

# Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

455 Hunter Avenue, West Islip, NY 11795

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**Rev. Charles Mangano**, Associate Pastor  
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**Trish Frodell**, Director of Parish Social Ministry  
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## Parish Office

**Phone: 631.661.3224 (select option #2)**  
Monday-Thursday: 9:00am-7:30pm  
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## Religious Education Office

**Phone: 631.661.5440 (select option #3)**  
Monday-Friday: 9:00am-Noon,  
1:00pm-5:00pm, 7:00pm-9:00pm  
E-mail: [ReligiousEd@ollchurch.org](mailto:ReligiousEd@ollchurch.org)

## Parish Outreach Office

**Phone: 631.661.9262 (select option #4)**  
Monday-Friday: 9:30am-3:30pm

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

**Phone: 631.661.3224, Ext. 122**  
E-mail: [Sage@ollchurch.org](mailto:Sage@ollchurch.org)



## Liturgical Schedule

### Daily Mass

8:30am

### Weekend Masses

Saturday: 5:00pm

Sunday: 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am, 12:30pm  
and 6:00pm.

### Reconciliation/Confession

Saturday: 4:00pm-4:45pm or by appointment

### Rosary

Daily at 8:00am

### Miraculous Medal Novena

Monday at 8:00am

## Sacraments

### 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.

*Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday) • Sunday, April 11, 2021*



## 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.

*Remember: Together, we can do something beautiful for God!*

*- Saint Teresa of Calcutta*

### Pastoral Council

Msgr. Brian McNamara  
Eileen Rega  
Mary Borgs  
Lisa Cantalino  
Sonia DaSilva  
Nilo DeLeon  
Jerry Esposito  
Trish Frodell  
Pam Gagliano  
Deborah Lamb  
Rosalie Mangels  
John Muldoon  
Dottie Perdue  
Vita Scorgia

### 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.

### Readings for the Week of April 11

**Sunday:** Acts 4:32-35/ 1 Jn 5:1-6/ Jn 20:19-31  
**Monday:** Acts 4:23-31/ Jn 3:1-8  
**Tuesday:** Acts 4:32-37/ Jn 3:7b-15  
**Wednesday:** Acts 5:17-26/ Jn 3:16-21  
**Thursday:** Acts 5:27-33/ Jn 3:31-36  
**Friday:** Acts 5:34-42/ Jn 6:1-15  
**Saturday:** Acts 6:1-7/ Jn 6:16-21  
**Next Sunday:** Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/ 1 Jn 2:1-5a/ Lk 24:35-48

### Parish Staff

**Patti Anderson**  
Parish Office/Bulletin Editor

**AnnMarie Buonaspina**  
Director of Youth Choirs

**Michael Buonaspina**  
Parish Organist

**S. Kathleen Carberry, CSJ**  
Parish Office

**Maggie Frodell**  
Parish Office

**Carol Grillo**  
Parish Office

**Rita Spera**  
Religious Education Office

## Financial Summary

### April 4, 2021 – Easter Sunday

Weekly Collection	\$ 35,280.00
Weekly Budget	- \$ 17,800.00
+/- for the week	\$ 17,480.00

**Holy Thursday** \$ 2,567.00

**Holy Land** \$ 2,168.00

**Parish Ministry** \$ 4,592.00

*The estimated weekly collection needed to maintain and operate our parish buildings, ministries, programs and salaries is \$17,800.*

Dear Parishioners:

Happy one week after Easter! Once again, on behalf of the priests, deacons, religious sisters and staff here at Our Lady of Lourdes, we would like to wish you all a Blessed Easter.

The Holy Week Services were very beautifully done and that requires a great deal of hard work on the part of many people. In a special way, we would like to thank:

Our LITURGICAL MINISTERS: Ushers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Sacristans.

Our MUSIC MINISTERS: Leaders of Song, our Organist, Michael Buonaspina, Accompanists, and our Liturgy Director, Robin Reynolds Brennan.

