

OUR LITURGY

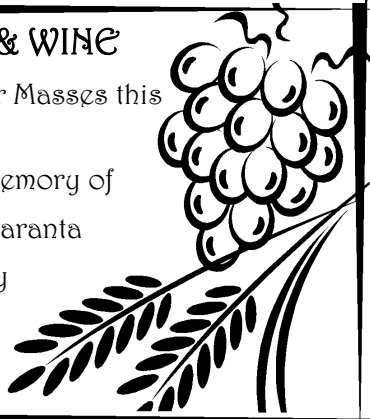
Isaiah tells of the suffering servant who faithfully endures persecution although he is innocent. Paul describes the self giving love of Jesus as He empties Himself in obedience to His Father. Each scene in the passion narrative shows us a glimpse of the sacrificial love the Savior has for us. His love overcame even denial and infidelity.

ALTAR BREAD & WINE

The gifts offered at our Masses this weekend

Are Donated in the Memory of
Deacon Arnold Quaranta

Requested by
Loving Son
&
Family



REMEMBER OUR DEAD

Rose O'Brien, Mary Ellen Finn, Thomas McLaughlin, 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	Robert Barello	Maureen Berdon
Anthony Bock	Oliver Bouchard	Robert Cipriani
Emmanuel Coby	Regina T Cohen	Josephine D'Agostino
Allan Delgado	Anna Dorney	Kristine Duschenchuk
Maggie Errico	Robert Filce	Catherine Gracey
Andrea Griffin	William J Guthrie III	Raymond Harold
Mary Hayes	Gail Karcher	Jack Kelleher
Georgiana Lopez	John McGarry	Juliana McLarney
Maureen Melchiona	Rita Meehan	Timothy M Nigro
Edward Percesepe	Grace C Peshkur	Joseph Poirot
Nicole Ramaglia	Marco Recine	Joan Reilly
Thomas Rigney Jr	Frances Romagnuolo	Salvatore Romagnuolo
Barbara Rooney	Rose Russo	Joyce Ryan
Leticia Schilt	Marie Schwind	Lori Slack
Antonina Sturiano	Joan Teaney	Stacie Tizzard
Henrietta Varon	Keith Vasak	Stephen Walsh
Patrick Woods	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	Palm Sunday	Easter Sunday
5:00 pm	Fr Thomas	7:30 pm Fr Maffeo
7:00 am	Fr Thomas	7:00 am Fr Thomas
9:00 am	Fr Boyle	9:00 am Fr Butler
10:30 am	Fr Maffeo	10:30 am Msgr Boccacola
		11:00 am (Down) Fr Maffeo
12:00 pm	Fr Maffeo	12:00 pm Fr Butler
5:00 pm	Fr Butler	12:30 pm (Down) Fr Boyle

MASS INTENTIONS



- Sunday, March 20, Palm Sunday**
 7:00 For the People of the Parish
 7:00 Francis McCarthy requested by Gerard Amato
 9:00 Elizabeth J Magee requested by Dcn & Mrs M DeBellis
 9:00 Stanley Kwiathouski requested by His Loving Family
 10:30 Ann Gregory requested by Les
 10:30 Diana L Ferrara requested by Eugenia
 12:00 Deacon Arnold Quaranta requested by Loving Son & Family
 12:00 Phyllis Latona requested by Barbara & Joseph Uddo
 5:00 Mark Kurnatowski requested by Loving Family
 5:00 Donald Nelson requested by The Dunphy Family
- Monday, March 21**
 7:00 John Proscia requested by Patti Wilson
 9:00 Szynaka & Regan Families requested by Loving Family
 9:00 Thomas Charles requested by Joe Compitello
 12:10 Anthony Prestigiaco requested by The Paduano Family

- Tuesday, March 22**
 7:00 For the Intentions of the Celebrant
 8:45 Antoinette Surusco requested by Geri & Mike Devenney
 8:45 John Buckley Jr requested by Geri & Mike Devenney
 12:10 Hannah Twombly requested by Georgann & Tom

- Wednesday, March 23**
 7:00 Joseph R Saporito requested by Loving Wife
 7:00 Anna Rampulla requested by the Hughes Family
 9:00 Andrew Napolitano requested by Loving Daughter & Family
 9:00 Henry C King requested by Joe Compitello
 12:10 Rev Raymond Nugent requested by Agnes Ludwigson & Cathy Szynaka

Thursday, March 24, Holy Thursday

- 9:00 Morning Prayer
 7:30 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday, March 25, Good Friday

