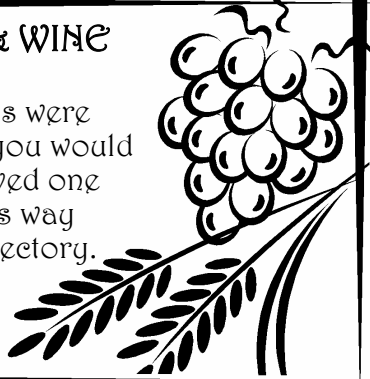


OUR LITURGY

In the first reading, Peter testifies that Jesus is both God and Messiah. Peter calls the people to "repent and be baptized." In the second, Peter likens patience in suffering to the suffering of Jesus. In the Gospel, Jesus names Himself the Sheep Gate. Those who enter through Jesus will *be saved, find pasture, and have abundant life.*

ALTAR BREAD & WINE

No Arrangements were made for this week. If you would like to have your loved one remembered in this way please contact the rectory.



REMEMBER OUR DEAD

Charles M Maddi, 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	Maureen Barden	Robert Barello
Anthony Bock	Mary Ellen Bowers	Robert Cipriani
Emmanuel Coby	Regina T Cohen	Josephine D'Agostino
Allan Delgado	Anna Dorney	Kristine Duschenchuk
Maggie Errico	Julie Ann Farkas	Catherine Gracey
Mary Hayes	Gail Karcher	Jack Kelleher
Rita Meehan	Maureen Melchiona	Betty Mulligan
Timothy M Nigro	Grace C Peshkur	Joseph C. Poirot
Marco Recine	Joan Reilly	Frances Romagnuolo
Salvatore Romagnuolo	Barbara Rooney	Rose Russo
Joyce Ryan	Jeanette Schaffer	Marie Schwind
Lori Slack	Linda Stoltz	Antonina Sturiano
Peter Tanton	Joan Teaney	Edward Tedla
Veronica Thatch	Stacie Tizzard	Stephen Walsh
Patrick Woods		

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 Butler	5:00 pm Fr Boyle
7:00 am	Fr Butler	7:00 am Fr Boyle
9:00 am	Fr Boyle	9:00 am Fr Maffeo
10:30 am	Fr Maffeo	10:30 am Fr Thomas
12:00 pm	Fr Thomas	12:00 pm Fr Butler
5:00 pm	Fr Maffeo	5:00 pm Fr Thomas

MASS INTENTIONS



Sunday, April 17, Fourth Sunday of Easter

- 7:00 Josephine Valente requested by Mr & Mrs R DeSane
- 7:00 Theresa Braczkw requested by Mr & Mrs Victor San Filippo
- 9:00 Ann Gregory requested by Les
- 9:00 Kenny & McQuillan Families requested by Claire & Jim
- 10:30 Joseph Papa requested by Corinne Barde
- 10:30 Mary Tempesta & Ann Dennis requested by Claire & Jim
- 12:00 For the People of the Parish
- 12:00 Carmen Ortiz requested by Gaspare & Lee Saracino
- 5:00 Andrew Lawrence requested by Carolyn Grupe
- 5:00 Margaret McHale (living) requested by Katie Spelman

Monday, April 18

- 7:00 Margaret McCullagh requested by Margaret & Chris Marshall
- 9:00 Edward Kelly requested by Lisa & Jerry O'Mara
- 9:00 Nancy Odierno requested by The Paduano Family

Tuesday, April 19

- 7:00 Intentions for the Homeless requested by Rosie Rivo
- 8:45 Lisa Ann Randazzo requested by The Skidmore Family
- 8:45 Robert G Cipriani requested by Mr & Mrs Caracciolo

Wednesday, April 20

- 7:00 Robert Ortiz requested by Loving Family
- 9:00 Eugene Schaaf requested by Ann Planken
- 9:00 John Zacharczyk requested by Joan Marino

