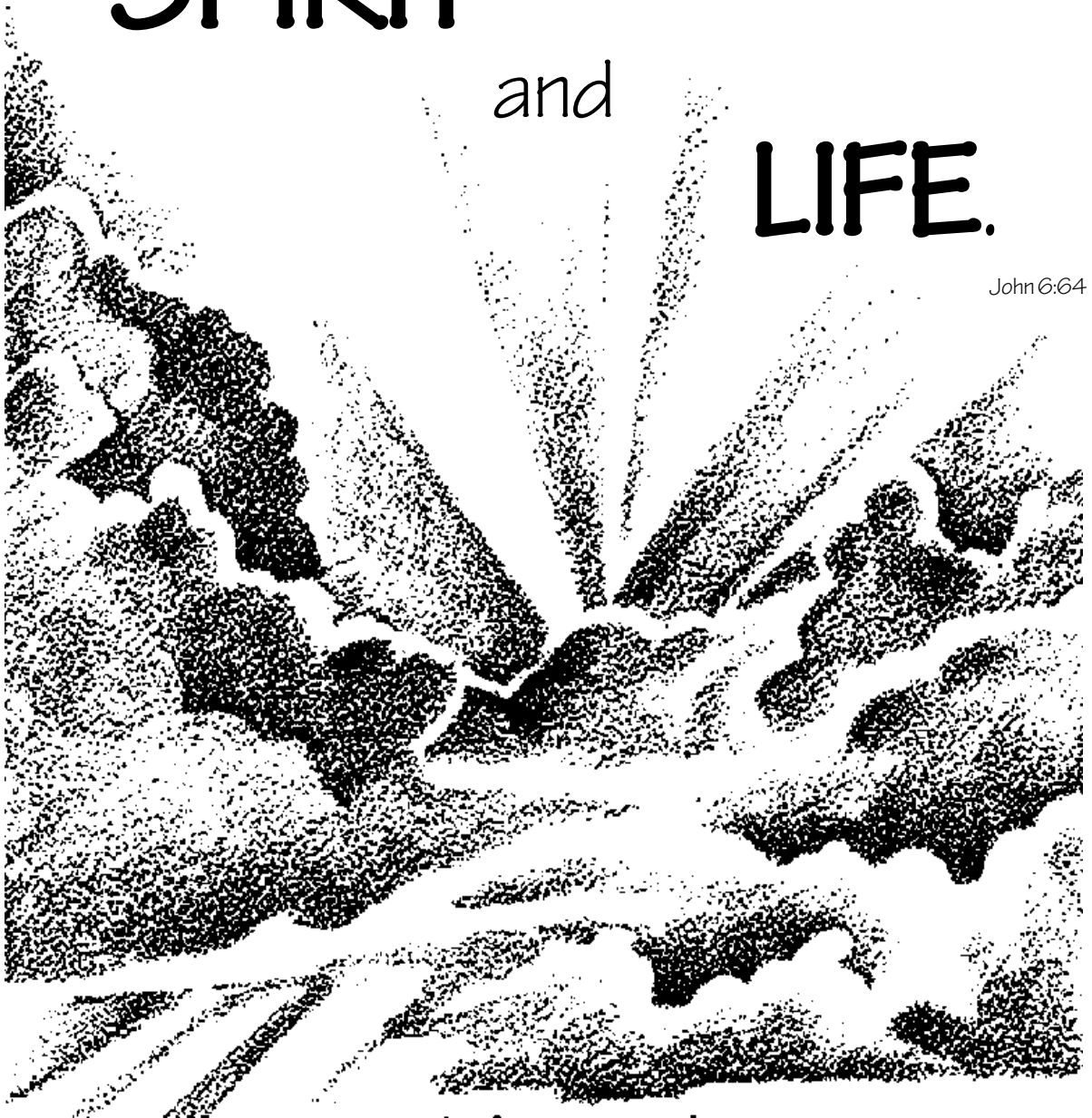


August 27, 2006 • Our Lady of Lourdes • Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

The words I have spoken
to you are ...

SPIRIT
and
LIFE.

John 6:64



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 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

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Rosemary Multer

School Office

Rex Muro

Organist

Rita Spera

Religious Education Office

Lori Walsh

Parish Office

Remembering Our History

Summer Evening Prayer 2006

Our Lady of Lourdes:

Then and Now



Our parish celebrated the last Summer Evening Prayer of 2006 on Monday, August 21.

What a great summer it has been!

Our Summer Evening Prayers have invited all of us to look at the tremendous growth and development of our parish community.

And where would we be without our Summer Evening Prayer committee...

