

OUR LITURGY

The celebration of Epiphany was one of the early feasts set by the Church. The Greek word *epiphany*, which means *manifestation*, reveals why Christians emphasized this feast. Jesus came for the salvation of Jews and Gentiles alike. As disciples of Jesus, we *make manifest* how God's presence through Jesus has transformed our lives.

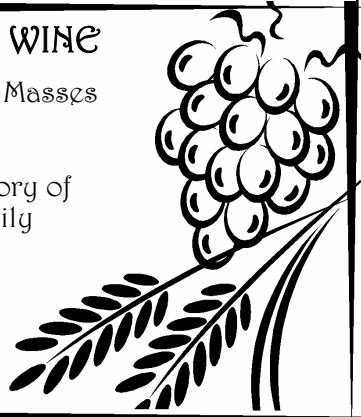
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ALTAR BREAD & WINE

The gifts offered at our Masses this weekend

Are Donated in Memory of The Donovan Family

Requested by Family



REMEMBER OUR DEAD

Nancy Ferraioli, Antoinette Surrusco, Salvatore Noto, Julia Patanella, Richard Breier our deceased soldiers and all of our deceased relatives and friends.

REMEMBER OUR SICK

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

Michael Ambrosio	Rob Barello	Susan Bateman
Frank Belsito	Maureen Berdon	Steven Berini
John Biglin	Matthew Boland	Oliver Bouchard
Ash Capparelli	Emmanuel Coby	Thomasina Cosimo
Josephine D'Agostino	Frank J.D'Auria	Alan Delgado
Amanda Duerr	Robert Filce	Catherine Gracey
Andrea Griffin	Warren Johnson	Gail Karcher
Mr. & Mrs. Keene	Samantha LaRocca	Joan Marten
Rita Meehan	Maureen Melchiona	Timothy M Nigro
Antoinetta Partenope	Julia Patanella	Jonathan Perez
Valerie Perruzza	Grace Peshkur	Molly Piccirillo
Thomas Rigney	Ann Louise Rodriguez	Salvatore Romagnuolo
Frances Romagnuolo	Barbara Rooney	Rose Russo
Joyce Ryan	Mario Schiano	Arlene Shaffer
Antonina Sturiano	Kathleen P. Taylor	Stacie Tizzard
Stephen Walsh	Patrick Wood	Danny Yezzo
Brandon Zartler		

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

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, January 2, Epiphany of the Lord

- 7:00 For the People of the Parish
- 9:00 Joseph R. Saporito requested by Loving Wife
- 9:00 Edward & Walter Kenny requested by Claire & Jim
- 9:00 For the Intentions of the Celebrant
- 10:30 Edie Ryan requested by Tom & Dorothy Farrell & Family
- 10:30 Stanley Kwiathouski requested by His Loving Family
- 10:30 For the Intentions of the Celebrant
- 12:00 Orlando Rainone requested by Victoria Reynolds
- 12:00 Herbert Kauffmann requested by Clarina Kauffmann
- 12:00 For Our Beloved Dead
- 5:00 Guiseppe & Gerolema LaMarca requested by Loving Daughter Petrina
- 5:00 Angelina Mastrangelo requested by Joyce & Joe Ando
- 5:00 For the Intentions of the Celebrant

Monday, January 3, Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus

- 7:00 Franciney Recca (living) requested by Loving Husband
- 7:00 John Gluckler requested by Vincent Corrigan & Family
- 9:00 Ludwig Liepold requested by Mr. & Mrs John Weber
- 9:00 Walter & Edward Kenney requested by Claire & Jim McQuillan

Tuesday, January 4, Feast of Elizabeth Ann Seton

- 7:00 Kevin Scurry (living) requested by Beverly & Joe Mason
- 7:00 John Gluckler requested by Paul Corrigan
- 8:45 Donald Stack requested by Colleen Herd & Family

Wednesday, January 5 Feast of John Neuman, bishop

- 7:00 For The Intentions of the Celebrant
- 9:00 Norma Gilver requested by Nilda & Robert Ortiz
- 9:00 Irma Goodman requested by Dilia Munoz & Family

Thursday, January 6, Andre Bessette, relig.

