one!

Sponsorships

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

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.

Golf Committee

Mike Carrano	669.1586
Bob Cestaro	587.0249
Chapey Funeral Home	
Doug Chapey	661.5644
Gerry Fogarty	667.5979
Rocky Laino	661.1981
Lang-Tobia-DiPalma Funeral Home	
Sean Cavaliere	669.4040
Dom Lettieri	669.4957
Bill Marsden	586.0581
Jack Meehan	587.2314
Bill Young	669.9140

Continental Breakfast/Sign-In at 7 AM
Green Fees-\$150 per person
Electric Cart (shared by two golfers)
Barbecue lunch at cross-over
Open bar and full buffet dinner at course
Awards for all winners!

Note: If you have any questions or would like to reserve your foursome, please contact a Golf Committee member. All golfer fees must be submitted before 8/8/06 to secure a reservation.

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

Dorothy Cassidy

Harold Cassidy

Eileen Okurowski

***Upcoming Marriages***

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.

Remembering...

Monday, July 10

8:00 AM Kathleen Petersen

Tuesday, July 11

St. Benedict, abbot

8:00 AM John J. Goode, Sr. and Joan F. Goode

Wednesday, July 12

8:00 AM Carmella Stanziani

Thursday, July 13

St. Henry

8:00 AM Joseph Vetrano

Friday, July 14

Bl. Kateri Tekakwitha, virgin

8:00 AM Joseph Intoci

Saturday, July 15

8:00 AM James Celiberti, Norah Williamson, Charles Appice, Jean Chapman,
Rose Bell-Van Wagner, Melissa Parker, Irene Pichira,
Nicholas Caldarola, Joseph Zampino, Eileen Okurowski

5:00 PM Rose Guider

Fr. Stan Chukwube

Sunday, July 16

8:00 AM Patricia Walsh

Fr. Mike Vetrano

9:30 AM Elizabeth Cosentino

Fr. Bob Scheckenback

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

Fr. Ed Dowling

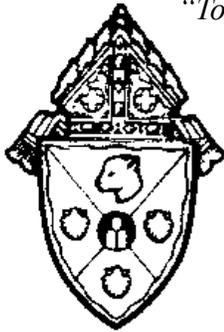
12:30 PM Alice Cavanaugh

Fr. John Asomugha

6:00 PM People of the Parish, Francisco, Felizberta and Ramon Dimaculangan,
Kenneth Connelly, Diana Zotto, William Beyerbach, Edward Gass,
Mario Cuzzi, Anne Judice, Angie Cinquemani, Eileen Okurowski,
Jean Chapman

Fr. Bob Scheckenback

2006 Catholic Ministries Appeal



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

Parish Status as of June 1, 2006

Parish Goal	\$118,600
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

July 2, 2006

Weekly Collection	\$ 18,110.50
Weekly Budget	-\$ 21,000.00
+/- for the week	\$ (2,889.50)

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

Living Liturgy



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.

In the Eucharist many expect an immediate "transformation of the world." Here now is the central act of transformation that alone can truly renew the world: violence is transformed into love, and death into life. Since this act transmutes death into love, death as such is already conquered from within, the Resurrection is already present in it. Death is, so to speak, mortally wounded, so that it can no longer have the last word. To use an image well known to us today, this is like inducing nuclear fission in the very heart of being - the victory of love over hatred, the victory of love over death. Only this intimate explosion of good conquering evil can then trigger off the series of transformations that little by little will change the world. All other changes remain superficial and cannot save. For this reason we speak of redemption: what had to happen at the most intimate level has indeed happened, and we can enter into its dynamic. Jesus can distribute his Body, because he truly gives himself.

For reflection:

How can you be even more open to Jesus' presence in your own life? To Jesus' presence in the Eucharist?