Kerri Ackerly, Diane Ackerly, Mary J. Borgs, Tony Buonaspina, Sister Nancy Campkin, Lisa Cantalino, Marc Cantalino, Pat Cunn, Trish Frodell, Carol Goetz, Patrick Gordon, Carol Gordon, Thomas Gordon, Jr., Jean Ann Gottsch, Patricia A. Kelley, Sister Diane Liona, Joanne Maher, Rae Martino, Maryanne Oross, Carolyn Paprocky, John Ryan, Barbara Stevens, Maureen Turner, Laura Walsh, Matthew Zanella, and Patricia Zanella.



We are so grateful to those who sponsored our Summer Evening Prayer services, especially...

Boyd-Caratozzolo Funeral Home

Good Samaritan Hospital Medical Center

Mangano Funeral Home

Munch Landscape, Inc.

Newton and Sons

Shear Instincts

Uniondale Chemists



September 11, 2001 We Remember

This year, our country and our community will mark the five year anniversary of the September 11 terrorist attacks. It is so important that we use these days to remember and to celebrate those who gave their lives on that terrible day.

To mark this anniversary, our parish will establish a week long memorial in our narthex. We will display pictures and stories of parishioners who gave their lives on that day. There will also be a place where parishioners can bring memories and pictures of family, friends, and loved ones who died on September 11, 2001.

Our memorial will be set up during the weekend of September 9 and 10 and will be open all during our Parish Italian Family Feast. Please come by at any time to light a candle, say a prayer, write a message, or bring a memory.

Let's pray together all during this week for peace, for justice, and for the consolation of the families and friends of those who will be remembered.

1956 - 2006

Our Lady of Lourdes Italian Family Feast September 13 - 17, 2006

Pay One Price

Ride all rides on
**Wednesday, Thursday
and Sunday**
for only \$20

(purchase Pay One Price
tickets at the feast)

Opens

Wednesday - Friday
at 7 PM
Saturday at 6 PM
Sunday at 2 PM

Super Raffle

Drawing to be held on
Sunday September 17 at 9 PM
Super Raffle tickets are \$100 each

Only 200 tickets being sold!

Advance Tickets

Any six rides for \$12
(average discount of over 50%)

**Tickets good for
any ride/any day.**

Purchase "Advance Tickets" at
the Parish Office Monday through
Friday from 9 AM until 5 PM.

Advance ticket sales end
Monday, September 11.

Religious Education

Registration for children in public school entering Grade 1 in September 2006 to be part of Our Lady of Lourdes Religious Education P.E.P. Program.

Family names A - L **Monday, September 25** **10 AM or 7:30 PM**

Family names M - Z **Wednesday, September 27** **10 AM or 7:30 PM**

Meetings will be held in the Parish Center (*room opposite the playground*) and will begin promptly at the designated time.

Please bring the child's Baptism Certificate. There is a Family Fee of \$105 for families new to the program.

Back to School Blessing of Backpacks

Sunday, September 10

9:30 AM Mass – Family Mass

Hospitality to follow the Liturgy in the Fr. Joe Garden.

All are welcome to this beautiful and special Mass to receive God's blessing and the blessing of this community on the new school year.

Confirmation Candidates Petitioning Ceremony

Sunday, September 10

6:00 PM Mass - "The Six"

Followed by "Make Your Own Sundae" in the Fr. Joe Garden

Come and join us at the 6 PM Mass on Sunday, September 10 as we pray with and for our parish Confirmation Candidates who are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation on Monday, October 23. These young women and men face a difficult and challenging world and there is no doubt that the love and prayers of this parish community will make a great difference! Please come and be part of this great celebration.

Praying for John Ryan

This weekend, John Ryan, our parish seminarian returns to the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington to continue his preparation and studies for ordination to the priesthood. Although we may not see him as much over the next few months, we're still called to support him through our prayers and actions.

You can write to John at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception – 440 West Neck Road – Huntington, NY 11743. We hope to see him after the Fall semester!



**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 be going on sale soon!

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

Cost: \$100 per person

watch upcoming bulletins for more information...



**Our Lady of Lourdes
50th Anniversary
“Golden Jubilee Journal”**

The *Golden Jubilee Journal* will portray Our Lady of Lourdes illustrious parish history of the past fifty wonderful years!

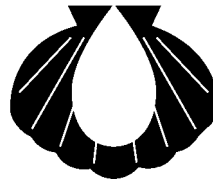
We offer all parishioners and friends an opportunity to express their best wishes, congratulations, or to memorialize loved ones with a journal ad.

