

OUR LITURGY

After the Ascension of Jesus into heaven, the Apostles return to Jerusalem and devote themselves to prayer as they await the coming of the Holy Spirit. Peter teaches that those who are insulted because of their faith give glory to God. Jesus concludes his farewell discourse with a prayer to his Father on behalf of all those who believe in him.

ALTAR BREAD & WINE

The gifts offered at our Masses this weekend

Are Donated in the Memory of

Maria & Savino Saraceni

Requested by
Loving Family



REMEMBER OUR DEAD

John J. LaVerde, 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	Josephine D'Agostino
Allan Delgado	Anna Dorney	Kristine Duschenchuk
Maggie Errico	Julie Ann Farkas	Howard Ferry
Robert Filce	Jennifer Giuliante	Catherine Gracey
William Guthrie III	Raymond Harold	Mary Hickey
Gail Karcher	Jack Kelleher	Louise LaRocca
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	Linda Stoltz
Antonina Sturiano	Peter Tantone	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

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

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, May 9

- 7:00 Mother's Day Novena Intentions
- 9:00 Joseph Rufino requested by The Curtin & Galindo Families
- 9:00 Helen Canavan requested by Mike Giama & Paul Johnson

Tuesday, May 10, Blessed Damien de Veuster of Moloka'I

- 7:00 Raymond Weldon requested by The Sleszynski Family
- 8:45 Mother's Day Novena Intentions
- 8:45 Nicholas C Romano Jr. requested by Loving Mom & Dad

Wednesday, May 11

- 7:00 Mother's Day Novena Intentions
- 7:00 Robert Mucha requested by Loving Wife & Family
- 9:00 Elizabeth Bohn requested by Judy Moore
- 9:00 Joseph Miller requested by Loving Family

Thursday, May 12, SST Nereus & Achilleus

- 7:00 Fr Bill Govern requested by Fr Michael Boyle
- 7:00 Mary & Thomas Gallagher requested by Loving Family
- 9:00 Mother's Day Novena Intentions
- 9:00 Rev David & Michael Clifford requested by Loving Family

Friday, May 13, St Matthias

- 7:00 Mother's Day Novena Intentions
- 7:00 Mr. DeLuca requested by Geri & Mike Devenney
- 9:00 Charles P Guthrie requested by Mom & Dad
- 9:00 Lillian Keck requested by Geri & Mike Devenney

Saturday, May 14

- 8:00 Anna Arpino requested by Bridget & Vincent Corrado
- 8:00 Mother's Day Novena Intentions

Anticipated Mass for Sunday

- 5:00 Henry & Frances Devlin & Family requested by Timothy Cleere & Family
- 5:00 Harry Kenney requested by Clair Alliegro

Sunday, May 15, Pentecost

- 7:00 Dominick Mineo requested by Loving Wife
- 7:00 Angelo Cassar requested by Loving Wife
- 9:00 Ann Gregory requested by Les
- 9:00 Thomas Ryan requested by The Hughes Family
- 9:00 Mother's Day Novena Intentions
- 10:30 For the People of the Parish
- 10:30 Dorothy Koenig requested by The Robert Ambrico Family
- 10:30 Bernard Verdon requested by Frank Scalli
- 12:00 Mother's Day Novena Intentions
- 12:00 An End to Abortion requested by the Respect Life Committee
- 12:00 Margaret Kolibash requested by Claire & Jim
- 5:00 Charles Richard Contato requested by Loving Family
- 5:00 Nan Olenick requested by Scott Olenick
- 5:00 Samantha Harrison requested by The Dunphy Family

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

“Now this is eternal life, that they should know you, the only true God, and the one whom you sent, Jesus Christ.” Today’s Gospel Reading takes place just before Jesus’ betrayal and death on the Cross.

