

“Whatever place does not welcome you or listen to you, leave there and shake the dust off your feet in testimony against them.”



So they went off and preached repentance.

Mark 6:8

**Our Lady of Lourdes
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 16, 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 Scorgia

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

Barbara Catusco

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

Summer Evening Prayer 2006



Learn
More About
Our Church

Our Lady of Lourdes: Then and Now-

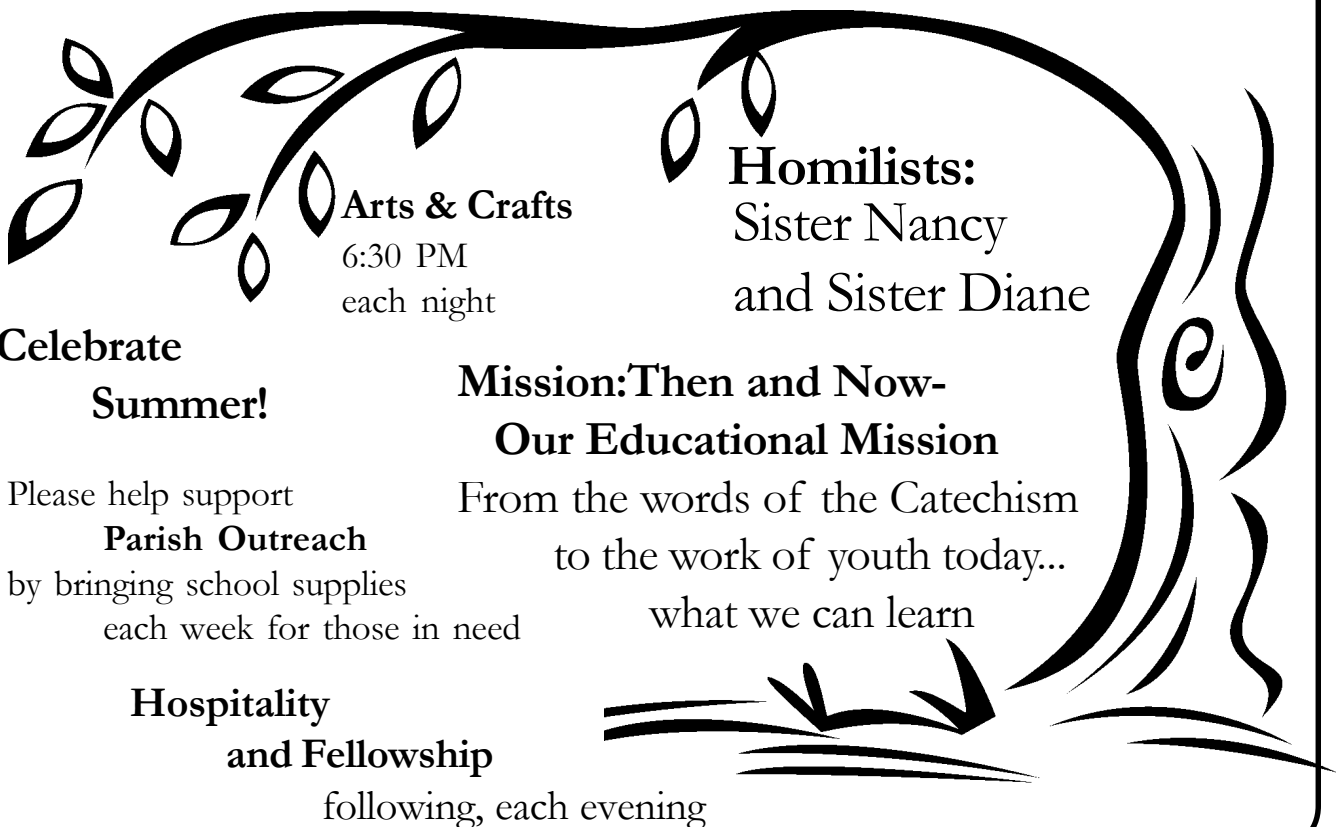
Our Educational Mission

Monday, July 17

7 PM 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!



Arts & Crafts
6:30 PM
each night

Homilists:
Sister Nancy
and Sister Diane

**Celebrate
Summer!**

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

**Hospitality
and Fellowship**

following, each evening

**Mission: Then and Now-
Our Educational Mission**

From the words of the Catechism
to the work of youth today...
what we can learn

**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

50th Anniversary “Golden Jubilee Journal”

The *Golden Jubilee Journal* will portray Our Lady of Lourdes illustrious parish history of the past fifty wonderful years! We offer all parishioners and friends an opportunity to express their best wishes, congratulations, or to memorialize loved ones with a journal ad.

If you are interested in placing an ad in our *Golden Jubilee Journal* or for more information, please call Mike Abbruscato at 661.3224.

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.

Summer Pick Me Up Collection!