Thursday, April 21, St Anselm

- 7:00 Marie McDonnell requested by Fr Michael Boyle
- 9:00 Jim Simon requested by Eileen Panitz
- 9:00 Jeane Voight requested by Joe Licata & Family

Friday, April 22

- 7:00 For the Intentions of the Celebrant
- 9:00 Paul Bongiorno requested by Loving Wife
- 9:00 Nelle Snediker requested by Mr & Mrs Anthony Mattace

Saturday, April 23, St George

- 8:00 Anna Arpino requested by Bridget & Vincent Corrado
- 8:00 Thomas Rigney Jr requested by Russo & Turner Families

Anticipated Mass for Sunday

- 5:00 Sally & Paul Cordasci requested by The DiSalvo Family
- 5:00 Margaret Lencek requested by The DiSalvo Family

Sunday, April 24, Fifth Sunday of Easter

- 7:00 Theodore Schaller requested by Michele & Peter Karika
- 7:00 Rosalie Caiafa requested by Mr & Mrs Victor SanFilippo
- 9:00 Cecilia Goncalves requested by Mr & Mrs Domingos Lopes
- 9:00 Deceased Members of the St Regis Knights of Columbus & Columbiettes
- 10:30 For Our First Communicants
- 10:30 Stella Sagan requested by The McMurray Family
- 10:30 Segondeno Salanga requested by Mr & Mrs Bernaldo Gamboa
- 12:00 Agnes Kelly requested by Mr & Mrs Maffeo
- 12:00 Neil Ing requested by The Kitterle Family
- 5:00 Alice McNulty requested by Kathleen Sanbuco
- 5:00 For the People of the Parish

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

have been

“So Jesus said again, ‘Amen, amen, I say to you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. A thief comes only to steal and slaughter, and destroy; I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly.’”

With these words from today’s gospel on this **“Good Shepherd Sunday”**, we are told in another way Jesus’ mission to the world and the special role He plays in our salvation. Jesus is the Good Shepherd who leads his flock to green pastures, and the only way He can do this is if we listen to His voice! As Jesus tells his audience, many false shepherds have come before Him, but the sheep refused to listen because they knew they were not speaking the truth. Jesus is the truth and the way and (as He tells us today) the **Gate** we must pass through if we are to obtain true life.

Jesus is the Good Shepherd who promises us that He will never leave us and that He will continue to Shepherd His flock until the end of time. **How?** Through the people He calls through the voice and power of the **Holy Spirit**-who He and the Father send upon the Church at **Pentecost** and everyday since! On *Holy Thursday Evening*, we celebrated the Mass of the Lord’s Supper. During that Mass, we commemorated Jesus’ institution of the **Eucharist** and the institution of the **Sacrament of Holy Orders**-as Jesus called the First Bishops of the Church to celebrate the Eucharist in memory of Him. As the Apostles were ordered and commissioned to carry on the Saving Mission of Christ, so too they passed it on to their successors, and this continues on in the Church right up to this day.

While we are still sad over the death of our great shepherd **Pope John Paul II**, we must continue to follow the example he gave us making Jesus the center and focus of our lives. We must continue on as we remember the wonderful promise Christ made us that He would guide His Church (flock) until He returns. Tomorrow the Cardinals will gather in the **Conclave** to ask the **Holy Spirit** to guide them in electing a new successor to St. Peter. We must keep them in our prayers so that they will truly be open to the voice of the Good Shepherd and choose the right person. However, we must not just pray for the Cardinals, no we must also pray for vocations to every ministry in the Church, especially Ordained Ministry (Priests and Deacons) and Religious Life (Religious Sisters and Brothers). This day has also been declared **World Day of prayer for Vocations**. Fostering Vocations to Ordained Ministry and the Religious Life is the job of every Catholic, and we at St. Joseph’s have never walked away from this great responsibility. We have welcomed countless Seminarians to our parish both as Transitional Deacons or as Pastoral Year Students-currently we have welcomed and