- 7:00 For Our Beloved Dead
- 9:00 Ann Ferraro requested by Mr. & Mrs. Jose Pedra
- 9:00 Mark Richard Moore requested by Dora Brignoni & Skip Wesselman

Friday, January 7 Raymond of Penyafort, priest

- 7:00 William Hughes requested by Loving Family
- 9:00 Kevin Scurry (living) requested by Dolores & Bernard Reynolds

Saturday January 8, Vigil, Baptism of the Lord

- 8:00 Theresa DeFilippo & Archangela Guidice requested by Marie DeFilippo
- 8:00 Viola Johnson requested by Loving Family
- 5:00 George McFarlane requested by Loving Family
- 5:00 Carmine Cassara requested by Loving Family
- 5:00 Cassara Brothers requested by Loving Family

Sunday January 9, Baptism of the Lord

- 7:00 Cornelius J. Dunleavy requested by Loving Wife Anne
- 7:00 Julia Patanella requested by Madeline Stevens
- 9:00 Ann Gregory requested by Les
- 9:00 For The People of the Parish
- 9:00 Daniel Sheehan requested by Jessie & Vick Mendolia
- 10:30 Shawn McKee requested by Daria Arnold
- 10:30 For The Intentions of the Celebrant
- 10:30 Thelma Marshall requested by Cathy & Jim Foy
- 12:00 Ida Lupo requested by The Rainone Family
- 12:00 Alvin Gonsalves (living) requested by Parents
- 12:00 For All Who Were Baptised during 2004
- 5:00 For Our Beloved Dead
- 5:00 John Francovillo Elaina & Walter Kedjerski
- 5:00 Gertrude Siebert requested by Jennifer Siebert

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.

FROM THE DESK OF FR. MIKE

Father, you revealed your Son to the nations by the guidance of a star. Lead us to your glory in heaven by the light of faith. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.

As our Opening Prayer for today's Mass tells us, we are celebrating the great *Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord*. As we mentioned last year, this day is special for the whole Church because the very meaning of the word Epiphany. Epiphany comes from the Greek *EPIPHANEIA* or *THEPANEIA*, meaning appearance or manifestation of God. This Feast directs us to pay attention to the DIVINE DIGNITY of the Christ Child. On Christmas, we celebrated the Feast of the Incarnation-God truly becoming one of us. Today we remember the other side of this great mystery of our Faith that Jesus is truly God! As we say in the creed, "*God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten not made, one in Being with the Father...*" We also remember on this day, by the presence of the **Magi** (people from the East who were not Jews, but Gentiles) that the Messiah has come for all nations and all peoples. This whole feast of "*Little Christmas*" reminds us of what **Christmas and the Christmas Season** are all about!

Next weekend the *Feast of The Baptism of the Lord*, marks the close of this year's very rapid Christmas Season, and as we did last year we will be welcoming back all of the children who were baptized here at St. Joseph's during 2004. At the 12 Noon Mass, we will have a special blessing for them and their families. All are invited to attend the Mass and the refreshments following in Carew Hall-thanks to our *Baptism Greeters* for hosting this special event.

A very special thank you on behalf of *Frs. Paul, Thomas, Mike Boyle, Peter Liu and our Pastoral Year Seminarian Lee Descoteaux, and myself* for all of your wonderful cards, presents, gifts, cookies and especially your best wishes during this Christmas Season. Also thank you so much for your wonderful generosity to Parish Outreach and to the Parish as a whole. Remember without you and your help, prayers and support nothing could ever happen here at St. Joseph's. I thank God everyday for you and your love of our parish.

A very special thank you to our dear *Father Peter Liu* who leaves us to go back to Florida for the winter. We are so grateful for his wonderful gift of priesthood and ministry and for his great love for St. Joseph's. We will surely miss him, and hopefully he will be back in the summer to visit us as he did this past year.

Backwards Drawing Tickets are still on sale and we do need to sell all 500 if we are to award all of the prizes and

make the most we can for the support of the parish. Therefore, we are asking for your great help in selling the remaining tickets. If you can, please take an unsold ticket, or two, with you to your work place, neighborhood or whatever and sell it (if you don't sell it please bring it back to us so we can keep a proper accounting of the ticket numbers). One person could buy it or the \$100 cost of the ticket can be divided between as many people as you want. It could mean one person or many can win the grand prizes of **10 Thousand Dollars**-it could be you! Don't forget the great party that occurs on the night of the drawing (**January 22, 2005 beginning at 7PM**). Purchase of a \$100 ticket entitles 2 people to attend the party, and extra guest are welcomed for only \$10 a person-so come have a great time, win one of the cash prizes or a door prize and support St. Joseph's.

