

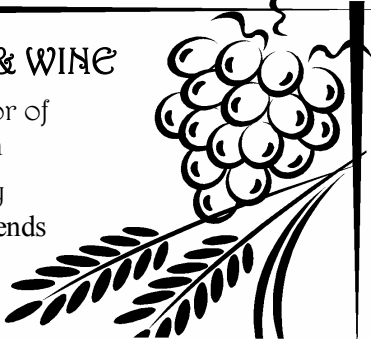
OUR LITURGY

Hosea describes how God betroths Israel in integrity, justice, faithfulness and love. Paul tells the Corinthians that they are a letter from Christ, written in their hearts, by the Spirit. Jesus contrasts new wine-His teachings-with old wineskins-old forms of religious practice. The old practices are not appropriate to the new kingdom.

ALTAR BREAD & WINE

Donated in Honor of
Norma Brown

Requested by
Small Church Friends



REMEMBER OUR DEAD

Veronica Perdue, Catherine Seminerio, John Walsh, Helen Liguori, for our deceased soldiers and all of our deceased relatives and friends.

REMEMBER OUR SICK

Rosemarie Aiello	Mary Barello	William Barry
Marie Behling	Oliver Bouchard	Hazel Boyce
Mr. Michael Boyle Sr	Dolores Burke	Leo Cantelmo
Raffaella Capp	Joyce Ann Ciullo	Joseph DeMaio
Angelina DeSimone	Nesam Devaraj	Olivia Marie Devine
Barbara DiGirolomo	George Dinger	Nancy DiTrapani
Mary Dougherty	Geraldine DuBritz	Maggie Errico
James Evans	Raymond Harold	Jeanne Hartman
Catherine Hickey	Jasper Indelicato	Margaret Indelicato
Dixon Ingram	Matthew Jankay	Jack Kelleher
Joseph Kelly	Georgiana Lopez	Michele McGee
Howard Meeks	Brett Meyers	Sam Monteleone
Timothy M Nigro	Antonietta Partenope	Grace C Peshkur
Joseph Poirot	Richard Rigney	Charles Romano
Christopher Rubino	Rose Russo	Theresa Ryan
Dawn Saporito	Jeanette Schaefer	Sharon Schneider
Dorothea Slinkoky	Darryll Smith	Jesus Tapel
Stacie Tizzard	Lloyd Turnier	Wallace Williams

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

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, February 26, Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:00 William Schaudel requested by
Loving Wife & Daughters
- 9:00 Deceased members of the Knights of
Columbus & Columbiettes
- 10:30 Warren Roser requested by Pack & Troop 272
- 10:30 Thomas Cristiano requested by Michael Ferrante
- 12:00 Glenn Cunningham requested by the Rainone Family
- 12:00 Maura P Leto requested by the Rainone Family
- 5:00 Mary Veniero requested by Henry & Elena Dierschke
- 5:00 Giordano Radicioni requested by Kirschenbaum Family

Monday, February 27

- 7:00 Joe Chionchio requested by Clemens Family
- 9:00 Penny Staehs requested by the Kelly Family
- 9:00 Raymond Strzalkowski, Jr requested by
Barbara & Ralph Ciniglio

Tuesday, February 28

- 7:00 James Gibson requested by Patricia Brozinsky
- 8:45 Michael Melchiona requested by Loving Family
- 8:45 Guy Dellecave requested by Loving Wife & Family

Wednesday, March 1, Ash Wednesday

- 7:00 For the Intentions of the Celebrant
- 9:00 Monica Marotta requested by Geri & Mike Devenney
- 9:00 James Gibson requested by Patricia Brozinsky

Thursday, March 2

- 7:00 For the Intentions of the Celebrant
- 9:00 Vincent Palladino requested by The Heilig Family
- 9:00 Jane Favale requested by the Sleszynski Family
- 12:10 Fannie Tavella requested by Charles & Sherry Heine

Friday, March 3, St Katherine Drexel

- 7:00 Jane Favale requested by The Kolarik Family
- 9:00 Wilhelm Kirschner requested by Leonie Keller
- 9:00 Maria Goncalves requested by Deolinda Pedreiro
- 12:10 Anka Glavin requested by The DeLisio Family

Saturday, March 4, St Casimir

- 8:00 Theresa DeFilippo requested by Marie DeFilippo
- 8:00 Jane Favale requested by St John the Baptist Students

Anticipate Mass for Sunday

- 5:00 Stephen Salata requested by Loving Children
- 5:00 Helen Greenfield requested by Evelina & Kevin Dowd

