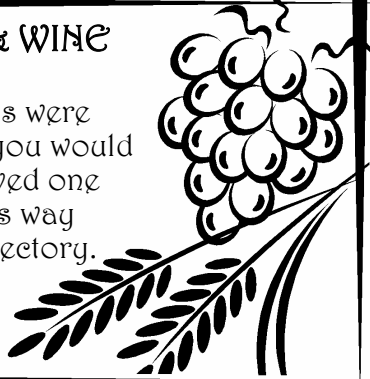


OUR LITURGY

In Acts, seven men are chosen by the faith community. The Apostles *pray over them* and *lay hands on them* as they begin their service. Peter calls the faithful "living stones" to be built into a "spiritual house." In the Gospel, Jesus prepares the disciples for the time when He will return to the Father. It is through Jesus that we can know the Father.

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

Josephine Soldner, Michael Makinen, Kathlene Brooks, 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	Oliver Bouchard	Mary Ellen Bowers
Robert Cipriani	Emmanuel Coby	Regina T Cohen
Josephine D'Agostino	Allan Delgado	Anna Dorney
Kristine Duschenchuk	Maggie Errico	Julie Ann Farkas
Robert Filce	Catherine Gracey	Mary Hayes
Mary Hickey	Gail Karcher	Jack Kelleher
Georgiana Lopez	Rita Meehan	Maureen Melchiona
Betty Mulligan	Timothy M Nigro	Grace C Peshkur
Joseph C. Poirrot	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 Tantone	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 Boyle	5:00 pm Fr Maffeo
7:00 am	Fr Boyle	7:00 am Fr Maffeo
9:00 am	Fr Maffeo	9:00 am Fr Thomas
10:30 am	Fr Thomas	10:30 am Fr Butler
12:00 pm	Fr Butler	12:00 pm Fr Boyle
5:00 pm	Fr Thomas	5:00 pm Fr Butler

MASS INTENTIONS



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

Monday, April 25, St Mark

- 7:00 For the Intentions of the Celebrant
- 9:00 Ella Kate Kiskadden (infant) requested by The Binger Family

Tuesday, April 26

- 7:00 For the Intentions of the Celebrant
- 8:45 Richard Sues requested by The Libschik Family
- 8:45 John Buckley Jr requested by The Kutch Family

Wednesday, April 27

- 7:00 Jeanette Reardon requested by Norma Saporito
- 9:00 Pete Kanakos requested by Bill Hayes
- 9:00 The Yellico Family (living) requested by Madalina Yellico

Thursday, April 28, St Louis de Montfort

- 7:00 For the Intentions of the Celebrant
- 9:00 Anthony Fiorillo requested by Joseph Jackson

Friday, April 29, St Catherine of Siena

- 7:00 Marilyn Hennessy requested by Loving Family
- 9:00 Margaret O'Kane requested by The Burns Family

Saturday, April 30

- 8:00 Anna Puthumana requested by Loving Son

Anticipated Mass for Sunday

- 5:00 For the People of the Parish
- 5:00 Special Intention requested by Mr & Mrs Kirschner

Sunday, May 1, Sixth Sunday of Easter

- 7:00 Elizabeth Anne McKenna requested by The Binger Family
- 7:00 Theodore Schaller requested by Michele & Carl Caminas
- 9:00 Cecilia Goncalves requested by Maria Trimarchi
- 9:00 John Paul Dyal requested by The Speddon/Console Family
- 9:00 Joshua Martin Godek as he is Baptized
- 10:30 Peter Toja requested by Diana McGeever
- 10:30 Antoinette Surrusco requested by Mr & Mrs John Hoffman
- 10:30 For the People of the Parish
- 12:00 Jean Dauernheim requested by Sue, Mike, Kristen & Michael Keller
- 12:00 Tracey Hushin requested by Loving Friends
- 12:00 For the Intentions of the Celebrant
- 5:00 Joseph DeVita requested by The Ryder Family
- 5:00 James Ring requested by Fred Hissiger
- 5:00 For Our Beloved Dead

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

“The God of power and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has freed you from sin and brought you to new life through water and the Holy Spirit. He now anoints you with the Chrism of Salvation, so that united with His people; you may remain forever a member of Christ who is Priest, Prophet and King. Amen. These words from the *Baptismal Rite- the Anointing with Sacred Chrism*-tell us in yet another way what it is we are celebrating during this Easter Season!