Next Sunday is *The Long Island Catholic Sunday!* Our Diocesan Paper is pleased to announce a whole new look for the paper. Starting with this week's issue (Jan. 5th) the paper will have an easy-to-read tabloid-style format. If you receive envelopes, there should be an envelope for The Long Island Catholic in your packet. A year's subscription is just \$20 for 52 weekly issues. *The Long Island Catholic* is one way to find out what is happening in the rest of the Diocese, and it helps you to keep up on issues of great importance to the Church in America and throughout the world-thanks.

We close with a part from today's Preface if the Eucharistic Prayer: *Father, all powerful and ever-living God, we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks. Today you revealed in Christ your eternal plan of salvation and showed Him as the light of all peoples. Now that His glory has shone among us, you have renewed humanity in His immortal image.*

God bless you always and Merry Christmas
Fr. Mike

Prayer and Reflection Beginning on Wednesday January 19th

What are the Gospel of John and the letters of John saying to us in the 21st century? What is to pray and live the teachings of John today? Deacon Joseph J. Califano would like to share an hour of prayer and reflection on the writing of St. John either on Wednesday evenings from 7:30-8:30 P.M. or Thursday mornings from 10-11 A.M. The meetings will be held in the Church basement. Let us renew and deepen our relationship to God together.

SAYA PRAYER FOR OUR TROOPS

Please continue to remember them in your prayers.

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| CPL Jason Bertran | PFC Justin Browne |
| CPL Michael Bruno | PC Michael Dean Cantley |
| 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 | SSG Jeremy Garcia |
| CAPT Jennifer Gotkin | SPC Daniel Heuman |
| SGT Steven Knight | 1SGT John Krumholz |
| PFC Brian Lane | GM2 Gerard McGarity |
| PFC Edward McGinn | SGT Patrick McNally |
| Andy Mezador | SGT Daniel Montville |
| SPC Tristin Mortensen | SGT James Munro |
| SSG Joey Napolitano | LCPL Thomas Napolitano |
| LCPL Michael Napolitano | LCPL James Neubauer |
| COP Jonathan Norris | PFC Anthony Notaroberta |
| N/Seal Paul Padro | ENS3 Lucy Padro |
| PFC Christopher Reid | SGT Edwin Rivera, II |
| SR/SA Jason Schiavo | RCT Brian Schildt |
| SPC Rudy Schoverling | PO2 Roger Schoverling |
| SSG Thomas J Valentino | SSG Nick Vicale |
| CPL Mark Ward | MAJ Edward Ward |
| CPL Zachary Wilga | SSG Dusty Williamson |
| SSG Stephen LeGrady | |

(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)

Religious Education

Office hours are Monday 9 to 4:00
 Tuesday and Wednesday 10 to 3:30
 Thursday from 9 to 3:30.
 If you need to reach us after 3:30 pm on Tues, Wed or Thurs please call the school number 588-4760.
The office is closed on Fridays.

Classes start up again this week and we welcome everyone back to a New Year.

Thursday January 6th **Catechist meeting** in the Auditorium at 7:30 p.m.

Monday January 10th **Level 1** Activity in the school auditorium at 4:00 and 6:30. You may take your choice of time.

Entertainment Books are available in the Religious Ed Office at a cost of only \$20.

St. Joseph's Play Group

Do you like to play in church? Well here's your chance!
 Calling all babies, tots and pre-k boys and girls. Bring your Mom/Dad/sitter to the new St. Joseph Play Group for Catholic families every Friday (except school holidays) at 9:30 AM in Fr.Carew Hall. For information, call Sally Miller 737-5120 or stop down to our first get together on Friday, January 7.

Attention Parents! Please consider donating your gently used toys

to the St. Joseph's Play Group.

We are in need of plastic/wooden toys such as Little People & accessories, blocks, wooden puzzles, gently uses board books, pop-up tunnels and other toys suitable for children from birth to age 5. If you have something to donate, please call Sally Miller 737-5120 to arrange for drop-off or pick-up. Thank you.