If you are interested in placing an ad in our *Golden Jubilee Journal*, stop by the Parish Office or call 661.3224 for a “Contract”. Fill it out and return it with payment to OLL Church.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please call Mike Abbruscato at 661.3224.

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****Devynn Addison Garcia*

Steven and Carolynn

Nicholas Daniel Guimaraes

Daniel and Colleen

Keith Christian Gustafson, Jr.

Keith and Samantha

Megan Ann Howell

Richard and Linette

Christopher Matthew Vail

Christopher and Deborah

Julia Nicole Vassallo

Jason and Nancy

Francis Xavier Weber III

Francis and Christine

Upcoming Marriages*Gina Mauro, OLL and**Ryan Montgomery, St. Joseph's, 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.

**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.

Remembering...

Monday, August 28

St. Augustine, bishop, doctor

8:00 AM Frank Ferguson

Tuesday, August 29

Martyrdom of John the Baptist

8:00 AM George Stone

Wednesday, August 30

8:00 AM Ann Horan

Thursday, August 31

8:00 AM Ann Horan

Friday, September 1

8:00 AM Louise Riedemann

Saturday, September 2

8:00 AM Maureen A. Parson, Ethel Dixon Isola,
Matthew Nowicki, John Janssen, Thomas Esposito,
Evelyn Mulhearn, Pasquale Tullo, Paul Capobianco,
John Dell'Orto

5:00 PM Helen Sullivan

Fr. John Asomugha

Sunday, September 3

8:00 AM Joseph and Christina Kollmer

Fr. Mike Vetrano

9:30 AM Tony Squeo

Fr. Bob Scheckenback

11:00 AM Michael Torina

Fr. Ed Dowling

12:30 PM John Wallace

Fr. Stan Chukwube

6:00 PM People of the Parish, Joseph Lipari, Rick Munkwitz,
Walter Henry & Chris Hansen, Eileen Okurowski,
Alison Dunne, Dorothy Schubert, Marie McHugh,
Beatrice Logue

Fr. Ambrose Cabildo



Rest In Peace

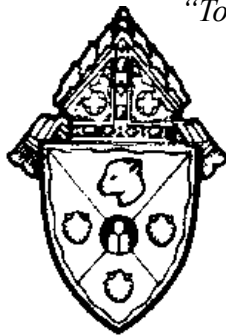
Christine Zuraskas-Prince

Josephine Postiglione

Edward Wernikowski

Julio Sanchez-Sierra

2006 Catholic Ministries Appeal



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

Parish Status as of August 10, 2006

Parish Goal	\$118,600
Pledged Amount	\$ 93,822
# of Pledges	406
Average Pledge	\$ 231

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. 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

August 13, 2006

Weekly Collection	\$ 17,523.50
Weekly Budget	-\$ 21,000.00
+/- for the week	\$ (3,476.50)

August 20, 2006

Weekly Collection	\$ 14,459.00
Weekly Budget	-\$ 21,000.00
+/- for the week	\$ (6,541.00)

Church in Latin America

Collected Amount	\$2,378.00
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Feast of the Assumption

Collected Amount	\$2,654.00
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The estimated weekly collection needed to maintain and operate our parish buildings, ministries, programs and salaries is \$21,000.

Living Liturgy

Assembly...YOU!



Throughout the months of July and August, we have reflected upon Pope Benedict's words. The reflection below is the last part of his homily on the Eucharist. We hope this series has been helpful to you in your own prayer and reflection.

Today, there are many forms of voluntary assistance, models of mutual service, of which our society has urgent need. We must not, for example, abandon the elderly to their solitude, we must not pass by when we meet people who are suffering. If we think and live according to our communion with Christ, then our eyes will be opened. Then we will no longer be content to scrape a living just for ourselves, but we will see where and how we are needed.

Living and acting thus, we will soon realize that it is much better to be useful and at the disposal of others than to be concerned only with the comforts that are offered to us. I know that you as young people have great aspirations, that you want to pledge yourselves to build a better world. Let others see this, let the world see it, since this is exactly the witness that the world expects from the disciples of Jesus Christ in this way, and through your love above all, the world will be able to discover the star that we follow as believers. Let us go forward with Christ and let us live our lives as true worshippers of God. Amen.

For reflection:

What activities can you get involved in that make our parish, our community, our world a better place?

Biography of an Altar Server

by Brianna Rafferty



I am in the sixth grade at Udall Road Middle School. I have been an altar server since fourth grade. I first joined because my friend was an altar server. Now I like to help out at Mass. My favorite part of serving is holding the cross.

I live with my parents and two younger brothers, Sean, age 8 and Ryan, age 3. In addition to being an altar server, I play the clarinet, attend the school chorus, and I am an Irish step dancer.

