

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

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Parish Office

Phone: 631.661.3224 (select option #2)
Monday-Thursday: 9:00am-7:30pm
Friday: 9:00am-5:00pm
Saturday: 9:00am-3:00pm
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Religious Education Office

Phone: 631.661.5440 (select option #3)
Monday-Friday: 9:00am-Noon,
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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
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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.

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time • Sunday, August 8, 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
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Lisa Cantalino
Sonia DaSilva
Dcn. 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 August 8

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8/ Eph 4:30—5:2/ Jn 6:41-51
Monday: Dt 10:12-22/ Mt 17:22-27
Tuesday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/ Jn 12:24-26
Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12/ Mt 18:15-20
Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/ Mt 18:21—19:1
Friday: Jos 24:1-13/ Mt 19:3-12
Saturday: Jos 24:14-29/ Mt 19:13-15
Next Sunday: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/ 1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

Parish Staff

Patti Anderson
Parish Office/Bulletin Editor

AnnMarie Buonaspina
Director of Youth Choirs

Michael Buonaspina
Parish Organist

S. Kathleen Carberry, CSJ
Parish Office

Stacy Gordon
Parish Office

Carol Grillo
Parish Office

Rita Spera
Religious Education Office

Financial Summary

August 1, 2021

Weekly Collection	\$ 17,825.00
Weekly Budget	- \$ 17,800.00
+/- for the week	\$ 25.00

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

Dear Parishioners:

As you may know, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Bishop Barres had granted a dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days. This was a dispensation or a “break” from the normal obligation to go to Mass every Sunday and Holy Day. As the first precept of the Church notes: “You shall attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days”; this precept of the Church requires all Catholics to participate in the Eucharistic celebration (the Mass) every Sunday and Holy Day (Code of Canon Law, #1246-1248), Catechism of the Catholic Church (#1389, 2042 & 2180). Simply put, if we do not attend Mass on Sundays, we commit a serious sin.

Due to the health concerns associated with the pandemic, Bishop Barres had granted this dispensation over the past 17 months. However, Bishop Barres has now rescinded that dispensation or “waiver”.

As Bishop Barres recently wrote: “The general dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation will end on the eve of the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, August 14, 2021. The faithful are required to attend Sunday and Holy Days of Obligation Masses beginning on August 14, 2021.”

But, as Bishop Barres notes: “This obligation does not apply to those who are ill, those who are confined to their home, a hospital, or nursing facility, or those with serious underlying health conditions.”

The Church has always considered the Eucharist as central to our faith and thus the Church, in following the 3rd Commandment, has required all Catholics who are not ill to attend Sunday Mass.

For the vast majority of you who will read this, you come to Church faithfully already; this is no big deal. For others of us who have not been attending Mass in person, this rescinding of the dispensation, hopefully, will spur us on to return to Mass “in person”. “Livestreaming” Mass was O.K., especially when we could not be together in Church. However, actually receiving the Body and Blood of Christ in Holy Communion is essential to who we are as Catholics.

As we know, life can consist of habits, both good and bad. Simply, when we are in the habit of going to Mass, it is easier to go; when we are in the habit of NOT going to Mass, it is easier not to go. Due to the pandemic, many of us, rightly so, got into the habit of not going to church. It is now time for us to get into the habit of going to church once again.

I especially urge our younger families, especially with school-age children to once again get your family in the habit of coming to Mass every Sunday! Receiving Holy Communion is so important!

I hope to see “everyone” at Mass on the weekend of August 14/15- the Feast of the Assumption.

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

In Christ,

Fr. Brian

Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by **Rosemary Kaste**. 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.



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

Connie Ambrosino, Thomas Anderson, Loretta Anzalone, Christina Barthel, Patricia Blanch, Thomas J. Calogero III, Grace Ciccarello, Robert Cigliano, Lynn Cooper, Joseph Dreher, Dcn. John DeGuardi, Patricia Dennehy, Amanda DiTingo, Pat Eastwood, Paula Edwards, Anna Ferrante, Mike Ferrante, Kasey Gagliano, Robert M. Grippo, Patricia Guinta, Patrick Anthony Heffron, Donald Horne, Henry Kahn, Shena Kahn, Anne Kerrigan, Martin Kerrigan, Rosemary LeConte, Christopher Lennon, James Leung, Michael F. Maher, Aidan Miller, Michael Moskowitz, Dawn Muldoon, Rosemarie Olivieri, Edward Pauciullo, Barbara Perino, Stephan Quail, Joseph J. Schiavoni, Natalie Stone, David Stucker, Betty Teufel, Dcn. Jack Teufel

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.



