

**“I will give you the keys  
to the  
kingdom of heaven.”**

Matthew 16:19



**Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Our Lady of Lourdes • August 24, 2008**



## *Pastoral Team*

**Rev. Michael A. Vetrano**  
Pastor

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

### **Parish Office**

661-3224

Monday-Friday: 9 AM - 7:30 PM

Saturday: 9 AM - 3 PM

Sunday: 9 AM - 2 PM

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website: [www.ollchurch.org](http://www.ollchurch.org)

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587-7200

Monday-Friday: 9 AM - 3 PM

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### **Religious Education Office**

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1 PM - 5 PM

7 PM - 9 PM

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### **Parish Outreach Office**

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Monday: 9:30 AM - 7:30 PM

Tuesday -Friday: 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM

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### **Rev. Stanislaus Chukwube**

Associate Pastor

### **Rev. Robert Scheckenback**

Associate Pastor

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**Deacon Jack Meehan**

Coordinator of Stewardship

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Vita Scorgia

Doreen Spiller

Mary Steck

Fr. Mike Vetrano

Marie Yuliano (*co-chair*)

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## *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

## *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.*

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## *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.*

*Our Lady  
of Lourdes*

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West Islip, New York 11795

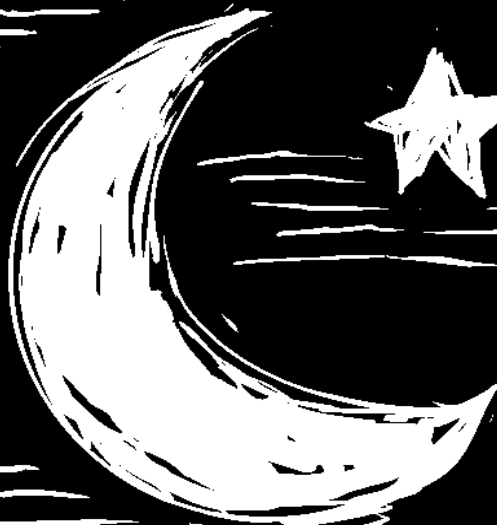
*Summer*



*Evening*



*Prayer*



*2008*



*Monday,*

*August 25*

*6:15 PM*

**Our final Summer Evening Prayer 2008 begins at 6:15 PM with delicious "Summer Sauce" dinner on the Great Lawn!**

**Candlelight Evening Prayer begins  
at 7 PM including  
farewell celebration to Fr. Stan!**

**Special presentation by Karen Danca-Smith  
of Telecare's "Good News."**

★ *Thank You*

*As we enter to the final weeks of summer,  
let's take some time to thank our  
Summer Evening Prayer sponsors!*

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# **Our Lady of Lourdes Parish**



## **Italian Family Feast 2008**

**September 10 - 14, 2008**

**Opens Wednesday thru Friday at 7 PM**

**Opens Saturday at 6 PM**

**Opens Sunday at 2 PM**

### **Volunteers Needed**

**Volunteers are always needed and welcomed to support our annual Italian Family Feast 2008.**

**We have our faithful volunteers that come and help year after year-and to them we are very grateful.**

**We need to attract new volunteers to keep our feast the wonderful annual family event that it is!**

***Can you help?***

**If you're interested or have any questions, please call the Parish Office at 661.3224.**

### **Captain/Volunteer Meeting**

**There will be a brief meeting for all Captains and Volunteers on Thursday, September 4 at 7:30 PM in Room 16.**

**All are asked to attend.**

**NEW!**



## **"The Magic of Mark & Kym"**

**An illusionary journey into the World of Magic!**

**Sunday, September 14 on the Great Lawn**

**Show Times: 2:30 PM, 3:30 PM and 5 PM**

**Free Admission!**

**Come one and all-especially children -to see live exotic animals, breathtaking illusions, and become involved in the audience participation!**

## **Pay-One-Price**

**Ride *all* rides each day-Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday-for only \$25**  
**(\$5 discount with coupon)**  
***purchase Pay-One-Price at the feast***



## **Super Raffle**

**Drawing to be held on Sunday evening,  
September 14 at 9 PM**

**Super Raffle tickets are \$100 each - only 200 tickets sold!**

## **Advance Tickets**

**Any six rides for \$13 (average discount of over 50%!)  
Tickets good for any ride/any day of the Feast!**

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

**Advance ticket sales end Monday, September 8.**



## 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

## Support Groups

### Alcoholics Anonymous:

Monday and Tuesday at  
8 PM and Saturday at 2 PM  
and 7 PM in Lourdes Hall-  
convent lower level.

