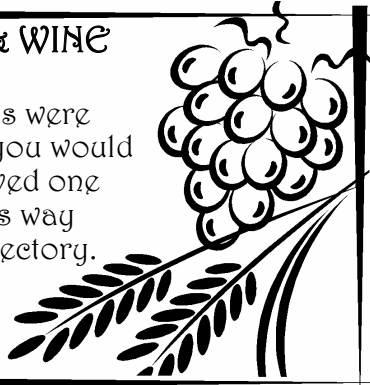


**OUR LITURGY**

The Apostles laid their hands on the people of Samaria, and the Holy Spirit came to them - an act we recognize in the sacrament of confirmation. In the second reading, Peter says be ready to explain your faith and share your hope with others. In the Gospel, Jesus promises us the Holy Spirit and asks that we keep His commandments as a sign of our love.

**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**

William J Tobin, Brian C Zorn, Paul Adams, Vincent Edwards, 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	Jennifer Giuliante	Catherine Gracey
William Guthrie III	Raymond Harold	Mary Hayes
Mary Hickey	Gail Karcher	Jack Kelleher
Georgiana Lopez	Anthony Maiorano	Rita Maiorano
Tony Maiorano	Juliana McLarney	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 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**

<b>This Week End</b>	<b>Mass</b>	<b>Next Week End</b>
Fr Maffeo	5:00 pm	Fr Thomas
Fr Maffeo	7:00 am	Fr Thomas
Fr Thomas	9:00 am	Fr Butler
Fr Butler	10:30 am	Fr Boyle
Fr Boyle	12:00 pm	Fr Maffeo
Fr Butler	5:00 pm	Fr Boyle

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**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 The Keller Family
- 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

**Monday, May 2, St Athanasius**

- 7:00 Josephine Saldner requested by Tom & Carol Gillin
- 7:00 Mary States requested by Alice Ascher
- 9:00 Glenn Seaman requested by Elizabeth & Glenn Seaman
- 9:00 Lou Cairo requested by Flo Kettermann

**Tuesday, May 3, SS Philip and James**

- 7:00 Arthur Kent requested by Tom & Carol Gillin
- 9:00 Kathlene Brooks requested by Frances Magrone

**Wednesday, May 4**

- 7:00 For the Intentions of the Celebrant
- 9:00 Augusto Lucas requested by Loving Family
- 9:00 Irene Freitas requested by Loving Daughter

**Vigil Mass Ascension of the Lord**

- 7:30 For the Intentions of the Celebrant

**Thursday, May 5, Ascension of the Lord**

- 7:00 For the Intentions of the Celebrant
- 9:00 Olga Fawcett requested by Thomas Fawcett
- 9:00 Frank Lucivero requested by Loving Sisters & Niece
- 12:10 For the Intentions of the Celebrant
- 5:00 For the Intentions of the Celebrant
- 7:30 For the Intentions of the Celebrant

**Friday, May 6, First Friday**

- 7:00 For the Intentions of the Celebrant
- 9:00 Robert Henry Meliere requested by Loving Wife

**Saturday, May 7**

- 8:00 Theresa DeFilippo & Antonio Guidice requested by Marie DeFilippo
- 8:00 Bridget Logan requested by Mike & Geri Devenney

**Anticipated Mass for Sunday**

- 5:00 Peggy Byrne requested by Debbie Lang
- 5:00 Jean Tracy requested by Jim & Cathy Foy
- 5:00 CYO Members - Past & Present

**Sunday, May 8, Seventh Sunday of Easter, Mother's Day**

- 7:00 Cornelius J Dunleavy requested by Loving Wife Anne
- 7:00 For the People of the Parish
- 9:00 Court of St Joseph CDA 975
- 9:00 Marie Olivari requested by Franklin & Joan Duarte
- 9:00 Eileen Munch requested by Mr & Mrs Bitonti
- 10:30 Mothers Day Novena
- 10:30 Anna Supakoff requested by Carmita Paredes
- 10:30 Audrey Peace requested by Tracy & Patrick Brennen
- 12:00 Josephine Laurence requested by Her Loving Family
- 12:00 Irene Tedesco requested by John & Victoria Ryder
- 12:00 For Our Beloved Dead
- 5:00 Charlotte Berwind requested by Jeanne Garcia
- 5:00 Tracey Hushin requested by Frank Mangiacapre
- 5:00 For the Intentions of the Celebrant

*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

We continue this week with the 1<sup>st</sup> Letter of Saint Peter, who tells us how to live out our Christian/Baptismal Vocation we wrote about last week. The way we can show our sharing in the Priestly, Kingly, and Prophetic Mission of Christ is to: **“Sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts. Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope, but do it with gentleness and reverence, keeping your conscience clear, so that when you are maligned those who defame your good conduct in Christ may themselves be put to shame.”** Sanctify yourself to Christ so that he may be the center and focus of your life. This is nothing new, you have heard all this before, but it is something we must remind ourselves of every day.