Sunday, March 5, First Sunday of Lent

- 7:00 Helen Binger requested by The Binger Family
- 7:00 Norma Brown requested by Lina DeLouisa
- 9:00 Elizabeth Cameron requested by
Loving Husband & Family
- 9:00 Nancy Percoco requested by The Majeski Family
- 10:30 George Marmaro requested by Eleanor Alu
- 10:30 Margaret Koderisch requested by Joanna Divone
- 12:00 Maude O'Connor requested by Geri & Mike Devenney
- 12:00 Santo Elardo requested by Millie & Tom D'Agostino
- 5:00 Charles Cervini requested by Mr & Mrs John Buccellato
- 5:00 Robert Pioli requested by The Jurgensen Family

FROM THE DESK OF FR. MIKE

Here we are at **the last Sunday of Ordinary Time** (that is until we get through Lent, and the Great 50 Days of Easter), and our Gospel Reading is a perfect bridge between where we are and what we are about to enter into. *"People came to him and objected, 'Why do the disciples of John and the disciples of the Pharisees fast, but your disciples do not fast?'"* This question of fasting comes up just 3 days before we begin our Lenten Fast (as we remember that **Ash Wednesday and Good Friday** are both days of **Fast and Abstinence from meat** and that we abstain from meat also on the Friday's of Lent, and we are asked to practice other forms of self-denial during this holy season).

Lent is a time for self-examination, and self-denial so that we can fully focus on our relationship with God. If we can discipline ourselves over the things we use to live with, then we master them and put them into a proper perspective in our lives, and can get closer to God. With all this being said and fasting encouraged by the Church for Lent, why does Jesus seem to be against fasting in this Gospel Reading?

Well our Lord is not really against fasting and He even agrees that when He leaves the world, *the Apostles* will then fast-as the Bridegroom will no longer be with them. What Jesus is criticizing is the reason why the *Pharisees* fasted, and why they looked down on Jesus because He did not. When the Pharisees fasted, they called attention to themselves, so others could see how good they were. They would whiten their faces and went about in disheveled garments on the days they were fasting (usually Mondays and Thursdays). In the way, everybody could see what they were doing including God who they hoped would notice how pious they were. Jesus was upset with them, because they did not fast from their hearts or out of a desire to change their lives to get closer to God. We see Jesus' objections in the Gospel reading for Ash Wednesday as He tells us to fast and practice self-denial so that only our Father in Heaven could see what we are doing and thus change our lives!

Jesus also wants His detractors to realize who He truly is, and that He is the one promised by the Father. He is indeed **the Bridegroom** and that while He is here on earth all should act as if they were at a wedding. Remember a *1st Century Jewish Wedding* lasted more than a week and while the Bride and Groom were present with family and friends all were excused from any type of fasting or self-denial so they could truly enjoy the wedding celebration. Jesus uses this wedding analogy so all will understand that while He is present all should fully appreciate the experience and witness to all He has to say and do.

Jesus also used the wedding motif because it was a popular

belief that the Messiah, when He came, will host a great banquet as is seen at a wedding.

As for the whole discourse on the new wine and the old skins well it all breaks down to **you can't put the new into the old**. The Christ calls all God's people to see things in a new way, and He challenges the Pharisees to practice their faith in a totally new way-not to be noticed, but to allow their faith to change their hearts and minds and to do more than to just go through the motions. Remember Jesus is telling us the same thing, as we are hopefully part of the new wine being placed in the new wine skin of the Church.

Wednesday is **Ash Wednesday**, the First Day of Lent, and as mentioned above, it is a day of Fast and Abstinence.

Our schedule for Ash Wednesday is, Tuesday Feb. 28th, at 7 PM with Hot Cross Buns and Fellowship followed by our very moving Prayer Service and Distributing of Ashes at 7: 30. On Ash Wednesday, March 1st: 7 AM and 9 AM Mass (ashes to be distributed after the homily); and the rest of the day we will have Prayer Services and Ashes (again after the homily) at 12:10 PM, 5 PM and 7:30 PM. Remember during the Lenten Season, we will celebrate Mass at 12:10 PM starting the Thursday after Ash Wednesday and concluding the Wednesday of Holy Week April 12th.

This Friday March 3rd, at 7:30 PM we will host a Holy Hour to pray for Vocations to the Priesthood. *Our Pastoral Year Seminarians Lachlan and Lee*, as well as other Seminarians, from the Seminary of The Immaculate Conception in Huntington, will conduct this Holy Hour. Please come join us for this wonderful evening of prayer as we enter this Holy Season of Lent, and as we pray for an increase of Priestly Vocations.