### ALANON:

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

## Rosary/Novena

### Rosary

Daily after 8 AM Mass

### Miraculous Medal Novena

Monday after 8 AM Mass

### 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.

### 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.



## Rest In Peace

*Salvatore Cinquemani* died on July 27 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was July 31. We extend our prayers to his children, grandchildren, great grandchild and entire family.

*Maria F. Williamson* died on July 22 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was August 11. We extend our prayers to her husband, William, children and entire family.

*Joseph DiGangi* died on August 13 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was August 16. We extend our prayers to his siblings, niece, nephews and entire family.

*Kay Neider* died on August 15 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was August 18. We extend our prayers to her husband, Morris, children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great great grandchild and entire family.



The Parish Office will be closed on **Monday, September 1** in observance of Labor Day.

The Parish Office will reopen on Tuesday, September 2 at 9 AM.



# Remembering...

## Monday, August 25

*St. Joseph Calasanz, priest*  
8:00 AM Anna Lettieri

## Tuesday, August 26

8:00 AM James & Charlotte Quinn

## Wednesday, August 27

*St. Monica*  
8:00 AM Douglas G. Hassell, Sr.

## Thursday, August 28

*St. Augustine, bishop, doctor*  
8:00 AM Adam Ippolito

## Friday, August 29

8:00 AM George Stone

## Saturday, August 30

8:00 AM Leonardo R. Vicencio, Michael Lynch,  
Mary Jean Wilkinson, Michael Donovan,  
Maria Gruol, Philip Veltre, Monica Pec  
  
5:00 PM John Lovari  
*Fr. Bob Scheckenback*

## Sunday, August 31

8:00 AM Thomas Grunenberg  
*Fr. Ambrose Cabildo*

9:30 AM Brian Morris  
*Fr. Mike Vetrano*

11:00 AM Joseph Rizzo & James Morrone  
*Fr. Stan Chukwube*

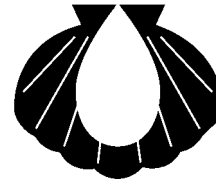
12:30 PM Vincent Barbera  
*Fr. John Asomugha*

6:00 PM People of the Parish, Anna Doumas, Edward Walton,  
Christopher Ritter, Mary Lynch, Louis Nigro,  
Ricciardi & Ruocco Families, Louis Costa, Kevin Keaney,  
Arthur Donald Gallagher, Diane Meehan, Rose Lucio  
*Fr. Bob Scheckenback*

# Upcoming Marriages

*Debra Araneo, OLL and*  
*Charles LoMonaco, OLPH, Lindenhurst*

# Baptisms



*Amanola M. Brunjes*  
Richard and Sabrina  
*Lexie Anne Chocko*  
Richard & Christine  
*Matthew Ryan Corbett*  
Michael & Christie  
*Sophia Grace Hagen*  
Christopher & Tracey  
*Connor Thomas Hugasian*  
Hugo & Michelle  
*Nate Ryan James*  
Ryan & Reine  
*Ryan Anthony Lidonnici*  
Larry & Jennifer  
*Max William Malone*  
William & Lynne  
*Alejandro Pedro Palma Blanco*  
Pedro & Patrice  
*Tabitha Rosati*  
Joseph & Christine`

## **Farewell Fr. Stan!**

***Come and celebrate with us on August 25!***



Fr. Stan, who has been with us at Our Lady of Lourdes since 2003, is taking leave of our parish community on August 27! Fr. Stan will be returning to his native Nigeria to service the local Church there. Through his education and experience here, and his doctorate, Fr. Stan will be sharing the gifts and experiences of his time at OLL with seminarians and others in Nigeria. As Fr. Stan says, "It is good."

Our parish has truly been blessed by Fr. Stan's gentleness, presence and tremendous humility, spirituality and devotion over the past five years. He has been with our parish through some challenging times, provided insight and support to so many here (often behind the scenes) and offered a spirit of welcome and compassion to who all have come here! All of this while attending graduate school and earning significant accolades there as well.

We will celebrate Fr. Stan's presence with us in a special way on August 25 at Summer Evening Prayer. Fr. Stan will preside at the Candlelight Evening Prayer and it will also give us a time to publicly thank him for all he has been for us over the past years. (We're working on having some Nigerian desserts at Evening Prayer as well!)