Altar Servers - Serving the Lord with Gladness

Each week over twenty young people make a commitment to serve this parish community as altar servers! Throughout the upcoming weeks, we'll take some time to hear their reflections on ministry and service. Maybe their words can be an inspiration for each of us!



21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our lives are full of choices. Every day, we make choices as to what clothes we wear, what we eat, who we speak to. In some instances, we are faced with more subtle choices such as courteous behavior. In most instances, we are not asked to make these choices; we simply make them of our own free will. But in every instance of choice, we demonstrate whether or not we have chosen Jesus Christ as our path to eternal life.

In today's Gospel, Jesus is speaking to those who had followed him to Capernaum after the miracle of the loaves and fishes. He knows their hearts; he knows that even though he could exhibit miracles and provide healing, there were those who would still not believe in him. Indeed, many in the crowd who had yearned to follow him this far turned their backs on him and walked away. So close, yet they could not reach across that final threshold of belief.

When Jesus asks his twelve chosen disciples if they, too, will turn their backs on him, Peter responds that Jesus has the words of eternal life. We are taught that those who die in God's grace and friendship and are perfectly purified live forever with Christ, and they will see him as he is, face to face. (CCC 1023) We have been given a wonderful choice - and when we receive the Holy Eucharist we have made the greatest choice.

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Readings for the Week of August 27, 2006

Sunday:	Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/ Eph 5:21-32 <i>or</i> 5:2a, 25-32/ Jn 6:60-69
Monday:	2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12/ Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday:	2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/ Mk 6:17-29
Wednesday:	2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/ Mt 23:27-32
Thursday:	1 Cor 1:1-9/ Mt 24:42-51
Friday:	1 Cor 1:17-25/ Mt 25:1-13
Saturday:	1 Cor 1:26-31/ Mt 25:14-30
Next Sunday:	Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/ Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/ Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Dottie Collins*.
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 at 661.3224.



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 ...

*Pat Bonavita, Patrick Bowers, Carol Brander, Jay Brander, Thomas Brennan,
Jo Brogan, Christian Bullock, David Calogero, Brendan Caselli, June Cerami,
Regina Cranor, Joseph Cristallo, Fortunata Durkin, Rose Fabozzi, Jason Fisher,
Anne Foote, Susan Fornatora, Daniel Guido, Anthony Lombardo, Mike Lorento,
Benjy Margulies, Diego Marino, Peter McCann, Sr., Christine Muldoon, Joe Radosti,
Rose Serragano, Bunny Vilim, 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

Good Samaritan Prayer Group of L.I.

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.

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.

Parish Social Ministry

Our Parish Social Ministry (*Outreach and Social Action*) are committed to keeping you informed about the many resources that are available to you!

HEAP (Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program)

The *Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)* is a federally funded program that assists eligible households in meeting their home energy needs. New York's benefit program is structured in such a way that higher benefits are provided to those households that have larger percentages of their income spent on energy costs, contain a vulnerable individual, and have the lowest income.

Vulnerable individuals are defined as children under the age of 6, adults aged 60 or older, or disabled individuals.

To determine if you are eligible for these benefits, fill out an application at the Office of Social Services in Suffolk County, Ronkonkoma, call 631. 854. 9700, or download an application at <http://www.otda.state.ny.us/otda/heap/default.htm#background>. Check this web site for more information about the program as well! You can also contact Parish Outreach at 661.3224 for more information or e-mail to outreach@ollchurch.org.



Pantry Needs

WEEK 2

canned fruit
canned vegetables
jelly
peanut butter
pudding/jello

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

cereal
coffee
macaroni & cheese
soup

Atlantic City Bus Trip

Come join the **Senior Circle** for a day of fun on **Tuesday, September 19** to the **Tropicana Casino**. The cost is \$20 and you get back \$5. The bus leaves from OLL parking lot at **9:30 AM sharp**. For information or reservations call Vera at 587.1553.

SAGE

The SAGE Group (Senior Advocates for Growth and Enrichment) will meet on **Tuesday, August 29**, in the **Parish Center at 9 AM**. All older parishioners are welcome.

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.

Senior Circle

The Senior Circle meets on the last Monday of each month. The next meeting will be held on **Monday, August 28**, at **12:30 PM** in the **Parish Center**.



Nocturnal Eucharistic Adoration

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament **follows the 5 PM Mass** and concludes with Benediction at 9:50 PM on **Saturday, September 2**. Please come and pray with us. All are invited and welcome.