Our ART AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE under the leadership of Jerry Esposito. This group of volunteers decorated the Church, APR, Cafeteria and Parish Center for Holy Week. We also thank Sr. Nancy for assembling a group of the kids to help set up the chairs, etc.

I also would like to say a special “thank you” to **Eileen Rega**. Eileen initiated and created the Memorial Garden. You may have seen the Memorial Crosses on the east side of the Parish Offices. The Memorial Garden looked great and I appreciate all the time and effort it took to accomplish it. The whole project was a “family affair”. I also want to thank Eileen’s sister and brother-in-law, Rose & Pete Consiglio. Peter cut out the crosses and Rose & Eileen painted them. Eileen’s son, Chris, also lent a helpful hand. In addition, I really want to thank Steve and John Russo, owners of Commercial Lumber (on Main St. in Islip). They donated the wood for the crosses as well.

Today is **Divine Mercy Sunday**. It was a special day inaugurated by Pope St. John Paul II. Divine Mercy Sunday always takes place on the Sunday following Easter. Here at the Parish, we will be having a special **Afternoon of Prayer**. From 2:30pm – 4:30pm, Fr. Charles will lead us in prayer and reflection. The afternoon will include Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, praying of the Divine Mercy Chaplet, other periods of prayer and reflection and conclude with Benediction. Please come for all or part of the afternoon.

A special “thank you” to all of you who contributed to the “Jelly Beans for the G.I.’s” program we instituted. The troops really enjoyed the jelly beans and they were also very touched by your generosity, care and support. You brought a little bit of home to the men and women who were away from family and friends on Easter. Thank you again for your generosity and for all your prayers and support of the troops.

Remember: Together, we can do something beautiful for God.

In Christ,

Fr. Brian

## Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Claire McLoughlin*. If you would like to help care for our altar needs, please call the Parish Office at 631-661-3224.

## 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.



<b>Michael DiMatteo</b> - <i>US Marines</i>	<b>Anthony Memoli</b> - <i>US Marines</i>
<b>Michael Fantauzzi</b> - <i>US Air Force</i>	<b>Timothy Milligan</b> - <i>US Marines</i>
<b>Christopher Florca</b> - <i>US Marines</i>	<b>Melissa Mockler</b> - <i>US Navy</i>
<b>Dominick Gennaro</b> - <i>US Army</i>	<b>Andrew Perniciaro</b> - <i>US Army</i>
<b>Patrick Harty</b> - <i>US Coast Guard</i>	<b>Brandon Ranzie</b> - <i>US Army</i>
<b>Ritchard Higham</b> - <i>US Army</i>	<b>Stephen Rolston</b> - <i>US Army</i>
<b>Colby Matthew Kelly</b> - <i>US Army</i>	<b>Jack Shires</b> - <i>US Navy</i>
<b>Luke Loftsgaarden</b> - <i>US Army</i>	<b>Jack Taffner</b> - <i>US Marines</i>
<b>Anthony Mannino</b> - <i>US Marines</i>	<b>Michael Wilkinson</b> - <i>US Army</i>
<b>Msgr. Brian McNamara</b> - <i>US Air Force</i>	<b>Peter Zaccaria</b> - <i>US Navy</i>

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



## Pastoral Care of Our Sick

Please call the Parish Office at 631-661-3224 to leave the names of parishioners who:

- Are homebound and would like to receive the Eucharist.
- Are in Good Samaritan Hospital and/or a local nursing home 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 ...