If you can't make it on Monday but want to leave a note or card for Fr. Stan, these can be dropped off in the Parish Office

### **Religious Education Registration**

***for children in Public School, Grade 1, September 2008***

**INFORMATION MEETING & REGISTRATION:** (meeting will take place in the Parish Center – the room opposite the playground on Hunter Ave)

*Please note: **Baptismal Certificates required for any child being registered in PEP 1, including children Baptized at Our Lady of Lourdes.***

<b>Monday, September 22</b>	<b>7:45 pm</b>
<b>Wednesday, September 24</b>	<b>1:00 pm or 7:45 pm</b>
<b>Thursday, September 25</b>	<b>1:00 pm</b>
<b>Monday, September 29</b>	<b>10:00am or 7:45 pm</b>

**The registration fee (Family Fee) is \$140 and texts are \$20 and the materials fee and worksheets are \$20. Details will be provided at the meeting.**

## Parish Outreach

Office telephone: 661-9262, option 4

### Summer Hours:

*For the months of July and August...*

Outreach is open on Mondays and Thursdays from 10 AM to 4 PM. Outreach is closed on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

*We will resume regular hours in September.*

## Pantry Needs

canned fruit  
canned vegetables  
jelly  
peanut butter  
pudding/jello  
soup

## Back to School Drive

Outreach is starting to collect Back To School Supplies!

We are in need of the following to complete supply packets: markers, highlighters, scissors, glue sticks and plastic folders.

Donations of all school supplies are gratefully accepted.

## Outreach Oktoberfest

“The Best of the ‘Wurst’ in Town!”

Saturday – October 4  
Hibernian Hall in Babylon  
8 PM – Midnight

### Oktoberfest Trivia

*Did you know...*



The Oktoberfest is known as the Largest Volkfest (People’s Fair) in the world?



There are fourteen main tents—each sponsored by a brewery. The Paulaner Brewer Tent seats 8,450 people inside and 450 people outside?



That to insure the Oktoberfest is friendly for older people and families, the concept of a “quiet Oktoberfest” was started. Tents will only play quiet music until 6 PM then the festivities really start!

The festivities for our Outreach Oktoberfest will start at 8 PM – food, drinks, entertainment, not in a traditional German Beer Tent but in the Hibernian Hall in Babylon. Don’t miss the fun!

*Limited seating available...*

*Tickets are now on sale in the Outreach Office!*

**\$40 per person includes German buffet unlimited beer/wine/soda**



## 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Within the private chapel of the Pope at the Vatican, an icon referred to as the Mandylion of Edessa sits behind a gold frame. It purports to show the face of Christ on a cloth; legend has it that Jesus himself sent it to King Abgar of Edessa, having pressed his face into it to create the image. Like the Shroud of Turin, people look at this icon and wonder if it is truly an image of the Son of God.

How do you recognize Jesus? Jesus asks his disciples who the people think that he is; remember that the people had been awaiting a kingly savior, so this very common, ordinary man was thought to be Elijah, Jeremiah or one of the prophets. They had not seen him or met him, and even then might not have been convinced. But Peter, speaking from the heart, recognized him as "the Christ, the Son of the living God."

The physical characteristics of the Son of Man should have little or no matter in our lives today; what is important is to remember that we are taught that Jesus Christ is the light of all humanity, a light that shines so brightly for all the world to see that we have no trouble distinguishing it as anything else (CCC 748). Like Peter, look to your heart for the loving light, and boldly share it with the world to the best of your abilities.

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### Readings for the Week of August 24, 2008

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<b>Sunday:</b>	Is 22:19-23/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20
<b>Monday:</b>	2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12/Mt 23:13-22
<b>Tuesday:</b>	2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Mt 23:23-26
<b>Wednesday:</b>	2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Mt 23:27-32
<b>Thursday:</b>	1 Cor 1:1-9/Mt 24:42-51
<b>Friday:</b>	1 Cor 1:17-25/Mk 6:17-29
<b>Saturday:</b>	1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 25:14-30
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	Jer 20:7-9/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27

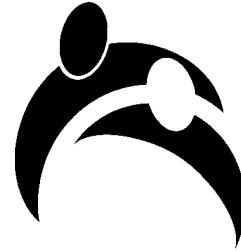
## Altar Society

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

## Pastoral Care of Our 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.
- would like to receive the Sacrament of the Sick.



## 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:



**Bryan R. Dempsey**-US Marines  
**James J. Ferrara**-US Marines  
**Thomas W. Ferrara** -US Air Force  
**John Finn**-US Army  
**Christopher Florca**-US Marines  
**Donnie Frank**-US Marines  
**Armand J. LeComte**-US Marines  
**Anthony Mannino**-US Marines  
**Peter Provenzano**-US Army

...and remember those of our parish family that are in the armed services, listed  
in our Parish Book of Intentions.

## Pray for Our Sick

Please remember to keep in your thoughts and prayers ...

