

I myself will gather  
my flock."

Jeremiah 23:3



Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Our Lady of Lourdes · July 22, 2012



## *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.*

### **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

### **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 ad-  
vance, please call the Parish Office.

**Rite of Christian Initiation of  
Adults(RCIA)** A process to be em-  
braced by the Catholic Church. For  
non-Catholics and for Catholics who  
have never received formal religious  
education. If interested, please call  
the Parish Office.

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### *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.*

## *Pastoral Team*

**Msgr. Brian McNamara**  
Pastor

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**Rev. Patsy Amabile**

Associate Pastor

**Rev. Robert Scheckenback**

Associate Pastor

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**Deacon John DeGuardi**

**Deacon Tom Lucie**

**Deacon Jack Meehan**

Coordinator of Stewardship

**Deacon John Teufel**

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**Sr. Margaret Bickar**

Senior Ministry-SAGE

**Sr. Nancy Campkin**

Director of Religious Education

**Trish Frodell**

Director of Parish Social Ministry

**Louise Jane Krol**

School Principal

**Sr. Diane Liona**

Director of Religious Education

**Mary McMahon**

Business Manager

**Robin Reynolds-Brennan**

Coordinator of Worship

OLL Choir Director

**Vita Scorcia**

Ministry Spiritual Director

**Sr. Betty Toohig**

Senior Ministry-SAGE

## *Pastoral Council*

Diane Ackerly

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Nilo DeLeon

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Trish Frodell

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Maryellen McKee

Msgr. Brian McNamara

Deacon Jack Meehan

John Muldoon

Bob Natale

Eileen Rega

Vita Scorcia

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## *Parish Staff*

**AnnMarie Buonaspina**

Director of Youth Choirs

**Michael Buonaspina**

Parish Organist

**Jennifer Gallagher**

Women's Chorale Director

**Mary Anne Lettieri**

Parish Office

**Debbie Meyer**

Bulletin Editor/Business Office

**Rosemary Multer**

School Office

**Rita Spera**

Religious Education Office

**Lori Walsh**

Parish Office



### **Parish Office**

661.3224, option 1

Monday-Thursday

9 AM - 7:30 PM

Friday: 9 AM - 5 PM

Saturday: 9 AM - 3 PM

Sunday: 9 AM - 2 PM

**email:** ParishOffice@ollchurch.org

**fax:** 661.7143

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

### **Our Lady of Lourdes School**

587.7200, option 2

Monday-Friday

9 AM - 3 PM

**email:** lkrol@ollschool.org

### **Religious Education Office**

661.5440, option 3

Monday-Friday

9 AM - Noon

1 PM - 5 PM

7 PM - 9 PM

**email:** ReligiousEd@ollchurch.org

### **Parish Outreach Office**

661.9262, option 4

Monday- Friday

9:30 AM - 3:30 PM



## The Gospel of Mark

The second gospel takes our breath away with its rapid telling of the vents of Jesus' public ministry. A mere sixteen chapters from beginning to end, the Gospel of Mark is both the shortest and earliest of the four gospels in the Bible.

Archeologists and textual experts have dated this gospel to about 70 CE, at least a few decades after the death of Jesus. This date, which many Christians find to be quite late, does not mean that the stories were brand-new at the time; it means that earlier Christians so expected the second coming of Christ in their own lifetimes that they did not take the time to sit down and write. The stories were passed along orally until later in the first century.

The Gospel of Mark gives us a unique portrait of Jesus, which can be drawn as much from what the gospel does not contain as from what it does. The story begins, for example, not with a story of the birth of Jesus, as do the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. No magi or shepherds for Mark! The end of the Gospel had a unique abbreviation as well. The original version of Mark ended not with 16:20 (as do our Bibles, centuries later), but with verse 16:8. The original text left hearers pondering disciples who had run away and tomb-visiting

women who had fled the scene “frightened out of their wits.” Verses 16:9—20 were added a short time later.