Let us pray: Father may we be faithful disciples to your Son Jesus Christ who is the Bridegroom of the Church and may we come to taste the bread of life and drink the new wine of salvation with purity of heart as we come to the banquet He prepares for us.

God bless you

Fr. Mike

SAY A PRAYER FOR OUR TROOPS

Please continue to remember them in your prayers.



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| CPL Deborah Alfieri | SGT Dennis Bailey |
| Tech SGT Louis Barletta | PFC Justin Browne |
| PC Michael Dean Cantley | SPC Thomas E. Corcoran |
| SGT Ryan Delaney | LTCOL Kurt Diehl |
| SGT Stephen G DiGirolamo | SSGT Tony Elliott |
| CPL Keith Flick | PFC Adam Franciosa |
| RCT Michael Gabriellini | PVT2 Edward Johnston |
| SGT John W Keohane | SGT Steven Knight |
| CPL Andrew Kochman | 1SGT John Krumholz |
| SSG Stephen LeGrady | PFC Edward McGinn |
| SGT Patrick McNally | PFC William Meyer |
| SGT Glenn Miller | SGT Daniel Montville |
| SSGT Brian Moran | CPT Gregory Mueller |
| LCPL Thomas Napolitano | LCPL Michael Napolitano |
| LCPL James Neubauer | LCPL Anthony Notaroberta |
| SGT Brian Pacella | N/Seal Paul Padro |
| ENS3 Lucy Padro | CPT Michael Parisi |
| 2LT Anthony Parisi | MAJ Paul E Pinaud |
| SGT Edwin Rivera, II | RCT William R Rodgers |
| SSGT Jason Schiavo | RCT Brian Schildt |
| LCPL W.Mason Shehan | SPC James Stanek |
| SSGT Nick Vicale | SGT John Thomas Vogt |
| SGT Randolph Weaver | CPL Glenn Clacher |

(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

Monday and Thursday 9 AM to 4 PM
 Tuesday and Wednesday 10AM to 3:30
 The office is **closed** on Fridays.



The Religious Ed office is **CLOSED** this week for Winter Break. Our office will reopen on February 27th.

Reminder there are **NO** religious ed classes on February 28th and March 1. Please go to Church on either Tuesday evening Feb 28th or Wednesday March 1st to receive your Lenten Ashes. Please check the Church Bulletin for the scheduled distribution of Ashes.

Level 1 the Activity day for February 13th was cancelled due to inclement weather. It has been rescheduled for February 27th. Sessions are 4-5PM and 6:30-7:30PM. Please take your choice of either time.

Level 3 Reconciliation— students can attend on March 13th which is the date scheduled for level 5 or they may go on their own on Saturdays (check the bulletin for times) Please bring your card and give it to the priest.

St Joseph's School


School reopens on Monday, February 27th. We are looking forward to our Mardi Gras celebration on Tuesday, February 28th. Students are preparing masks to use in our school parade followed by a prayer service. We will begin our Lenten preparation on Wednesday, March 1st with ashes.



COGAT testing also begins on Tuesday, February 28th. This involves our first grade students.

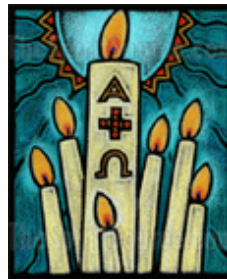
Tickets are on sale for our Father/ Daughter Dance. The dance is a beautiful event. This year it will be on Saturday, March 4th at 6:30 PM. Contact the school office for more information.

Tickets are also on sale for the Fashion Show. 50/50 tickets can also be purchased before the event. There is an incentive for any one who has their own table of 10 or more. Please ask when ordering tickets!



Nicholas Andrew Reiser

Joseph James Saracino



Pascal Candle Memorials

If you would like to memorialize the Pascal Candle for the upcoming year please fill out and return this tab with your payment of \$100 to the

Rectory.

In Memory of: _____

From: _____

Telephone: _____



RESPECT LIFE

In the news: According to Newsday, 2/08/06, Nassau County has instituted a \$3 million program aimed at reducing the number of abortions in that county, the funds to be divided among eight groups, both pro-life and pro-choice. The two major groups are Lorraine Gariboldi's Life Center of Long Island, and Planned Parenthood of Nassau County. It was not explained how the money will be divided except to say the contracts span three years. It is interesting to note that the Life Center depends primarily on fund-raisers and Planned Parenthood receives taxpayer funding. The money is expected to provide programs such as sex education, abstinence education, promotion of adoptions, and housing for single mothers. We will be hoping to read more about this experiment and just how PP plans to spend their share.

