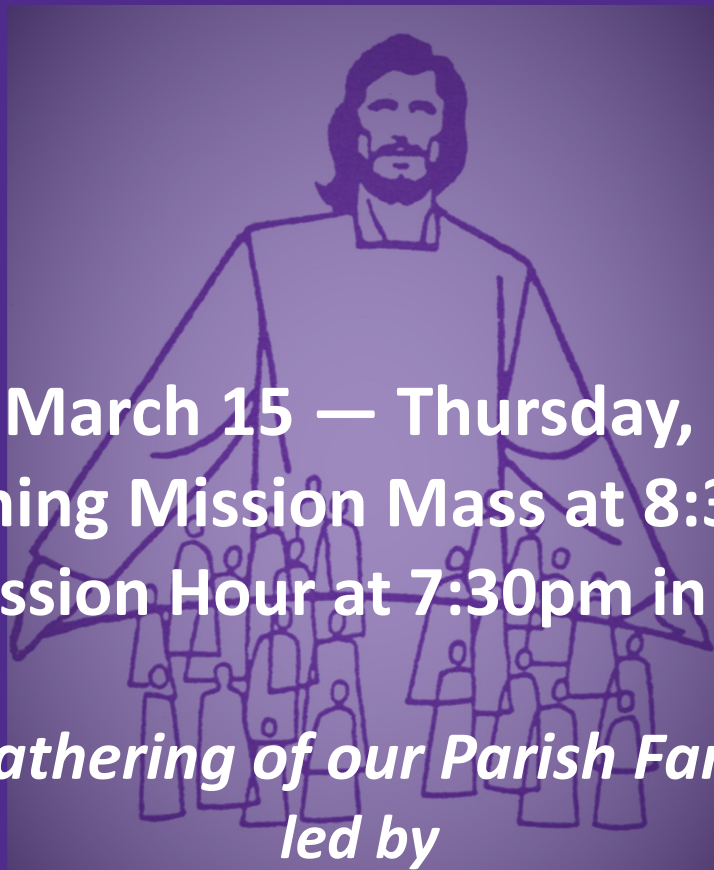


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455 Hunter Avenue, West Islip, NY 11795

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***Fourth Sunday of Lent • Laetare Sunday, March 14, 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 Scorcia

### 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

### 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 March 14

**Sunday:** 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/ Eph 2:4-10/ Jn 3:14-21  
**Monday:** Is 65:17-21/ Jn 4:43-54  
**Tuesday:** Ez 47:1-9, 12/ Jn 5:1-16  
**Wednesday:** Is 49:8-15/ Jn 5:17-30  
**Thursday:** Ex 32:7-14/ Jn 5:31-47  
**Friday:** 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/ Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/ Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a  
**Saturday:** Jer 11:18-20/ Jn 7:40-53  
**Next Sunday:** Jer 31:31-34/ Heb 5:7-9/ Jn 12:20-33

### Financial Summary

**March 7, 2021**

Weekly Collection	\$ 20,265.00
Weekly Budget	- \$ 17,800.00
+/- for the week	\$ 2,465.00

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

**Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,**

During this Holy Season of Lent we are invited to meditate on the suffering and death of Jesus Christ and how it applies to our everyday lives. When a person encounters suffering in their life, they can initially feel as if they are victims, slaves of the suffering or perhaps even abandoned by God. As followers of Jesus Christ, our mindset must be completely different. When suffering comes our way, we must praise God not because of it but in spite of it. We must stand on the surety of our faith in Jesus Christ that we are not alone and that God has a plan and purpose for our life. The Holy Scriptures reveal these truths to us. Immediately we must acknowledge that we are sharing in the suffering of Christ (*we are in union with him*) and that like Christ, our suffering can be a blessing for others. What do I mean by this?

I know this woman whose daughter committed suicide years ago. As a result of her suffering, she went for training in bereavement counseling and she started a suicide support group in the diocese for family members who were suffering. She has done this for years in our diocese and her great suffering has becoming a blessing for others. Her grief and suffering brought her deeper intimacy with the Lord and she has seen how leaning into the cross of her life, with Christ, it has brought many to redemption and freedom. We are invited to do the same with our suffering. The Lord can do this with us and for us if we but come to Him.

We celebrate Easter Sunday in a few weeks and then the first Sunday after Easter is ***Divine Mercy Sunday***. As a parish we will be celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday on, **April 11, 2021**. How? I will be leading 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 in 1931. 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.