*Loretta Anzalone, Rebecca Budriss, Thomas J. Calogero III, Kayla Cappetta, Grace Ciccarello, Robert Cigliano, Joanne Citarella, Dcn. John DeGuardi, Patricia Dennehy, Amanda DiTingo, Pat Eastwood, Paula Edwards, Anna Ferrante, Mike Ferrante, Elizabeth (Betty) Goode, Robert M. Grippo, Josephine Heffron, Patrick Anthony Heffron, Carol Randazzo Hopkins, Audrey Hoskins, Diane Mahlstadt, Margaret Mooney, Rosemarie Olivieri, Vivian Patterson, Edward Pauciullo, Patricia Planteny, "Baby" Nicholas Polini, Teresa Regina, Matthew Roopchandsingh, Christopher Sanchez, Joseph J. Schiavoni, Natalie Stone, David Stucker, Col. Bernard Talley, Betty Teufel, Dcn. Jack Teufel, Anna Turnwall, Phyllis Van Dyken,*

Names of the sick will be listed for **six weeks** for short-term requests and **six months** for long-term.

All of our Masses may be viewed via live-stream on our parish website. Please join us by visiting our website at: [ollchurch.org](http://ollchurch.org).



**Rest In Peace**

Wanda Appold  
 James Patrick Clifford  
 Robert Francis Jelardi  
 John Meglino  
 Philomena Simone  
 Gaetano Turchiano

We extend our prayerful sympathy to the families and loved ones of those recently deceased.



**Upcoming Marriages**

Ryan Goodrich, OLL  
 and  
 Daniel LeViness,  
 St. William the Abbot, Seaford

**Mass Intentions**

**Monday, April 12**

**8:30am** Edwin Lucie

**Tuesday, April 13**

*St. Martin I*

**8:30am** Salvatore Alfano

**Wednesday, April 14**

**8:30am** Jerry Burzo

**Thursday, April 15**

**8:30am** Charles P. Abruzzo

**Friday, April 16**

**8:30am** Frank Caridi

**Saturday, April 17**

**8:30am** John Yost, Joseph Lally, Bob Ostrem

**5:00pm** Sweeney & LaRocca Families

**Sunday, April 18**

*Third Sunday of Easter*

**8:00am** Eugene Newman

**9:30am** Phyllis & Charles Diesso

**11:00am** Deceased Member of the Bronkhurst Family

**12:30pm** Josephine Van Meter

**6:00pm** People of the Parish, Nikola Telesmanic,  
 Teresa Vazquez & Enol Cruz, Dorothy Sullivan



## Gabriel's Courage Perinatal Support Program

Gabriel's Courage is a family centered program for families who receive a life-limiting prenatal diagnosis during their pregnancy. The program offers a multidisciplinary team approach to care and support throughout pregnancy, birth and post birth. Gabriel's Courage is a program of Catholic Health Services and Good Shepherd Hospice. This program offers hope, affirms life and provides an opportunity for the family to welcome their baby, as well as assisting in saying goodbye. Gabriel's Courage is seeking financial

support to continue this important program. If you are interested in making a donation to Gabriel's Courage, please contact Good Shepherd Hospice Development Office at 631-465-6350.

At times, infant burial can be challenging financially. Gabriel's Courage seeks to honor the lives of these babies and support parents in their wishes to bury their child. A burial is the last act of parenting for some of our families. We ask that you consider donating resources for burials which could include financial support or donation of an available grave. If you are interested in making a donation, please contact Peter Ryan, Director of Catholic Cemeteries, at 516-334-7990, ext. 109. Thank you for your support of this special program and the recipients in its care.

## Pregnant? Need Help?

**Birthright, Inc. 24 Hour Helpline 1-800-550-4900**

Islip: 631-277-3888 - Hampton Bays: 631-728-8900 - Rocky Point: 631-821-9727

Southold: 631-876-5138 - Wantagh 516-785-4070

## Meeting Cancellations

Due to prescribed social distancing and COVID protocols, **all meetings are cancelled until further notice.** Please watch the bulletin and our parish website ([ollchurch.org](http://ollchurch.org)) for updates.

## Casa Project Update

In the past, the "Casa House" has provided housing, bedding and ecostoves for our friends in El Salvador. We couldn't do this without your support and generosity. This weekend (4/10 and 4/11) we are asking you to give your loose change to our Casa Project. Place your donations in the wooden house located in the north vestibule by the Father Joe Garden.