Between its abrupt beginning and incomplete ending—and empty tomb, but no resurrection—the gospel plunges us into the whirlwind of Jesus' activity, which is described in a sometimes harsh, spare style. Along the way Jesus preaches and prophecies, hollers and heals, teaches and tells tales up to his coming to Jerusalem, where his life as one of us ends, but the story just begins. (perhaps we are the disciples who must now live in the mystery of the empty tomb.)

The portrait of Jesus sketched by Mark is difficult for Christians to hear. Because of its content of suffering and tribulation, some have called it a “passion narrative with a long introduction.” Throughout the story, Jesus anticipates his death, and he draws the listener into focus on this aspect of the Christian life.

The Gospel of Mark is proclaimed on Sundays in Year B, the years 2000, 2003, 2006, 2009 and so on.

In art, the evangelist Mark is portrayed with a lion by his side. The feast of Saint Mark is April 25.

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## *Welcome*

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all newly registered members of our parish family...

*Jaclyn Darcy  
Michael and Maria Koprowski & family  
Joseph Pascarella*

...we are truly blessed by your presence among us!

## **2012 Dominican Republic Appeal**

*Mission is a natural outreach of our lives as Christians; it is allowing ourselves to be transformed by God's love and, in turn, helping to transform the world in which we live."* - Pontifical Mission Societies in the United States

This weekend, July 21/22, we will have a guest speaker at all Masses. Deacon Roger Mott will speak to us about the Mission in the Dominican Republic. There will a second collection taken at each Mass to support the Mission in the Dominican Republic. We ask that you be as generous as your means will allow. Thank you for your support.



## Nocturnal Adoration

Nocturnal Adoration will follow the 5 PM Mass on **Saturday, August 4**, concluding with Benediction at 9:50 PM. Please come and pray with us. All are invited and welcome. Bring a friend!

## Daytime Eucharistic Devotion

The afternoon adoration for the month of August will be on **Wednesday, August 8 from 1-3 PM**. All are invited and welcome!



## Senior Circle

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

## Family Liturgy and Children's Liturgy of the Word



During the month of August (Sundays-August 5th, 12th, 17th, and 26th), there will be no dismissal of the children for the Children's Liturgy of the Word. We encourage families to continue to attend the 9:30 AM Liturgy, as the Liturgy, music, and usual family spirit will remain the same.

The Family Liturgy Committee thanks you for this indulgence as they take the time to renew themselves. We will start up the dismissal again on September 2nd and be back in full swing for our "Welcome Back to School Sunday" celebration on September 9th (with a blessing of backpacks and school supplies)

## Prayer for Divine Mercy

An invitation to all men and women to be part of God's plan. We invite you to meet in prayer for the world and our nation to put their trust in God. Our hope is that the nations will have a new spirit of morality. Please come with your love and hope for humanity as well as your prayer requests. We gather together every **Thursday at 1:30 PM** before the Blessed Sacrament for about one half hour. For more information, call Charles Argento at 586.8528.

## 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:** Wednesday at 10 AM in Lourdes Hall (convent lower level.) *Free babysitting available*

**Day-by-Day/Girls Night Out:** Thursday at 7:30 PM in Lourdes Hall (convent lower level.)

## **Senior Circle Event**

### ***9 to 5 The Musical***

Creative Ministries in Oakdale

Sunday, August 12 at 2PM

Tickets are \$18 each

Call Wilma at 631.669.4728

## **Men's Prayer Group-*evening***

An evening Men's Prayer Group! It will be held once a month, on the third Tuesday of each month, from **7:30 PM until 8:30 PM in the Spiritual Life Center**. The next meeting will be on **Tuesday night, August 21**. Come with your ideas. We'll read and discuss the Liturgy for the following Sunday Mass.

For more information, call Bob Natale at 893.3041, Charles Zeiss at 669.7189, or Cliff Proctor at 669.3198.

## **SAGE**

The SAGE Group (*Senior Advocates for Growth and Enrichment*) will meet on **Tuesday, July 17 in the Parish Center at 9 AM**.