blessed by the presence of Mr. Lee Descoteaux and before him the now Fathers Robert Klein and Richard Henning (now one of Lee’s professors at the Seminary). Many vocations have come from our parish, the most recent being Fr. Walter Kedjierski. At the present time, there are several people considering vocations to the Priesthood, the Diaconate, and Religious Life-please keep them in your prayers. As you can see we have much to be proud of, but we cannot become complacent, and we must continue to work and pray for vocations. We should not be afraid to approach a person we believe has a vocation and ask them if they have ever thought of being a Priest, Deacon or Religious Sister or Brother. Sometimes all it takes is for someone to ask the question. Who knows, you can be the very instrument that God is going to use to call that person to greater service to the Church. We must do all that we can to foster vocations in our own families, and if you think that it’s such a strange and different life-don’t. It is no more difficult or harder than any other walk in life. Just ask any one who is in this life, and they will tell you they would not have it any other way. For me it is a great life and I thank God every day for this wonderful gift of Priesthood. So pray, look and ask, because if you don’t there will be **no one** to minister the sacraments, or carry on the very special and necessary ministries of the Church performed by Ordained Ministers and the Religious.

We would like to congratulate **Catherine Carroll, Anthony J. DiGregorio and Alexandra Gerretz** for being named Finalist in this year’s Respect Life Contest-*Made In His Image*. Catherine is a Finalist for Poetry I, Anthony is a Finalist for Essay I and Alexandra is a Finalist for Bookmark Design I. We are all so very proud of you, and thank you for the wonderful example and Christian Leadership you have shown us all. They were honored in a Respect Life Youth Celebration held this past Thursday April 14th at St. Joseph’s College in Patchogue; Bishop Emil Wcela was the presider.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are reminded about the special evening of prayer and work-shopping to be held on Tuesday Night **April 26th at 8PM** in the Church. All *EMHC*’s are asked to attend this meeting so we can be renewed and keep up with current practices in the Sacred Liturgy. **Lectors and Ushers** will be having a similar Night of Prayer and Work-Shopping on Tuesday Night **May 3rd at 8PM** in the Church. Likewise we are in need of more people to participate in the Ministry of Ushers-especially at the **12 Noon Sunday Mass**. If you can serve the Community in this way, please call the Rectory.

God bless you in all you do for St. Joseph’s and please pray for Vocations.

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 Glenn Miller
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	MAJ Paul E Pinaud
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 am to 4 pm
Tuesday and Wednesday 10 am to 4 pm
Thursday from 9 am to 4 pm
Office is closed on Friday

The Office will be closed on Monday April 25th.

Registration If you did not pick up your forms, please stop into the office for them. Any child entering first grade in September should be registered for level 1 which is the first year of the two year communion prep.

Level 2 April 23rd -10:30 Communion rehearsal - April 19 at 6:45 p.m. **April 23 - 1:00** Communion rehearsal - April 20 at 6:45 p.m.

Level 1 Parents please make arrangements to go to the Rectory to have your child's prayers heard with one of our priests by May 31st. All Level 1 books should be returned by **May 1st**.

Do you know St Joseph has a **Sunday School** program. It takes place at 9:00 a.m. on Sundays. Registration is now being accepted for this program. Please call the Religious Ed office for forms at 981-1805.

Mark your calendar St Joseph's will once again be having a Summer Vacation Bible school from July 25 -29 for

ages 4 through 9. More information to come.

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

Stewardship

Jesus says, "I came that they may have life, and have it more abundantly." Good stewards are grateful for the gift of life and live it more abundantly through the sharing of God's gifts for the good of others.