Jesus, knowing what was about to happen gives His farewell address to the Apostles. But he does not do it like Washington addressing his troops in New York City; no, He does it in the form of a prayer. Jesus prays to the Father thanking Him for the earthly mission He was about to complete, and for allowing Him to be the instrument that shows forth His Glory. Jesus, likewise, thanks the Father for giving Him the Apostles and the other Disciples. But keep in mind Jesus is also thanking the Father for us who will come to know Him through the Apostles. As Jesus prays for the Apostles, He also prays for us His Church. He prays that they (and we) will always be one with each other-just as the Father and the Son are one.

Of course, the only way that we can be one with each other and in turn with God is through Jesus Christ. Thus, when we are one with each other through Christ, we are also one with Christ and one with the one who sent Him (more on this is when we come to Trinity Sunday). But in order to be one with and in Jesus, we must know Jesus. **And I don’t mean know about Jesus!** After all anybody could pick up a history book or a theology book, or even the Bible and can gain an academic knowledge of Jesus, but that’s not knowing Jesus. To know Jesus is to know Him in your heart and soul. To know Him, is to feel His presence and hear his voice in your daily life, and to see Jesus at work in the holy actions of others. We also need the Holy Spirit, who is sent by the Father and Son to complete the Son’s work on earth through us. (That we will focus on next week when we celebrate Pentecost Sunday.) Focus again on the prayer the Son offers for us to the Father; focus on what He wants for all of us-Eternal Life!

As we mentioned above, next Sunday is Pentecost Sunday and it the last day of the **great 50 Days of Easter.** **At the 10:30 and 12 Noon Masses we will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation** for some adults in our parish who for whatever reason were not able to do it at the usual time. These people were baptized and received Holy Communion but were not confirmed. This is indeed a great day for them as they move into full communion with the Church and receive the rest of the wonderful gifts of the Holy Spirit. It is also a great day for us, as we help several members of our parish move closer and closer to God who loves us and saves us-what a blessing God has bestowed on Saint Joseph’s. Just for your information, each year Bishop Murphy gives the priests of the Diocese the faculty to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday. This is done so the Church can

better meet the needs of those

who are wanting to move closer and closer to God with out any unnecessary delays.

If you know of any young adult or not so young adult who has received First Communion, but has not been Confirmed have them call the Rectory for more information about next year’s preparation for Adult Confirmation at Pentecost 2006.

On Sunday May 29th we will celebrate the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ- *Corpus Christi*. On this day, especially during this Year of the Eucharist, we will have a **Eucharistic Procession with the Blessed Sacrament following the 12 Noon Mass-weather permitting.** We will process with the Blessed Sacrament from the Church along the sidewalk to Parish Outreach where there will be a small Altar erected for our 1st Benediction. From Outreach we will go to the Main Entrance of the Lower School Building for our 2nd Benediction then processing through the back parking lot around to the Front Door of the Rectory for our 3rd Benediction, and from there we will go back into the Church for our 4th and final Benediction and the Reposing of the Blessed Sacrament. Each of the stops represents one of the vital ministries of our parish. Please join us if you can, in the case of rain we will have a modified procession inside the Church-**so pray for good weather!**

It’s Summer Family Festival Time. Yes, that’s right, and before you know it, our Annual Summer Festival will be upon us. So, mark your calendars for July 20th-24th. As always this promises to be a wonderful event for fun, community, and raising much needed funds for the running of the parish. We can’t do it without your support, so come out for all of the nights or just some of them. Remember we will have rides, games, Vegas Nights, Food, Nightly Give-A-Ways, Limited Raffle Drawing (with Raffle Tickets going on sale in the near future), and as mentioned last year, we will begin selling our Football Pool Tickets for this years upcoming NFL Season. We also need the help of many volunteers to make this event a great success for St. Joseph’s. If you can help for some of the days or even one day please fill out the form on the bulletin’s last page.

**And last but not least, on behalf of the Priests, Deacons, our Seminarian Lee, and the entire St. Joseph’s Staff, we wish to all of our MOTHERS-
HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY!**

*May God bless you always and may our dear Blessed Mother Mary pray for you.
Holy Mary Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.*

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 31st**.