Rest In Peace

Eileen Butler
 Gregory "Dennis" D'Abramo
 Lorraine Petito
 Theresa Zaccaria

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



Upcoming Marriages

Evangelia Aspras
 and
 Matthew Tarantino, OLL

Mass Intentions

Monday, August 9

St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

8:30am Lillian, Edward & Georgeann McLoughlin

Tuesday, August 10

St. Lawrence

8:30am John Keane

Wednesday, August 11

St. Clare

8:30am Gerardo Francavilla

Thursday, August 12

St. Jane Frances de Chantal

8:30am Rosemarie Meccca

Friday, August 13

Sts. Pontian and Hippolytus

8:30am Joseph Masi

Saturday, August 14

St. Maximilian Kolbe

8:30am People of the Parish, Russell Dececk

5:00pm Lou & Barbara Argento

Msgr. Brian NcNamara

Sunday, August 15

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00am Vilma Carpino

Fr. Sylvester Chukwumalume

9:30am Maria Lott & Carmelo "Junior" Deluca

Fr. Sylvester Chukwumalume

11:00am Clancy Family

Msgr. Brian NcNamara

12:30pm The Living & Deceased Members of the Edwards and Sniadowski Families

Msgr. Brian NcNamara

6:00pm People of the Parish, Patricia Ward, August Clement, Jack Kennedy, Evelyn Wessels, Diane Leder (Living)

Msgr. Brian NcNamara



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

Ministry Meeting Start-ups

Please check with your ministry leader as to when your group will resume regular meetings. Groups need to follow the same protocols as inside the church: Wear a mask if not vaccinated; maintain reasonable social distancing.



Important Outreach Information - Summer Schedule

Our Outreach Office is now operating on their Summer Schedule:

Open on Mondays and Thursdays ONLY - 9:30am until 3:30pm

We ask that you please call 631-661-3224, option 4, before coming down.

Outreach is not accepting any articles of clothing as donations at this time.

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.



Canned Fruit Cocktail
Canned Peaches
Mayonnaise
Canned Beets
Iced Tea Mix



Fall Spectacular Super Raffle

Beginning this weekend, Super Raffle tickets will go on sale after all Masses. Tickets will also be available in the Parish Office during the week. Each tickets will cost \$100.

First Prize	\$7,000
Second Prize	\$2,000
Third Prize	\$1,000

Drawing for the raffle will be on Sunday, September 19th. Winner need not be present. Only 220 tickets will be sold. As Father Brian always says, *"You got to be in it, to win it."*



from Deacon Rich and Casa House

Casa House: A big thank you to our parish family. This past weekend, the generosity of our parishioners was stupendous. I cannot recall a weekend where we raised as much money for our sister parish in El Salvador. Thank you for your continued support. Gracias!

Deacon Rich

Anxiety Disorder Sufferers

The Group, led by a trained and certified Anxiety Disorder Group Leader, will meet every Tuesday from 2:00pm-4:00pm in the Parish Center (located across from the playground and to the right of Outreach). For more information and to register, please call Michael at 631-968-9154.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

What's it all about?

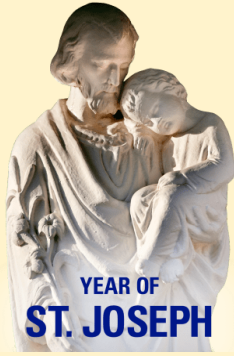
IF you are an adult *AND*

- ... 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 or call the Parish Office at 631-661-3224, and we would be happy to help you.





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 150th anniversary of his declaration as Patron of the Universal Church. The Catholic Church considers St Joseph as the patron saint of carpenters, builders and workers. The title, Saint Joseph the Worker, was given to St Joseph by Pope Pius XII in 1955. Though little is said about the life of St Joseph in Scripture, we know the humble carpenter of Nazareth as the caring guardian of Jesus and faithful husband of Mary, who lived a quiet life of service. During the course of his life, Joseph knew

what it was to work hard to provide for the needs of his family and is a wonderful example to inspire Christian workers.

“St Joseph is a man of great spirit. He is great in faith, not because he speaks his own words, but above all because he listens to the words of the Living God. He listens in silence. And his heart ceaselessly perseveres in the readiness to accept the Truth contained in the word of the Living God.”