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

Our "Summer Pick Me Up Collection"
collected \$3,905 last weekend.
This brings our total over \$9,000.
We are more than halfway to our goal!



We will have our final
"Summer Pick Me Up Collection"
on the weekend of July 22/23.
If we reach our goal of \$17,000
we can complete all our
projects this Summer!

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.

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

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

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:

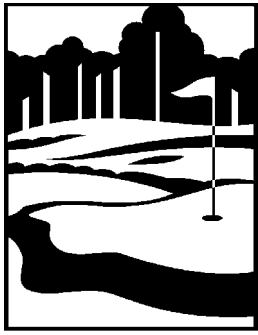
- 1. Please take a moment to read and understand the issues referred to in the “Immigration Reform” letter inserted in the bulletin this week.*
- 2. Be sure to sign the letter and include your address.*
- 3. You should have one letter for your Congressional Representative and one letter for each State 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!

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

You're invited to join us for **Cocktails and Dinner**

only
\$75

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!

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!

Registration Form

Our Lady of Lourdes 22nd Annual Duffers Classic

Timber Point Country Club

August 24, 2006

Honoree Monsignor Bill Jablonski

Golf Foursome: (\$150 per golfer/\$600 per foursome)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

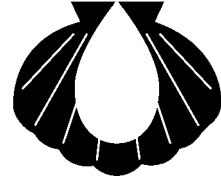
Cocktails and Dinner only (\$75 per person)

Name _____

Please make checks payable to Our Lady of Lourdes-Golf Outing and return to the Parish Office

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***Anthony Eric Campos*

Anthony and Christine

Taylor Rose Downey

Roger and Kelly

Valentyne Michael Messina

Vincent and Elena

Dylan Thomas Mulieri

Vincent and Colleen

Kate Josephine Meyer

Joseph and Cristy

Dylan Matthew Palladino

Matthew and Kerry

Rocco Joseph Panaro, Jr.

Rocco and Angel

Antonio Mario Pinka

Robert and Lisa

Joseph Christopher Singh

Nicholas and Angela

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.

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.

Remembering...

Monday, July 17

8:00 AM George Shaddock

Tuesday, July 18

St. Camillus de Lellis, priest

8:00 AM Peter Reehil

Wednesday, July 19

8:00 AM Paul Ermert

Thursday, July 20

St. Apollinaus, bishop, martyr

8:00 AM Vita J. Kelly

Friday, July 21

St. Lawrence of Brindisi, priest, doctor

8:00 AM Patrick McCarthy

Saturday, July 22

8:00 AM Sean Barraga, Robert Guardino, Biagio Pelosi,
Jeremy Best, Wayne & Roland Van Acker,
Anthony Morrissey, Gregory Hallahan, Sr.,
Robert Jackson, Sr.

5:00 PM William J. Heartt

Fr. Bob Scheckenback

Sunday, July 23

8:00 AM Shaun Ryan

Fr. John Asomugha

9:30 AM Angelo Crisci

Fr. Ed Dowling

11:00 AM Charlotte Sweeney

Fr. Ed Dowling

12:30 PM John Wallace

Fr. Mike Vetrano

6:00 PM People of the Parish, Rose Manco, Octavio Marino,
Della Gallagher, Aidan Michael Williams, Tyler Poole,
Eileen Okurowski, Betty Pignialitti, Jeremy Best,
Aniello R. Bianco, Kevin Knockenhauer (*living*)

Fr. Stan Chukwube



Rest In Peace

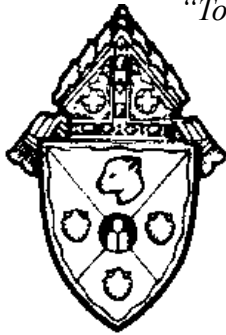
Laura T. Alonge

Gregory Hallahan, Sr.

Marie Kennedy

Celebrating Sacraments

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 9, 2006

Weekly Collection	\$ 19,122.00
Weekly Budget	-\$ 21,000.00
+/- for the week	\$ (1,878.00)

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.

This first fundamental transformation of violence into love, of death into life, brings other changes in its wake. Bread and wine become His Body and Blood. But it must not stop there; on the contrary, the process of transformation must now gather momentum. The Body and Blood of Christ are given to us so that we ourselves will be transformed in our turn. We are to become the Body of Christ, His own Flesh and Blood.

For reflection:

What areas of your life are in need of transformation, from death to life, from violence to love?

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.

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 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.





15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The state of what passes for entertainment today has certainly deteriorated even further within the last decade. Movies and television continue to lower the bar as to what is acceptable. Our politicians hold hearings to try to “understand” why this happens. But an interesting phenomenon is occurring; the makers of the violence and filth that so offend God are losing their audience, slowly but ever so surely. Perhaps we have decided to simply stop wasting our words on them and merely walk away.