Weekly Offering

Weekly Operating Expenses	\$ 21,250
759 envelopes	14,430
Loose collection	2,513
Total Last Sunday	\$16,943
Sunday After Easter 2004	15,933
Total Easter Sunday to date	\$48,100
Same Collection Last Year	46,850

Poor Box last weekend \$296

Fuel collection to date \$11,786

Fuel expenses 9/1/04 - 4/1/05 26,033

Parish Outreach

For the month of March we serviced 209 clients. Financial assistance amounted to \$2,881. There were 15 new clients added and total services and referrals provided were 453. This included food, living needs, Health Care information, advocacy and housing. Your continued support of the Outreach Program makes all of this possible. Thank you.

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.

School News

We are very proud of **Theresa Dell'Aglio**, a graduate of St Joseph's, who recently achieved the Honor Roll at Kellenberg Memorial High School. **Congratulations Theresa !!**

Raffle tickets are still available for the **Fashion Show on Wednesday, April 20** - Catch the Wave - to wonderful prizes and at the same time support our beloved school. Please see representatives after Mass in the lobby.

Baptisms

Welcome to the Newest Member of Our Parish Family

- Craig Daniel Berkhan, Jr
Dominic Charles Chiarovano
- Hannah Grace Majeski
Brendan Louis Hesse
- Leah Sara Naccarato
Emily Renee O'Connor
- Connor Ryan O'Hehir
Kenzi Mena Sorensen



Respect Life

QUESTION & ANSWER

(from Life News, April 2005)

Is there a website that teens could reference regarding abortion? YES! And here it is: www.TeenBreaks.com. Because it is a sobering fact that the United States has the highest teen

pregnancy rate among developed countries and that almost 50% end in abortion, the sponsor of this website, the Rosetta Foundation, is committed to outbidding the abortion sites and clinics to have [TeenBreaks.com](http://www.TeenBreaks.com) appear in one of the top three slots for the keyword, abortion.

The web page is very well done with nice photos of teenagers and a generally enticing presentation. The viewer is offered a sidebar menu choice of the following main topics:

- >Girls who aborted tell their own stories about why they chose abortion, what the abortion was like, and how they feel now.
- >What is abortion? If you choose to do this, learn about the different types of abortion procedures.
- >Abortion doctors speak about their reasons for performing abortions, and what it's like to have an abortion practice.
- >Abortion complications – Girls – outlines the immediate and long-term complications specific to teen abortions.
- >Abortion complications – Guys – discusses the immediate and long-term impact of abortion on teen fathers.
- > Abortion survivors tell their personal stories of how they were aborted and lived to talk about it!

Sample message to your NYS Senator and Assembly Member regarding the Human Cloning Prohibition Act S.2400/A.4855, as mentioned last week here:

Dear Senator/Assembly Member: I urge you to sponsor and actively support the Human Cloning Prohibition Act S.2400/A.4855. Help those suffering from disease by supporting ADULT stem cell research, which has resulted in hundreds of cures and does not require the destruction of human life. It is important that you oppose funding of embryonic stem cell research called for in Senator Spano's bill and in Senator Krueger's bill S.433 which are truly "clone and kill" bills exploiting women and diverting funds from proven life saving adult and cord stem cell research. Please reply.

NYS Senate/Assembly NYS Bill Status Hotline
Albany, NY/Albany, NY 1-800-342-9860
518-455-2800/518-455-4100

Banns of Marriage
(Second Time)



- Daeleen Nieves of Good Shepherd, Holbrook and Paul Latasso of St Joseph's
- Carolyn Minker of St Patrick's Smithtown and James P Domiano of St Joseph's
- Kathrine E Poio and Timothy J Gardner both of St Joseph's
- Lorrene Johnston of St.James, NY and Scott Delamater of St Joseph's
- Nicole Adams of Our Lady of Grace, W Babylon and Nicholas Crumlich of St Joseph's
- Corinne A Gilberti and Christopher T Hofmann both of St Joseph's
- Debra June Poska of St Joseph's and Eugene R Magee Jr of Holy Family, Hicksville
- Dorene S Jakubowski of St Joseph's and Benjamin E Gallup of Rocky Point, NY



Memorials

We are in the process of ordering matching stoles for our vestments. The cost of the stoles are \$250 each and can be memorialized for your loved ones. If you are interested in a memorial of this kind please contact the rectory at 588-8456 for more information.