OK, how? We see the how in our other two readings for today’s Mass. As we see in the Acts of the Apostles, Peter and John go to Samaria –at the news of the great conversion so that they can complete their initiation and receive the Holy Spirit. In the Gospel, our Lord tells us Himself that He will not leave us

orphans, because we know that He and the Father will send the Holy Spirit upon the whole Church. So again we can hear Jesus’ commandments and observe them so we can love Jesus and truly live out our Baptism.

For the next two weeks we will see in our readings the working and power of the Holy Spirit in our lives, right up to Pentecost Sunday the last day of the Easter Season.

**This Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup> is the Solemnity of the Ascension of The Lord into Heaven.** This is a holy day of obligation and there is really no better way to observe this great moment in our Salvation History than to celebrate the Eucharist. The Mass Schedule for this Holy Day is: **Wednesday May 4<sup>th</sup> Vigil Mass at 7:30 PM and Thursday May 5<sup>th</sup> The Solemnity of the Ascension 7 AM, 9 AM, 12:10 PM, 5 PM and 7:30 PM.**

**Lectors**, please remember the Special Evening of Prayer and Work shopping on **Tuesday May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8:15 PM in the Church.** All Lectors are asked to attend. However, because of the time we will have a special meeting for all Jr. lectors –most likely on a Saturday-the date to be announced. Originally we were going to combine the Lectors and the Ushers at the same meeting, but due to the First Communion Practice that evening we can only focus on the ministry of Lector. But my dear Ushers you are not

forgotten and we will reschedule this evening of Prayer and

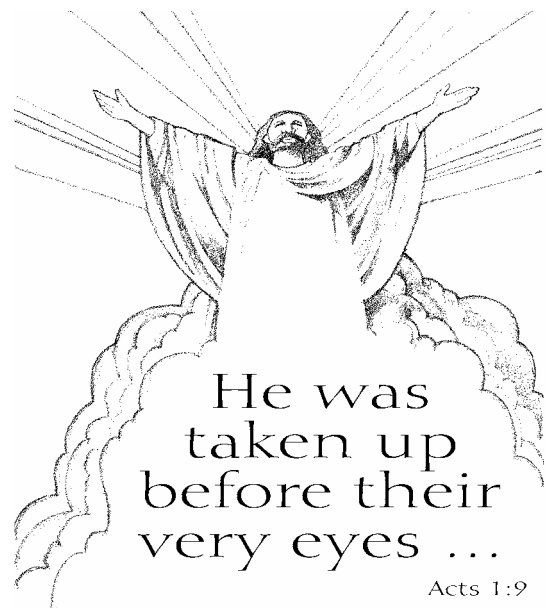
Work-shopping in the near future, thank you. Also, we are in need for more members of the Parish to take on the role of Ushers at all of our weekend Masses-especially at the 12 NOON Mass.

**A very special thank you to the members of Boy Scout Troop #272 who donated \$160 to the victims of the December 26<sup>th</sup> Indian Ocean Tsunami.** They presented this donation to our own Fr. Thomas who will forward the money to his home diocese in India that was badly hit by the killer wave. Please continue to keep those hit by this terrible event in your prayers and if possible follow the example of our Parish Scout Troop and offer some financial help as well.

**Next Saturday Night at the 5 PM Mass** we will remember the members of our Parish’s *Wonderful CYO Program.* All players and coaches and coordinators should attend this Mass in their uniforms. **Next Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup> Mother’s Day, at the**

**12 NOON Mass** we will have our annual *May Crowning of the Blessed Mother in the Church.* Our *First Communicants* will participate in this prayerful moment as we honor our dear Blessed Mother, the Mother of God, the Mother of the Church, and the Mother of us all-Pray for us most Holy Mother of God!

As always thank you for all you do for our beautiful parish. And remember there is still time to make a much needed donation to The Catholic Ministries



**SAY A PRAYER FOR OUR TROOPS**

Please continue to remember them in your prayers.

