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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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: 10:30am-2:30pm

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Religious Education Office

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Monday-Friday: 9:00am-Noon, 1:00pm-5:00pm, 7:00pm-9:00pm E-mail: ReligiousEd@ollchurch.org

Parish Outreach Office

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Monday-Friday: 9:30am-3:30pm

SAGE (Senior Advocates for Growth and Enrichment)

Phone: 631.661.3224, Ext. 122 E-mail: 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.

Fifth Sunday of Easter • Sunday, May 15, 2022



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 Dcn. Nilo DeLeon Jerry Esposito Trish Frodell Pam Gagliano Deborah Lamb Rosalie Mangels John Muldoon

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Parish Office

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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 May 15, 2022

Sunday: Acts 14:21-27/ Rv 21:1-5a/ Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

Monday:Acts 14:5-18/ Jn 14:21-26Tuesday:Acts 14:19-28/ Jn 14:27-31aWednesday:Acts 15:1-6/ Jn 15:1-8Thursday:Acts 15:7-21/ Jn 15:9-11Friday:Acts 15:22-31/ Jn 15:12-17Saturday:Acts 16:1-10/ Jn 15:18-21

Next Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/ Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/ Jn 14:23-29

Financial Summary

May 8, 2022

Weekly Collection \$
Weekly Budget - \$ 17,800.00

+/- for the week

Financial information was not available at the time of printing. It will be included in the next issue.

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

What's in a Word?

Throughout most of my life, I had a certain fascination with words. What is the definition of a certain word? What is the derivative of the word? Does it have multiple meanings? How is it used in a sentence? To what extent do I use a particular word or phrase? Now, to some, this fascination may seem somewhat over the top, but to me it was my profession; I taught English.

Certain words or phrases can trigger an emotion or even an action. Other words are often used to excess or too casually. Our Gospel reading today uses two words that, when used in the right context, place a great value on their message. In the first part of John's Gospel today, Jesus uses the word "glory" or some form of it five times in reference to Himself and the Father. According to John Pilch, in his book, "The Cultural Times of Jesus", "how in Jesus' time the word "honor" would be a public claim to worth and a public recognition and acknowledgement of that claim." The reference here would be to Jesus' imminent death. By obeying the command of his Father, concerning His death, Jesus can claim the honor of an obedient Son. This would put Him in good stead, proving His "Mediterranean manliness" and mark Him as a Son who learned His Father's lessons well.

Pilch points out how God the Father is honored by his Son's unquestioning obedience, even unto death. And yet God's greatest honor-claim would be raising his Son from the dead. Culturally speaking, it would appear our current American view of honor lacks the impact of Jesus' time. We see how some people have done truly dishonorable things, and it seems that all is forgotten in one news cycle. Some of these dishonorable actions are often defended as a person's right. This is not to condemn all Americans regarding whether they are honorable or not, but to point out that some of the pervasive attitudes in our culture are found to be lacking in honor.

Looking at the second word we hear in John's Gospel, "love". Love is one of those words today that is sometimes not used correctly to describe an event, occasion, or even an idea. Think back to a time when you first thought you were in love. Perhaps it was when you were a tween, sometime before you were an adolescent, or just as you were approaching your teenage years. Perhaps, in response to that feeling, others around you were describing your feelings as infatuation, puppy love, or telling you it was not truly love. This was met by our skepticism or defensiveness. How can you know how I feel?

Now, I am not saying that people who were high school sweethearts could not truly extend their love for each other to the sacrament of Marriage, but what we thought was our first glimpse of true love may be in fact what other people were telling us. As I mentioned earlier, some words are used excessively or too casually. I mentioned earlier that certain words or phrases can trigger an emotion or an action. In his book, "Capture the Fire", Father Joseph Kempra mentions that John's Gospel today uses a phrase that we are all familiar with having heard it hundreds of times. "Love one another. That is how people will know you are my disciples". One of the popular hymns when I was growing up was "They Will Know We Are Christians by Our Love." For me, the song represented hope and a better understanding of how I was to conduct my life.