CYO

CYO families please set aside Saturday, May 7th at 5:00 to celebrate, as a family, the Eucharist. Athletes please wear a CYO jersey. Look for more details next week.

Pancake Breakfast

The St Regis Squires will be holding a Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser at St Regis Knights of Columbus Council on Sunday, April 24th after the 9 am and 10:30 am masses. \$7 for adults and \$5 for senior citizens and children under 12. All are welcome to attend.

Mark Your Calendars



- April 20** School Fashion Show
- April 26** Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
- Evening of Prayer & Workshop 8PM
- April 30** Healing Retreat 12:45-8:30PM
- Healing Mass 6:15 PM
- May 3** Ushers & Lectors Evening of Prayer & Workshop 8PM
- May 7** CYO Remembrance Mass 5PM
- May 8** Crowning of Mary before 12:00 Mass

Check Your Calendar

Catholic Ministries Appeal 2005

My question to all of you is: Would you have made the same choice?

At a fundraising dinner for a school that serves learning disabled children, the father of one of the students delivered a speech that would never be forgotten by all who attended.

"I believe, that when a child like Shay comes into the world, an opportunity to realize true human nature presents itself, and it comes, in the way other people treat that child."

Then he told the following story: Shay and his father had walked past a park where some boys Shay knew were playing baseball. Shay asked, "Do you think they'll let me play?"

Shay's father knew that most of the boys would not want someone like Shay on their team, but the father also understood that if his son were allowed to play, it would give him a much-needed sense of belonging. Shay's father approached one of the boys on the field and asked if Shay could play.

The boy looked around for guidance and, getting none, he took matters into his own hands and said, "We're losing by six runs and the game is in the eighth inning. I guess he can be on our team and we'll try to put him in to bat in the ninth inning."

In the bottom of the eighth inning, Shay's team scored a few runs but was still behind by three. In the top of the ninth inning, Shay put on a glove and played in the outfield. Even though no hits came his way, he was obviously ecstatic just to be in the game and on the field, grinning from

ear to ear as his father waved to him from the stands.

In the bottom of the ninth inning, Shay's team scored again. Now, with two outs and the bases loaded, the potential winning run was on base and Shay was scheduled to be next at bat.

The Question: let Shay bat and give away their chance to win the game?

Surprisingly, Shay was given the bat. Everyone knew that a hit was all but impossible since Shay didn't even know how to hold the bat properly, much less connect with the ball.

However, as Shay stepped up to the plate, the pitcher moved in a few steps to lob the ball in softly so Shay could at least be able to make contact.

The first pitch came and Shay swung clumsily and missed. The pitcher again took a few steps forward to toss the ball softly towards Shay.

As the pitch came in, Shay swung at the ball and hit a slow ground ball right back to the pitcher. The pitcher picked up the soft grounder and could have easily thrown the ball to the first baseman. Shay would have been out and that would have been the end of the game.

Instead, the pitcher took the ball and turned and threw the ball on a high arc to right field, far beyond the reach of the first baseman. Everyone started yelling, "Shay, run to first! Run to first!"

Never in his life had Shay ever made it to first base. He scampered down the baseline, wide-eyed and startled. Everyone yelled, "Run to second, run to second!"

By the time Shay rounded first base, the right fielder had the ball. He could have thrown the ball to the second-baseman for the tag, but he understood the pitcher's intentions and intentionally threw the ball high and far over the third-baseman's head.

Shay ran toward second base as the runners ahead of him deliriously circled the bases toward home. Shay reached second base, the opposing shortstop ran to him, turned him in the direction of third base, and shouted, "Run to third!"

As Shay rounded third, the boys from both teams were screaming, "Shay, run home!"