*Connie Altadonna, Lucas Anderson, Susan Aviza, Deacon Dick Barry,  
 Donald A. Bolin, Nicholas Buscemi, Jr., Howard Campkin, Lynn Castellano,  
 Rose Contelmo, Regina Cranor, Karen DellaVecchia, TJ Devlin,  
 Josephine DiBenedetto, Susan Gigante, Samantha Hil, Brian Hinkelman,  
 Lili Hinkelman, Kathleen Kerrigan, Richard Lang, Nancy Letsch,  
 Kara Lobasso, Vicky Massaro, Michele McCann, Peter McCann, Sr.,  
 David McCarthy, Eleanor McGee, Dorothy Meloni, Brenden Muldoon,  
 Joseph Ortiz, Robert Petersen, Arthur Petrino, Joanne Popper, Joe Radosti,  
 Patricia Salimbene, Dorothy Schiavone, Joe Shields, Derek Stahl,  
 Diana Marie Taveras, Baby John Tramazzo, Jean Virgilio, Pat Wallace*

## The Silence of Life

by Ron Rolheiser, OMI

Meister Eckhard once suggested that nothing so much resembles the language of God as does silence.

That challenges us on many levels: What language will we speak in heaven? We don't know, but if, as scripture tells us, heaven will be where we know and are known perfectly, love and are loved perfectly, and understand and are understood perfectly, I suspect that words will be superfluous. We will speak the language of silence.

So it is wise that, already now, we begin more and more to learn the language of silence, not just for later on, after death, but especially so that already in this life we can begin more to connect ourselves to our deepest roots.

Raimon Panikkar, in a recent book, *The Experience of God*, makes a distinction between what he calls "the silence of life" and "a life of silence". They aren't the same thing. His words, while not always easy to grasp, are deeply insightful and worthy of meditation, so I quote him at length:

*"The silence of life is not necessarily identical with a life of silence, like the silent life of desert monks. The life of silence is important to realize our objectives, to plan our actions or develop our relations, but it is not the same as the silence of life. The silence of life is the art of making silent the activities of life that are not life itself in order to reach the pure experience of life itself.*

*We frequently identify life itself with the activities of life. We identify our being with our feelings, our desires, our will, with everything that we do and everything that we have. We instrumentalize our life while forgetting that it is an end in itself. Plunged into the activities of life, we lose the faculty of listening, and we alienate ourselves from our very source: silence, God.*

*Silence appears at the moment when we position ourselves at the very source of being."*

He goes on to suggest that our striving to attain the silence of life should not take away from the importance of our everyday activities - eating, working, socializing, healthy recreation. But there must be times when we also practice a healthy life of silence, when our bodies, hearts, and minds must be stilled enough so that, somehow, we can sense what lies beyond our activities and is the source of them, life itself, God.

How do we get there? That is exactly what every spirituality worthy of the name is trying to teach us. While there are many differences in the roads they suggest, there are a number of things upon which they all agree:

First, all the great traditions of prayer tell us that the road is simple, but not easy!

Next, each, in its own way, tells us what Jesus told us, namely, that the road that takes us to genuine depth, to an experience of God, is not so much dependent upon any particular prayer practice, but upon "purity of heart" (Matthew 5, 5), that is, upon a certain moral condition, an unselfishness, that takes us beyond the tyranny and idolatry of the ego.

And, how do we do that?

Every spirituality has its own route, but, again, they all agree on a number of non-negotiable elements:

Any journey that takes you towards God will demand, at a point, some vigorous asceticism, some real fasting, a real purification and a disciplined ordering of the countless, obsessive feelings and desires that act through us. We must break what some spiritual masters call "the tyranny of the ego" and Panikkar calls "the idolatry of the ego". We will not get in touch with the deep source of our lives if the activities of our life are so consuming and obsessive that we can never find an identity and meaning in something beyond them. That is the ultimate reason behind asceticism and fasting of all kinds, we renounce something, even if it is good, in function of getting in touch with its deeper source, life itself, God.

And this asceticism, through which we are trying to come to the silence of life will require too, at some point, a life of silence, a deliberate, disciplined effort (not to stop thinking and feeling since this is impossible) but to put ourselves in touch with what is beyond our thoughts and feelings at their origins. A Hindu text tells us that God is found in "nourishment", in what is seen, heard, and understood, but adds immediately that we only experience our activities as bearing God if we also, at times, deliberately halt those activities and go into silence so that we can see what's behind them

The practices of meditation and contemplation, no matter what particular technique we use, have this precisely as their aim, namely, to practice a little bit "a life of silence" so as to sit for awhile in "the silence of life."