From my point of view, the word "Christian" should be synonymous with love. The word "Christian" in our culture today has sometimes been depicted as "intolerance, politicized, oppressive, lacking respect for non-Christians, and anti-intellectual."

Father Kempra tells us, "the word "Christian" should indicate someone we can rely on to tell the truth, who treats people with respect, whose word we can trust, who is concerned with fairness in our world, who lives not by majority opinion, but by God's law, who knows that he or she has a purpose wider than the world."

In other words, to be "Christ-like". Be an example to the world, as Jesus instructed us, "Love one another as I have loved you." Isn't that a lovely way to live?

May God bless you Deacon Rich

Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Gaye Mazzo*. 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.

Michael DiMatteo-US Marine Corps
Michael Fantauzzi-US Air Force
Christopher Florca-US Marine Corps
Dominick Gennaro-US Army
Patrick Harty-US Coast Guard
Ritchard Higham-US Army
Colby Matthew Kelly-US Army
Luke Loftsgaarden-US Army
Anthony Mannino-US Marine Corps
Msgr. Brian McNamara-US Air Force
Anthony Memoli-US Marine Corps

Timothy Milligan-US Marine Corps
Melissa Mockler-US Navy
Patric Mockler-US Navy
Andrew Perniciaro-US Army
Brandon Ranzie-US Army
Stephen Rolston-US Army
Jack Shires-US Navy
James Stultz -US Army
Jack Taffner-US Marine Corps
Michael Wilkinson-US Army
Peter Zaccaria-US Navy

... 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, Joyce Berlangero, Morgan Brennan, Thomas J. Calogero III, Maria Clark, Susan Dedes, Dcn. John DeGuardi, Robin Delisola, Amanda DiTingo, Paula Edwards, Anna Ferrante, Mike Ferrante, Sarah Franckowski, Nicolette Gebhardt, Ted Gladkowski, Patrick Anthony Heffron, Joseph Isoldi, Betsy Johnson, Henry Kahn, Shena Kahn, Margaret Kavoures, George Mangels, Joseph Marrone Jr., John McMahon, Eileen Mitchell, Kenneth Monroe, Dan Murphy, Cynthia Nieves, Edward Pauciullo, William Pellegrino, Connie Polik, Fred Polik, John Posanti, Louise Posanti, Clifford Proctor, Daniel Ramaikus, Catherine Randazzo, Stephanie Russo, Anthony San Filippo, Joseph J. Schiavoni, Vita Scorcia, Jennifer Stoop, Larry Sturgeon, Louise Sturgeon, Barbara Turnbull

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



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



Upcoming Marriages

Danielle Carboni, OLL and **John Simpson,** St. John Nepomucene, Bohemia



Masses may be viewed via livestream on our Facebook page.

Please join us directly on Facebook or by visiting our
website at: <u>ollchurch.org</u>, where you will be redirected.

You do not need a Facebook account.

Mass Intentions

Monday, May 16

8:30am Joan Ferraioli

Tuesday, May 17

8:30am Catherine Pappas

Wednesday, May 18

St. John I

8:30am Felix Rivera

Thursday, May 19

8:30am Lucas Sarmiento (Living)

Friday, May 20

St. Bernadine of Siena

8:30am Vivian Gordon

Saturday, May 21

St. Christopher Magallanes

8:30am Franklin G. Edwards V, Gerard Millette

5:00pm Molly Sweeney

Msgr. Brian McNamara

Sunday, May 22

Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:00am Rose Fodera Genna

Msgr. Brian McNamara

9:30am Diane Cullen, Joseph & Mary Rizzo

Msgr. Brian McNamara

11:00am Salvatore Pinello

Fr. Charles Mangano

12:30pm Marion Shea

Fr. Charles Mangano

6:00pm People of the Parish, Madeline & Joseph Pritchard,

George Thomas, William Mace, Jamie Munkwitz,

Maureen Byrne

Fr. Charles Mangano



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. For assistance in navigating the end-of-life challenges that you and/or your loved ones face, please visit: www.CatholicEndofLife.org. Learn about the key principles of Catholic teaching in this area, and how to apply them in the complex world of medical advance directives.