Pastoral Formation Institute

Discover the PFI Experience with a PFI Information Session. The Office of Faith Formation is planning to run PFI Information Sessions at the following locations:

Tuesday, July 11 at 7:30pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, West Islip

Tuesday, July 18 at 7:00pm at St. Rosalie, Hampton Bays

Wednesday, July 19 at 7:30pm at St. Anthony Church, Oceanside

Deepen and explore your faith in a community setting. Classes will begin in the Fall. A two year process of spiritual growth and theological formation, with a third year of training in your chosen ministry. For more information, contact Jeanne at 516.678.5800, ext 510 or jsavage@drvc.org.

Please take a moment and visit our beautiful church website! Look for the latest information about our parish retreat to El Salvador and follow their daily travels, our Vacation Bible Camp-S.A.N.T.A. beginning soon, our upcoming Jubilee Events and more! Visit us at www.ollchurch.org.





14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The central character of Thomas Wolfe's story "You Can't Go Home Again" is a novelist who, after moving away, writes a book full of characters and events loosely based on the people of his hometown. When he returns home, fully anticipating a hero's welcome, he instead finds he no longer has a single friend. Most of us, thankfully, only experience the feeling that our hometowns have changed from our youth. A bit smaller, perhaps, and the sense that no one really knows us anymore.

Jesus expresses to us in today's Gospel that even prophets are honored everywhere except in their hometowns. More clearly, he is telling us that those who feel they know us best - the friends of our youth - will have difficulties looking past the memories of us should we grow in our lives and change. While Jesus decided to only heal a few of the sick and perform no miracles, he "wondered at their disbelief." Had his transformation from carpenter to public preacher been so drastic?

Perhaps Jesus' wonderment at their disbelief was because he considered heaven our greater homeland, a homeland to which we are all on a pilgrimage. This pilgrimage begins through the sacrament of baptism and is strengthened through confirmation and the Eucharist. (CCC 1533) While those who knew Jesus the longest failed to recognize the Christ among them, we are given every opportunity to accept him today as we prepare for our journey to our true homeland.

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Readings for the Week of July 9, 2006

Sunday:	Ez 2:2-5/ 2 Cor 12:7-10/ Mk 6:1-6
Monday:	Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22/ Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday:	Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/ Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday:	Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/ Mt 10:1-7
Thursday:	Hos 11:1-4, 8c-9/ Mt 10:7-15
Friday:	Hos 14:2-10/ Mt 10:16-23
Saturday:	Is 6:1-8 / Mt 10:24-33
Next Sunday:	Am 7:12-15/ Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10/ Mk 6:7-13

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 ...

Jane Aspromanti, John Aspromanti, Pat Bonavita, Patrick Bowers, Thomas Brennan, Jo Brogan, Christian Bullock, June Cerami, Emilio Ceribelli, Regina Cranor, Joseph Fiore, Jason Fisher, Lillian Gerken, Michael Glander, Kathleen Kerrigan, Marty Kerrigan, Diane Lane, Carlyn LePage, Anthony Lombardo, Mike Lorento, Joyce Mamalakis, Benjy Margulies, Peter McCann, Sr., Donato Miranda, Annie Morrow, 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

Our Lady of Lourdes School

587-7200

Monday-Friday: 9 AM - 3 PM

email: rcioffi@ollschool.org

S.A.G.E.

661-3224

**(Senior Advocates for Growth
and Enrichment)**

email: Sage@ollchurch.org

Religious Education Office

661-5440

Monday-Friday: 9 AM - Noon

1 PM - 5 PM

7 PM - 9 PM

email: ReligiousEd@ollchurch.org

Parish Outreach

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

Myth:

Today’s immigrants are different than those of 100 years ago...

The percentage of the U.S. population that is foreign-born now stands at 11.5%; in the early 20th century it was approximately 15%. Similar to accusations about today’s immigrants, those of 100 years ago initially often settled in mono-ethnic neighborhoods, spoke their native languages, and built up newspapers and businesses that catered to their fellow emigres. They also experienced the same types of discrimination that today’s immigrants face, and integrated within American culture at a similar rate. If we view history objectively, we remember that every new wave of immigrants has been met with suspicion and doubt and yet, ultimately, every past wave of immigrants has been vindicated and saluted.