## **Men's Prayer Group-*morning***

An Invitation to all men from OLL and beyond...

We invite all men of the parish to meet for prayer and reflection after the 8 AM Mass on **Thursday, August 16, in the Parish Center**.

We meet once a month to read and discuss the Scriptures for the following Sunday.

Come with your ideas and suggestions. We'll gather for conversation and fellowship.

Join us in this pioneering experience for men. Call Jack Fitzgerald at 587.5548 for more information.



## Pantry Needs

Cereal  
Cookies  
Crackers  
Juice  
Peanut butter/jelly

## Donations to Outreach

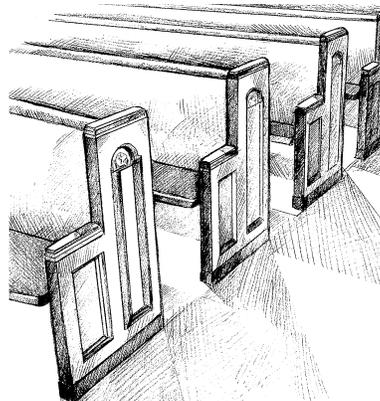
*Parish Outreach receives many donations..*

*If you would like to make a donation to Parish Outreach in memory of a loved one, please call Trish Frodell, Director of Parish Social Ministry at 661.3224, option 4.*

## Capital Campaign

**It's here-the installation of the new pews and carpet!**

The Church will be closed from **Monday, July 30 through Sunday, August 12**. Mass will be celebrated weekdays in the Parish Center and in the All-Purpose Room for Sunday Masses.





## *Upcoming Marriages*

*Jacqueline Kearon, St. Joseph's, Babylon and  
Robert Parengkuan, OLL*



## *Rest In Peace*

*Mary Frances Gruber-Perry* died on June 1 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was June 28 in Connecticut. We extend our prayerful sympathy to her sister, Rosemary Multer, and entire family.

*Edward Kuska* died on July 7 and celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial was July 11. We extend our prayerful sympathy to his children, grandchildren, and entire family.

## Remembering...



### Monday, July 23

*Saint Bridget, religious*

8:00 AM Fred Scheckenback

### Tuesday, July 24

8:00 AM Henry Reidemann

### Wednesday, July 25

*Saint James, apostle*

8:00 AM Edna Levey

### Thursday, July 26

*Saints Joachim and Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

8:00 AM Rose Giacalone

### Friday, July 27

8:00 AM Anne Massaro

### Saturday, July 28

8:00 AM People of the Parish

5:00 PM William J. Heartt

*Fr. Brian McNamara*

### Sunday, July 29

8:00 AM Michael Glander

*Fr. Patsy Amabile*

9:30 AM Joseph Lehmann

*Fr. Brian McNamara*

11:00 AM Charlotte Sweeney

*Fr. Patsy Amabile*

12:30 PM Fannie Cudlipp

*Fr. Brian McNamara*

6:00 PM People of the Parish, Phillip A. Bello, Peter Gargano,  
Jacqueline Becker, In Honor of St. Jude, Carmela Aria,  
Jean Russo, Eugenia Ciccone, Theresa Arnao

*Fr. Patsy Amabile*



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## 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

With Labor Day just six weeks away we are in the middle of summer vacation time for most school systems. Some folks plan a significant trip for vacation, traveling some distance to visit relatives or see sights or take in events. Others work out a number of "staycation" activities that include day trips to places like the zoo, the museum, a local beach, or a nearby hiking trail. Statistics tell us that Americans work nearly 180 hours more a year than employees in many other countries. While the US labor force is at the top in productivity per employee, we are not substantially ahead of the workforce in some places with more liberal vacation policies.

This weekend's Gospel offers the same dilemma that most business owners face. The disciples reported back to Jesus what they had accomplished. He recognized their need for some quiet and rest. But they could not get away from the crowds who were continually after them. It's like the company that launches a new product or service that suddenly becomes a massive hit. The entrepreneur is faced with the problem of how quickly to expand while not over-extending the company in the market and at the same time providing for the legitimate needs of the partners and employees.