SAGE

Our next SAGE meeting will be **Tuesday**, **May 17** at 9:30am in the Parish Center.

Men's Prayer Group

We invite all men of the parish to meet for prayer and reflection after the 8:30am Mass on **Thursday**, **May 18th 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.

Divine Mercy Prayer Group

We come together in the Church every Thursday from 1:30pm-2:30pm to pray and reflect on the Divine Mercy. We welcome anyone wishing to join us in this mission.

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 <u>RCIA@ollchurch.org</u> or call the Parish Office at 631-661-3224, and we would be happy to help you.

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 Tomato Puree Oil Mayonnaise Toothpaste

New Ministry - "Baby Blanket Bunch"

The Baptism Program and the Prayer Shawl Ministry are happy to introduce the Baby Blanket Bunch! We are hoping to give a blessed, white baby blanket to each child baptized in the parish. This gift to the family will be a sign of this special day on which we welcomed our newest members into our parish family. We need people to knit or crochet the white baby blankets. The blankets can be brought to the Prayer Shawl Ministry meeting at 9:30am on the first Wednesday of each month in the Parish Center or dropped off at the Rectory. We also need donations of white wool for the blankets which can be dropped off at the rectory or the meeting as well. Please

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

share your special creative talent and love with the youngest of our parish.

We will be having extended hours of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on this **Tuesday, May 17th from 12:30pm to 8:00pm**. Come, spend some intimate time with Jesus during our new Extended Adoration. Invite a family member or friend along too! In case of inclement weather, please call the parish office at 631-661-3224 ext.0, or log onto the parish website (ollchurch.org) to check if adoration has been canceled.

All Volunteers - VIRTUS TRAINING

Are you aware that the Diocese of Rockville Centre requires that ALL volunteers (18 years or older) must attend the Virtus class? CYO Coaches, Religious Education Catechists, Cantors, Ushers, Youth Ministry workers, Eucharistic Ministers, Parish Volunteers (feast workers, mailing team, etc.) are required to attend Virtus training course, if they have not yet done so. You must register online by visiting www.Virtus.org, then click the link for first time registrants. You can view the list of sessions to find a course and then complete the registration online. PLEASE NOTE: After completion of VIRTUS training, you will receive a certificate of completion. Please retain your certificate and training completion date for future use.



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. 1st place winner will win 35% of the money, 2nd place will win 10% of the money and 3rd place will win 5% of the money. *You have to be in it to win it!*

The drawing will take place on Pentecost Sunday, June 5th after the 12:30pm Mass.

EASTER RAFFLE	EASTER RAFFLE	EASTER RAFFLE
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
EASTER RAFFLE	EASTER RAFFLE	EASTER RAFFLE
EASTER RAFFLE Name ————	EASTER RAFFLE Name	EASTER RAFFLE Name

An Invitation from the Knights of Columbus



Men of the Parish (18 years 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 exemplifies the high ideals of our faith and has contributed to our communities through charitable works and community outreach. We meet on the second and fourth Monday of each month in the Parish Center. The fourth Monday is an Officers' meeting, but members are welcome to attend. 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. *Everyone is encouraged to wear a mask.*

Our next meeting will be Monday, May 23rd, 2022 at 8:00pm in the Parish Center.

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN TO BENEFIT THE LIFE CENTER OF LONG ISLAND

REMEMBER TO BRING IN THOSE BABY BOTTLES!