School News

School will reopen on January 3, 2005

Parish Outreach

Thank you for your overwhelming generosity during this holiday season. **You are absolutely wonderful !!!**

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

Stewardship

Today we remember the three wise men from the East who came to pay homage to the infant Jesus, bringing him rich gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. The gifts we bring-our time, our service and some share of what we earn for the work we do-are equally precious in His sight.

Weekly Offering

Christmas Offering thru 12/25/04	\$52,717
Thru 12/25/03	2,897
Total Last Sunday	\$ 14,415
Weekly Operating Expenses	21,250
Same collection last year	13,814
Poor Box last weekend	552
Fuel Donations	6,609

Scrip Corner

Our scrip provider has informed us that many of our stock items will not be available until the 2nd week in January. We will be able to provide you with scrip to the local supermarkets. **Don't forget it costs you nothing more & helps the Parish.**

Calendar Club

And The Winners Are

Dec. 19	\$50	Catherine Anello
Dec. 20	\$25	V & C SanFilippo
Dec. 21	\$25	Laura Frodell
Dec. 22	\$25	Susan Grieb
Dec. 23	\$25	Mary Ruffino
Dec. 24	\$25	Helen Griffith
Dec. 25	\$200	Edith Creedon
Dec. 26	\$50	Pat Stapelton
Dec. 27	\$25	Leon S. Bassett
Dec. 28	\$25	Thomas McManus
Dec. 29	\$25	Paul Butler
Dec. 30	\$25	Mike DeBellis

And our final drawing for the year—A first time winner
 Dec. 31 \$250 Mr. & Mrs. Angelo Cutrone

Calling All Croupiers

Volunteers are needed to help with our Vegas Nights. We will have training class in the beginning of January. If you are interested in volunteering your time throughout the course of the year please contact Pat Peters at 234-3927 for more information.

Free Throw Competition

The St Regis Squires will be holding their annual Free Throw Competition in our school gymnasium on Saturday, January 8th from 9am to 11:30 am. The competition is open to all boys and girls ages 10-14. There is no cost to participate. For more information, please call Tom Gillin at 981-8229.

RESPECT LIFE

Let's begin the New Year, 2005, with some good news: In the U.S. Congress there are now twenty newly elected pro-life lawmakers. These new people will hopefully be able now to release legislation which had been prevented from reaching the floor for a vote in 2004. Some of those long-delayed bills are:
 The Child Custody Protection Act, which makes it a crime to take a minor over state lines for a secret abortion in violation of a parent's right to be notified;
 The Ban on Human Cloning, which (cloning) always kills a human embryo and in the process, uses a woman as laboratory equipment, as incubator or field for growing and harvesting body parts;
 The Unborn Child Pain Awareness Act, which requires that a woman seeking an abortion after 20 weeks must be informed by the abortionist regarding the capacity of the unborn child to experience great pain during its abortion. In addition, the abortionist would be required to provide the woman with a consent form in which she could refuse or accept the administration of a pain-relieving drug for her unborn child during the abortion.

Please contact your Senator and Congressional member urging them to support the passage of these three bills. Let the 109th Congress be the courageous and moral one.
 Write your Senator at U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510
 Call: Schumer at 212-486-4430 Clinton at 212-688-6262

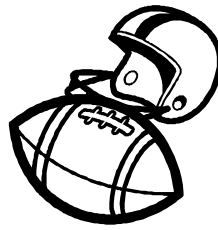
Write your Representative at U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. 20515
 Call: Bishop at 631-696-6500 Israel at 631-951-2210
 To discuss Federal legislation please call John Healy at 631-598-0430.

LIFE NEWS, January 2005

Words do make a difference – consider –
 “Our words can cut or comfort, hinder or help, harass or heal, injure or inspire...Each time we speak we deliver our own state of the heart address.”

William Arthur Ward, The

Christophers News Note
 Plan to attend the 32nd Annual March for Life, January 24, 2005, in Washington, D.C.