In **1Peter**, we are told to be like living stones, and allow ourselves to be built into a Spiritual House with Jesus (the stone rejected by the builders) as the cornerstone. The only way we can do this is through Baptism. Baptism makes us one with Christ, as we become members of His Living Body. This is what Peter means when he closes the reading with, **“you a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of his own.”** For through Baptism we share in Jesus’ Priesthood, we are His Prophets (as he was Prophet) and we share in His Kingship, as we are all citizens of His Kingdom. It is through Baptism that we are able to make Jesus’ words in today’s Gospel come true, **“Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do and will do greater ones than these.”**

So, now the question is put to us, how well are we using the great gifts given to us in Baptism? How well are we acting as Christian Prophets, telling the world all about Jesus. How well are we acting as a citizen of The Kingdom of God by trying to make a difference in this world? Are we all truly sharing in the Common Priesthood of Christ (our Baptismal Priesthood that we all share) and making Christ present to the world by what we show the world? What do you think? What are we doing well, and how can we do better? **These are indeed the questions that every Christian must answer.**

Last week you recall we spoke about Vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate, and the Religious Life, and yes, we need members of Christ Body to respond to these necessary missions, but these vocations are not the only ones in and for the Church. And they cannot be filled if Christians do not respond to the call Jesus gives us all when He shares with us His Priesthood, His Role as Prophet and His role as King. We must all respond to our Baptismal call, our Christian Vocation, or the Church will not be as powerful as Christ wants it to be.

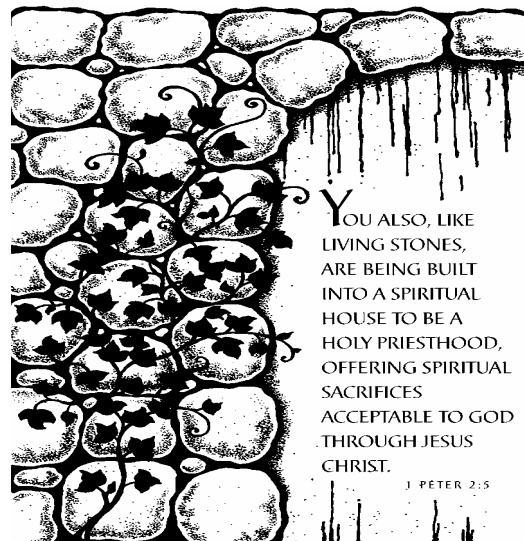
Last weekend we began our parish celebrations of First Communion. This will take place at some Sunday Masses, but also on several Saturdays. It is a great time for our young people who are receiving Jesus for the first time, and for their families as well. Please keep them and their families in your prayers, and pray that all those who receive Jesus will continue to come to Mass every week. This is indeed a great opportunity to put our Common Priesthood call to work, as we show them what it truly means to be members of this Christian Community. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our Religious Education Staff for all that they do for preparing our First Communicants-*Jane Favale, Catherine Foy, Gloria Napolitano*, and all our **Teachers**. I would like to thank our **Teachers** and *Mrs. Salvietti* for all of their work in preparing our St. Joseph’s School First Communicants as well. Remember together we can all make a difference.

So go out, get busy and live out all of your Baptismal Calling and do the things that Jesus tells us we can do, and more!

Please remember to get in your Mother’s Day Envelopes with a listing of the great women, living and deceased, whom you want remembered at all of our Masses on Mother’s Day and during the month of May. Envelopes can be found in your packet or on the windowsills of the Church.