Some people believe that if by chance Roe v. Wade is overturned, abortion will be automatically made illegal in the United States. However, the fact is that if Roe is overturned, abortion policy will be decided through the democratic process in each state. Before Roe v. Wade made it possible for a woman to get an abortion at any time for any reason, all states permitted abortion if necessary to save the mother's life, and some permitted abortion in additional circumstances. But Roe made any and all restrictions that any state may have had in place, unconstitutional.

If Roe v. Wade is overturned, policy decisions about abortion will be made by the citizens of each state through the democratic process, rather than by courts. Some states will place limits on abortion, in others there will likely be few limits. But not until that law is reversed will states be able to govern themselves on this important issue.

Roe Reality Check

"Society does not allow a woman to kill her spouse, a child already born, neighbor, etc. What darkness has hold of us that we can rationalize the same woman killing her unborn baby and calling it "choice"? Pray to end abortion.

The 2006 ProLife Corner

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

Weekly Offering

February 19, 2006 Offerings	\$18,182
Same collection last year	16,257
Number of envelopes	699
Poor Box last weekend	\$448
Fuel Collection	\$8,508
Snow Removal to Date	2,015

Thank you for your continued generosity.

God Bless You Always,

Fr Mike

The Feast of St Joseph

Saturday March 18th



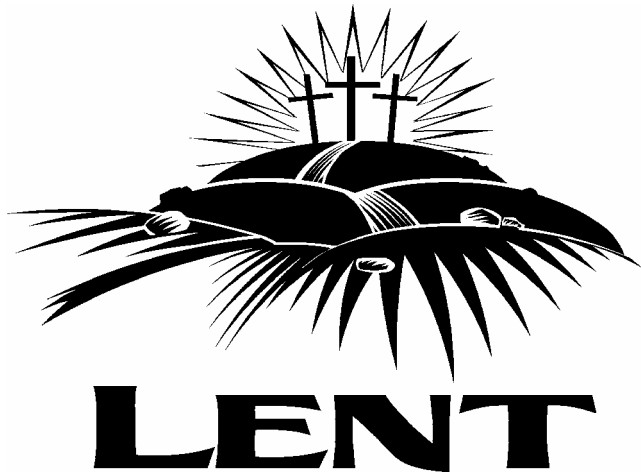
5:00 PM Mass

A celebration dinner will follow in Carew Hall. We are limited to 250 people so please contact the rectory if you can join us. Admission is free, tickets are necessary for seating and are available on a first come first serve basis. So make your reservations early!

Mark Your Calendars

Feb 28	Ash Wednesday Prayer Service	7PM
March 1	Ash Wednesday Prayer Services	12:10, 5 & 7:30 PM
March 3	Holy Hour for Vocations	7:30 PM
March 5	Pancake breakfast BS Troop 272	
March 5	RCIA Rite of Election	7:00PM
March 6	Baptism Class	8PM
	Meeting Room A	Rectory
March 10	Stations of the Cross	7:30 PM
March 12	Unity Sunday	
March 18	Feast of St Joseph	
March 27-30	Parish Lenten Retreat	





2006

Ashes, Prayers & Stations

Ash Wednesday - A Call to Conversion

On Tuesday, February 28th at 7PM we will share Hot Cross Buns and fellowship followed by our very moving Prayer Service and distributing of Ashes at 7:30. The Eucharist will be celebrated on *Ash Wednesday, March 1* at 7 and 9 AM. Ashes will be distributed after the homily at each of these celebrations. Ashes will also be distributed at the Service of the Word at 12:10, 5 and 7:30 PM.

Rules of Fast and Abstinence

During the season of Lent the Church calls us to fast and abstain. The days of fast are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fast means that those between the ages of 18 and 59 limit themselves to one full meal and eat nothing between meals. The other meals on a fast day are light meals. All the Fridays of Lent, as well as Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, are also days of abstinence, which means that those 14 years of age and older are to abstain from eating meat.

Daily Mass—A Lenten Tradition

Monday through Friday 7AM, 9AM and 12:10 PM.

Saturday at 8AM

Sunday Masses remain the same at 5PM on Saturday, 7, 9 & 10:30 AM, 12 Noon and 5PM on Sunday

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Daily as we pray the "Our Father" we petition our God to "forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." These simple words recall the basic need that each of us has to experience forgiveness and to share it with others. As a faith community the Sacrament of Reconciliation has long served to seek forgiveness of God and to be reconciled with one another. Celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation provides us with an encounter with our Compassionate God. Lent is an especially opportune time to experience God's mercy in this sacramental way.