Reminder for **Level 2 Communion rehearsal** in Church on Monday, May 9 at 7:00 p.m. for the May 14th 10 a.m. Mass. Tuesday, May 10 at 6:45 p.m. for the May 14th 11:30 a.m. Mass

Sacrament for Teens Reminder Confirmation Rehearsal for Candidates and Sponsors on May 12th at 7:00 p.m. in Church.

Reminder for Home Study students, testing will be held in the Auditorium Tuesday, May 17th at 4:15 p.m. and

Thursday May 19th at 5PM Please call our office and let us know when your child will be coming.

Reminder to our Catechists : Year end meeting to be held on Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in Carew Hall. Please return your manuals and binders. Please call and let us know if you **cannot** come.

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. Registration forms will be ready shortly.

Parish Confirmation – To all parents whose child is entering the Parish Confirmation program in the fall, please note we have received notice, from the Bishop's office that the date for conferring this Sacrament will be **Thursday, November 10th**.

Happy Mother's Day to all our Mothers in St Joseph's Parish.

Stewardship

In today's Gospel, Jesus prays, "I have given You glory on earth by finishing the work You gave Me to do." Good stewards follow His example by using their gifts for the glory of God.

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

Weekly Offering

644 Envelopes	\$ 13,302
Loose collection	2,634
Total Last Sunday	\$15,936
Weekly Operating Expenses	21,250
Weekly Excess/Debt	(5,314)
Same Sunday last year	16,956
Poor Box last weekend	\$453
Fuel collection to date	12,416
Fuel expenses 9/1/04 - 4/1/05	30,983

Parish Outreach



During the months of March & April parishioners donated \$9,758 to Outreach which will be matched by the Fienstein Foundation. The Foundation may be able to match the dollar amount but no one can ever match your generosity!

Thank you on behalf of all those who benefit from your kindness. May God continue to bless each of you.

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

Baptisms

Welcome to the Newest Member of Our Parish Family

- Thomas Joseph Buzzitta
- Connor James Daly
- Joshua Martin Godek
- Mikayla Rose Romano
- Victoria Isabelle Buzzitta
- Ricky Lawrence Forster
- Michael Gene Licari II

RESPECT LIFE



Today, Mothers' Day, seems a good time to report a little good news concerning "mothers' rights". The U.S. House of Representatives on April 27th passed a bill (270-157) which would make it illegal to take a minor across state lines for an abortion, which is done to dodge parental consent laws.

The House sent the bill to the U.S. Senate, where it has new momentum as an item on the Republicans' top 10 list of legislative priorities. Reflecting rising public support for recognizing and requiring parents' involvement in their pregnant daughters' decisions, the bill would impose fines, jail time or both on adults and doctors involved in most cases where minors were taken out of state to get abortions. Majority Leader Bill Frist (R-Tenn) has pledged to bring this bill up for a vote this summer.

In another sign of the measure's new support, a Representative who staunchly favors abortion rights and voted against the bill in the past, voted for it this time because as he said, "This bill simply says that a parent has a right to know if their child is having surgery".

If passed by the Senate and signed by the president, the bill would represent the fifth measure since 2001 aimed at reducing the number of abortions.

Newsday, 4/28/05

IMPORTANT WORDS

- The six most important words ... "I admit I made a mistake."
- The five most important words ... "You did a good job."
- The four most important words ... "What is your opinion?"
- The three most important words ... "If you please."
- The two most important words ... "Thank you."
- The one most important word..... "We."

Christopher News Note, January 2005

School News

St. Joseph School is proud to announce that artwork submitted by the following students Jonathan Sanders, Stephan Brandt, Kimberly Poccia and Kelly Lussier to the 2005 Disabilities Awareness Art Contest will be part of an exhibit at the NYS Empire State Plaza. Visitors to the Plaza will have an opportunity to learn from the students' art how the inclusion of people with disabilities is taking place in the community.

We thank these students for their posters, which will enrich understanding of how similar we all are.

May 25th is McDonald's night - the school gets a percentage of all sales that evening - so please join us for some fries and a shake!