Nothing so much approximates the language of God as does silence. It's a language we need to practice.

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## Financial Summary

**August 17, 2008**

Weekly Collection	\$ 18,869.00
Weekly Budget	-\$ 21,000.00
+/- for the week	\$ (2,131.00)

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

*save the date...*



## Blessing of the Backpacks

**Sunday, September 7**  
**9:30 AM Family Mass**  
All are welcome!

## 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.

## Holy Name Society

The Holy Name Society meets on the second Sunday of each month. The next meeting will be on **Sunday, September 7**. We will begin with the **Rosary at 7:40 AM in the Church** and the **meeting will follow the 8 AM Mass at 9 AM in Room 16.**

## 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 Adoration

Nocturnal Adoration will follow the 5 PM Mass on **Saturday, September 6**, followed by Benediction at 9:50 PM.  
Please come and pray with us. All are invited and welcome!  
Bring a friend.



## Gennesaret Retreat

Gennesaret Retreat held **September 19-20-21 at Montfort Spiritual Center, Bay Shore**, offers a unique opportunity for persons who face serious illness to come away for a weekend retreat of spiritual renewal and refreshment. The retreat focuses on God's love, God's forgiveness and God's faithfulness. Several parishioners have already experienced the retreat and have found the weekend extraordinary. There is no charge for the weekend retreat. All the caregivers volunteer their time. To register or to receive more information about this wonderful weekend, please call Colette Fanelli at 631.665.7052

## Retrouvaille

You can help your marriage now! Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. For confidential information about the Retrouvaille program, or to register for the upcoming weekend beginning **Friday, September 5**, please call 1.800.470.2230 and you will be connected directly to a couple from Long Island/Metro Retrouvaille.

## Y.A.M.S.-Young Adult Ministry, South Shore

*(for adults in their 20's and 30's)*

This is a new local Catholic group that is all about friends and fun while experiencing amazing spiritual, social and service events with people our age.

**Bear Mountain Hike on Sunday, September 7.** We will leave after the 7:45 AM Mass at Our Lady of Grace, West Babylon and gather in the lobby. Pack a lunch to eat at the top of the trail! We will chip in for gas and park pass. To RSVP or for more information, call Lena at 631.669.0068. ext. 115

## Woman Why are You Weeping?

A Women's Retreat hosted by Magnificat on **Friday, September 12 to Sunday, September 14 at the Montfort Spiritual Center, Bay Shore.** Give yourself a gift of a weekend of prayer, fellowship, adoration reconciliation and praise and worship! For information and registration, please call Angela at 516.763.1739.

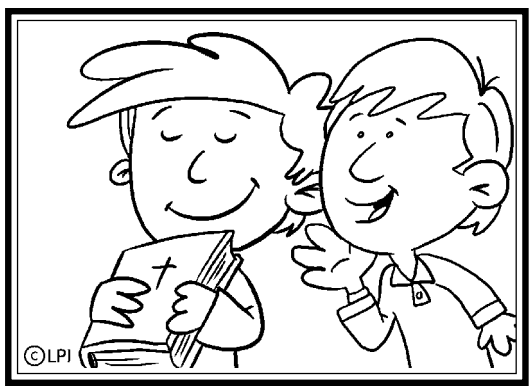
## Religion & Rock

Tune into "Religion & Rock" with Msgr. Jim Vlaun on Sunday from 7 AM to 8 AM on WBAB 102.3 FM or 95.3 on Long Island's East End. The show is also available on Sirius Radio, Channel 159 at 11 PM on Saturday nights. Next Sunday's theme is: **"Finding Peace."** Don't miss it! To listen online or receive more information regarding Religion and Rock, go to [www.ReligionandRock.com](http://www.ReligionandRock.com). Don't forget to tune into TELE CARE, Cablevision 29 or Verizon FIOS 271 for the best in Catholic television!



# Sharing the Gospel

In this Gospel, Jesus asked his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Christ, the Messiah, the Savior. It is hard to keep a secret. When you are told a secret, the first thing you want to do is tell everyone you meet. If you were blind and Jesus made you see, it would be difficult to keep it a secret. You would probably run here and there telling everyone.



 **Mission for the Week**  
 I will share my favorite Bible verse about Jesus with a friend.

## Puzzle

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

- |          |         |          |
|----------|---------|----------|
| John     | Father  | Christ   |
| prophets | blessed | revealed |
| Peter    | Elijah  | Jeremiah |

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## Prayer



Jesus, now I can tell everyone that you are Christ, our Savior.

## Something to Draw



Draw yourself and your friends talking about Jesus and his miracles.