- 9:00 Morning Prayer
 12:00 Reflection on Seven Last Words of Jesus
 3:00 Liturgy of the Passion
 7:30 Stations & Veneration of the Cross



Saturday, March 26, Holy Saturday

- 9:00 Morning Prayer
 9:30 Blessing of Easter Food

Anticipated Mass for Easter Sunday

- 7:30 PM Easter Vigil Mass

Sunday, March 27, Easter Sunday

- All Masses said For the People of the Parish
 7:00 Church
 9:00 Church
 10:30 Church
 11:00 Carew Hall
 12:00 Church
 12:30 Carew Hall

**** No 5:00 PM Mass ****

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



“Hosanna to the Son of David, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest.” Jesus enters into Jerusalem on this Palm Sunday of The Lord’s Passion, as today, and this Friday, we remember the last days of Jesus’ Earthly life. We will share in His Agony in The Garden, being betrayed by one of His own, and the trials before the Sanhedrin and Pilate. We will remember and even take the part of the crowd who calls out not to free the innocent carpenter from Nazareth, but for the criminal Barabbas. We will also kneel before the Cross of Jesus (the Tree of Life) and contemplate all He has done for us, and we will leave the Church in profound sorrow.

Yet, we will not leave in despair or hopelessness like the crowd who witnessed these events 2000 years ago. For we know that we will return next Sunday not only shouting hosannas, but also that Jesus Christ has Risen Today! This is the Holiest Week of the Church’s year, and it is made so, by what and how we remember. In this week, we will recall Holy Thursday and the sacraments of Eucharist and Priesthood. We will remember His 7 Last Words, and in the Liturgy of His Passion on Good Friday, we will remember His saving death.

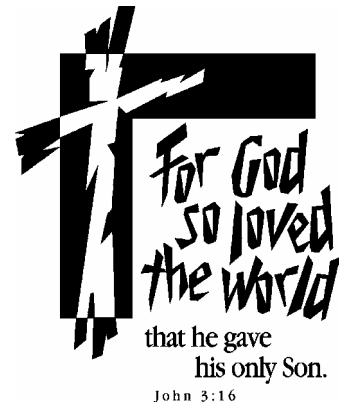
Holy Saturday will find us blessing the new fire and the new water. We will celebrate with those who are coming into the Church through the RCIA and remember our own Baptism. We will celebrate the triumph over death and darkness. Our Lenten journey will come to an end, but our Easter journey will be just beginning and we will be sanctified anew, and then we will shout from the rooftops (oh, we will have to wait till next week, sorry)....

Please consult the bulletin for the schedule of services and the Sacrament of Reconciliation during this week. Please remember that we have added two Masses on Easter Sunday that will be celebrated in Carew Hall. The times of these masses are: 11AM & 12:30 PM. Also, please keep in mind that the Easter Collection is one of the most important collections taken up in the course of the year. Through your great generosity, the parish will be able to do much in serving the Gospel and our brothers and sisters in Christ. Please be as generous as your means will allow.

Do all that you can, and allow God to do all that He can for you during this most holy of weeks.

Let us pray; Almighty Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, you sent your Son to be born of woman and to die on a cross, so that through the obedience of one man, estrangement might be dissolved for all. Guide our minds by His truth and strengthen our lives by the example of His death that we may live in union with you in the kingdom of your promise. Grant this through Christ our Lord. 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	PC Michael Dean Cantley
CAPT Kevin Connolly	SPC Thomas E. Corcoran
CAPT Edward Cuevas	COL Stephen Czerwinski
SGT Ryan Delaney	SGT Stephen G DiGirolamo
Lt John Kenneth DiNero	Lt Nancy DiNero
CPL Keith Flick	SFC Raymond Fulton
RCT Michael Gabriellini	SSG Jeremy Garcia
CAPT Jennifer Gotkin	SPC Daniel Heuman
SGT Steven Knight	1SGT John Krumholz
SSG Stephen LeGrady	Maj Kevin McCue
GM2 Gerard McGarity	PFC Edward McGinn
SGT Patrick McNally	PFC William Meyer
Andy Mezador	SGT Daniel Montville
SSGT Brian Moran	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
SSGT Jason Schiavo	RCT Brian Schildt
SPC James Stanek	SSG Thomas J Valentino
SSG Nick Vicale	SGT John Thomas Vogt
CPL Mark Ward	Maj Edward Ward
CPL Zachary Wilga	SSG Dusty Williamson

(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 are now over for the 2004/2005 calendar year.