If you will, the Christian "franchise" faces some of the same problems in the world today. There is rapid expansion in some places (Africa, Asia, South America) while there is still a need to maintain "business" operations in the original markets (Europe, North America). At the same time we want to put out a quality product-if we can even talk about the message of Christ in that way. You see how the analogy breaks down very quickly. But Jesus knew that his followers needed some quiet each day to be able to show his love to others. Prayer and reflection are essential if we are ever going to be "productive" Christians.

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### Readings for the Week of July 22, 2012

**Sunday:** Jer 23:1-6/Eph 2:13-18/Mk 6:30-34  
**Monday:** Mi 6:1-4, 6-8/Mt 12:38-42  
**Tuesday:** Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Mt 12:46-50  
**Wednesday:** 2 Cor 4:7-15/Mt 20:20-28  
**Thursday:** Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Mt 13:10-17  
**Friday:** Jer 3:14-17/Mt 13:18-23  
**Saturday:** Jer 7:1-11/Mt 13:24-30  
**Next Sunday:** 2 Kgs 4:42-44/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15

## **Altar Society**

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



## **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.

## **Pray for Our Sick**

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

*Lucas Anderson, Baby Patrick Anthony, Joseph Badala, Jr., Catherine Battiata,  
Henry Bauer, Eric Becker, Gina Blydenburg, Clare Buetow, George Camilleri,  
Robert Capasso, Matthew Carolan, Nicole Cerny, Marion Coletto, Beverly DeCanio,  
Jeanne DellaRagione, John Desmond, Jake Feldman, Thomas Fico, Joann Fiorello,  
Gaetano Fiorini, Rudy Fusco, Kenneth Garretson, Vivian Gordon, Margaret Hanly,  
Marie Impellizeri, Joan Isopo, Debbie Lamb, Nora Lee, Christopher Maher,  
Marge Marotta, Tony Marotta, Danielle Mazzarone, Denise Michelback,  
Rosalie Montanino, Philomena Owens, Phyllis Pascuita, Ethel Pellegrino,  
Joanne Popper, Hilda Poulos, Joe Radosti, Baby Paige Rajotte, Joseph Schiavone,  
Ann Marie Schiraldi, Isabella Shaw, Derek Stahl, Lyndsey Stahl, John Stephen,  
Nancy Turano*

# Struggling to Understand Suicide

by Ron Rolheiser, OMI

Recently a friend attended the funeral of a man who had taken his own life. At the end of the service the deceased man's brother spoke to the congregation. After highlighting his brother's generosity and sensitivity and sharing some anecdotes that helped celebrate his life he went on to say something about the manner of his death. Here, in effect, are his words:

When someone is stricken with cancer, one of three things can happen: Sometimes doctors can treat the disease and, in essence, cure it. Sometimes the medical professionals cannot cure the disease but can control it enough so that the person suffering from cancer can live with the disease for the rest of his or her life. Sometimes, however, the cancer is of a kind that cannot be treated. All the medicine and treatments in the world are powerless and the person dies.

Certain kinds of emotional depression work the same way: Sometimes they can be treated so that, in effect, the person is cured. Sometimes they cannot ever really be cured, but they can be treated in such a way that the person can live with the disease for his or her whole life. And sometimes, just as with certain kinds of cancer, the disease is untreatable, unstoppable, no intervention by anyone or anything can halt its advance. Eventually it kills the person and there is nothing anyone can do. My brother's depression was of that kind, the terminal kind.

This can be helpful, I believe, for any of us who have suffered the loss of a loved one to suicide. All death unsettles us, but suicide leaves us with a very particular series of emotional, moral, and religious scars. It brings with it an ache, a chaos, a darkness, and a stigma that has to be experienced to be believed. Sometimes we deny it, but it's always there, irrespective of our religious and moral beliefs. Indeed, as part of its darkness and stigma, suicide not only takes our loved ones away from us, it also takes away our true memory of them. The gift that they brought into our lives is now no longer celebrated. We never again speak with pride about their lives. Their pictures come off the wall, photos of them get buried deep inside drawers that we never open again, their names are less and less mentioned in conversation, and of the manner of their death we rarely speak. Suicide takes our loved ones away from us in more ways than we sometimes admit.