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|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| CPL Jason Bertran       | PFC Justin Browne        |
| CPL Michael Bruno       | PC Michael Dean Cantley  |
| CAPT Kevin Connolly     | SPC Thomas E. Corcoran   |
| CAPT Edward Cuevas      | COL Stephen Czerwinski   |
| SGT Ryan Delaney        | SGT Stephen 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

**Registration** Our new registration procedure is going very well, classes are filling up quickly. Please return your forms to the office as soon as possible. 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 & Sacrament Readiness I** 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 31<sup>st</sup>. All **level 1** books should have been turned in by now, unless special arrangements have been made with the Religious Ed Office.

Reminder for **Level 2** Communion rehearsal on Tues. May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:45 pm for the May 7<sup>th</sup> 12:30 Mass.

**Sacrament for Teens** Program Reminder Confirmation Rehearsal for Candidates and Sponsors May 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in Church.

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*

In today's Gospel, Jesus says those who obey the commandments are the ones who really love Him. Does my stewardship reveal my love for Jesus?

Registered Families	5537
Weekly Env Sent	1560
Monthly Env Sent	690
Total Families receiving Env	2250

**Weekly Offering**

639 Envelopes	\$ 12,468
Loose collection	2,470
Total Last Sunday	\$14,938
Weekly Operating Expenses	21,250
Weekly Excess/Debt	(6,312)
Same Sunday last year	14,930
Poor Box last weekend	\$245
Fuel collection to date	& 12,211
Fuel expenses 9/1/04 - 4/1/05	26,033

**Parish Outreach**

We would like to thank everyone for donating all the wonderful toiletries when we needed them so desperately. As always, your generosity was overwhelming. Thank you.

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

**School News**

Please join St Joseph School students on May 2nd at 1PM for the Recitation of the Rosary. The students will gather in the schoolyard. Join us if you can.

The St Joseph's School Fashion Show Committee and Home School Association would like to thank the parishioners of St Joseph for their generous support at our 11th annual Fashion Show. We hope you all had a wonderful time and wish to see all of you back again next year!

*Baptisms*

Welcome to the Newest Member of Our Parish Family

Jeffrey Joseph Hartmann

Cian Manuel Llerena

Kaitlyn Idalia McDermott

Ryan Christopher Reed

Mikela Dora Thomas



**RESPECT LIFE**

“Done right, this can really improve the public good.” So says Kristine Gebbie of Columbia University, referring to the collecting and storing of umbilical cord blood for stem cells. It seems that blood saved from newborns’ umbilical cords could help treat about 11,700

Americans a year with leukemia and other devastating diseases, yet most is routinely thrown away. Cord blood is rich in stem cells, the building blocks that produce blood – the same stem cells that make up the bone-marrow transplants that help many people survive certain cancers and other diseases. When frozen after a baby’s birth, stem cells can be thawed and transplanted at a moment’s notice, much easier than traditional bone-marrow donation.

Now the government is preparing to open a national cord blood bank in hopes of finding a match for every patient who needs a stem-cell transplant. Private cord blood banking- in which pregnant women arrange to store their child’s cord blood, for a hefty fee, in case a family member ever needs it – is a booming industry. Women can also donate a baby’s cord blood so that anyone can use it. Public donation is hard for women to learn about: It’s seldom advertised and is offered only at hospitals affiliated with 22 public cord blood banks around the country. These donations shouldn’t be hard to get, as four million U.S. babies are born every year. Key will be ensuring donations’ racial and ethnic diversity to improve chances for minority patients who need cord blood-derived stem cells to find a genetically suitable match. Congress has approved \$20 million over two years to establish a national cord blood banking system. The Bush administration is studying the institute’s report in determining its next step. We will be watching for more good news of this nature. AP Report, Newsday, 4/18/05

One week from today, May 8<sup>th</sup>, will be Mother’s Day, and also the day you will find the **BASSINET** in the foyer of the Church, waiting to be filled with your gifts of new clothing for infants and toddlers. Especially needed are the basics, from onesies to Pampers to all beautiful hand-made items so lovingly donated in the past. The bassinet will be there for your convenience at all Masses.



**CYO**

The CYO athletes and their families are invited celebrate Mass together on Saturday, May 7th at 5:00. Athletes are requested to wear their CYO jersey and sit with their families. Please submit the names of those whom you

want remembered, living and deceased, to either the rectory or bring the names with you to Mass. Refreshments to follow. \*\*\*Please call the rectory with the number of guests that will be attending.

**CATHOLIC DAUGHTER NEWS**

All members of Court St. Joseph are reminded of the May 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting, which will be in Father Carew Hall and will begin a little later than usual, at 7:30 p.m., actually. The plans for our semi-annual Chinese Auction taking place on May 6th will be finalized. Please plan to attend.