Girl Scout Pray and Play Day

Brownies through Senior Girl Scouts are invited to the **Girl Scout Pray and Play Day on Saturday, October 7** at the **Shrine of Our Lady of the Island in Eastport**. The program of crafts, fun and prayer will **begin at 9:30 AM and conclude with Mass at 3:30 PM**. For information, call the Diocesan Catholic Scouting Office at 516.678.5800, extension 245.

Gennesaret Retreat

Gennesaret Retreat, especially designed *for persons who live with a serious illness*, will be held at the **Montfort Spiritual Center in Bay Shore on September 15, 16, and 17**. To register or receive more information about this weekend, please call Colette Fanelli at 631.665.7052 or Sister Sally Ryan at 516.678.5800, ext. 540.

CSJ 150th Anniversary Celebrations

The Sisters of St. Joseph of Brentwood, NY invite everyone to join us at the following event as we conclude our year of celebration marking 150 years of service in the Dioceses of Brooklyn and Rockville Centre.

On Saturday, September 9 at 2 PM, The Mary Louis Academy Auditorium, S. Elizabeth Johnson, CSJ will speak on "Launch Out into the Deep." A reception follows the presentation. Send \$10 per ticket (with a stamped self-addressed envelope) to S. Karen Kaelin, St. Joseph Convent, 1725 Brentwood Road, Brentwood, NY 11717-5587.

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:

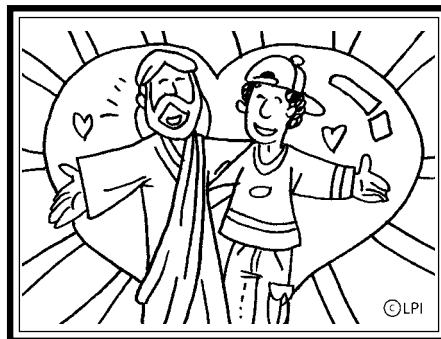
"Finding Peace"

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

After Jesus compared himself to manna, and said that he was sent from heaven, many of his followers turned away from him. They just could not accept what Jesus was saying. It was too hard for them to understand. We have something they did not have. We have the Holy Spirit to help us. Sometimes what we learn might be hard for us to understand, too, but we never need to walk away. We can have faith in Jesus. We can ask him to help us.



Dear God,

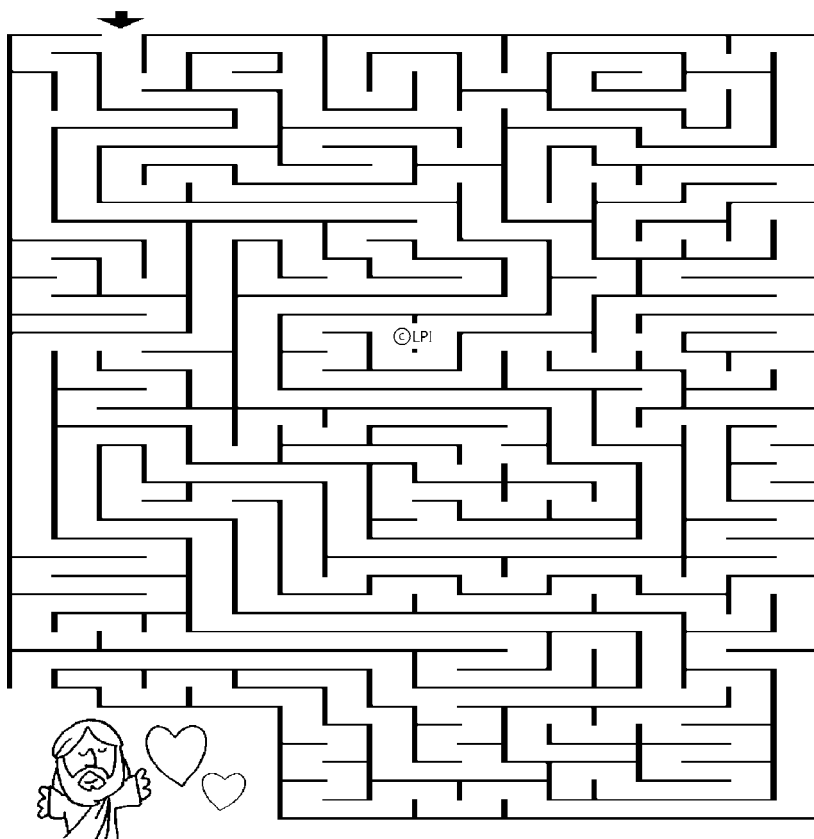
give me the faith to trust Jesus always.

Amen.



Puzzle

Find your way through the maze to Jesus.



Mission for the Week

Have you ever learned something about God that was hard to understand? Talk about it with your family, and together pray for each other. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you learn what God wants you to do.