And there is no easy answer for how to reverse that,

though a better understanding of suicide can be a start.

Not all suicides are of the same kind. Some suicides come about because the person is too arrogant and too hard-of-heart to want to live in this world. But that, I submit, is the exception not the norm. Most suicides, certainly all the cases that I have known, come about for the opposite reason, namely, the person is too bruised and over-sensitive to have the resiliency needed to continue to cope with life. In these cases, and that is the vast majority of suicides, the cause of death can pretty accurately be termed as cancer, emotional cancer. Just as with physical cancer, the person dying of suicide is taken out of this life against his or her will. Death by suicide is the emotional equivalent of cancer, a stroke, or a heart attack. Thus, its patterns are the same as those of cancer, strokes, and heart attacks. Death can happen suddenly or it can be the end-product of a long struggle that slowly wears a person down. Either way, it's involuntary.

As human beings we are neither pure angels nor pure animals, but are always both body and soul, one psycho-somatic whole. And either part can break down.

This can be helpful in understanding suicide, though a better understanding will not necessarily mean that the darkness and stigma that surround it will simply go away. We will still feel many of the same things we felt before in the face of suicide: We will still feel awful. We will still feel conflicted and be given over to guilt-feelings and second-guessing. We will still feel uneasy about how this person died and will still feel a certain dis-ease in talking about the manner of his or her death. We will still feel a certain hesitancy in celebrating that person's life in the manner we would have had the death been by natural causes. We will still go to our own graves with a black hole in our hearts. The pain of a suicide leaves its own indelible mark on the soul.

But at a different level of understanding something else will break through that will help us better deal with all those conflicted feelings, namely, empathy for and understanding of someone whose emotional immune system has broken down. And that understanding will also bring with it the concomitant consolation that God's empathy and understanding far exceeds our own.

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## Financial Summary

**July 15, 2012**

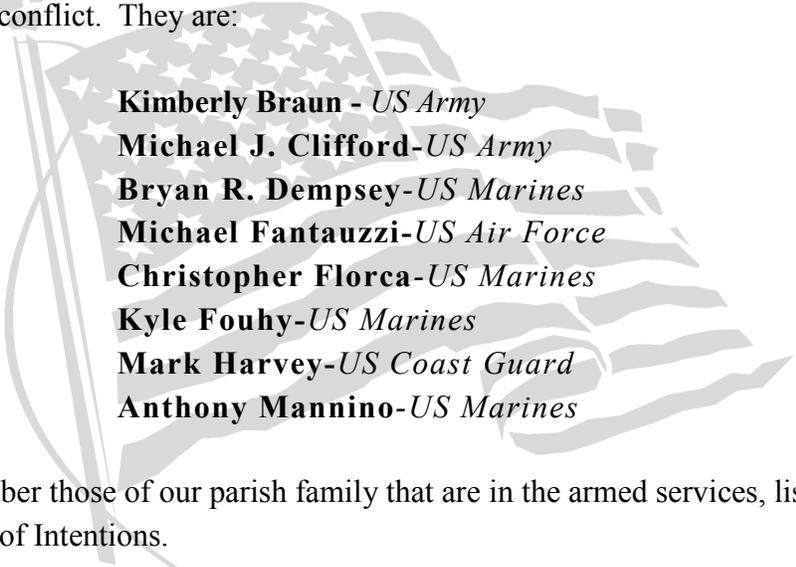
Weekly Collection	\$
Weekly Budget	-\$ 19,000.00
+/- for the week	\$

Due to a change in the bulletin deadline, the collection amount for July 15 will be published in a subsequent bulletin.