C. West, Regent 585-1719

**Families Conferenç**



The Family Apostolate, Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, and the Sisters of Life invite you to enjoy an uplifting day for the entire family - filled with fun activities for the children, drama and music for the teens and inspiring speakers for the adults. Families will pray together and learn together as they are drawn closer through the sacraments of Reconciliation and the Mass. It is being held at Kellenberg Memorial High School in Uniondale on June 11th from 9AM to 9PM (evening concert for all). The cost is \$35 per family, \$20 per single. Meals can be brought or purchased on site. Contact Felicia at 516-705-8111 for a program.

Register on line at [www.familyland.org](http://www.familyland.org) or e-mail

**Mark Your Calendars**

- May 3** Ushers & Lectors Evening of Prayer & Workshop 8PM
- May 5** Ascension of Our Lord  
Masses 7 & 9AM, 12:10, 5 & 7:30PM
- May 7** CYO Remembrance Mass 5PM
- May 7 & 8** Baby Clothing Collection after all Masses
- May 8** Crowning of Mary before 12:00 Mass



# Catholic Ministries Appeal 2005

Since 1930 more than 1,500 men have been ordained to the priesthood for the Dioceses of Rockville Centre and Brooklyn and for the Congregation of the Mission (Vincentians) after completing their studies at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington. Two young men presently in their second year of studies at the Seminary for our diocese are Lee Descoteaux and Alan Sikorski.

Lee Descoteaux grew up in Biddeford, Maine. He completed his undergraduate work at Lyndon State College in Vermont, majoring in broadcasting. After graduation, he moved to Garden City and entered a Master's Program at Adelphi University. He was very happy, but felt that God wanted him to do something more with his life. One feeling that kept surfacing was the possibility that he might want to enter the priesthood. He saw qualities in Father Brian McNamara (pastor

of SS. Philip and James Church in St. James) that stirred awareness in him that he might have a vocation of his own. Although early in life he had not envisioned himself as a priest, Lee now knows this is what God wants for him. Lee states that the seminary is challenging, but in a good way. Following God's plan is never easy, but it is worthwhile and he is very happy to be a seminarian for our diocese.

Alan Sikorski attended grade school in Brentwood and then graduated from Valley Stream Central High School. After earning a bachelor's degree in mathematics, Alan worked for an acquisitions firm in New York City. The example of Father John Tutone (pastor of Sacred Heart Church in Island Park) had a positive influence on Alan. He became actively involved with the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal in the South Bronx where he volunteered with younger children and the elderly.

It was during this time that Alan realized that God was calling him to serve. Alan says the journey in the seminary is different for everyone and remarked that each seminarian is a unique person, trying to become more Christ-like. Alan reminds us that the Pope says, "Do not be afraid." Both seminarians feel the same way – if you have a subtle feeling that you may have a vocation, take the time to pray about it and explore it; just pay attention to it. Do not be afraid!

We have been blessed as a parish to have Lee Descoteaux with us for his pastoral year. It should fill us with a sense of pride that we in a small way, through our donations, have helped Lee to answer his calling. Please continue to support the important work of the seminary through the Catholic Ministries Appeal

## 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 \_\_\_\_\_

<b>A Guide to Giving</b>	
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*

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*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.*

## *Pope Benedict XVI*

*Father of providence,  
look with love on Pope  
Benedict XVI, our  
Pope, your appointed  
successor to St. Peter  
on whom you built  
your Church.*

*May he be the visible  
center and foundation  
of our unity in faith  
and love.*

*Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit  
one God, for ever and ever.*



The Most Reverend William Murphy, Bishop of the Diocese of Rockville Centre, issued the following statement upon the election of Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger as the new Holy Father:

*We join all Catholics throughout the world in rejoicing at the election of Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger as our new Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI. He is an extremely holy and humble man. The Pope is a compassionate listener, a great teacher, a priest and bishop who knows how to lead the Church. He has the heart of a good shepherd and a faithful pastor. He is one of the great Catholic theologians of the 20th and 21st centuries. This is a wonderful choice for the Church and ensures the same faithfulness to the Gospel that characterized the great pontificate of John Paul II.*

*We, clergy, religious and faithful of the Diocese of Rockville Centre pledge to our new Holy Father our fidelity, loyalty and obedience along with our prayerful support as he assumes the tremendous and awesome responsibilities as the Vicar of Christ on earth.*



## ST JOSEPH'S CYO BASEBALL ANGELS

**NINE YEAR OLD TRAVEL TEAM**

**FIRST TRYOUTS BEING HELD  
SUNDAY, MAY 1 AT 4 PM**

**SLOCUM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
SYCAMORE AVENUE, RONKONKOMA**

**THE SUMMER SEASON IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN EARLY JUNE.**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:**

**VINNEY ACERENZA  
DAYTIME :516-935-4982  
EVENING: 631-467-3651**



### 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 - Accounts Receivable Clerk, 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.