- St. John Paul II

Prayer to St. Joseph for Employment

Saint Joseph, you were yourself once faced with the responsibility of providing the necessities of life for Jesus and Mary. Look down with fatherly compassion upon me in my anxiety over my present inability to support my family. Please help me to find gainful employment very soon, so that this heavy burden of concern will be lifted from my heart and that I am soon able to provide for those whom God has entrusted to my care. Help us to guard against bitterness and discouragement, so that we may emerge from this trial spiritually enriched and with even greater blessings from God. Amen.





An Invitation from the Knights of Columbus

Men of the Parish (18years and older), are you interested in serving your Faith, your Church, and your Community? If so, then you are invited to join the Knights of Columbus, Our Lady of Lourdes Council 17379. Joining the Knights will make you part of a 129 year old Catholic Fraternal Order that has exemplified the high ideals of our faith and has contributed to our communities through charitable works and community outreach. We meet on the second Monday of each month in the Parish Center. Meetings begin at 8:00pm. So begin your journey of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism by becoming a Knight! Online membership is also available at www.KofC.org. Note: All COVID-19 guidelines are followed. Our next meeting is **Monday, August 9, 2021 at 8:00pm in the Parish Center.**
Anyone NOT vaccinated MUST wear a mask.

CALLED TO BE A DEACON?

*If you are discerning a vocation to the diaconate,
you and your wife are invited to attend an*

INFORMATION SESSION

CHOOSE ONE OF THREE MEETING DATES:

**7:00pm Thursday, September 16th
4:00pm Sunday, September 19th
7:00pm Tuesday, September 21st**

at the

*Seminary of the Immaculate Conception
440 West Neck Road, Huntington, NY 11743*

**To reserve a place at one of the meetings,
contact Carol Rizzotti, at 631-423-0483 ext. 179
or email: diaconateformation@drvc.org.**



NY Project Hope - Coping With Covid

Feeling uncertain, overwhelmed, anxious during COVID? Talking with a crisis counselor is always free, confidential and anonymous, allowing you to talk freely about the issues that are affecting you. We will help you navigate these unusual times and take some of the burden off your shoulders.

Project Hope Crisis Counselors will help you with anything from economic hardships to behavioral health issues. A Crisis Counselor will give you self-help tips and come up with a plan for you to be your own advocate. We have a multitude of resources available to you and would love to be the shoulder you lean on. After all, New Yorkers are in this together.

Need to talk? Call: 1-855-818-HOPE(4673) e-mail: projecthope@nhcc.us website: www.nhcc.us

A program of the NYS Office of Mental Health. Funded by FEMA
Administered by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
New Horizon Counseling Center, Copiague, NY



TACHS Prep Courses offered at St. John the Baptist, DHS

St. John the Baptist, DHS is offering a **Prep Course** to prepare students for the **Test for Admission into Catholic High Schools (TACHS EXAM)**. It will consist of five 2½ hour sessions beginning in September. St. John’s will also offer a **Test Taking Strategies Class** the Friday evening before the exam. For additional information, please visit: www.stjohnthebaptistdhs.net or call: 631-587-8000 ext.117.

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.

Families Anonymous VIRTUAL Meetings

12-Step support groups giving Hope & Strength to parents, family and friends concerned with a loved one’s destructive behavior caused by Alcohol, Drugs or Related Behavioral Problems is now meeting virtually until further notice. For further information e-mail: Donna526@aol.com or call Diane at: 631-587-0966 or Donna at: 631-589-3790. Website: FamiliesAnonymous.org.

Holy Trinity DHS - Summer’s Last Hurrah Raffle

Tickets are \$25 each.

Purchase 4 for \$100 and receive 1 Bonus Ticket FREE!

Only 2,000 \$25 tickets will be sold!

Virtual Drawing held on Friday August 27, 2021.

PRIZES:

- 1st Prize: \$10,000 or 1 full year Holy Trinity tuition
- 2nd Prize: \$2,500
- 3rd Prize: \$1,000



Visit holytrinityhs.org/summer-raffle to print flyer with **mail-in order form** or Text: SummerRaffle to 41444 (**Debit Card ONLY**) to purchase your tickets.

*Prize money based on 2000 \$25 tickets being sold. If less than this amount is sold, prizes will be pro-rated accordingly.