Shay ran to home, stepped on the plate, and was cheered as the hero who hit the "grand slam" and won the game for his team. "That day," said the father softly with tears now rolling down his face, "the boys from both teams helped bring a piece of true love and humanity into this world."

Each year we are asked to reach out and help others in the Catholic Ministries Appeal. This money helps fund our Diocesan High Schools where the students are not only "allowed," but, encouraged to hear about, and learn from God. This money helps to give people like Shay a safe healthy home through Catholic Charities. It helps train the leaders of tomorrow not to make the mistakes of the past. It helps us make Christ visible to the people of Long Island.

The ball is there on the ground at your feet. How are you going to play it?

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: _____

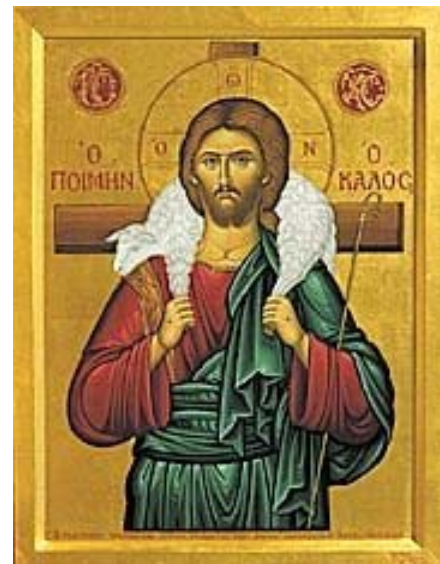
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A Guide to Giving	
Pledge	10 Payments
\$ 300	\$ 30
500	50
1,000	100
1,500	150
2,500	250

This form can be returned to St Joseph Rectory or put in an envelope and placed in the Sunday collection. We thank you for your support.

42nd World Day of Prayer for Vocation

Sunday, April 17, 2005
Fourth Sunday of Easter
Good Shepherd Sunday



“I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep.” *John 10:11*

The theme for this year’s World Day of Prayer for Vocations is
“Called to put out into the deep”

*Jesus, Son of God,
In whom the fullness of the Divinity dwells,
You call all the baptized to “put out into the deep,”
taking the path that leads to holiness. Waken in the hearts of young people
the desire to be witnesses in the world of today to the power of your love.
Fill them with your Spirit of fortitude and prudence, so that they may be able to
discover the full truth about themselves
and their own vocation.*

*Our Savior,
sent by the Father to reveal His merciful love, give to your Church the gift of young
people who are ready to put out into the deep, to be the sign among their brothers of Your presence
which renews and saves.*

*Holy Virgin, Mother of the Redeemer,
sure guide on the way towards God and towards neighbor, You who pondered his word in the depth of
your heart, sustain with your motherly Intercession our families and our ecclesial communities, so that
they may help adolescents and young people to answer
generously the call of the Lord.*

Amen.



A Special Invitation to the May Crowning of Mary



*All Children who will be making their First Holy Communion
are invited to participate in the May Crowning of Mary on
Sunday, May 8th before the 12:00 Mass*

*Girls are asked to wear their Communion Dresses and Boys
their Dress Suits. Arrive at church at 11:45 am*

Tear off and return to your teacher or Rectory by April 15th

My child

Telephone #

*will be participating in the May crowning
and Procession on May 8th before the 12:00 Mass.*

*One girl will be chosen to crown the Blessed Mother and one
boy to escort her. These children will be chosen by lottery.
Each child will be given a flower to place at Mary's altar.*

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...

