

OUR LITURGY

Both of Today's readings—from Sirach and from Paul—teach us that the prayers of the oppressed, the orphaned, the widowed, and the lowly, as well as those who long to be reunited with Jesus, are heard by our just God. The parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector in the Gospel illustrates that the path to justification before God is traveled only in prayerful humility.

Next Weeks Readings: 1) Wisdom 11:22-12:2 2) Thessalonians 1:11-2:2 3) Luke 19:1-10
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ALTAR BREAD & WINE
The gifts offered at our Masses this weekend
Are Donated in Memory of:
Mary Brancifort
Requested by: Loving Sister

REMEMBER OUR DEAD

Catherine Pagano, Joseph Vero, Mary M. Pizzolorusso our deceased soldiers, and all of our deceased relatives and friends.

REMEMBER OUR SICK

For this week, please pray for the sick, especially:

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| Rob Barello | Frank Belsito | Maureen A. Berdon |
| Steven Berini | John Biglin | Matthew Boland |
| Oliver Bouchard | Mary Ellen Bowers | Ash Capparelli |
| Jennifer Carlisle | Emmanuel Coby | Edith Creedon |
| Joan DeCicco | Al Croce | Josephine D'Agostino |
| Edward Delprete | Theresa Donnelly | Maggie Errico |
| Anna Esposito | Louis Fava | Robert Filce |
| Mary Forsythe | Joseph Fortier | Catherine Gracey |
| Andrea Griffin | Ed Hansen | Warren Johnson |
| Wayne E. Kalish | Samantha LaRocca | Georgiana Lopez |
| Kevin McCollum | Juliana McLarney | Maureen Melchiona |
| Rosann Moscato | Anita L Nanry | Tom Nanry |
| Sam Nettles | Timothy M.Nigro | Frank Nostro |
| Joseph Onufrak | Julia Patanella | Edward Percesepe |
| Grace Peshkur | John Petrone | Molly Piccirillo |
| Eleanor Purcaro | Thomas Purcaro | Santo Rodriguez |
| Annette Rodriguez | | |

PLEASE NOTE: *To keep our prayer list current, we will keep names on the sick list for two months. We ask families to return the bulletin cut-out to include names of those who are ill for another two months.*

OUR PRIEST-CELEBRANTS

(Subject to last minute changes)

Saturday	This Sunday	Next Sunday	
5:00 pm	Fr Liu	5:00 pm	Fr Butler
Sunday			
7:00 am	Fr Butler	7:00 am	Fr Thomas
9:00 am	Fr Thomas	9:00 am	Fr Maffeo
10:30 am	Fr Liu	10:30 am	Fr Butler
12:00 pm	Fr Thomas	12:00 pm	Fr Liu
5:00 pm	Fr Maffeo	5:00 pm	Fr Boyle

MASS INTENTIONS

- Sunday, October 24- Thirtieth Ordinary Sunday**
 7:00 Jesus Fernandez requested by Joe Quitoni
 9:00 Deceased Knights of Columbus & Columbiettes
 10:30 Mary G. Sauthoff Loving Sister Anne Murtha
 10:30 Kim Ruscito requested by Girl Scout Troop 1178
 12:00 Mucci & DiCasoli Families requested by
 Mr. & Mrs. Edward J. Gabriel
 12:00 Margaret Ferrone requested by
 Lucretia, Ida & Rose Lucivero
 5:00 Lena Marchesano requested by Norma & Arthur Owen
 5:00 Sally Eiden requested by The Zilinskas Family
- Monday, October 25**
 7:00 Eugene Curtis requested by the Mawn Family
 7:00 The Intentions of the Celebrant
 9:00 Joseph McCoy requested by Loving Granddaughter
 9:00 For Our Beloved Dead
- Tuesday, October 26**
 7:00 Chris Metzger requested by The Kunze Family
 8:45 Marie Antonucci requested by The Powell Family
 8:45 Marie Horgan requested by Loving Family
- Wednesday, October 27**
 7:00 Mary Astorita requested by Mr. & Mrs. Gonzalez
 7:00 Peter Lurra requested by Mr. & Mrs. Gonzalez
 9:00 Alma Drohan requested by Joseph Milians
 9:00 Chuck Romano (living) requested by The McHale Family
- Thursday, October 28- St. Simon and St. Jude**
 7:00 For Our Beloved Dead
 9:00 Clare & Vincent Kearon requested by
 Marianne & Raymond Minicus
 9:00 France Wildig requested by the Smith Family
- Friday, October 29**
 7:00 Anna Supakoff requested by
 Blanche Callejo & Donna Balkus
 9:00 Daniel Sheehan requested by Doris Peterson
 9:00 Anna Supakoff requested by Dorothy Ryan
- Saturday, October 30, Daylight savings time ends tonight**
 8:00 Kenneth Volonino requested by Camille DeRosso
 8:00 Robert M. Muller requested by Joseph Muller & Family
 8:00 Agustina Valenzuela requested by Rosa Cardenas
- Anticipated Mass for Sunday**
 5:00 Harold Lawrence requested by The Brenner Family
 5:00 Michael Romolo requested by Lisa & Mike Innella
 5:00 Blanche McShane requested by Daryl & Daria
- Sunday, October 31- Thirty-first Ordinary Sunday**
 7:00 For Our Beloved Dead
 9:00 Isabel Nazario requested by St. Joseph Catholic Seniors
 9:00 Joseph Molinaro requested by Hepler Family
 10:30 Anna Gaspar requested by Loving Daughter Anne Murtha
 10:30 Bernie Judge requested by Mr. & Mrs. Kelly
 12:00 Charles R. Contato requested by loving family
 12:00 Grace Matthews requested by Mr. & Mrs. Vincent Doria
 12:00 For The People of the Parish
 5:00 Philip Barbowski requested by JoAnn Meyers
 5:00 Nancy Zani requested by Mary Johnson