Thank you for your support. We truly appreciate your generosity.

**Please note: the CASA house is now in the north vestibule by the Father Joe Garden.**



## Donations to Outreach

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 631-661-3224, option 4.



Rice  
Juice  
Canned Stew  
Canned Hash  
Canned Pears



## COVID-19 MEMORIAL GARDEN

On Holy Saturday, Father Brian led us in prayer for a special blessing of the Memorial Crosses. It was very touching to see that every Cross was blessed with the Sacred Holy Water. What a beautiful tribute to the many who are no longer with us! It was extremely heartwarming to see the many who gathered to witness this event. It is now time to take our Crosses to their resting places.

After all the Masses on April 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, I will be at the Memorial Garden where you can pick up your Cross. May peace and comfort be with you all. - Eileen Rega



### *Thank You*

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- Fr. Brian



## Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

*What’s it all about?*

*IF* you are an adult *AND*

- ... you were never Baptized
- ... you were Baptized in another faith and would like to become a baptized Catholic
- ... you never received Holy Communion (Eucharist)
- ... you never received your Confirmation

*IF* you are an adult *AND* one or more of the circumstances above apply to you ...

*IF* you feel you would like to become a baptized Catholic or become more fully initiated into your Catholic faith... Our email address is [RCIA@ollchurch.org](mailto:RCIA@ollchurch.org) or call the Parish Office at 631-661-3224, and we would be happy to help you.



# DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

April 11<sup>th</sup> - 2:00-4:30pm



Are you familiar with the Divine Mercy of Jesus? On February 22, 1931, Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ appeared to a nun by the name of Sister Maria Faustina. She was from the Congregation of Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in Cracow, Poland. Jesus appeared to her bringing with Him a wonderful message of Mercy for all people. In the apparition she saw Jesus standing before her in a white robe. With His left hand He was pulling back His garment revealing His heart, out of which came white and red rays (*symbolic of the blood and water which flowed from His side when pierced with a lance on the cross. This image reminds us of the tender Mercy of God which was shed upon the world at Calvary*). It is in the heart of Jesus that we find love, mercy, strength, hope and healing.

This image of Jesus as He appeared to St. Faustina can be seen hanging on the wall in the area of the church where the tabernacle used to be.

In the year 2000, Saint Pope John Paul II canonized Sister Faustina and made this apparition worthy of belief. The Holy Father also declared the Second Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday throughout the whole Church.

Therefore, as a parish we will be celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday on **April 11, 2021**. We will praise God for His eternal love and abundant mercy. How? Fr. Charles will lead us in a prayer service in the Church from 2:30pm-4:00pm. The prayer service will consist of exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, readings from scripture, praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy (*which consists of various prayers which Jesus gave to Sister Faustina to give to the world. This chaplet is prayed on ordinary rosary beads.*), the sorrowful mystery of the rosary, singing and the opportunity to venerate the image of the Divine Mercy and the relic of Saint Faustina. All are welcome to join us.

In the apparition of Jesus to St. Faustina, Jesus also gives us the Divine Mercy Novena to pray and, like all Novenas, it is 9 days. The Novena begins on Good Friday and it is very unique because, with this Novena, you are praying for God's intentions, not your own. Jesus gave St. Faustina the intentions that He would like us to pray for each day. It is a most beautiful and selfless prayer. There are red Novena pamphlets at the doors of the church in case you need one.

A huge and merciful gift given us on Divine Mercy Sunday is that we can receive a plenary indulgence. Jesus promised this to us through St. Faustina when He reminded us of his great mercy. What is a plenary indulgence? It is the total remission (*washing away*) of temporal punishment due to sin. When I confess my sin with a sincere and contrite heart I am totally forgiven, but the temporal (*the here and now*) damage that was done to others (*and myself*) as a result of my sin remains. That's why we do penance to try to repair the damage we have done. That is what purgatory is about. That's why a plenary indulgence is a merciful gift from the Lord. How can one receive it? Here are the requirements: One must go to Mass and receive Holy Communion on the day of the feast, April 11<sup>th</sup>. One must go to confession within 10 days of the feast (*either before or after*), pray the Apostles Creed (*which is your profession of faith*), take a few moments to reflect on the mercy you have received in your life, pray one Our Father and Hail Mary for the Pope's intention and, lastly, have a desire to be freed from the attachment to sin.