Banns of Marriage

(First Time)

- Melissa Kozak of St Joseph's and Robert Nucatola of Hauppauge
- Jennifer Greening of Holy Cross, Nesconset and Robert Sinatra Jr. of St Joseph's
- Valerie Mannino and Robert Massimo both of St Joseph's
- Michelle Caporino and Walter Schweizer both of St Joseph
- Leigh Ann Zwicker of St Joseph's and Matthew Wenchell of Sts Peter & Paul, Manorville
- Danielle Castelli of Alexandria, VA and Michael J Routhouska of Our Lady Queen of Peace, VA
- Alaina Woltje and Peter Tabaco both of St Joseph's



Mark Your Calendars

- May 8 Baby Clothing Collection in Lobby
- May 15 Pentecost
- 10:30 Mass - Teen & Adult Confirmation
- May 18 Catechist Meeting 7:00
- May 22 Farewell Party for Mrs. Salvietti after 12:00 Mass
- June 3 & 4 Vegas Nights
- June 5 Unity Sunday
- June 11 Anointing Mass 10:30
- June 27 Golf Outing



Catholic Ministries Appeal 2005

Heather is one of five siblings who spent much of their young lives moving from one welfare motel room to another before they were placed in foster homes. When Heather became pregnant, she was put out of her foster home and had nowhere to turn for help until she entered Regina Residence. She is now the mother of a very active, eight-month-old daughter she loves very much. Heather finds that being at Regina Residence, as a new mother, gives her the opportunity to give her baby and herself a warm, safe place to live and thrive. A bright student, Heather has written poetry and was a finalist in this year's Respect Life contest. She hopes to receive her high school diploma in 2005 but that will not be easy for her with her new responsibilities. Along with having her daughter to care for, she needs to double up on many courses because she was not always able to attend school during the years that she lived in welfare motels. She wants to continue her education after

graduating and would like to become either a registered nurse or a fashion designer. She wants to be able to give her daughter the privileges and security she did not have when she was growing up. Regina Residence runs a wonderful program for expectant or new mothers and their babies. In a meticulously kept, ten-bedroom house in Merrick, six new mothers and their babies are presently living along with three young women expecting babies. The all-female staff, headed by Kathleen Ryan, program administrator, share the duties of caring for these residents, 24 hours a day, making sure they keep all their appointments and overseeing the teen-age mothers and mothers-to-be as they cook, clean and do laundry, and learn the parenting and homemaking skills they will need once they are on their own. Every evening they sit down together to a dinner they have prepared. This event is one that is somewhat unusual for many of the residents; most of whom come from broken or foster

homes and may not have experienced family life before coming to Regina Residence. All the residents and their children attend the Nassau County BOCES TAP program (Teenage Parenting Program) in Seaford, where they continue their high school education and learn to become responsible, competent mothers. If they have earned their high school diploma, they begin vocational training to prepare themselves for a successful future. There is almost always a waiting list for this facility in Nassau County run by Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Rockville Centre. We must provide a life for these young girls who have chosen to keep and love the young life they now care for. Heather and her daughter, as well as the other young mothers, are grateful for the assistance they receive. This is only one program of Catholic Charities that the Catholic Ministries Appeal helps to fund through your generous support of the diocese's annual 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 _____

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.

Happy 25th Anniversary

Deacon James Altonji
&
Deacon Joseph Dougherty



We wish Deacons Altonji and Dougherty much happiness and many blessings as they celebrate 25 years in the Diaconate. Our parish family has been blessed with their presence here as they have shared our joys and sorrows. We look forward to spending many more years together.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our Deacons, past and present, for their presence in the life of our parish.

Deacon Joseph Califano
Deacon Michael Devenney
Deacon Joseph Maffeo

Deacon Michael DeBellis
Deacon John Erdman
Deacon Joseph Pagano

St. Stephen the Martyr
Patron Saint of Deacons

Please keep Deacon Altonji, Deacon Dougherty and all our Deacons in your prayers.