IF ANYONE WOULD LIKE TO BRING UP THE GIFTS AT THE MASSES ON SATURDAY OR SUNDAY, PLEASE CONTACT ONE OF THE USHERS WHEN YOU ARRIVE FOR MASS.

OVER 40 YEARS AS A PRIEST

Fr. Charles Kohli is celebrating over 40 years as a Priest, 11 years as Chaplain at the Long Island Veterans' Home in Stony Brook, is now retiring.

Anyone interested in sending him a card please mail it to:
 80 Hallock Road,
 Smithtown, NY 11787

FROM THE DESK OF FR. MIKE

“I, the Lord, am your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt...you shall have no other gods beside me. You shall not carve idols for yourselves...you shall not bow down before them...For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God.” This restating of the first two Commandments from the 5th Chapter of Deuteronomy reminds us that God wishes not to be replaced by anything or anyone. After all, He is the one who created us in His own image and likeness, and out of pure love. God created us for no other reason than to love us and share Himself totally with us. God so much wanted to share Himself with us that He became one of us in the person of Jesus.

Yet, we sometime refuse to accept God’s desire to share Himself with us and we interfere with God’s relationship with us. We sometimes do this by placing things, people and ideas in God’s place. Maybe we are not aware of it, but we do it more than we realize. Just think of what sin is. Sin is placing our will before God’s will-which is replacing God with something else. This replacing of God in fact becomes the most dangerous of sins! Why, because when we replace God with the things of this world or the thoughts, ideas, and opinions of our current society (A society that been labeled by many as a purely materialistic, consumer oriented society. Where the prevailing attitude is: I want what I want, and I want it now and I don’t care about you or whether it is right or wrong. His Holiness Pope John Paul II has labeled this society as a Culture of Death.) we commit a grave error. A grave error, because these things, people, and opinions cannot truly make us happy or understand who we truly are. No, in fact they can get in the way and prevent us from getting in touch with the true center of our life-God!

Sometimes we can even replace God with ourselves, and that is exactly what we see at work in today’s Gospel Reading, in the story of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector. The Pharisee was considered by the people in Jesus’ time as a holy man and a religious leader, while the Tax Collector was considered a sinner, a traitor, and a collaborator with the Romans. The people listening to the story expected Jesus to say that the Pharisee was the one who came from prayer justified and that God listened to his prayer, but Jesus says the opposite. It was the Tax collector who has his prayer heard and is justified! Why, because the Tax Collector was truly praying, he expressed the reality that he was a sinner and in need of God’s mercy and help to change his life. The Pharisee, on the other hand, was really praying to himself, oh he may think he was talking to God but he was mistaken! Notice what he says, “O god, I thank you that I am not like the rest of humanity-greedy, dishonest, adulterous-or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, and I pay tithes on all

my income.” Now ask yourself, whom is he talking to God or himself? Who was he worshipping, God or himself? Was he using this opportunity of prayer to communicate with God to listen to what God wanted to say, or was he using it to give God a checklist of how great he was? Let us take the words of Jesus to heart as He closes this Gospel passage, “for whoever exults himself will be humbled.” Let us try to listen to the challenge to see ourselves, as God sees us, and not to put ourselves, our ideas, opinions or anything or anyone else before God. Let not the things and the thoughts of this world become your god replacing the one true God!