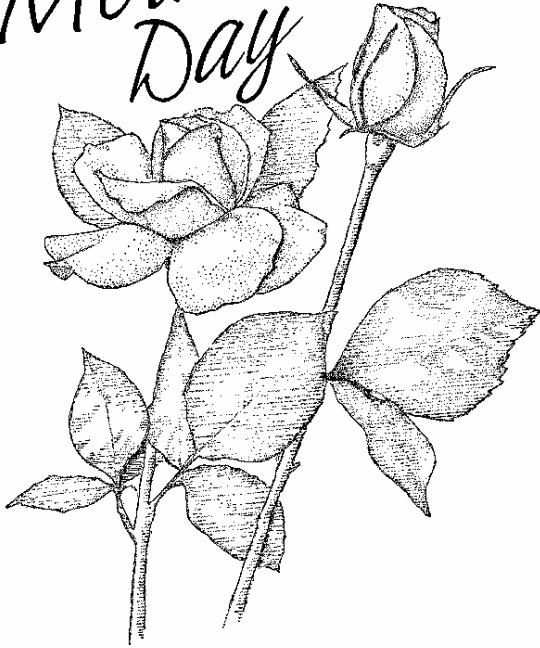
Name _____

Telephone _____

Home Address _____

Number of Tickets ___ X \$25 = _____ Enclosed

Mother's Day



PLANT SALE

On Sunday, May 1st we will have beautiful plants available for purchase. These plants are of highest quality and will thrive through out the summer months.

We will have Terra Cotta planters @ \$20 each, Oval planters @ \$10 each and 8" Hanging pots @ \$12 each.

To help us gauge how many plants we will need we ask that you place your order by April 27th. There is a cut off below that you can use to place your order.

Plants will be available for pick up on Sunday, May 1st between the hours of 9 am and 12 noon.

Please place in collection basket or drop off at Rectory

All orders due by April 27th

Name: _____

Phone: _____

_____ Terra Cotta Planter X \$20 each = \$ _____

_____ Oval Mixed Planter X \$10 each = \$ _____

_____ 8" inch Hanging Pots X \$12 each = \$ _____

Total Amount Paid \$ _____

ST. JOSEPH'S CYO

ANGELS

TRYOUTS !!



TRYOUTS !!

ST. JOSEPH'S CYO ANGELS ARE PLEASED TO
ANNOUNCE TRYOUTS FOR THE SUMMER 2005 SEASON

TRYOUTS ARE OPEN TO ALL PLAYERS
14 YEARS OLD OR 13 YEARS OLD
(AS OF AUGUST 1, 2005)

DATE: SUNDAY, APRIL 24 AT 3:00 PM

PLACE: SLOCUM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - FIELD B

RAIN DATE: MONDAY, APRIL 25 AT 5:00PM SAME LOCATION

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CALL
FRANK TANTONE

HOME 585-6921, WORK 285-7000, CELL 987-7479





Cub Scout Pack 272



Why should I involve my son in Cub Scouting?

Today's world is complicated. Work, school, family, religion, sports, and extracurricular activities seem to pull parents and children in several different directions. As a parent, you want your son to grow up to be a self-reliant, dependable, and caring individual.

Cub Scouting achieves these outcomes by combining fun with educational activities and lifelong values. It also helps parents strengthen character, develop good citizenship, and enhance both mental and physical fitness in young boys. Additionally, Cub Scouting provides boys with positive peer groups and tools to shape their future.

In Cub Scouting, boys learn ideals like honesty, bravery, thrift, and respect. These values help boys make constructive decisions throughout their lifetimes and give them the confidence they need to grow and develop.

In Cub Scouting, boys, families, leaders, and our parishes work together to achieve the following objectives:

- Influence a boy's character development and spiritual growth.
- Develop habits and attitudes of good citizenship.
- Encourage good sportsmanship and pride in growing strong in mind and body.
- Improve understanding within the family.
- Strengthen a boy's ability to get along with others.
- Foster a sense of personal achievement by developing new interests and skills.
- Provide fun and exciting new things to do.
- Show a boy how to be helpful and do his best.
- Prepare him to be a Boy Scout.

Scouting, as a worldwide brotherhood, is unique and different. It is based on the principles of loving and serving God, human dignity and the rights of individuals, and recognizing the obligation of all members to develop and use their potential. It is a movement dedicated to bringing out the best in people; one of the few left in the world where the emphasis is not on winning as an end result, but on the far more demanding task of "doing one's best."

