

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
Sunday: 9:00am-2:00pm
E-mail: ParishOffice@ollchurch.org
Fax: 631.661.7143
Website: www.ollchurch.org

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

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.

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time • Sunday, August 22, 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
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Jerry Esposito
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John Muldoon
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AnnMarie Buonaspina
Director of Youth Choirs

Michael Buonaspina
Parish Organist

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Parish Office

Stacy Gordon
Parish Office

Carol Grillo
Parish Office

Rita Spera
Religious Education 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.

Readings for the Week of August 22

Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/ Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/
Jn 6:60-69

Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/ Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: Rv 21:9b-14/ Jn 1:45-51

Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/ Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13/ Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8/ Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11/ Mt 25:14-30

Next Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/ Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/ Mk 7:1-8, 14-15,
21-23

Financial Summary

August 15, 2021

Weekly Collection	\$ 14,165.00
Weekly Budget	- \$ 17,800.00
+/- for the week	\$ (3,635.00)

Assumption	\$ 2,940.00
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The estimated weekly collection needed to maintain and operate our parish buildings, ministries, programs and salaries is \$17,800.

Dear Parishioners:

One of the most under-reported news stories of our current age is the world-wide persecution of Christians. Christianity is now "by far the most widely persecuted religion" in the world, nearing "genocide levels". Those quotes are not from me; these words are from a recently published report on persecution and genocide commissioned by the British government. The report went on to say that the persecution of Christians is spreading geographically around the globe and the persecution is increasing in "severity" as well.

The report said the main impact of "genocidal acts against Christians is exodus" and that Christianity faced being "wiped out" from parts of the Middle East. Throughout the world, Christians suffer because of their faith. While Christian persecution takes many forms, persecution is defined as any hostility experienced as a result of identification with Jesus Christ. From Sudan to Russia, from Nigeria to North Korea, from Colombia to India, followers of Christianity are targeted for their faith. They are attacked; they are discriminated against at work and at school; they risk sexual violence, torture, arrest and much more. World-wide, it is estimated that 1 in 9 Christians are suffering from persecution. In addition, it is estimated that 100,000 Christians are killed each year simply for being Christian. That is a very, very frightening statistic!

It warned that Christianity "is at risk of disappearing" in some parts of the world, pointing to figures which note that Christians in Palestine represent less than 1.5% of the population, while in Iraq, the Christian population had fallen from 1.5 million before 2003 to less than 120,000.

In China, religious persecution is the highest it has been since Mao's Cultural Revolution. Bishops, priests and seminarians have been arrested and even sent to "re-education" camps! In Nigeria, 17 Christians have been killed EVERYDAY in 2021 – more than 3,000 killed by Muslim extremists. Just this past Monday, August 16, 5 Catholic nuns were attacked and 1 killed in South Sudan.

Even in our own country, a Vermont hospital forced nurses to assist in elective abortions against their religious beliefs. In August 2019, the HHS Office for Civil Rights issued a notice of violation against the hospital after "a thorough investigation and prolonged attempts to resolve the matter." HHS found that the medical center "not only engages in such discrimination, but on one occasion even deliberately deceived and coerced a nurse into assisting in an abortion," according to a USCCB news release. Let's continue to pray for persecuted Christians everywhere, even in the United States!

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

In Christ,

Fr. Brian

PS: Don't forget the CATHOLIC MIISTRIES APPEAL (CMA). The CMA helps fund Catholic Charities, Catholic elementary and high schools, priestly formation, etc. I do think that every family should make a contribution to the CMA. It is our way to help the work of the Church beyond our local Parish. No donation is too small. See Page 9 of the bulletin for details on how to contribute.

Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Angela MacDermott*. 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 -US Marines	Timothy Milligan -US Marines
Michael Fantauzzi -US Air Force	Melissa Mockler -US Navy
Christopher Florca -US Marines	Andrew Perniciaro -US Army
Dominick Gennaro -US Army	Brandon Ranzie -US Army
Patrick Harty -US Coast Guard	Stephen Rolston -US Army
Ritchard Higham -US Army	Jack Shires -US Navy
Colby Matthew Kelly -US Army	James Stultz -US Army
Luke Loftsgaarden -US Army	Jack Taffner -US Marines
Anthony Mannino -US Marines	Michael Wilkinson -US Army
Msgr. Brian McNamara -US Air Force	Peter Zaccaria -US Navy
Anthony Memoli -US Marines	