Last Thursday Night (Oct. 14th) several members of our parish were honored at St. Agnes Cathedral for their many years of service in Religious Education. They received the St. Pius X award, and I join Jane Favale, Cathy Foy, Gloria Napolitano and the whole Religious Ed. Staff of our parish in thanking and congratulating: Joanne Cerbone, Maureen Ennis, June Grippo, Joanne Hodes, Laurie Kilanowski, Ann McKenna, and Nicholas Morreale. Keep up the good work!

Please remember our Special Mass of Remembrance on All Soul’s Day (Tuesday Nov. 2nd) at 7:30 PM. We will pray for all those who have died, especially remembering all of those who’s Funeral Service or Mass was celebrated here during the past year. We will read their names off at the Prayer of the Faithful during the Mass, and at that time we will invite all those present to come forward and light a candle in memory of deceased loved ones. Refreshments will follow the Mass in Carew Hall-all are invited.

On Monday Nov. 8th, from 4-9 PM, the St. Regis Council of the Knights of Columbus will be holding a much needed Blood Drive (just be glad that they’re not doing it on Halloween), please call Karl at 265-2691 for more information.

Once again, we are calling on the good people of our parish to help families in need. And I must say you have been doing a good job, especially when I see all of the items you are leaving in front of the statue of Our Lady. Next week we ask you to bring with you the following personal items for the Thanksgiving Baskets-Shampoo and Conditioner. Thank you.

Let us pray: God help me to see myself as you see me. Give me your perspective so that I may know my true place in your heart and in the world. Help me never to place anything or anyone before you, for you are my God, my love and the very center of my life. Amen.

Fr. Mike

SAY A PRAYER FOR OUR TROOPS

Please continue to remember them in your prayers.

Cpl Jason Bertran	PFC Justin Browne
Cpl. Michael Bruno	Capt. Kevin Connolly
Spc. Thomas E. Corcoran	Capt Edward Cuevas
Col. Stephen Czerwinski	Sgt Ryan Delaney
Sgt. Stephen Gene DiGirolamo	Pvt. Matthew DiNardo
Lt. John Kenneth DiNero	Lt Nancy DiNero
Cpl Keith Flick	SFC Raymond Fulton
Lt. Craig Gabriellini	SSG Jeremy Garcia
Capt. Jennifer Gotkin	Cpt. Evan Gotkin
Sgt Steven Knight	Spc. Brian Lawson
PFC Brian Lawson	Spc. Adam Mackey
GM2 Gerard McGarity	Sgt. Patrick McNally
Andy Mezador	Spc. Tristin Mortensen
Capt Gregory Mueller	SSG Joey Napolitano
Lnc. Cpl. Thomas Napolitano	L/Cpl. Michael Napolitano
Lnc. Cpl. James Neubauer	COP Jonathan Norris
PFC Anthony Notaroberta	N/Seal Paul Padro
Ensn 3 Lucy Padro	PFC Christopher Reid
Sgt. Edwin Rivera II	SPC. Michael Dean Cantley
SRA Jason Schiavo	Spc. Rudy Schoverling
PO2 Roger Schoverling	SSG Thomas J Valentino
Cpl. Mark Ward	Maj. Edward Ward
Cpl. Zachary Wilga	SSG Dusty Williamson
Sgt. Daniel Montville	Sgt. James Munro
Spc. Daniel Heuman	PFC Edward McGinn
RCT Brian Schildt	SSgt Nick Vicale

(If you would like to include a soldier from your family who is serving, place their name and rank on a piece of paper and put it in the collection basket)

St. Joseph School News

St. Joseph School Student Council is sponsoring a food drive throughout the month of October to assist Parish Outreach in providing help to those in need at Thanksgiving. Each class has been assigned to bring a particular food item in order to supply the Parish Food Pantry

“Future Scientists”—On October 15, 2004, the Second Grade students participated in a program presented by the Long Island Science Center entitled “Measuring Bones.” The children examined a variety of animal skeletons and using their own calipers measured and compared a variety of real animal bones. They reassembled a human skeleton model and designed a necklace made from animal bones. Our young scientist will be very involved in the School Science Lab this month completing many other interesting experiments.

During the month of October, our Fourth Grade students under the direction of Mrs. Hirsch and Mrs. Ward have been refining their research skills. Our school’s halls are filled with reports about Theodore Roosevelt and his many contributions to America as well as posters illustrating how to budget one million dollars. Perhaps

our politicians should seek the expertise of these very enthusiastic students!