God bless you always.

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 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 Our new registration procedure is going very well, classes are filling up quickly. We still have registration packets in the office for those of you who did not receive them the last day of class. Please come by and pick up your forms. Any child entering first grade in September should be registered for level 1 which is the first year of the two year communion prep. Just call our office and we will gladly send them out to you.

Level 1 - Parents please make arrangements to go to the Rectory to have your child's prayers heard with one of our priests, this needs to be done 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 Sunday morning.

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

"The one who has faith in me will do the works I do, and far greater than these," Jesus tells His disciples. That's quite an assignment for us as Christian stewards!



Weekly Offering

Weekly Operating Expenses	\$ 21,250
663 envelopes	13,169
Loose collection	2,782
Total Last Sunday	\$15,951
Same Sunday last year	15,457
Poor Box last weekend	\$324

Fuel collection to date	\$12,031
Fuel expenses 9/1/04 - 4/1/05	26,033

Parish Outreach

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

St. Joseph School will have its annual author day on Monday, April 25th. Mrs. Barbara Garriel will visit with all grades. She will give four presentations called "Write Out Loud" which involves the process of professional writing. Mrs. Garriel is a children's author and certified teacher who lives on Long Island. She has been nominated for the EB White Read Aloud Award. We look forward to her visit!

We are very **proud** of Matthew Wimpelberg, a graduate of St. Joseph's, who recently achieved the Honor Roll at Charminade High School. **Congratulations Matthew!**

Please join St. Joseph School students on May 2 for the **Recitation of the Rosary**. Students will gather in the schoolyard at 1 pm to pray the rosary.

Baptisms

Welcome to the Newest Member of Our Parish Family

Brendan Konner Blakely

Emily Gianna DiMaggio

Dylan Patrick Friel

Matthew John King Jr.



Respect Life

Updates on the Unborn Victims of Violence Act

Another state has joined the growing list of states which recognize unborn victims of violent crime! On March 28, Governor Joe Manchin (D) of West Virginia signed a bill into law which will allow prosecutors to charge perpetrators with battery, assault, manslaughter and murder for injuring or killing an unborn child any time after conception. The law takes effect July 1 and brings to 31 the number of states which offer protection to women and their unborn children. Sadly, New York's legislation, S.2515 (Maltese)/A.4544 (Seddio) still languishes in legislative committee.

Yet the need for a law in NYS continues to be highlighted by tragic cases of violence toward pregnant women and their babies. Consider Susan Ambrosino, 26 and four months pregnant, shot and killed – 2nd degree murder charges have been brought on Susan's behalf, but no charges can be brought for the death of her baby. Also, a woman found dead in the Hudson River; although the medical examiner ruled her death a homicide, her 9 month unborn child is just a few more words on a piece of paper because New York legislators won't recognize an unborn baby as a person.

DID YOU KNOW this astounding fact: The U.S. Centers for Disease Control reported, on February 22, 2005, that homicide is a leading cause of traumatic death among new and expectant mothers, with higher risks for those women who are younger than age 20 . It was the CDC's first national look at pregnancy and homicide and used data collected from more than 30 states. The study is reported in the March 2005 issue of the American Journal of Public Health. NYS Pro-Life Reporter, April 5, 2005

ECUMENICAL PRAYER & WITNESS FOR LIFE

Saturday, April 30th, Mass at 8:30 a.m. at Assumption of the Blessed Mary Church, Crown Acres Road, Centereach. Msgr. Joseph K Curley, celebrant.

After Mass, drive over to Grace Baptist Church, 163 Hallock Road, Lake Grove, and from there begin Procession to 2500 Nesconset Highway, Stony Brook, which is the abortion site. There will be a closing prayer service at Grace Baptist by Pastor Heywood Tolbert. All invited!

For more information please call 631-585-8760.

*Banns of Marriage
(Third 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...Did you forget???? Please set aside Saturday, May 7th at 5:00 to celebrate Mass, for all CYO families past and present, living and deceased. Athletes please wear a CYO jersey. **Note:** please submit the names of those whom you want remembered to either the rectory or bring the names with you to Mass.