*The estimated weekly collection needed to maintain and operate our parish buildings, ministries, programs, and salaries is \$19,000.*

## 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:



**Kimberly Braun - US Army**  
**Michael J. Clifford - US Army**  
**Bryan R. Dempsey - US Marines**  
**Michael Fantauzzi - US Air Force**  
**Christopher Florca - US Marines**  
**Kyle Fouhy - US Marines**  
**Mark Harvey - US Coast Guard**  
**Anthony Mannino - US Marines**

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

## Life Center of Long Island

Desperate Need of Boys Summer Clothing!

**All sizes** but especially 0-3mos, 3-6mos, 6-9mos.

Our bins are empty and the clients are coming in greater numbers.

Please help us with whatever you can. Thanks and God bless you

Drop off at: 1767 Deer Park Ave, Deer Park, NY 11729, 631-243-2373

## Dominican Village

**Please join us for an Open House on Thursday, July 26 from**

**1 PM until 3 PM.** Dominican Village is a not-for-profit, non-sectarian, independent and assisted living residence rental retirement community that offers outstanding programs, all-inclusive services and bountiful amenities. For more information, or to schedule a tour at your convenience, call 631.842.6091 or [info@dominicanvillage.org](mailto:info@dominicanvillage.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.

## Caring for Loved Ones with Memory Impairments

**Saturday, July 28, 9:30 am - 5:00 pm at Tabor Retreat Center in Oceanside.**

Caring for seniors with memory issues and dementia presents unique rewards and unique challenges. Gather with other caregivers and discuss positive solutions for challenging behaviors. Presenter: Sr. M. Peter Lillian DiMaria, O. Carm., Director of the Avila Institute of Gerontology. Cost: \$50.00. Please call 516.536.3004 for further details.

## Summer Gospel Skate Night

**Friday, August 3 at 9:30 PM at United Skates of America, Inc., 1276 Hicksville Rd, Seaford.** End of Summer celebration featuring DJ Tony Tone -NYC's Blessed kept secret! \$12 includes admission, skate rental, unlimited pizza and soda. Non-skating adults \$7 includes unlimited pizza and soda. For further information, call 516.795.5474.

## 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 the East End of Long Island. Listen on Saturdays at 11 PM on Sirius Radio, Channel 159, the Catholic Channel and at 11 PM on XM Satellite, Channel 117. Next Sunday's theme is "**Volunteering/Giving.**" Don't miss it! To listen online or receive more information regarding "Religion & Rock" go to [www.religionandrock.com](http://www.religionandrock.com) or at "Religion & Rock" on ITUNES. Don't forget to tune into TELECARE, Cablevision Channel 29/137 or Verizon FIOS 296 for the Best in Catholic Television!

## Sharing the Gospel

Have you ever just wanted to be alone for a while? Jesus and his disciples knew what that felt like. They wanted to be alone to talk and rest, but crowds of people were surrounding them. Even when Jesus and his disciples tried to slip away unnoticed, people followed them anyway. They arrived only to find more crowds of people. This was certainly not the quiet time they had planned on. Being patient and kind, Jesus gave up what he wanted, and he began to teach the crowds.



### Mission for the Week



Spend some alone time with Jesus tonight. If you get interrupted because someone else needs help, that's okay. Go help, and then come back to your alone time with Jesus again.



## Word Search

Circle these words from today's Gospel in the puzzle:

PLACE	GOING	SHEPHERD
APOSTLES	BOAT	PEOPLE
ALONE	CROWD	TEACHING

F T G E R T H A O S P  
 E A L O N E L R T U E  
 R P N D I T O J S H O  
 B O A T O N L D I M P  
 E S V R T I G T H Y L  
 P T H A D O N G A C E  
 N L U G T B U T S R M  
 T E A C H I N G Y O A  
 P S O C L W C O I W N  
 G A S H E P H E R D T



### Prayer

Dear God,  
 thank you that  
 Jesus gave up what he  
 wanted, just so he  
 could help other  
 people. Help me to  
 follow his example.  
 Amen.



### Something to Draw

Draw a picture of  
 Jesus surrounded  
 by large crowds of  
 people.