Several years ago, Fr. Charles and his sister recorded a Divine Mercy Album which consists of the Divine Mercy Chaplet presented in three different ways: scriptural, traditional and sung. It also has the Litany of the Divine Mercy. The purpose of the CD is to help you pray and reflect more deeply on the love of our Lord expressed in his passion. The CD's are sold through their music ministry website: [www.frcharleslaurie.com](http://www.frcharleslaurie.com). Proceeds go to charity.



## Retrouvaille Weekend - You Can Help Heal Your Marriage

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped thousands of couples worldwide experiencing ALL TYPES of marital difficulties.

For confidential information about the Retrouvaille program, or to register for the upcoming weekend that begins on Friday, May 14, 2021, please call 1-800-470-2230 and you will be connected directly and confidentially to a couple from Long Island/Metro Retrouvaille who can help.

Location: Immaculate Conception Seminary, 440 West Neck Road, Huntington, NY 11743



## The Year of St Joseph

Pope Francis has declared the period of time from December 8, 2020 through December 8, 2021 as the Year of St Joseph when we remember the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his declaration as Patron of the Universal Church. Special thanks to our parish's Art & Environment Ministry for enhancing our statue of St Joseph in the church.



### Prayer to St Joseph

Grant, we pray, Almighty God  
that by Saint Joseph's intercession  
your Church may constantly watch over  
the unfolding of the mysteries of human salvation,  
whose beginnings you entrusted to his faithful care.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever. Amen. St Joseph, pray for us!

## Easter Raffle

Below, please find a set of 6 chances. It is a 50-50 drawing. Chances are \$25 each or 6 chances for \$100. 1<sup>st</sup> place winner will win 35% of the money, 2<sup>nd</sup> place will win 10% of the money and 3<sup>rd</sup> place will win 5% of the money. You have to be in it to win it! The drawing will take place on **Pentecost Sunday, May 23 after the 12:30pm Mass.**



<b>EASTER RAFFLE</b>	<b>EASTER RAFFLE</b>	<b>EASTER RAFFLE</b>
Name _____	Name _____	Name _____
Phone _____	Phone _____	Phone _____
1 Ticket for \$25, 6 Tickets for \$100	1 Ticket for \$25, 6 Tickets for \$100	1 Ticket for \$25, 6 Tickets for \$100
<b>EASTER RAFFLE</b>	<b>EASTER RAFFLE</b>	<b>EASTER RAFFLE</b>
Name _____	Name _____	Name _____
Phone _____	Phone _____	Phone _____
1 Ticket for \$25, 6 Tickets for \$100	1 Ticket for \$25, 6 Tickets for \$100	1 Ticket for \$25, 6 Tickets for \$100



*Mr. Richard M. Devlin, Sr.  
The Devlin & Peterson Families  
Joseph & Patricia Boylan,  
Pat & Brian  
Nancy Kelly  
Mr. & Mrs. Janusz Wlodkowski  
Edith & Francis Monaghan  
Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Mascolo*

## **Easter Flower Offering**

The deadline for Easter Flower Offerings was Sunday, March 21. Easter Flower Offerings received by this date appeared in the Easter Sunday bulletin. Flower Offerings received after this date will appear in a subsequent bulletin. Please CLEARLY PRINT the name of your loved one in the space provided on your envelope.



## **Church Census Information**

### **Has your contact information changed, or are you moving?**

The process of updating our Parish Data System information is an ongoing process. We ask that you please submit any recent changes -- address, family members, phone numbers, etc. With your help, our parish data information will be more accurate, and receipt of Parish Offering Envelopes and other church information can be processed more efficiently.