... 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, Patricia Blanch, Thomas Calogero Jr., Thomas J. Calogero III, Grace Ciccarello, Lynn Cooper, Joseph Dreher, Dcn. John DeGuardi, Amanda DiTingo, 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, Rose Mattiello, Allison Michelini, Aidan Miller, Michael Moskowitz, Dawn Muldoon, Edward Pauciuolo, Barbara Perino, Stephan Quail, Joseph J. Schiavoni, Natalie Stone, David Stucker, Betty Teufel, Dcn. Jack Teufel, Louis Van Dyken

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



Rest In Peace

Gloria Galella
Henry Hein
Julius Vizzi

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

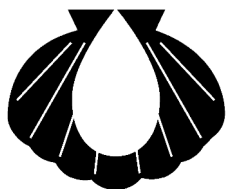


Upcoming Marriages

Evangelia Aspras
and
Matthew Tarantino, OLL

Jennifer Hunter
and
Matthew Butera

Amber Kuchler, OLL
and
Darren Dominguez
St. Brigid, Westbury



Baptism

Amelia Jean Ginex
Austin Robert Ginex
Peter Joseph Gonzalez, Jr.
Milo Charles O'Melia
Leo Anthony Tovar
Ellie Lynne Zollino
Sara Betty Zollino

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

Mass Intentions

Monday, August 23

St. Rose of Lima

8:30am Dominick & Frances Codispodo

Tuesday, August 24

St. Bartholomew

8:30am Rosa Giovaniello

Wednesday, August 25

St. Louis, St. Joseph Calasanz

8:30am Lorraine Blessing & Nally Family

Thursday, August 26

8:30am Phyllis Ecker (Living)

Friday, August 27

St. Monica

8:30am The Castro Family (Living)

Saturday, August 28

St. Augustine

8:30am Moira Alexander (Living), Barbara L. Hansen

5:00pm Michael & Mary Maher

Msgr. Brian McNamara

Sunday, August 29

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am Vinnie Mannino

Fr. Sylvester Chukwumalume

9:30am John McArdle

Fr. Sylvester Chukwumalume

11:00am Giuseppe Cacciatore

Msgr. Brian McNamara

12:30pm Mary Estelle

Msgr. Brian McNamara

6:00pm People of the Parish, Harold Anderson, Rose Grant,
Jean-Yves Piquet

Msgr. Brian McNamara



Now and at the Hour of Our Death

Catholic Guidance for End-of-Life Decision Making

Illness and aging, coupled with rapid advances in medical technology, can lead to heightened anxiety when health care decisions must be made. Go to www.CatholicEndofLife.org for assistance in navigating the end-of-life challenges that you and/or your loved ones face. Learn about the key principles of Catholic teaching in this area, and how to apply them in the complex world of medical advance directives.

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.

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.



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.



Oatmeal
Pancake Mix
Cookies
Juice
Newborn Diapers



Fall Spectacular Super Raffle

Super Raffle tickets will be sold after all weekend Masses. Tickets will also be available in the Parish Office during the week. The cost is \$100 per ticket.

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."**

PEP 1 Religious Education Program Registration Information

"Discover the Treasures of God's Love"

If you have a child entering the first grade in public school, your child should be registered for our "PEP 1" Religious Education Program. This first year program is required for participation in First Eucharist. It introduces the children to a basic understanding of the loving presence of God, the person of Jesus, conscience formation and the importance of community worship.

INFORMATION MEETING AND REGISTRATION

Choose one:

- Monday, September 27, 2021 10:30am or 7:30pm
- Wednesday, September 29, 2021 10:30am or 7:30pm

The meeting will take approximately 45 minutes and will be held in the Parish Center (meeting room opposite the playground)

- Please bring your child's Baptismal certificate (a copy is acceptable).
- *Baptismal Certificate or copy is needed even if child was baptized at OLL.*
- No child will be assigned a room number unless we have a copy of the Baptismal Certificate.
- Returning families who have an incoming first grader **MUST** attend the registration meeting.

The registration fee (if this is your oldest child) is \$210.

Classes will begin on Wednesday, October 13th - 4:15pm-5:15pm

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.



OLL Family Feast Volunteers Needed

We have been getting some response for our request to help out with our Annual Our Lady of Lourdes Feast, but more people are needed and welcomed. Whether you volunteer for one day or more, your help is much appreciated. Please contact me at rmaher@ollchurch.org to volunteer.

God bless,
Deacon Rich



OUR LADY OF LOURDES FEAST ANGEL and ARCHANGEL Donations



Support for our annual Feast has always been overwhelming. Sometimes, people want to help with our feast, but cannot give time as a volunteer. Our recently formulated Angels and Archangels Fund offers them an opportunity to help our parish raise funds. It gives one the opportunity not only to support our booths, but to make it a memorable one. All Angels and Archangels donations may be made by a business, individual, family or for a loved one (living or deceased.) Please return the form below with your donation to the rectory. Your name will appear in the bulletin following the completion of our feast. My thanks in advance; I know each family will do all they can to make our feast the best ever.