Registration forms for the 2005/06 year were given out to the parents last week during class time. If for any reason you did not receive them, please call our office.

Thank you to the Catechists and parents who came to assist at the Temple. A thank you to Rabbi Nebel and her staff.

A great big **thank you** to the Catechists and parents who shopped, cooked and set up for the Video/Seder presentation. Our students and all who attended enjoyed and learned a great deal about our religious roots.

Do you know that St Joseph's has a **Sunday School**? It takes place at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday morning and registration is now being accepted for next year, please call the Religious Ed office for forms at 981-1805.

Entertainment Books are on sale in the Religious Ed Office and the Rectory at a cost of only **\$18. WOW!**

Stewardship

Let a man so account of us,
as of the ministers of Christ,
and stewards of the
mysteries of God.



The Lord God has given me a well trained tongue, that I may know how to speak to the weary a word that will rouse them, says Isaiah in today's first reading. The gifts God has given us are likewise given for the good of others. How am I using my gifts?

Weekly Offering

Weekly Operating Expenses	\$ 21,250
713 envelopes	14,344
Loose collection	2,637
Total Last Sunday	\$16,981
Same Collection Last Year	17,393

Poor Box last weekend \$267

Bishops Overseas Appeal Collection \$1,416
Same Collection Last Year 1,807

Fuel collection 3/13/05 \$ 960
Fuel collection to date 9,321
Fuel expenses 9/1/04 - 3/7/05 \$19,738

Parish Outreach

Free employment counseling is now being offered by a retired business executive. Sessions will be held at the Outreach office by appointment only. If you are interested, please call Outreach between 10am and 3pm Monday through Friday, at 981-6888. You will then be contacted for an appointment date and time.

Fienstein Matching Grant - This foundation will match all donations made to the Outreach Program during the months of March and April. This is a great way to make your contribution dollar go farther. *The need is great but the supply is low.*

PREGNANCY CRISIS HOTLINE - We are here to help you. Please call 981-6888.

Banns of Marriage

(Second Time)

D'Anna Eads and

Keith McNamara both of St Joseph's

Jennifer Shockley and

Thomas Kehoe both of St Joseph's

Jessica Rodriguez and

Carl J DiLallo both of St Joseph's

Melissa Wade and

William Walker both of St Joseph's

Stacy A McAllister of OLPH, Lindenhurst and


Paul A Manfre Jr. of St Joseph's

Amy Brown of St Anthony of Padua, East Northport and

Joseph Giommetti of St Joseph's

Respect Life





Welcome to the Newest Member of Our Parish Family

Robert Thomas Page

China is Reversing Its PolicyJust days after the Chinese government announced plans to provide financial incentives to families who have newborn girls, officials with East China's Zhejiang province have announced that it will strictly enforce a ban on all abortions done to control the gender of the baby.

China's one child population control program of forced abortions and sterilizations has caused an epidemic of families seeking to give birth to a baby boy. Faced with a future where the predominately male population will have few females to marry and sensing that this dangerous trend needs to be reversed, national government officials are instituting a new program PAYING couples to have female babies! Families with girls will be offered free schooling and better housing. They will also be given preferential treatment in welfare allowances and employment. This is good news.

LifeNews.com 8/17/04 St. Kilian Respect Life 11/07/04

Chinese Auction

The St Regis Columbiettes will be sponsoring a Chinese Auction on



April 1 in the St Joseph School Auditorium. The doors will open at 6:30PM and admission is \$5.00 which includes 25 tickets. Extra cards can be purchased for \$1.00. Coffee and cake will be served. For more information

please call 585-1719.

Decorators Needed

Come and help to decorate our beautiful church for Easter! Everyone is welcome to join us on Saturday March 26 in the Church lobby starting at 9:30 A.M. Remember - God doesn't call the qualified, He qualifies the called.



School News

St Joseph's School is accepting enrollment for the 2005-2006 school year. There are opening from Pre-K thru 8th grade. Please call the school at 588-4760 for more information.

Our boys and their moms are enjoying time together at Sports Plus this weekend. We look forward to all the details in next weeks bulletin.

DAY of RECOLLECTION

Saturday, April 2nd, 2005 9 AM - 2 PM.

Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, Huntington, NY

Cost: \$25 per woman

Our day of reflection, prayer and fellowship will be led by Lee Descoteaux, our own in-residence seminarian. The program will include a continental breakfast at 9 a.m. in the refectory, a presentation by Lee in McKenna Lounge, time for reflection/tour of the seminary, lunch and Mass.