Recently, Our Lady of Lourdes Parish kicked off our Baby Bottle Campaign to benefit the Life Center, The weekend to return those filled baby bottles is:

Saturday, May 21st - Sunday, May 22nd



The Life Center counsels women and men who are experiencing an unexpected pregnancy. They provide free pregnancy test kits, free sonogram referrals, maternity housing with eligibility requirements referrals, medical care referrals, material aid, including car seats, cribs, clothing, diapers, and many other needed baby items.

Remember, all it takes is your change in a baby bottle and a heartfelt prayer to make a **BIG, POSITIVE DIFFERENCE** for all those we serve.

(Please make checks payable to the Life Center of L.I.)

May every drop of a coin remind you to pray to save a preborn baby from abortion and give a mother the opportunity to hear the gospel of Jesus Christ!

Young Men's Ministry

The Young Men's Ministry will gather Friday, May 20th at 7:00pm. This ministry is growing rapidly and we have capacity to add more! We look forward to seeing you there for a night of spiritually, sports, fun, and other guy stuff.



Dementia Caregiver Support Group Thursday, May19th, 2022

Caregiving for someone with Alzheimer's or a related dementia can cause frustration, fear, anger, sadness and other emotions. Our support group can provide emotional, social, and educational help to caregivers whose lives are affected by dementia.

Join us on the 3rd Thursday of each month from 5:30pm-7:00pm in the Parish Center There is no charge to participate, but please contact Michele at 631-647-7622, ext. 2006 or via email at: michele@agentletouchseniorcare.com to reserve your place.



Butterfly Memory Café - May 20^h from 1:30-2:30pm

What is a Memory Café? It is a program designed for persons with mild to moderate cognitive impairment and their caregiver to promote social engagement with others navigating through dementia's journey. Activities include crafts, music, reminiscing, art or movement. Light refreshments will be served. Our next event will take place on Friday, May 20th from 1:30pm-2:30pm. There is no charge to participate, but space is limited and reservations are required. For more information or to register, please call Michele at A Gentle Touch Senior Care at: 631-647-7622 or e-mail: michele@agentletouchseniorcare.com.

THE JOURNEY CONTINUES...for our newly initiated

Throughout the past year, our parish family has journeyed with Teresa Carlson, Haley Newberg and Mike Rashwan who were seeking Baptism, and full initiation into the life of the Church. From the Rite of Acceptance in November, to the Rite of Election, and the Scrutinies celebrated during Lent, we have celebrated their faith and, in turn, renewed our own.

At the Easter Vigil, Sat. April 16, we celebrated the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist for Haley and Mike... and on Sun April 24 for Teresa. Their journey has become our journey. Their excitement and enthusiasm has inspired and excited us about our faith journey!

Their journey still continues as they enter The Period of Mystagogy which lasts from Easter Sunday until the completion of the Easter season, fifty days later on Pentecost Sunday and completes the initiation process. Let's continue to pray for Teresa, Haley and Mike as they continue to more fully realize what the life of the Church means to them.

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.



Boy Scout Troop 179

For 50 years, Our Lady of Lourdes has been sponsoring Boy Scout Troop 179 of West Islip. Troop meetings are held every Thursday at 7:30pm.

If you are interested in learning more about Boy Scouts and our Troop, please check out our website: https://witroop179.wixsite.com/bsatroop179 or contact us at: troop179cc@yahoo.com.





Join Bishop Andrzej for Liturgical Catechesis SYNOD on SYNODALITY

Journeying Together

Communion + Participation + Mission

This lecture will be presented via **ZOOM**All are Invited to Participate.

EVANGELIZATION
WEDNESDAY, MAY 18
7:30pm

To receive the ZOOM link, please call Suzanne at 516-744-6850 or email westernvicariate@drvc.org. If you previously registered for prior ZOOM calls, there is NO need to register again – you will automatically receive the ZOOM link via email.



"The Synod calls the People of God, in all their diversity, to embark on a journey together toward a common mission to witness to the love of God at work in the world."