Any questions, call Ginny at 516-433-7361 or e-mail: gabby.ritter@holytrinityhs.org

The Father Mychal Judge 9/11 Walk of Remembrance-September 5, 2021

All are invited to attend the Father Mychal Judge 9/11 Walk of Remembrance in NYC. Held on the Sunday before 9/11, the walk was started by Det. Steven McDonald in honor of his friend who perished in his role as Fire Department Chaplain. It has evolved to include all civilians, police and fire fighters who perished on that day. Join together and retrace Fr. Mychal's steps beginning at St. Francis of Assisi Church, where Father lived, and ending at St. Peter's in lower Manhattan where Father was brought, the first identified victim of 9/11. Stops will be made along the way to honor police and fire dept units. Come together to pray and never forget.

9:30am: Rosary at St. Francis of Assisi RC Church, 135 W. 31st Street
10:00am: Walk Begins: E1/L24 FDNY 31st Street & 7th Avenue
~2:00pm: Walk Concludes at St. Peter's RC Church, Barclay Street, NYC

911WalkofRemembrance@gmail.com

www.911walkofremembrance.com

646-856-WALK

Mark Your Calendar!

September 11th - 20th Year Anniversary Remembrance Mass

As the 20th anniversary of 9/11 approaches, preparations are being made to honor and remember the victims and the first responders of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. A special Mass will be held here at **Our Lady of Lourdes on Saturday, September 11 at the 8:30am Mass**. All are welcome to participate in remembering those souls who died tragically at the World Trade Center and to pray for their families, as well as the countless personnel and volunteers who were devastated and who came to the rescue. We extend an invitation to all parishioners, the community, airline crew members, fire departments, police, first responders, tugboat crews, doctors, nurses, emergency personnel, National Guard, Red Cross, Port Authority, government officials and the myriad of volunteers to join us for this special tribute. If you know of anyone who was directly affected by the 9/11 attacks, and who would like to be a participant, kindly contact Eileen at 631-321-6571.



Do you know a Senior, graduating from High School?



It is especially important to connect our graduating High School Seniors to the campus minister at their chosen college so they can connect with other Catholic students. As our teens move onto college, you can help them continue their journey of faith. Many colleges, secular and parochial, provide a *Newman Center* for incoming Catholic students. These Centers provide pastoral support and ministry to students, in addition to providing a space to meet other Catholic students interested in growing in their faith. This year, students will be able to connect immediately by downloading our newly created "Newman Connection App" on their phone!

Please send the graduate's First & Last Name, e-mail address, and phone number as well as the Name of College, City/State they will be attending to Patti Anderson at: panderson@ollchurch.org.

The respective *Newman Connection* campus leader will be informed and will welcome the student when he or she arrives in the fall.

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:

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.



“Virtual” Worldwide Marriage Encounter

To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences. Some are on weekends and there are seven sessions on weekdays from 7:00pm to 9:30pm. 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 Chuck & Maria Reiss at 631-486-8607 or visit them at <https://wwmenyli.org/>. Jesus is the living bread. Put God in your marriage. Look on the Worldwide Marriage Encounter website for the next experience near you.



The next **VIRTUAL Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience** will be on **September 24-26, 2021**.



Grief Support Group - September 13 - December 6

Grief Share is a special weekly seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life. We know it hurts, and we want to help.

Mondays 7:30pm-8:30pm September 13–December 6, 2021

Westminster United Presbyterian Church

E-mail: Pastorkerry@optonline.net or call: 631-482-2033 to for more info and to register.

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 “**Moderation**”. To listen online or for more information, visit: www.ReligionandRock.com.

Sharing the Gospel

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus compared Himself to manna. A long time ago God's people ate manna in the desert, because there was no other food to eat. By sending manna falling from the sky every morning, God taught His people to trust Him. Manna tasted good, and it kept them healthy. God took care of them and gave them all they needed. Then, hundreds of years later, God sent Jesus down from heaven, so people could have everlasting life with Him.



Mission for the Week



The Hebrews often baked manna into little cakes. Ask your parents if you can make pancakes this weekend, and talk about how Jesus is like manna.



Puzzle

Find and circle eight things that are different.



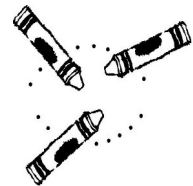
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Prayer



Dear God,
Thank You for sending Jesus down from heaven so that we can look forward to living with You forever in heaven. Amen.

Something to Draw



Draw a picture of manna falling out of the sky.