Send your check (deadline March 25) payable to Catholic Daughters Court 375 to: Regina Brown, 15 Wincoma Dr. Huntington, NY 11743.

Directions to seminary: From 25A/Main Street, Huntington, to West Neck Road. (driving West, it will be a right-hand turn.) Proceed north for 3 miles. Turn right into first seminary driveway you see marked "students". Park in back and enter through Visitors' Entrance. Follow the signs.

Call 631-423-0483 ext. 140 (w) or 631-424-6090 (h).

Sponsored by Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court 375 and St. Joseph's Court, 975.

Healing Retreat



A Healing Retreat with Rev Bill Halbing will be held here on Saturday, April 30 from 12:45 to 8:30 PM. This power

packed retreat consists of liturgy, confession, praise and worship, witnessing, workshops, teachings and a healing service! Registration is only \$10 and includes refreshments and dinner. Seating is limited, so register early. The retreat is sponsored by Servants of the Lord Prayer Community.

For more information please contact Max & Fler at 585-4828 or Benny & Thelma at 754-7660.

Mark Your Calendars



Mar 24 Holy Thursday 7:30 PM Mass

Mar 25 Good Friday

12 noon Reflections on The Seven Last Words Of Christ
3PM Communion Service

April 1 First Friday 7:30PM Holy Hour

April 3 Divine Mercy Sunday 3PM Holy Hour

April 3 Fr Dineros 50th Anniversary Mass
12 Noon Reception to Follow

April 10 Unity Sunday

April 30 Healing Retreat 12:45-8:30PM

Catholic Ministries Appeal 2005

In the remote southwestern area of the Dominican Republic, there are two Catholic parishes staffed by volunteers from the Diocese of Rockville Centre. The first is San Pedro Apostol in El Cercado and the second is Nuestra Señora de Fatima in Hondo Valle.

In 1979, following a request for assistance from the late Bishop Ronald Connors San Juan de la Maguaña in the Dominican Republic, leaders from the Diocese of Rockville Centre traveled there. Our diocesan officials witnessed first-hand that these parishes were in dire need as the people were starving and had little chance of improving their situation. Because our leadership felt it was important to share our resources with the poorest of the poor, volunteers from our diocese were asked to help, and

so our formal commitment to these two parishes began.

Today, 25 years later, we remain committed to assisting the people of this struggling area. Currently, Msgr. John Cervini and Sisters of St. Joseph Jane Reilly and Babs Barry of our diocese are voluntarily serving full-time there at the parishes and at a hospital hospitality house in Santo Domingo. Their service in helping the impoverished people of this land is an example for all of us to follow, and one which we recognize with profound gratitude.

Our main objective has been to improve the quality of life for the people of this area. Every year, different groups from our diocese also sponsor trips to the two parishes. Lay and ordained volunteers deliver food, medicine and necessary

supplies. Our volunteers also visit the poor, help with Baptisms and provide necessary assistance to the needy residents. Frequently upon returning from the journey, our volunteers will share their experiences with other parishioners, which often prompts other professionals to travel to the Dominican Republic and offer their services free of charge.

Your gift to the Catholic Ministries Appeal helps fund this mission project of our diocese and enables this most important work to continue. We help with such endeavors because we, as Catholics, are called upon to support the universal Church, especially those who are unable to help themselves.

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Catholic Ministries Appeal 2005 St Joseph R C Church, Ronkonkoma, NY

Diocese of Rockville Centre
PO Box 4000, Rockville Centre, NY 11571-4000
516 379-5210 ext 2 Fax 516 379-5043 email: catholicministries@drvc.org

Pledge: \$ _____ Initial Payment: \$ _____ Balance: \$ _____

Thank you for your support. Please make checks payable to: **Catholic Ministries Appeal**

Name: _____

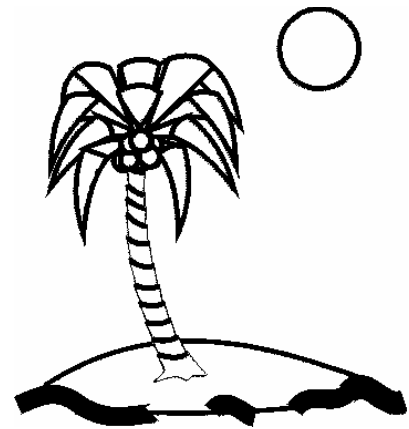
Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