The parish offers weekly celebrations of the sacrament each Monday, Wednesday & Friday after the 7 & 9 AM Masses and on Saturday after the 8AM Mass and from 4-4:45 PM.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will also be celebrated at the following times:

Thursday- March 30 - Final night of Parish Mission 7:30

Monday of Holy Week - April 10 - after the 7 & 9 AM masses, 4-5PM and 7-8:30PM

Wednesday of Holy Week - April 12 - after the 7 & 9AM masses

Holy Saturday - April 15 - 10-12 Noon for those unable to attend other services.



Stations of the Cross

Recalling the Passion of our Lord Jesus during the season of Lent has nourished Catholics from the earliest days of Christianity. One of the traditional ways in which we recall Jesus' way of the cross is the praying of the Stations of the Cross. Join us for the Stations on each of the following Fridays: March 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st, and April 7th.

The Lenten Retreat

Our Lenten Retreat is a time for spiritual renewal and growth and will be conducted by our Fr Rene & Fr Mike Boyle. It will begin on Monday, March 27th at 7:30 PM and end on Thursday, March 30th with the sacrament of Reconciliation. Each of our evening services will be preached in the context of Eucharistic Exposition. We invite you to set aside this time of prayer. May the retreat be a truly meaningful experience for you.

Lenten Feast Days

Celebrate with us two of our favorite patron saints - St Patrick & St Joseph. There will be a St Patrick's Day Parade on Sunday, March 12th sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Since St Patrick's Day falls on a Friday (a day of abstinence) the Bishop has granted us a dispensation so that we may enjoy a true Irish Feast. Saturday, March 18th we will be celebrating the Feast of St Joseph with a dinner in Carew Hall following the 5PM Mass.

Seven Last Words

Good Friday is a time of deep recollection and prayer. For centuries Christians have prayed over the Passion of the Lord in many ways. As a parish community, On Good Friday at 12 Noon, our prayer service will be structured around "The Seven Last Words" a very powerful and moving reflection presented by members of our parish family. Come pray with us.

Palm Sunday

Distribution of
Palm at all Masses

Saturday April 8th
5:00

Sunday April 9th
7,9,10:30 AM
12 Noon
5:00PM

Holy Thursday

April 13th

9:00

Morning Prayer

7:30 PM

Mass of the Lord's
Supper followed by
Solemn Procession with
the Blessed Sacrament to
the Repository

11:00 PM

Closing of Repository

Good Friday

April 14th

9:00

Morning Prayer

Noon

Reflection on the Seven Last
Words

3:00

Commemoration of the Passion
and Death of the Lord Jesus

7:30PM

Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday

April 15th

9:00

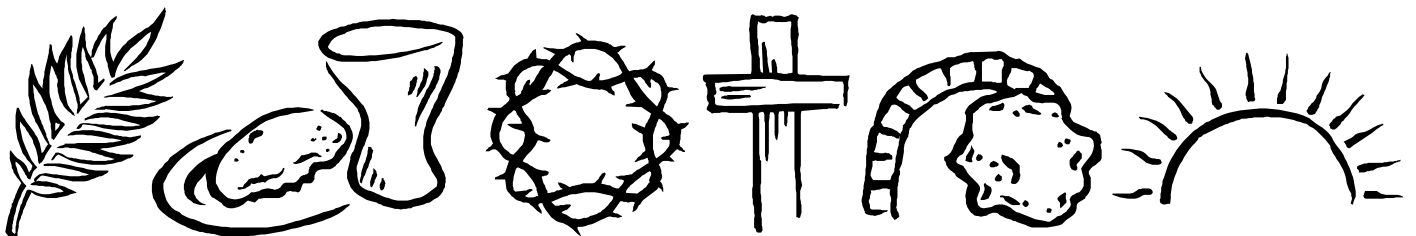
Morning Prayer and
Blessing of Easter food

10-12 Noon

Confessions for those
unable to attend other
services.