The Diaconate

The diaconate began as a separate order in the early church, but evolved into a transitional stage in the process to the priesthood. In 1967 Pope Paul VI approved the restoration of the diaconate as a permanent order in the church as called for in Vatican II. After several years of development and review, the late Bishop John McGann approved a diocesan program of study in 1976. The first class of 48 permanent deacons was ordained in June of 1979; many of these dedicated men continue to minister in the diocese today.

Bishop McGann envisioned the vocation of a deacon as different and distinct from their fellow clergy in the priesthood. In an interview with *The Long Island Catholic* in 1976 he said "I think it will bring some very dedicated laymen into active ministry. It will give us the benefit of the specialties the lay people have that they're willing to contribute to the Church." Many deacons are married, have children, and work in secular jobs.

Bishop William Murphy recently noted the importance of the role of deacons in the Church, saying "I am so grateful to God for the men of our Diocese serving as Deacons. They are a gift to the Church."

The 260 men ordained as permanent deacons for the diocese currently serve in over 100 parishes and other ministries on Long Island. They can administer the Sacrament of Baptism and preside at weddings, wake and burial services as well as other liturgies. They can also preach at Mass. However celebrating the Sacraments of Penance, Confirmation, Anointing of the Sick and the celebration of the Eucharist remain a part of the ministerial life of priests only.

Around The Parish

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.



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!

Cub Scout Pack 272 News FlashAhoy Matie! This month's theme was Waterways. We built sailboats to race in the Raingutter Regata. We kicked off the evening with a Songe Bob Sing-a-long. Arghhh!! We had to walk the plank to get our awards. Officer Wimpleberg did fingerprinting with us. We had a lot of fun and can't wait 'till this month's pack night. If you would like to - please come down and check it out. Our next Pack night is on May 13th. See you there.

Courtesy Announcements

Brian McGee Memorial Golf Outing will be held on Monday, June 13 at the Swan Lake Golf Club in Manorville. The cost for golfers to participate in the outing is \$130 per golfer. This includes full check in lunch, green fee, cart and the awards dinner held at Swan Lake. Check in will begin at 11:30, which includes a full lunch prior to tee time. There will be a 1:30 shotgun start. Dinner will be from 6-9PM. The cost for family and friends who would like to attend the dinner only is \$50. Please contact Millie D at 585-2753 for any questions or information.

Retrouvaille is a program for marriages that are in trouble. It offers a lifeline to couples suffering with relationship problems. The next weekend will be held at Montford Missions, Bay Shore on June 17-19. For further information and/or registration please call 1-800-470-2230.

Suffolk Catholic Singles Dance Saturday, May 21st from 9 to 12:30 at the Holiday Inn at MacArthur Airport. Admission is \$20 at the door. Neat Casual Attire. For ages 30's through 60's. Admission includes DJ, Deli buffet, snacks and raffle tickets. For more information call Jerry at 516-520-9385.

Positions Available - the following positions are available with the Diocese of Rockville Centre at the Pastoral Center - Building Services Manager, Accounts Receivable Clerk, Operations Coordinator, Auditor, Senior Secretary and IT User Support. Please forward resume, cover letter, salary requirements & three professional references to: Director of Human Resources, DRVC, PO Box 9023, Rockville Centre, NY 11571-9023 or email: HR@drvc.org

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.



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

Families Conference

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.



Where: Kellenberg Memorial High School in Uniondale

When: Saturday, June 11th from 9AM to 9PM (evening concert for all).

Cost: \$35 per family (discount before 5/9/05) \$20 per single.

\$45 per family (after 5/9/05 and on site) \$30 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 or e-mail FamiliesunderFire@familyland.org.

or

Make checks payable to "Family Apostolate" and mail to 126 Pearsall Ave, Freeport, NY 11520

A BLESSING FOR OUR MOTHERS

Holy God,

You compare Your own love for Your people to the love of a mother for her children.

Look with kindness on these mothers, give them comfort in moments of sorrow, and joy in her their work for her their families.

Listen to their prayers, and bless + them in all they do for You.

Let them share with Jesus Your Son and Mary our mother in the everlasting happiness of Heaven.

Father, we ask this grace through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



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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