Please return the form below with your donation to the rectory.

Thank you and God bless,

Fr. Brian

Name _____ Phone No. _____

Address _____

Name of Deceased _____

Name of Living _____

Angel: \$25 _____ Archangel: \$50 or more _____

Please check the booth you wish your Angel to Sponsor:

- | <u>Food</u> | <u>Beer/Wine/Soda</u> | <u>Games</u> |
|--------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| () Corn | () Inside – Casino) | () Hammer |
| () Hot Dog | () Outside | () Dime Booth |
| () Pretzel | | () Fast Pitch |
| () Coffee/Dessert | | |

Please return this form along with your donation to the rectory.



Come Join the **Super Heroes at Children's Liturgy** at 9:30am Mass beginning September 19th



FUN

FRIENDS

WORD OF GOD

PRAYER

SONG

LEARNING

Children age 4 through 4th Grade
Parents are welcome to accompany their child.

2021
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One Family in Mission
Creating Pathways to Faith

Every day, people in our community are helped because of support from funds raised through the Catholic Ministries Appeal. Our hope is that each family will make a gift. We cannot ask everyone to consider the same size gift, but after prayer and reflection, each family is invited to make a gift in response to God's generosity in their lives.

No gift is too small and all gifts make a difference in the lives of others!

Mail to: Catholic Ministries Appeal , Diocese of Rockville Centre, P.O. Box 4000, Rockville Centre, NY 11571-4000

Make checks payable to:
Catholic Ministries Appeal

Parish _____

Pledge: \$ _____

Name _____

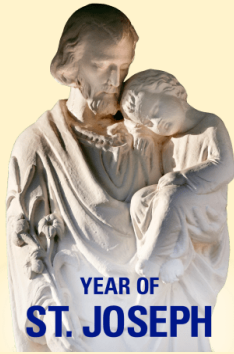
Down payment: \$ _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

Thank you, and for more information or to donate online, please visit: www.drvc.org/CMA



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.



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 which begins on **Friday, September 10, 2021**, please call **1-800-470-2230** or **516-405-0323** and you will be connected directly and confidentially to a couple from Long Island/Metro Retrouvaille who can help.

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



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.

Mark Your Calendar! September 11th - 20 Year 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 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.

The Father Mychal Judge 911 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 department 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

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/>. “You have the words of eternal life.” Learn God's plan for your marriage on the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. The next VIRTUAL Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience will be on **September 24-26, 2021**.



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.

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

Sharing the Gospel

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



Mission for the Week

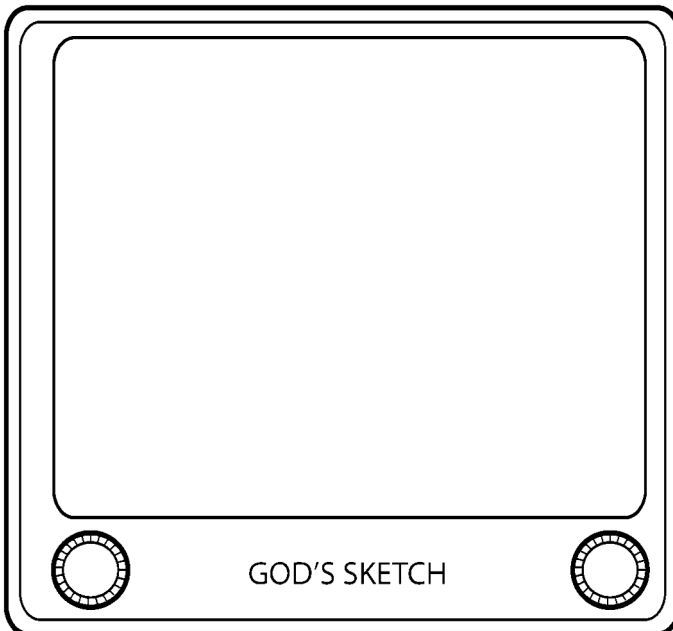


Have you ever learned something about God that was hard to understand? Talk about it with your family, and together pray for each other. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you learn what God wants you to.



Puzzle

Draw a picture of your friend Jesus.



Prayer

Dear God,
give me the
faith to trust
Jesus always.
Amen.



Something to Draw

Draw a picture
of yourself
next to Jesus.