Myth:

Most immigrants today, unlike my ancestors, enter the U.S. illegally...

Around 75% of today’s immigrants have Legal Permanent Resident (immigrant) visas; of the 25% that are undocumented, 40% overstayed temporary (non-immigrant) visas. In addition, most immigrants 200 years ago entered their country legally because there were virtually no laws restricting immigration until the 1920’s. Chinese and Japanese immigrants were excluded prior to 1905; people with criminal records, communicable diseases, and other impediments to self-sufficiency (such as mental illness or illiteracy) were legally barred by 1917. Otherwise, the United States had virtually open borders until 1924.

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 2

canned fruit-peaches, fruit cocktail, pineapple
canned vegetables
jello/pudding
jelly
peanut butter
soup

Desperate Need

coffee
cookies

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.

12-Step Divorce Recovery

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

I Live My Faith

Congratulations to the following girls in OLL Junior Girl Scout Troop #1926 for completing the requirements for their Catholic Scouting award called ***"I Live My Faith"***: *Katherine Moeller, Lynn Paz, Michelle DeVito, Catherine McGuire and Christie Finn* and leaders Joanne Moeller and Amy Paz.

The girls will receive their award in May 2007 at the Girl Scout Convocation at St. Agnes Cathedral.



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.

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.

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**.

Marriage Encounter

Take a vacation from the world and learn what God's plan is for your marriage. A Marriage Encounter weekend is a special way to celebrate and enhance your marriage. The next weekend on Long Island is the weekend of August 18-20 at the Melville Marriott. For registration and information, please call 1.866.499.6354.

Help Feed the Hungry

The Mercy INN Soup kitchen in Wyandanch needs volunteers to help prepare and serve food one day a week. The hours are 10 AM until 2 PM. We are also in desperate need of people to pick up food, early on Mondays or Fridays. You will need your own vehicle. If interested, please call Kathy at 631.422.1420.

Help Wanted

St. Mary School in East Islip is hiring teacher assistants for Early Childhood Programs for September 2006. If interested, please call the school office on Tuesday or Wednesday morning between 8 AM and 10 AM at 631.581.4266, extension 3.

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 an email to divineintervention@telecaretv.org.

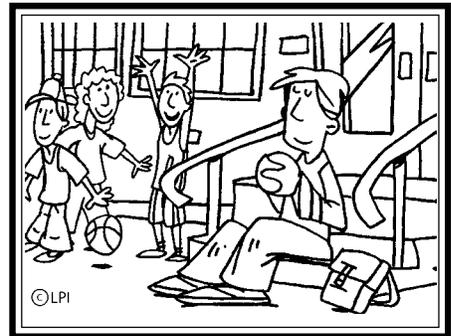
Religion & Rock

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: "**Perseverance.**" 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

Have you ever felt left out? Jesus did. In today's Gospel, Jesus visited his relatives and old friends. These were the people he grew up with, the people who knew him the best. All of a sudden Jesus was not acting like he used to. They heard that Jesus was healing people, raising people from the dead, and telling evil spirits to leave. Jesus was even teaching about God's kingdom, like he really knew what he was talking about! Well, Jesus' old friends and neighbors did not like it one bit. How sad for them. God's own Son wanted to help them, but they didn't want it.



Prayer Dear God,
 help me to listen to you and to accept the help that
 you want to give me.

Amen.



Word Unscramble

Unscramble words from today's Gospel reading:

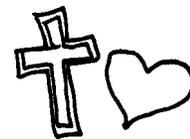
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 wisdom

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prophet
 heal
 faith

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pwero	—	—	—	—	—	
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Mission for the Week

Read today's Gospel with your family. Talk about ways that people sometimes turn Jesus away. Pray together, asking God to keep you close to Jesus.