**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.

**Spiritual Spa Day** at Our Lady of Grace Center, Manhasset on Wednesday, May 11 from 9AM - 3PM. For more information or to register, call 516-627-9255.

**Marriage Enrichment Day** on Saturday, May 21 at St Patrick's Church in Smithtown. Come to nurture and "cultivate" your marriage. The day begins at 9AM and will end at 5PM in the Emmaus Room. The cost is \$50 per couple which includes breakfast, lunch and refreshments. For information please call the Nadler's at 631-979-6481.

**Calling All OLMA Graduates!** Our Lady of Mercy Academy, Syosset, is planning Fall 2005 Reunions for the following classes: 1955, 1965, 1975, 1980, 1985, 1990 and 1995. For more information call 516-921-1047 ext 38.

**Family, Marriage and Individual Therapy** is available at The Catholic Counseling Center. Professional therapy, provided by New York State licensed or certified therapists, is available to our parish. Most insurance policies are honored. Confidential information and appointments are available by calling Dr. Giuliani at 631-243-2503.



## 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.



**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.

## CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS

From its inception in 1903, the Catholic Daughters of the Americas has grown and developed into the largest organization of Catholic women in the Americas. The purposes of the organization are to participate in the religious, charitable, and educational needs of the Church. Catholic lay and religious women, 18 years or older and in good standing with the Church are eligible and invited to join.

C. D.A. Court St. Joseph No. 975 was established in August 1925. We belong to St. Joseph's Parish. We will soon be celebrating our 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, a most rewarding and auspicious accomplishment. We thank the many ladies that preceded us for the years of charitable deeds and accomplishments they have shared with our parish family and our local communities.

We meet once a month, keep our membership informed with our newsletters and participate in various charitable and social functions with our sister courts throughout Suffolk and Nassau Counties. We sponsor two fundraisers annually (Chinese Auctions) which support our gifts to the parish, our clerical expenses, our charitable deeds, plus a scholarship to a child of our parish school. Providing Catholic scholarships has been our primary focus in the parish since our inception. We strive to assist the parish, to be utilized, and made visible. If any organization is to exist, it must be seen and people must be aware of its goals. We strongly support the North American College, our seminarians, our aging religious, Morality in Media, Right-to Life, and Catholic womanhood.

We strive to be spirit-filled women who love Christ, His Church and our Country. It is a special blessing to be a Catholic Daughter. We invite you to join us and to share this blessing with others. **Our next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 3 at 7:45 PM** in Father Carew Hall.

**On Saturday, June 18, 2005, Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court St. Joseph will be celebrating their 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.** Our celebration will be held at The Beach Club Estates located at 161 Rose Avenue, Lake Ronkonkoma **beginning with an outdoor Mass of Celebration on the waterfront terrace at 2 P.M.** We cordially invite men, women and families to join us in this beautiful ceremony and luncheon to follow. Luncheon \$35. For information or reservations call Catherine West at 631-585-1719, Theresa Ryan at 631-585-5574 or Janet Lamm at 631-588-4437.

We of the Catholic Daughters thank you the Parish of St. Joseph for your support of our organization.

Sincerely,  
Catherine West, Regent  
Catholic Daughters of the Americas  
631-585-1719



**Fatima Day - Friday, May 13**  
at the  
**Shrine of Our Lady of the Island, Eastport**

11 AM Stations

12 noon Mass

1PM Lunch

2 PM Rosary

3 PM Rosary

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**An Action Plan for People of Faith**

**Tuesday, May 3, 2005**

**7:30 - 9:30 PM**

**Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Parish Hall**  
**1434 Straight Path, Wyandanch**



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**The Time Come for People of Faith To Act Against Long Island Segregation**

Topics of discussion will include :

How does segregation hurt families and children?

What specific actions can people of faith take to undo segregation?

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Include your name, name of your parish and telephone number.



## *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](mailto:Scouting@StJoRonk.org) or call 979-0060 (Dr. Louis Scotti).*

**Visit our website: [Pack272.StJoRonk.org](http://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](mailto:JoinScouting@StJoRonk.org).**



Sport for all Seasons

**ST JOSEPH  
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Travel Soccer:

Gene ☎467-0541

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Beth ☎737-6299

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Karen ☎588-8636

Chairman: Henry

Baseball:

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Girls Basketball:

Christine ☎737-3142

Boys Basketball:

Frank ☎585-6921

Melchiona ☎676-6347

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