Educators tell us that an increasing number of young people find they cannot make friends and feel lonely, even in a crowd. They have had thousands of words spoken at them by television, and they have never learned to play, to laugh, to develop their imaginations, and to express their feelings. If we can help nurture courage and kindness, allow boys to play, to laugh, to develop imaginations, and to express their feelings, then we will have helped them grow.

We want them to become useful and stable individuals who are aware of their own worth. Helping a boy to learn the value of his own worth is the greatest gift we can give him.

We're proud of our Cub Scout Pack and what it offers to young people and their families. We believe you will feel the same way as you begin to see just what it's all about.

Pack membership is open to boys as follows:

- **Tiger Cubs - first grade (or age 7);**
- **Cub Scouts - second or third grade (or ages 8 or 9);**
- **Webelos Scouts - fourth or fifth grade (or age 10 and 11).**

Boy Scout Troop 272 is also taking new members.
(11 to 17 year olds)



*For info about enrolling your son in the Pack or the Troop
e-mail Scouting@StJoRonk.org or call 979-0060 (Dr. Louis Scotti).*

Visit our website: Pack272.StJoRonk.org



Boy Scout Troop 272



Why should I involve my son in Boy Scouting?

As a parent, you want your son to grow up to be a person of worth, a self-reliant, dependable, and caring individual. Boy Scout Troop 272 has these same goals in mind for him. Since 1910, the Boy Scouts of America has been weaving lifetime values into fun and educational activities designed to assist parents in strengthening character, developing good citizenship, and enhancing physical fitness in youth. These values help your son make good decisions throughout his lifetime and give him confidence, as he becomes an adult leader of tomorrow.

Boy Scouting, one of the traditional membership divisions of the BSA, is available to boys who have earned the Arrow of Light Award in Cub Scouts or have completed the fifth grade, or who are **11 through 17 years old**. Our Troop achieves the BSA's objectives of developing character, citizenship, and personal fitness qualities by focusing on a vigorous program of outdoor activities, fun and purposeful troop meetings, and youth leadership skills development.

The Scouting program has three specific objectives, commonly referred to as the "Aims of Scouting." They are **character development, citizenship training, and personal fitness**. The methods by which the aims are achieved are listed below in random order to emphasize the equal importance of each.

Ideals. The ideals of Boy Scouting are spelled out in the Scout Oath, the Scout Law, the Scout motto, and the Scout slogan. The Boy Scout measures himself against these ideals and continually tries to improve. The goals are high, and as he reaches for them, he has some control over what and who he becomes.

Patrols. The patrol method gives Boy Scouts an experience in group living and participating citizenship. It places responsibility on young shoulders and teaches boys how to accept it. The patrol method allows Scouts to interact in small groups where members can easily relate to each other. These small groups determine troop activities through elected representatives.

Outdoor Programs. Boy Scouting is designed to take place outdoors. It is in the outdoor setting that Scouts share responsibilities and learn to live with one another. In the outdoors the skills and activities practiced at troop meetings come alive with purpose. Being close to nature helps Boy Scouts gain an appreciation for the beauty of the world around us. The outdoors is the laboratory in which Boy Scouts learn ecology and practice conservation of nature's resources.

Advancement. Boy Scouting provides a series of surmountable obstacles and steps in overcoming them through the advancement method. The Boy Scout plans his advancement and progresses at his own pace as he meets each challenge. The Boy Scout is rewarded for each achievement, which helps him gain self-confidence. The steps in the advancement system help a Boy Scout grow in self-reliance and in the ability to help others.

Leadership Development. The Boy Scout program encourages boys to learn and practice leadership skills. Every Boy Scout has the opportunity to participate in both shared and total leadership situations. Understanding the concepts of leadership helps a boy accept the leadership role of others and guides him toward the citizenship aim of Scouting.

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(7 to 10 year olds)

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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 () No

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

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