Football Benefit Fund

Week 16 Winners

1st Place	155	A	F	?		
		37	41	37	115	\$100. ⁰⁰
2nd Place	157	A	F	H		
		37	41	34	112	51.25
3rd Place	174	A	F	Y		
		37	41	34	112	51.25
4th Place	2101	F	H	?		
TIE		41	34	37	112	51.25
	2373	F	Y	?		
		41	34	37	112	51.25
Low Score	2	#	o/o	\$		
TIE		7	0	7	14	3. ⁵⁰
	3	#	o/o	&		
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		7	7	0	14	3.50
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		7	0	7	14	3.50
	4778	U	V	o/o		
		7	7	0	14	3.50
	4817	V	#	o/o		
		7	7	0	14	3.50
	4822	V	o/o	\$		
		7	0	7	14	3.50
	4823	V	o/o	&		
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Mark Your Calendars



- Jan 9** Unity Sunday
- Jan 9** 12 Noon Mass Celebration of the Baptism of the Lord Special blessing to all the babies baptized in 2004
- Jan 15th & 16th** Sign Up for March for Life Church Lobby
- Jan 22** Backward Drawing 6PM

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2005 Backward Drawing

Sponsor Form

I would like to help support the St. Joseph's Backwards Drawing with a Sponsor Donation to cover all or part of the following expense:

(Please check wherever you can help)



I have enclosed a check for this tax deductible donation and I understand that this contribution will be appropriately recognized in the Parish Sunday Bulletin as well as on the evening of January 22nd

Please make checks payable to: *St Joseph Church.*

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

TOWN _____ PHONE _____

Can't Think of what to give that relative who has everything? Could they use \$10,000?



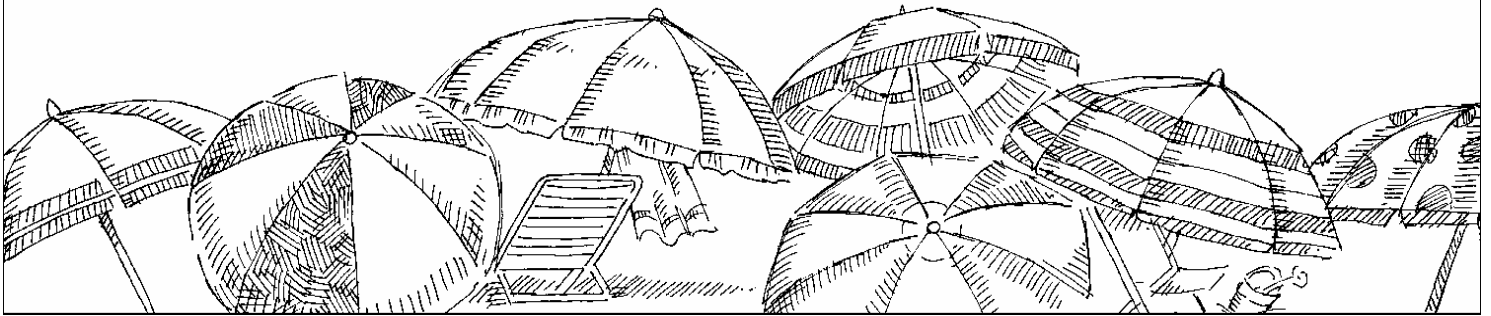
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2005 Backward Drawing

16 Cash Prizes from \$200 to \$10,000⁰⁰

IF ALL TICKETS SOLD. PRIZES PRO-RATED IF TICKETS UNSOLD.

Only 500 Tickets available @ \$100⁰⁰ea



Drawing at St Joseph Church

Saturday, January 22, 2005

Doors open at 7:00 pm

Winner need not be present to win, but it is more fun!

Each Ticket entitles 2 people entrance to party. Extra Guests welcome for \$10.00 a person.

Get together with friends and purchase as a group. The beach is no fun alone!!!

(Ticket Stub Entitles 2 People Entrance to the Party) *Extra Guests welcome for \$10.00 a person.*

\$100.00 Donation Only 500 Tickets Sold

Winners need not be present.

St Joseph RC Church 45 Church St Ronkonkoma, NY 11779

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

Phone # _____ # of Tickets _____

Complete this form and return it to the Rectory.

A numbered ticket stub will be returned to you upon receipt of this form with \$100.00 donation.

Please enclose your donation with this order. Thank You.

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 white trailer that is located on the school side of the Church on weekends 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 |

Events are happening in towns and churches all over Long Island. Discover what's happening in our parish and our community.

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