A Guide to Giving	
Pledge	10 Payments
\$ 300	\$ 30
500	50
1,000	100
1,500	150
2,500	250

St. Joseph's Home School Association
11th Annual Spring Fashion Show
Hawaiian Style

Wednesday, April 20, 2005
7PM - 11PM
At Villa Lombardi's
877 Main Street
Holbrook, NY



\$50. Per ticket - Includes salad, dinner, dessert, coffee/tea, beer/wine/soda
Chinese Auction Give-A-Ways 50/50 Cash Prize Raffles

Tickets can be ordered by filling out the form in the Church Lobby by April 13, 2005



Catch the Wave
.....And a Chance to Win

Annual Fashion Show Raffle - April 20, 2005
To Benefit St. Joseph's School

1st Prize:

47" Panasonic TV or
\$1500 Tuition Credit at St. Joseph's School

2nd Prize:

A Night on the Town: Dinner for Two
Tickets to a Show at the Smithtown Arts Council
Overnight Stay at the Holiday Inn Express

3rd Prize:

Zenith Home Theater System

Donation: \$25

Return this form with your payment to the Rectory by April 18, 2005 or
stop by our table after Sunday Mass. Tickets will also be available at the Fashion Show.

I want to catch the wave...

Name _____

Telephone _____

Home Address _____

Number of Tickets ___ X \$25 = _____ Enclosed

Food for Thought

Disciplines of True Fasting - True fasting can also be a time of feasting. Fasting can be a time when you could: FAST from judging others; FEAST on Christ dwelling in them.

FAST from emphasis on differences; FEAST on the unity of all life.

FAST from apparent darkness; FEAST on the reality of all life.

FAST from thoughts of illness; FEAST on the healing power of God.

FAST from words that pollute; FEAST on phrases that purify.

FAST from discontent, FEAST on gratitude

FAST from anger, FEAST on Patience

FAST from pessimism; FEAST on optimism.

FAST from worry, FEAST on God's providence.

FAST from complaining, FEAST on appreciation.

FAST from negatives, FEAST on affirmatives.

FAST from unrelenting pressures, FEAST on unceasing prayer.

FAST from hostility, FEAST on nonresistance.

FAST from bitterness, FEAST on forgiveness.

FAST from self-concern, FEAST on compassion for others.

FAST from personal anxiety, FEAST on eternal truth.

FAST from discouragement, FEAST on hope.

FAST from facts that depress, FEAST on verities that uplift.

FAST from lethargy, FEAST on enthusiasm.

FAST from suspicion, FEAST on truth.

FAST from thoughts that weaken, FEAST on promises that inspire.

FAST from shadows of sorrow, FEAST on the sunlight of serenity.

FAST from idle gossip, FEAST on purposeful silence.

FAST from problems that overwhelm, FEAST on prayer that sustains.

Courtesy Announcements

Concert - Rachel Barton Pine, world renowned classical violinist, will be give a rare Long Island concert at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in West Islip, on Friday, April 1 at 8 PM. The concert will benefit OLL's Sister Parish in Esquipulas, El Salvador. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$5 for students under 16. For more information call Our Lady of Lourdes Rectory at 662-3224.

International Luncheon will take place on April 17th from 1 - 5 PM at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Pond Rd in Ronkonkoma. The cost of \$12.50 pp includes prizes and entertainment. For tickets call Karen at 585-0828.

Everything You Wanted to Know About Annulments information meeting will be held at St. John the Baptist High School in West Islip on Wednesday, April 13th from 8-10 PM. For registration call 516-678-5800 ext 508 or email clok@drvc.org.

The young men and women of Boy Scout Venturing Crew 777 are hosting a spaghetti dinner on April 9th at 6PM in Carew Hall. Tickets are \$6 per person and the proceeds they earn will go toward a trip to Philmont Scout Ranch, New Mexico for a High Adventure Trek. Enjoy a "full-filling" dinner for not so much money and help the scouts. There will also be a Chinese Auction taking place during the dinner. Please join us!

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 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 656-8428 or e-mail JoinScouting@StJoRonk.org.



Sport for all Seasons

**ST JOSEPH
CYO**



Travel Soccer:

Gene ☎467-0541

Intramural Soccer:

Beth ☎737-6299

Track

Karen ☎588-8636

Chairman: Henry

Baseball:

Gene ☎588-1879

Girls Basketball:

Christine ☎737-3142

Boys Basketball:

Frank ☎585-6921

Melchiona ☎676-6347

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

Visit our parish pages at

MyChurchandTown.com