Mark Your Calendars



- 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

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: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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.



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.*

We Have A Pope- Benedict XVI

Urbi et Orbi Blessing

Dear brothers and sisters,

after our great Pope, John Paul II, the Cardinals have elected me, a simple, humble worker in God's vineyard.

I am consoled by the fact that the Lord knows how to work and how to act, even with insufficient tools, and I especially trust in your prayers.

In the joy of the resurrected Lord, trustful of his permanent help, we go ahead, sure that God will help. And Mary, his most beloved Mother, stands on our side. Thank you.



Biography

Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, Prefect of Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith , President of the Pontifical Biblical Commission and International Theological Commission, Dean of the College of Cardinals, was born on 16 April 1927 in Marktl am Inn, Germany. He was ordained a priest on 29 June 1951.

His father, a police officer, came from a traditional family of farmers from Lower Baviera. He spent his adolescent years in Traunstein, and was called into the auxiliary anti-aircraft service in the last months of World War II. From 1946 to 1951, the year in which he was ordained a priest and began to teach, he studied philosophy and theology at the University of Munich and at the higher school in Freising. In 1953 he obtained a doctorate in theology with a thesis entitled: "The People and House of God in St. Augustine's doctrine of the Church". Four years later, he qualified as a university teacher. He then taught dogma and fundamental theology at the higher school of philosophy and theology of Freising, then in Bonn from 1959 to 1969, Münster from 1963 to 1966, Tubinga from 1966 to 1969. From 1969, he was a professor of dogmatic theology and of the history of dogma at the University of Regensburg and Vice President of the same university.

Already in 1962 he was well known when, at the age of 35, he became a consultor at Vatican Council II, of the Archbishop of Cologne, Cardinal Joseph Frings. Among his numerous publications, a particular post belongs to the 'Introduction to Christianity', a collection of university lessons on the profession of apostolic faith, Published in 1968; Dogma and revelation, an anthology of essays, sermons and reflections dedicated to the Pastoral ministry, published in 1973.

In March 1977, Paul VI elected him Archbishop of Munich and Freising and on 28 May 1977 he was consecrated, the first diocesan priest after 80 years to take over the pastoral ministry of this large Bavarian diocese.

Created and proclaimed Cardinal by Paul VI in the consistory of 27 June 1977, of the Titles of the Suburbicarian Church of Velletri-Segni (5 April 1993) and Suburbicarian Church of Ostia (30 November 2002).

On 25 November 1981 he was nominated by John Paul II Prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith; President of the Biblical Commission and of the Pontifical International Theological Commission.

Relator of the 5th General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops (1980).

President Delegate to the 6th Synodal Assembly (1983).

Elected Vice Dean of the College of Cardinals, 6 November 1998. On 30 November 2002, the Holy Father approved the election, by the order of cardinal bishops, as Dean of the College of Cardinals.

President of the Commission for the Preparation of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, and after 6 years of work (1986-92) he presented the New Catechism to the Holy Father.

Laurea honoris causa in jurisprudence from the Libera Università Maria Santissima Assunta, 10 November 1999.

Honorary member of the Pontifical Academy of Sciences, 13 November 2000.

Curial Membership:

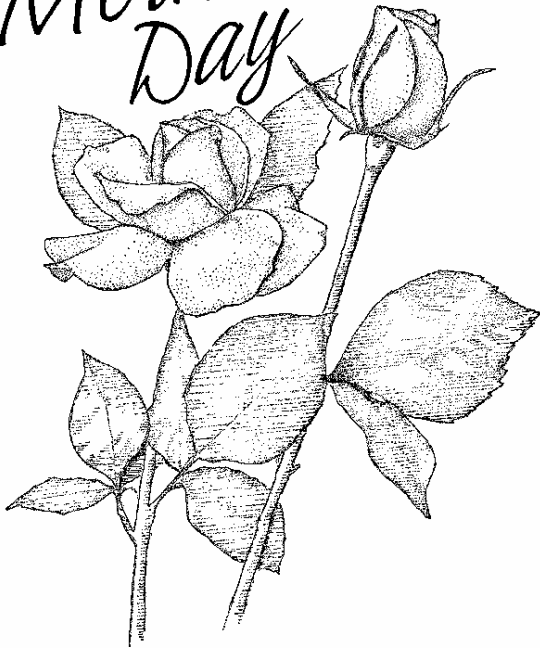
Secretariat of State (second section)

Oriental Churches, Divine Worship and Discipline of the Sacraments, Bishops, Evangelization
of Peoples, Catholic Education (congregations)

Christian Unity (council)

Latin America, Ecclesia Dei (commissions)

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 BASEBALL

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

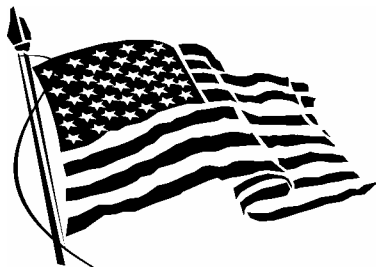
RAIN DATE: MONDAY, APRIL 25 AT 5:00 PM SAME LOCATION

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CALL
FRANK TANTONE

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



Around The Parish



Wanted: Worn American Flags for proper disposal.
Girl Scout Troop 256 is collecting worn flags for Flag Day ceremony. Please deposit flags in marked box in Church Lobby. For more information contact 467-1683.
Thank You!

Please remember to come to a complete stop at all stop signs especially in front of our Church. The 4th Precinct Cope Officers are putting emphasis on this location to provide safety for our school children and parishioners.



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. All are welcome to attend the healing Mass at 6:15. For more information please contact Max & Fler at 585-4828 or Benny & Thelma at 754-7660

St Joseph's Playgroup invites children from birth to age 5 and their parent /grandparent/ caregiver to join us Friday mornings from 9:30 to 10:45 for an informal playgroup. We meet in Fr Carew Hall (church basement) every Friday except for school holidays and church holy days. For more information, call Sally Miller at 737-5120.

Courtesy Announcements



Celebrate May with Mary at the Montfort Spiritual Center- During this series of reflections we look to Mary as a living witness of Apostolic love and service. We will be meeting for five Tuesday evenings beginning May 3rd at 7:00. For more information call 631-666-7500.

Positions Available - the following positions are available with the Diocese of Rockville Centre at the Pastoral Center - Operations Coordinator, Auditor, Senior Secretary and IT User Support. Resume, cover letter, salary requirements and three professional references should be forwarded to:

Director of Human Resources, DRVC, PO Box 9023, Rockville Centre, NY 11571-9023 or email: HR@drvc.org

Mass for Individuals in 12 Step Recovery Programs, their family and friends will be held Sunday, May 1st at 7 PM at St. John Nepomucene Church in Bohemia, located on Church Street and Locust Avenue. An 11th step meeting will follow in the lower level of the Church. For more information call Fr Kevin Gruber at 589-0540.

Ecumenical Prayer & Witness For Life on Saturday April 30th at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church in Centereach. Mass will be at 8:30 am followed by a procession ending with a closing prayer service at Grace Baptist Church on Hallock Rd in Lake Grove. All are invited. For more information call 585-8760.

8th Annual Cenacle Golf Classic, May 18, 2005 at Long Island National Golf Club in Riverhead. All proceeds benefit Ronkonkoma Cenacle. Individual golfer \$200, prepaid foursome \$700. Call 631-471-0024 for more information.

Adult Education program at the Joseph M Barton District Building in Smithtown is providing English as a Second Language classes, High School Equivalency Preparation and a Senior Citizen class for adults during the day and evening. The courses are federally funded and free to all Suffolk residents. For more information please call 631-382-2181.



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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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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