Religious Education News

The Religious Education will have new office hours beginning this week, Monday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Tues and Wednesday 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3:30. The office is closed on Friday. If you need to reach us after 3:30 on Tues, Wed and Thurs please call the school number 588-4760.

The **Level 6 Parent meeting** will be held this week on Oct. 26, 27 and 28th. In the auditorium during your child’s class time.

Thank you to all the parents who came to the retreat at Mercy McGann High School in Riverhead.

Your help was greatly appreciated.

Level 1 October 25 Activity in Auditorium at 4:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. You may take your choice of time.

Entertainment Books are available in the Religious Ed Office at a cost of only \$20.00. They make great Christmas Gifts.

Parish Outreach

Your donations of food and staple items are always appreciated. Kindly leave them in the front of Mary’s statue in the Church before or after Mass.

PREGNANCY CRISIS HOTLINE—We are here to help you. Please call 981.6888.

Stewardship

Both the first reading and today’s Psalm say clearly that the Lord hears the cry of the poor. Have I been given the gifts-of time or money or abilities-to be the means by which God answers their need ?

Weekly Offering

743 envelopes	\$13,216
Loose collection	2,484
Total Last Sunday	\$ 15,700
Same collection last year	16,295
Poor Box last weekend	272

Restoration Fund

Thank you to those who have upped their pledges. We received a total of \$ 6,620 in increases this year.

Pledged to date	\$1,126,830
Paid to date	1,010,692

Scrip Corner

Scrip sales last week	\$18,045
Same period last year	21,150
Gross Profit	853

Calendar Club

Congratulations to this week's winners!!!

Oct. 10	\$50	#431	Clare Nickel
Oct. 11	\$25	#566	Ann Richard
Oct. 12	\$25	#119	Steve & Jenise Alfano
Oct. 13	\$25	#159	Robert Misa
Oct. 14	\$25	#547	Maurice & Mae Maloney
Oct. 15	\$25	#599	Carol & Greg Walsh
Oct. 16	\$25	#722	Petrina & Russ Chiarelli

Football Benefit Fund

Week 6 Winners

1st Place	2820	H	O	\$		
		38	38	34	110	\$100. ⁰⁰
2nd Place	213	A	H	O		
		31	38	38	107	77. ⁵⁰
Tie	2750	H	K	O		
		38	31	38	107	77. ⁵⁰
4TH Place	2830	H	O	U		
		38	38	30	106	25. ⁰⁰
Tie	2835	H	O	Z		
		38	38	30	106	25. ⁰⁰
Low Score	616	B	G	?		
		10	3	8	21	11. ⁶⁷
Tie	1400	D	G	?		
		10	3	8	21	11. ⁶⁷
	2562	G	P	?		
		3	10	8	21	11. ⁶⁷

10 weeks to go! Still 10 times to win !!!!!

MOLONEY FAMILY FUNERAL HOMES

Presents

'HOLIDAY HOPE'

Coping with the Holiday Season

After the Death of a Loved One.

Date: Sunday, November 14, 2004
 Location: Moloney's Bohemia Funeral Home
 1320 Lakeland Avenue
 Bohemia, New York
 Time: 1:00—3:00 p.m.

Guest Speaker: Tom Petriano, Ph.D.
 Professor of Religious Studies, St. Joseph's College
 For Reservations please call: (631) 588-1515

Acts of the Apostles

BIBLE STUDY

On Tuesdays from October 26th to December 21st
 Fr. Mike Boyle will be offering the Little Rock Study
 Course on the Acts of the Apostles.

Two sessions each Tuesday: 10^{am} and 7:30^{pm}
 in Carew Hall lasting one and 1/2 hours.

A fee of \$10 per person covers expenses.
 Please call the Rectory at 588-8456

RESPECT LIFE

HOW TO DETERMINE a CANDIDATE'S POSITION

The higher the office, the easier this will be. Congressional representatives and senators, for example, repeatedly have seen these issues come before them and so have taken positions on them. Often the same can be said at the state level. In either case, learning a candidate's position can be as easy as reading newspaper or magazine articles, looking up his views on the Internet, or studying one of the many printed candidate surveys that are distributed at election time.

Locally, a weekly newspaper is mailed to our homes and as was expected, the last issue contained a survey of people running for office at the local level, and their responses to the issues of the day. It would be a good reference.