***As we continue our Lenten journey together, below is a little reflection on what we can fast from and feast on this Lent.***

### ***A Different Kind of Fasting***

Fast from judging others...Feast on Christ dwelling in each  
 Fast from seeing differences...Feast on the Spirit in all life  
 Fast from apparent darkness...Feast on the reality of Light  
 Fast from thoughts of illness...Feast on the healing power of God  
 Fast from words that pollute...Feast on phrases that support and affirm  
 Fast on discontent...Feast on gratitude  
 Fast on anger...Feast on patience  
 Fast from worry...Feast on trust in God's Providence  
 Fast from complaining...Feast on appreciation  
 Fast from hostility...Feast on non-violence  
 Fast from bitterness...Feast on forgiveness  
 Fast from self-concern...Feast on compassion for others  
 Fast from discouragement...Feast on hope  
 Fast from lethargy...Feast on enthusiasm  
 Fast from idle gossip...Feast on prayerful silence  
 Fast from suspiciousness...Feast on Trustful Relationships  
 Fast from the shadows of injustice...Feast on the Son of Justice

Have a great week and remember that with God you can do the unthinkable, unimaginable and forgive what you think is unforgiveable.

**Peace and blessings, Father Charles**

## 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.

**Michael DiMatteo**-US Marines

**Michael Fantauzzi**-US Air Force

**Christopher Florca**-US Marines

**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 Marines

**Msgr. Brian McNamara**-US Air Force

**Anthony Memoli**-US Marines

**Timothy Milligan**-US Marines

**Melissa Mockler**-US Navy

**Andrew Perniciaro**-US Army

**Brandon Ranzie**-US Army

**Stephen Rolston**-US Army

**Jack Shires**-US Navy

**Jack Taffner**-US Marines

**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 ...

*Loretta Anzalone, Rebecca Budriss, Thomas J. Calogero III, Kayla Cappetta, Thomas Chisari, Grace Ciccarello, Robert Cigliano, Joanne Citarella, Dcn. John DeGuardi, Patricia Dennehy, Amanda DiTingo, Pat Eastwood, Paula Edwards, Anna Ferrante, Mike Ferrante, Elizabeth (Betty) Goode, 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, 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.



## Rest In Peace

Frank A. Baier  
Frances Roffey

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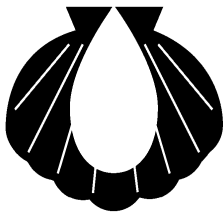
*We extend our prayerful sympathy to the families and loved ones of those recently deceased.*

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## Upcoming Marriages

Katie Hurley, OLL  
and  
Joseph Rosciano,  
St. Peter & Paul, Manorville



## Baptism

Ariana Lee Balestrieri  
Christopher James Vogel  
Emmeline Meaghan Wallrapp

*Our priests will be celebrating Mass via live-stream on our parish website and will remember the Mass Intentions for each day. Please join us by visiting our website at: [allchurch.org](http://allchurch.org).*

## Mass Intentions

### Monday, March 15

8:30am Phyllis Rose Kelleher

12:10pm Grace Ciccarello (Living)

### Tuesday, March 16

8:30am Malena Lourdes Sarmiento

12:10pm Gaetana Novello

### Wednesday, March 17

*St. Patrick*

8:30am Fearghal Keane

12:10pm James Reilly

### Thursday, March 18

*St. Cyril of Jerusalem*

8:30am Luis Zarrella

12:10pm Robert Mazzei

### Friday, March 19

*St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

8:30am Grace M. Judd

12:10pm Ernesto Rivera

### Saturday, March 20

8:30am Paul Petrino (Living), Emmanuel Capizzi (Living),  
Deacon John DeGuardi (Living)

5:00pm Patricia Heartt

### Sunday, March 21

*Fifth Sunday of Lent*

8:00am Joann Artese

9:30am William McMahan

11:00am Grace Viruso

12:30pm Umberto Postiglione

6:00pm People of the Parish, Adam Lichtenstein (Living),  
Sal Gaeta and Tony Squeo, John McArdle,  
Sheila McLean

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# LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES

## **Monday, March 15 - Thursday, March 18: PARISH MISSION**

**7:30pm in the CHURCH  
& on LIVESTREAM**

*Join with us as Fr. Gerry Fitzsimmons, SMM  
helps us to draw closer to Christ.*

**Friday, March 19:  
12:45pm & 7:30pm in the CHURCH**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**  
*Meditate upon the Passion and Death of Jesus.*

**Monday, March 22:  
7:30 in the CHURCH & on LIVESTREAM**

**GOD'S DIVINE PROVIDENCE**  
*Join Fr. Charles for an evening of prayer & song.*

**Friday, March 26:  
12:45pm & 7:30pm in the CHURCH**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**  
*Meditate upon the Passion and Death of Jesus.*