7:30

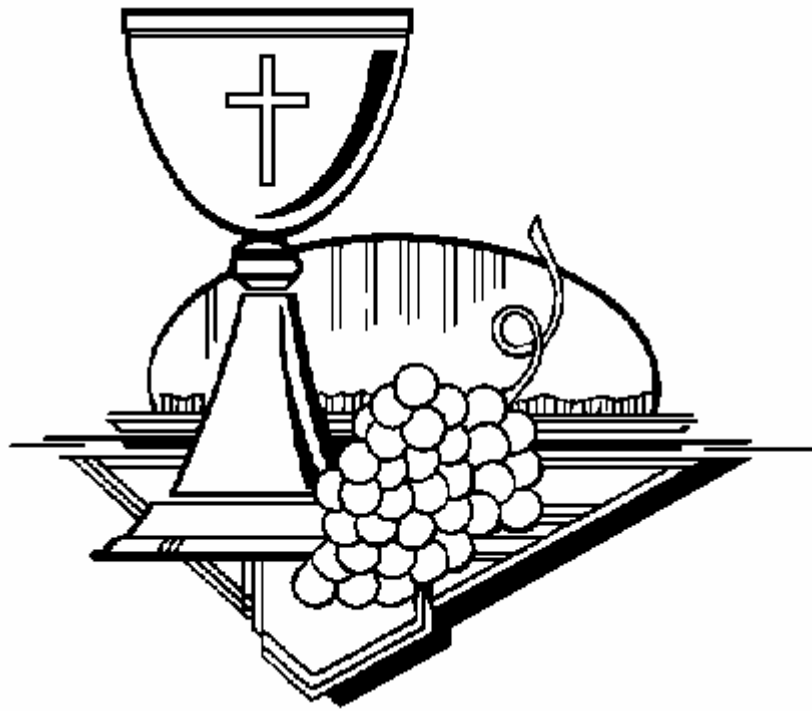
Easter Vigil Liturgy



Holy Hour for Vocations

Friday, March 3rd

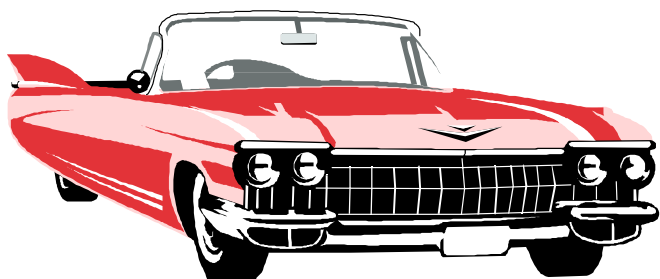
7:30-8:30



You are invited to join the seminarians from the Immaculate Conception Seminary in Huntington, which include our very own Pastoral Year Seminarians Lachlan and Lee, for a Holy Hour offered for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Remembering the

Fabulous Fifties!



Take a cruise down memory lane and hop on over to

St. Joseph's Home School Association Rock 'N Roll Fashion Show

Wednesday, March 29, 2006 *

7pm to 11 pm

at Villa Lombardi's

877 Main Street, Holbrook



\$50.00 per person

Ticket includes:

Salad, Dinner, Dessert,
Coffee/Tea/Beer/Wine/Soda,
& Valet Parking

To purchase show tickets, please mail
your name, return address, number of tickets requested,
and payment to the address below.

* If there is a specific group you would like to sit with, please enclose your request with payment. We will
try to accommodate you.

* If you are a school parent, please include your name, child's grade and phone number

St. Joseph School
Attention: Ann Ambrosio, HSA Treasurer
25 Church Street, Ronkonkoma, NY 11779

Please make checks payable to St. Joseph School
For further information or questions, call (631) 588-4760
Order forms are also available in the Church Lobby.

*** ABSOLUTELY NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AFTER MARCH 24, 2006 ***

Fabulous 50/50

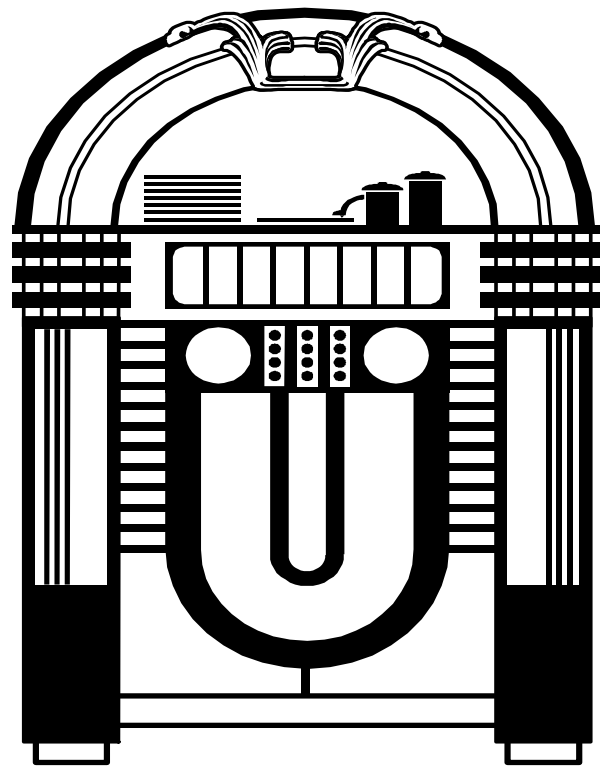
at the St. Josephs Fashion Show

Wednesday, March 29, 2006

The more tickets we sell,
the bigger the CASH prize.