Please mail the information to the Parish Office, or email to: [parishoffice@ollchurch.org](mailto:parishoffice@ollchurch.org).



*My Jesus, I believe that You  
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love You above all things,  
and I desire to receive You into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment  
receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace You as if You were already there  
and I unite myself wholly to You.  
Never permit me to be separated from You.  
Amen*



*When COVID-19 is Over*

*When this is over,  
may we never again take for granted  
a handshake with a stranger  
full shelves at the store  
conversations with neighbors  
a crowded theatre  
Friday night out  
the taste of Communion  
a routine checkup  
the school rush each morning  
coffee with a friend  
the stadium roaring  
each deep breath  
a boring Tuesday  
Life itself.*

*When this ends,  
may we find  
that we have become  
more like the people  
we wanted to be,  
we hoped to be,  
and may we stay  
that way – better  
for each other  
because of the worst.*

*- Laura Kelly Fanucci*



## Spring Open House - Virtual

Sunday, April 18, 2021 at 1:00pm

To register, go to: [www.molloy.edu/openhouse](http://www.molloy.edu/openhouse)  
Once you register, you will receive a link to access our Open House.

### Preparing for Marriage?

#### Do you need to fulfill your Marriage Prep Requirement?

Engaged Encounter is an effective Pre-Cana program designed to provide you with the tools for a successful marriage. Couples are given the opportunity to explore many aspects of their relationship through a series of presentations, writings and dialog. There are no group discussions. Our next 2 day weekend (with safe social distancing) will be held as follows:

**July 10-11, 2021** Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington, NY

**Nov. 13-14 2021** Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington, NY

For information please call Lenny & Pat Walker at: 631-563-1032 or visit: [www.engagedencounterli.org](http://www.engagedencounterli.org).



### Great News - Worldwide Marriage Encounter has gone "Virtual"!

To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences. Some are on weekends and some span multiple weeks on a given weekday. Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call John & Toni Torio at 718-344-3700 or visit them at <https://wwmenyli.org/>.

He is risen! May the joy of Easter be with you. Let Worldwide Marriage Encounter help you resurrect the romance in your marriage. Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming virtual Worldwide Marriage Encounter experiences:

Friday/Saturday/Sunday April 23-25

Mondays/Thursdays May 3-24



### Religion and Rock

Tune into "Religion and Rock" with Msgr. Jim Vlaun on Sunday from 7:00am to 8:00am on WBAB 102.3 FM or 95.3 on the East End of Long Island. Listen on Saturdays at 11:00pm on Sirius Radio, Channel 159, the Catholic Channel and at 11:00pm on XM Satellite, Channel 117. Next Sunday's theme is "Issues in Life". To listen online or for more information, visit: [www.ReligionandRock.com](http://www.ReligionandRock.com).

## Sharing the Gospel

In today's Gospel, Thomas had a hard time believing his friends. Jesus was alive! They saw Jesus! Well, Thomas could not believe it. He needed proof. Thomas wanted to see Jesus for himself. Thomas wanted to touch Jesus' scars on His hands and His side. Once Thomas did that, then he would believe. You may have doubting friends like Thomas. Be patient with them. Do not get angry with them. Love them instead, and gently tell the truth about Jesus. Ask Jesus to open their hearts, so they can believe in Him, too.



## Mission for the Week



Talk to God about a friend who does not believe in Jesus. Ask God to give you the right words to say about Jesus. Then ask God to help you be patient.

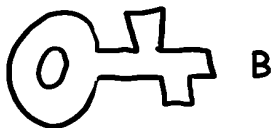


### Puzzle

Find the matching shadow.



1



2



3



4



## Prayer

God, help me to be patient with my doubting friends. Show them that Jesus is their savior, too.



## Something to Draw

Draw a picture of yourself playing with a friend who does not believe in Jesus.