**Monday, March 29:  
3:00pm – 9:00pm in the CHURCH**

**RECONCILIATION MONDAY**  
*Confessors will be available throughout this time.  
Come and be reconciled to God through Confession.*

*“Lent comes providentially to reawaken us, to shake from our lethargy... The Lord is knocking at the doors of our hearts. Have we put up a sign on the door saying: ‘Do not disturb’?”*  
~ Pope Francis



## **MISSION PRAYER**

*We invite you to say this prayer every day as we prepare for our week of spiritual renewal through our Parish Mission.*

**Jesus, we believe in Your love for us.  
We want Your healing love to be part of our lives and the lives of those we meet.  
Jesus, You call us to come together in prayer,  
speak to our minds and hearts.  
Let us put aside this time for You,  
so that You can build us up together in Your Love and Peace.**



## 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](http://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

## COVID-19 MEMORIAL GARDEN

We are very grateful for the overwhelming response from our parish and community, and are looking forward to placing the crosses in the Memorial Garden to honor those we've loved and lost. Please save the date for our special blessing on March 28<sup>th</sup>, Palm Sunday, after the 12:30 Mass (details to follow). A list of where your cross is located in the Garden will be displayed to make it easy to find when you pick up your cross on Sunday, April 11<sup>th</sup> after your Mass. Please call Eileen Rega at 631-236-3648 with any further questions. Thank you.



**March 28<sup>th</sup> after 12:30 Mass**  
**March 28<sup>th</sup> through April 11<sup>th</sup>**  
**April 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Special Blessing**  
**Crosses will be displayed in the Memorial Garden**  
**Take your cross home for your garden or gravesite**

*All proceeds will be donated to Our Lady of Lourdes*

## 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.

## 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.



- Cannellini Beans
- Crushed Tomatoes
- Canned Beets
- Boxed Milk
- Tea





## Parish Mission

You're invited to a week of Spiritual Renewal, right here at Our Lady of Lourdes! Our Parish Mission begins this Monday, March 15<sup>th</sup> and continues through Thursday, March 18<sup>th</sup>. It has been such a difficult year for all of us. Let's come together in Church and via Livestream, as Fr. Fitzsimmons guides us in experiencing the reality of God working in our lives, in and through each other. Be sure to mark your calendar, and invite a friend to join us as well.

## Easter Flower Offering

The deadline for Easter Flower Offerings is Sunday, March 21. Easter Flower Offerings received by this date will appear 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.



## Easter Candles

Once again, we are offering a *Loving Candle* which will be lit on Holy Saturday. This symbolic light will remain lit for the life of the candle (approximately a week). This is a beautiful way to remember our living and deceased loved ones. The *Loving Candles* will be available after all Masses next weekend, Palm Sunday weekend, and at the Parish Office (Rectory) during the week for a donation of \$10.00

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at 631-661-3224, ext. 121.

## Irish & Catholic?

The Ancient Order of Hibernians (A.O.H.), which was founded in New York City in 1836, is the oldest Irish-Catholic Fraternal Organization in the United States. A.O.H. St. Patrick's Division 2 is located in the heart of Babylon Village, and is the only A.O.H. Division in the Town of Babylon. If you are Roman Catholic and Irish by birth or descent, please consider becoming a member. We have Mens, Ladies, Junior Boys and Junior Girls divisions. We are a very active and charitable A.O.H. Division celebrating our Irish-Catholic religion, culture and heritage. We also offer Irish Step Dancing classes, Irish Language classes. Bagpipe and Drum Lessons and more!

For more information, please contact President Jim Killen at:

E-mail: [president.babylonhibernians.com](mailto:president.babylonhibernians.com) Website: [www.BabylonHibernians.com](http://www.BabylonHibernians.com) Phone: 631-587-1896



## 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.



## Solidarity Prayer

For all who have contracted coronavirus,  
We pray for care and healing.

For those who are particularly vulnerable,  
We pray for safety and protection.

For all who experience fear or anxiety,  
We pray for peace of mind and spirit.

For affected families who are facing difficult decisions between food on the table or public safety,  
We pray for policies that recognize their plight.

For those who do not have adequate health insurance,  
We pray that no family will face financial burdens alone.

For those who are afraid to access care due to immigration status,  
We pray for recognition of the God-given dignity of all.

For our brothers and sisters around the world,  
We pray for shared solidarity.

For public officials and decisionmakers,  
We pray for wisdom and guidance.

Father, during this time may your Church be a sign of hope, comfort and love to all.  
Grant peace. Grant comfort. Grant healing.  
Be with us, Lord.