Watch our signs in the
school and church lobbies
for the current prize amount.

Donation: \$5.00 each
or 6 for \$25.00



Return the form below to the rectory.

Name _____

Address _____

Number of Tickets _____ Amount enclosed _____

Fabulous 50/50

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL 2006

A LOOK AT OUR
PROGRESS

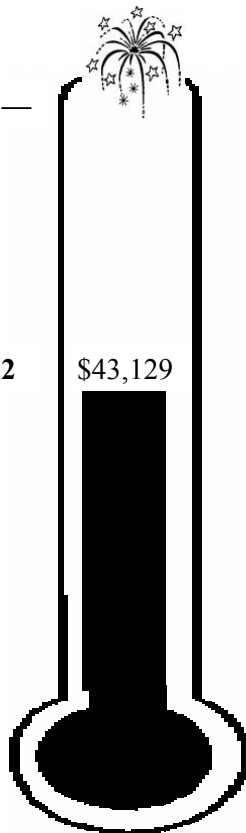
Great News !!

Our Goal Is \$74,800 —

Pledges as of February 22

\$43,129

WE'RE MAKING
GREAT STRIDES
IN REACHING
OUR GOAL!!



*We have attained
57.7% of our goal !!*

Last year it took us 5 months
to accomplish this.

Our thanks to everyone who has made
a pledge, increased their pledge from
last year and those who have made a
one time gift. All your generosity is
appreciated.



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Pledge \$ _____ Payment \$ _____ Balance \$ _____

Name: _____

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City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Parish: 146-St Joseph

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many
through
Diocesan &
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and
services.*

Every Gift Counts! Can we count on you?

Pledge	10 Payments
\$5000	\$500
2500	250
1500	150
1000	100
500	50
300	30
200	20
100	10

Around The Parish

St Joseph's Play Group Calling all babies, toddlers and Pre-schoolers ! Come meet new friends at the St Joseph's Playgroup! Bring your Mom, Dad, Grandparents or caregiver to Father Carew Hall on Friday mornings at 9:30 AM. You'll meet other St Joseph's families & spend an hour of fun with other children from ages birth to 5. For more information please call Sally Miller at 737-5120. Hope to see you there!

Courtesy Announcements

Diocesan Conference for the Separated and Divorced "Finding Peace, Purpose & Joy" will be held at Kellenberg Memorial High School, Uniondale, on Saturday, March 11th from 9AM to 4:30 PM. For registration & more information, call 516-678-5800 x 508 or email clok@drvc.org

Parenting (Grandparenting/Godparenting) the Christian Family back by popular demand, we will be meeting monthly in the parish center meeting room at St Thomas More, Hauppauge from 7-8PM. Seminars scheduled: "Living Gospel Values" March 2 and "Improving Family Time" April 6. Activity, prayer, & discussion serve as components of each seminar facilitated by Dr Joan Dorr. Pre-registration is appreciated 234-5551.

Professional Therapy and Counseling provided by NYS licensed psychologists are available to our parish through the Catholic Counseling Center, a proprietary professional corporation, which is independent of and not controlled or supervised by the parish or diocese. Most insurance policies are honored. For confidential information and appointment, call Dr. Giuliani at 243-1550.

Bishop Murphy's Lenten Vocation Retreat Weekend will be held March 10-12th for all men interested in a priestly vocation. This weekend will offer time for prayer, Mass and socializing, along with open discussions of the priesthood. For more information or to register please contact the Vocation Office at 631-424-9888 or e-mail Vocations@drvc.org

St Joseph Renewal Center in Brentwood will be offering the following programs:
"The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ" Thursdays from 1:30 to 3:30 March 2-30 \$75.00
"Finding God in the Question of the Heart" March 3-5 \$150.00
"Postcards from the Past: A Personal Experience" March 5 2-5PM \$20.00
"The Lenten Desert...A Special Place to Pray" Tuesdays from 10-Noon Mar 7-Apr 11 \$80.00