In the booklet "Voter's Guide for Serious Catholics" (published by Catholic Answers, 2004) five "non-negotiable" issues are listed and explained. The one that heads the list is abortion. And it says: "The Church teaches that, regarding a law permitting abortions, it is never licit to obey it, or to take part in a propaganda campaign in favor of such a law, or to vote for it." That quote is taken from Pope John Paul II, in his encyclical, The Gospel of Life. Abortion is the intentional and direct killing of an innocent human being, and therefore it is a form of homicide.

The child is always an innocent party, and no law may permit the taking of his life. Even when a child is conceived through rape or incest, the fault is not the child's, who should not suffer death for others' sins.

Another important issue is Fetal Stem Cell Research. Fetal stem cells are taken from human embryos, which we Catholics believe and science has proved, to be human beings. "Respect for the dignity of the human being excludes any experimental manipulation or exploitation of the human embryo." (Pontifical Council for the Family, Charter of Rights of the Family).

Recent scientific advances show that any medical cure that might arise from experimentation of fetal stem cells can be developed by using ADULT stem cells instead. Adult stem cells can be obtained without doing harm to the adults from whom they come. Thus there no longer is a medical argument in favor of using fetal stem cells.

Those promoting embryonic stem cell research are hoping they can convince many undecided voters to support them because of their position on this issue. They will fail if the public comes to realize that those who favor research which does not involve destruction of human life are those who are really compassionate because this research protects human life and affords great promise for the cure of disease.

LIFE NEWS, October 2004.

PARISHIONER REQUEST FORM

I/we would like to register as members of St. Joseph Parish.

NAME(s): _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ - _____ *unlisted? (Yes) (No)*

I/we would like to become members of the parish. () Yes
 I/we would like to receive contribution envelopes. () Yes () No
 We make our donations each Sunday () Weekly
 We make our donations once a Month () Monthly

- ..(..)I would like to become an usher
- () I would like to become a lector.
- () I would like to become an altar server.
- () I would like to become a Eucharistic Minister.
- () I would like to become a choir member
- () I would like to become a Catechist
- () I would like to help maintain the parish plantings
- () I would like to offer my following talents to the parish

(Please return to the Church Office or place in Collection Basket)

REMEMBERING THE SICK

Please include the following in the bulletin sick list:

Name of person who is ill:

Person making this request: _____ Relationship to ill person _____

Your Phone #: _____
(Please place in collection basket or return to Church Office)

PARISH RESTORATION FUND

I/we wish to pledge (or increase our pledge to)
 ___ \$5,000 ___ \$4,000 ___ \$3,000 ___ \$2,000 ___ \$1,000
 to St. Joseph's Parish Restoration Campaign.

I/we would like to make payments
 ___ Annually ___ Semi-Annually ___ Quarterly ___ Monthly
 spreading the payments over
 ___ One year ___ Two years ___ Three years ___ Four years

NAME(s): _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ - _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED NOW: \$ _____
(Please return this form in the collection basket or to the Church Office)

One Person's Trash, Another's ...

BOX TOPS from cereals for Educational purposes are always welcomed. Please drop them in the collection.

DEPOSIT BOTTLES AND CANS—Please place them in the blue truck that is located on the school side of the Church on weekends (when it works) or behind the rectory during the week.

CELL PHONES—Please bring your no longer used or needed cell phones and deposit them at the Scrip table in the Church lobby.

Even Used Inkjet Cartridges, Have Their Uses

We have found a way to help St Joseph and keep those complicated pieces of plastic, metal and printed circuit boards out of the land fill. Drop them off (in a plastic baggie) when you come to mass. We will send them to a company who reuses them and gives the parish a bounty for each. One note, to clear confusion, if it is larger than a fist, it is not an inkjet cartridge!!!



**Cub Scout Pack 272
 Boy Scout Troop 272**



St. Joseph's Cub Scout Pack 272 and Boy Scout Troop 272 have fun, exciting, educational, character building programs for boys, age 7 through 17 (*first grade and up*).

For more information or to enroll your child, contact Dr. Louis Scotti at 724-4460 or e-mail JoinScouting@StJoRonk.org.



**Sport for all Seasons
 ST JOSEPH
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| Travel Soccer:
Gene ☎467-0541 | Baseball:
Gene ☎588-1879 |
| Intramural Soccer:
Beth ☎737-6299 | Girls Basketball:
Christine ☎737-3142 |
| Track
Karen ☎588-8636 | Boys Basketball:
Frank ☎585-6921 |
| Chairman: Henry | Melchiona ☎467-6091 |

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