Amen.

## 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).

## 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: Marriott Melville Long Island - 1350 Walt Whitman Road, Melville, NY 11747



**2021**  
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*One Family in Mission*  
Creating Pathways to Faith

*“Lent is a favorable season for opening the doors to all those in need and recognizing in them the face of Christ. Each of us meets people like this every day.”*

Pope Francis

Dear Friends:

During the special Lenten season, please allow me to share a special request with you. If you have never contributed to the Catholic Ministries Appeal, or if you haven't contributed in a number of years, please consider making this the year that you join with me and other members of our Parish family to make a donation to the 2021 Appeal.

As you may already be aware, 100% of all the money raised is restricted to support the objectives, programs, and mission that serves more than 600,000 people each year, and our parish shares in the money raised to use for our own local needs.

These programs include services to people in need; affordable housing for senior citizens; people with disabilities and our veterans; respect life initiatives; and formation of our priests, deacons, lay leaders, and young people. These are just a few of the programs that help make our church and this Island a vibrant and wonderful place to live.

But to help ensure that we can always serve those who come to us for aid, support and spiritual guidance, we need help from you!

If 100 of our parishioners who have not supported us in the recent past made a \$25 contribution this year – think about how many more people we could help! If that amount is more than you can manage, consider \$5 or \$10.

**Every gift counts and makes a difference in the lives of others! THANK YOU!!**

Make checks payable to:

Catholic Ministries Appeal

Parish \_\_\_\_\_ Pledge: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Down payment: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

To make a donation, you can also visit [drvc.org/CMA](http://drvc.org/CMA) or call us at 516-678-5800 ext. 296

Thank You!

# Bereavement Support Group for Widows and Widowers



8 Week Program for Age 50 and Over  
Starting Wednesday, March 24, 2021 from 3:00pm–5:00pm  
St. Joseph Parish Center  
39 N. Carll Avenue, Babylon

*For more information and registration, please call:  
Terry Hoffmann 631-669-0198 or Geri Olson 631-661-8994*

## 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/>.

“For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him.”

Bring God into your marriage to honor Him by going on a virtual Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience on Friday/Saturday/Sunday March 19-21 or Thursdays/Mondays April 8-29.



## 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 “Traditions”. To listen online or for more information, visit: [www.ReligionandRock.com](http://www.ReligionandRock.com).

## Sharing the Gospel

When the Hebrews sinned in the desert, snakes came to bite them. Moses lifted up a metal snake in the desert. If God's people looked at the metal snake, their painful snake bites would be healed. Instead of dying from their snake bites, they would live. Our sins are a lot like those snake bites. Sins turn us away from God, hurt us, and hurt other people. When Jesus was lifted up on the cross, He washed our sins away. Jesus gave us healing and forgiveness. We don't need to die from our sins. We can believe in Jesus, follow God with our whole hearts, and live forever.



## Mission for the Week

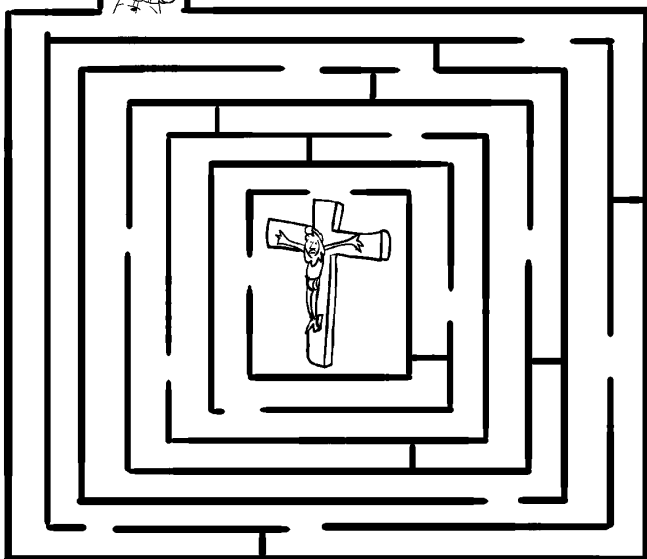


Help your parents wash dishes. As you take dirty dishes and wash them clean, talk about how Jesus washed our sins away on the cross.



### Puzzle

Help the boy find Jesus.



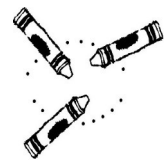
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## Prayer



God,  
thank you for  
sending Jesus  
to wash away my sins.

## Something to Draw



Draw a picture of Jesus on the cross. Around the cross, write down your sins in pencil, then erase them. This will show that Jesus has washed all of your sins away.