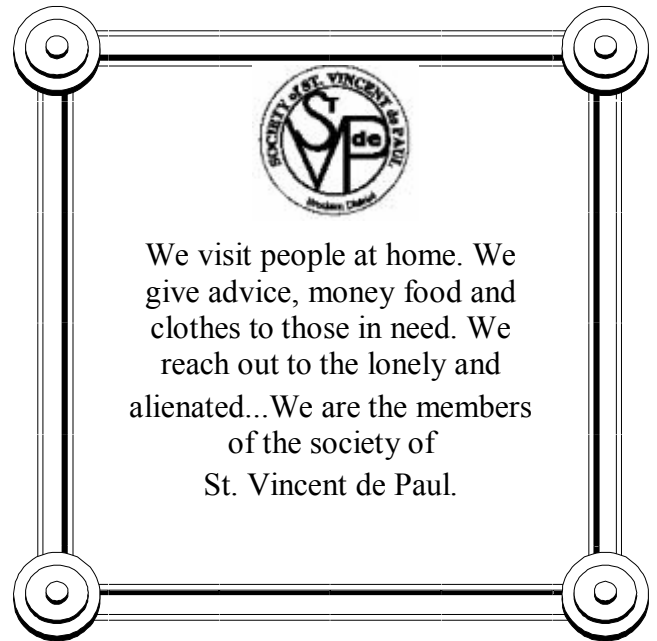
Secretary / Receptionist needed for Mary Immaculate Rectory, Bellport—Monday through Friday, 9AM to 4PM. Must be computer literate Microsoft Office/ Publisher. Interested applicants, please call 286-0154.

St Patrick School in Smithtown will be hosting a Spring car Show & Craft Fundraiser on Sunday, April 30 from 9-4 on the grounds of St Patrick on Main Street in Smithtown. Cars, trucks, motorcycles and the 1985 Dale Earnhardt car are among the attractions. All car clubs and

vendors welcome. For more information & to register by April 12 contact John Forlenza at 588-2696 (cars only) and Christine Clinton at 232-1819 (craft vendors).

Smithtown Central School District Adult Education Program offers free classes at the Joseph M Barton District Building. The program consists of English as a second Language, High School Equivalency, Senior Citizen Basic Computer Classes and Career Counseling. For more information call 631-382-2181.

Suffolk Catholic Singles Dance Saturday, March 11th at the Holiday Inn at MacArthur Airport from 9PM to 12:30AM. Admission is \$20 at the door which includes DJ, deli buffet, free snacks and raffle tickets. Neat casual attire. Ages 30's through 60's. For more information call Jerry at 516-520-9385.



**Once you were "no people" but now you are God's people,
Once there was "no mercy for you," but now you have found mercy.
1Peter 2:10**



Be Renewed! Be Healed!

Jesus I trust in You!

Proclaim to the whole world
my unfathomable mercy,
the greatest attribute of God!

Family Healing Retreat & Youth Conference

featuring

Father Bill Halbing

Pastor, St. Antoninus Church
International Speaker & Retreat Director

Linda Schubert

Renowned Author of international bestseller
Miracle Hour, True Confessions, Precious Power

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Youth Speaker, St. Martin Tours Church

Saturday, April 22, 2006 - 9:00am - 4:15pm

St. Joseph Catholic Church, Ronkonkoma, New York
Adult Conference - Main Church
Youth Conference - School Auditorium

Music by:

Filipino Pastoral Team of Queens & Brooklyn
Pater Noster Youth Music Ministry,
led by Grace Bernardo - Youth Coordinator
John Clancy - Spirit Life II Music Ministry

Sponsored by:

The Servants of the Lord Prayer Community - St. Joseph

Contact Persons:

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Please Register Early! Seats Are Limited!

PARISHIONER REQUEST FORM

I/we would like to register as members of St. Joseph Parish.

NAME (s): _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ - _____ *unlisted? (Yes) (No)*

I/we would like become members of the parish. () Yes

I/we would like to receive contribution envelopes. () Yes () No

We make our donations each Sunday () Weekly

We make our donations once a Month () Monthly

- () I would like to become an usher
- () I would like to become a lector.
- () I would like to become an altar server.
- () I would like to become a Eucharistic Minister.
- () I would like to become a choir member
- () I would like to become a Catechist
- () I would like to help maintain the parish plantings
- () I would like to offer my following talents to the parish

(Please return to the Church Office or place in Collection Basket)

REMEMBERING THE SICK

Please include the following in the bulletin sick list:

_____ Name of person who is ill:

Person making this request: _____ Relationship to ill person _____

Your Phone #: _____
(Please place in collection basket or return to Church Office)

PARISH RESTORATION FUND

I/we wish to pledge (or increase our pledge to)
 ___ \$5,000 ___ \$4,000 ___ \$3,000 ___ \$2,000 ___ \$1,000
 to St. Joseph's Parish Restoration Campaign.

I/we would like to make payments
 ___ Annually ___ Semi-Annually ___ Quarterly ___ Monthly
 spreading the payments over
 ___ One year ___ Two years ___ Three years ___ Four years

NAME (s): _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ - _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED NOW: \$ _____
(Please return this form in the collection basket or to the Church Office)

We're Looking For...

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 baskets that are 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 ☎467-6091

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