In today’s Gospel reading from Mark, it is a time of instruction between Jesus and his disciples. As they were to soon become his voice, he told them to travel in pairs and when they entered a town to stay in the same house until they departed. But his most significant instruction regarded how the disciples treated those who would not listen to or accept them. “Shake the dust off the soles of your feet as a testimony against them,” he said.

St. Thomas Aquinas said that to teach in order to lead others to faith is the task of every preacher and of each believer. (CCC 904) As we spread the Good News that is Jesus Christ, we must be as willing as his disciples were to accept that not all will care to listen or accept our message, but to continue upon our task of evangelization. That grace which is the Word will always guide us forward.

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Readings for the Week of July 16, 2006

Sunday:	Am 7:12-15/ Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10/ Mk 6:7-13
Monday:	Is 1:10-17/ Mt 10:34-11:1
Tuesday:	Is 7:1-9/ Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday:	Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/ Mt 11:25-27
Thursday:	Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/ Mt 11:28-30
Friday:	Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/ Mt 12:1-8
Saturday:	Mi 2:1-5/ Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Next Sunday:	Jer 23:1-6/ Eph 2:13-18/ Mk 6:30-34

Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Monenna Kennedy*.
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, Regina Cranor, Joseph Fiore, Jason Fisher,
Lillian Gerken, Michael Glander, Kathleen Kerrigan, Marty Kerrigan, 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.



Our pantry is running low on the following items...

- Boxed potatoes
- Boxed rice
- Canned peas
- Canned string beans
- Jam & Jellies
- Peanut butter
- Spaghetti

**A BIG
THANK YOU**

OLL Blood Drive

We would like to thank everyone who came out to donate blood at the OLL Blood Drive on June 28. We collected 103 pints of blood!

The blood that was donated has since been separated into their components and distributed to patients in hospitals throughout the area.

It is your effort and commitment that enables Long Island Blood Services to meet the daily demand for blood products. There is no substitute for caring people who take time to donate blood so that others may live. Each and everyone who donated has greatly helped toward this goal.

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.

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**.

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.

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.

Miracle Fund

Please join us for an event to benefit The Michael Glander Miracle Fund. Carnival, rides, raffles, food and so much more! To be held at 36 Hawthorne Avenue in East Islip on Saturday, July 22 from 11 AM until 3 PM. Donation is \$5 per person, children under three are free.

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:

"Having a Positive Attitude."

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

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus prepared his disciples for a mission trip, where they would help the people in area towns and teach them about God. Before they left, Jesus asked his disciples to travel light - they were to bring no food or clothes or money. They could not survive without God's help. Jesus also asked them to heal people. They could not heal without God's power, either. God provided everything they needed for their mission trip.



Prayer



Dear God,

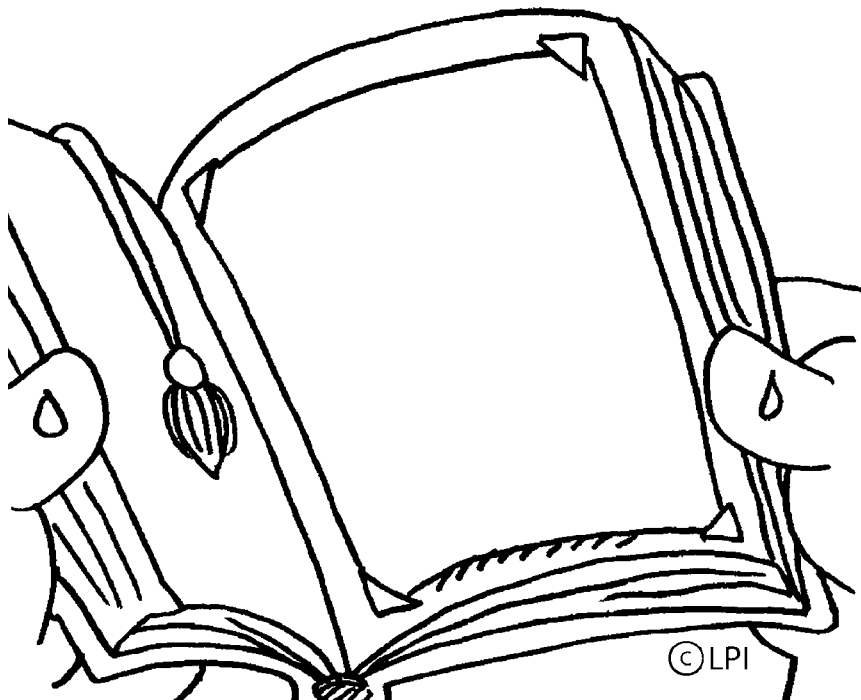
help me always to remember that it is your power that turns peoples' lives around.

Amen.



Puzzle

Draw a picture of a disciple.



Mission for the Week

Choose one friend you know who needs to hear about God's love. Ask your parents if you could offer a ride to that friend, and invite him or her to church with you.