Synod Preparatory Document



Gather. Pray. Listen.
FOR A SYNODAL CHURCH
Let's Journey Together!



Teaching Opportunity - The Learning Connection

The Learning Connection at the Sisters of St. Joseph in Brentwood is interested in recruiting paid teachers for the English Language program for adult women. The time requirement is 9:30am-12:30pm, Monday through Friday, following the public school calendar, beginning in September, 2022.

Training will be provided. A college diploma is required, and a New York State teaching certification in any area is a plus.

For further information, please e-mail: <u>CSJTLC@optonline.net.</u>





Calling all Boy Scout Troop 179 Alumni!!!

OLL's own Troop 179 is celebrating its 50th Anniversary. There are many events being finalized for this Golden Anniversary. To ensure you don't miss out on any of our great upcoming events please email: troop179cc@yahoo.com to get on our alumni list.



Children's Bereavement Camp

Good Shepherd Hospice invites you to Bob Sweeney's Camp H.O.P.E. This FREE, professionally run one day camp is for children, ages 5-17, who have experienced the death of an immediate family member. The camp will be held on Saturday, July 16, 2022 at beautiful Camp Alvernia in Centerport, NY. Call for an application: 631-828-7628

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: <u>parishoffice@ollchurch.org</u>.

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.

Everyone is encouraged to wear a mask, regardless of vaccination status.

Support Groups (all meetings are in Lourdes Hall - lower level of Convent)

Alcoholics Anonymous: Monday and Tuesday at 8:00pm and Saturday at 11:00am and 7:00pm. **ALANON:** Wednesday at 10:00am. Beginner's meeting at 9:30am. Free babysitting available.

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 provided with social-distancing during this time. Our next 2-day weekend will be held at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington on **July 16-17**, **2022**. For information please call Lenny & Pat Walker at: 631-563-1032 or visit: www.engagedencounterli.org.



"Virtual" and "In-Person" Worldwide Marriage Encounters

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 virtual 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. There will be an "in person" Marriage Encounter on June 24-June 26 at Immaculate Conception Seminary in Huntington. For more information or to apply, call Chuck & Maria Reiss at 631-486-8607 or visit them at: https://wwmenyli.org/. The Disciples did not recognize Jesus. Do you experience this in your relationship? Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experiences.

Families Anonymous Meetings

12-Step support group giving Hope & Strength to parents, family and friends concerned with a loved one's destructive behavior caused by Alcohol, Drugs or Related Behavioral Problems will meet virtually and in person. For additional information e-mail: Donna526@aol.com or call Diane at: 631-587-0966 or Donna at: 631-589-3790. Website: Families Anonymous.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 "Boredom". To listen online or for more information, visit: www.ReligionandRock.com.

Sharing the Gospel

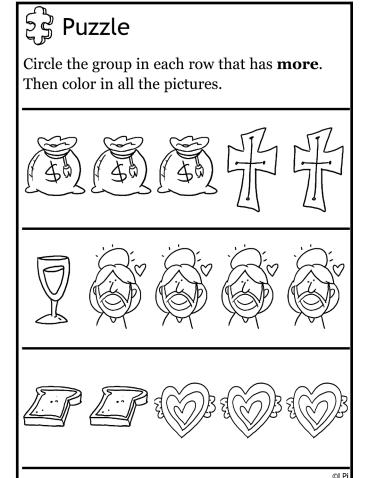
Jesus gave His disciples a new rule. He told them they had to love each other, just like He loved them. What did Jesus mean? Jesus was very patient with His friends. He forgave His friends when they let Him down. Jesus comforted His friends when they were afraid. Most of all He helped them grow closer to God.



Mission for the Week



I will follow Jesus and forgive those who have hurt me.



Prayer

Dear God, help me to love my

friends'like Jesus did.

Amen.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of yourself talking to a friend who is afraid.

