

OUR LITURGY

In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks of Himself as *the vine* and His Father as *the vine grower* who prunes the vine so that it can bear more fruit. In Acts, Saul boldly attests to the Jerusalem Church of his conversion to Jesus. In his letter, John urges the early community of believers to remain faithful so that God can work through them.



REMEMBER OUR DEAD

LtCol Joseph James Senty, Philip Vicinanza Jr, Concetta Vincente, for our deceased soldiers and all of our deceased relatives and friends.

REMEMBER OUR SICK

Paul Ahearn	Rosemarie Aiello	Grace Alvarado
Ann Bannon	Dianne Barello	Bill Barry
Oliver Bouchard	Mr Michael Boyle Sr	Leo Cantelmo
Denio Castagna	Bud Cecere	Ronald Clifford
Marialen Cooper	Angelina DeSimone	Olivia Marie Devine
Barbara DiGirolo	Nancy DiTrapani	Kenneth Donohue
Mary Dougherty	Maggie Errico	Robert Filce
Pat Gracey	Raymond C Harold	Jeanne Hartman
Maryann Imperato	Jasper Indelicato	Margaret Indelicato
Jack Kelleher	Joseph Kelly	Helen Kwiathouski
Nicholas J LaBollita	Georgiana Lopez	Richard Lowis
Anne M Skidmore	Serafina Maraviglia	Michael Marscovetera
Maureen McCann	Laurie M Townsend	Sam Monteleone
Nicholas Paduano	Grace C Peshkur	Joseph C Poirot
Raymond Ramos	Janet Rodgers	Salvatore Romagnuolo
Christopher Rubino	Dawn Saporito	Ben Scannella
Sharon Schneider	Dorothea Slinkosky	Darryll Smith
Antonina Sturiano	Lloyd Turnier	

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, May 14, Fifth Sunday of Easter, Mother's Day

7:00 Mother's Day Novena Intentions
9:00 Mother's Day Novena Intentions
10:30 Mother's Day Novena Intentions
12:00 Mother's Day Novena Intentions
5:00 Mother's Day Novena Intentions

Monday, May 15, St Isidore the Farmer

7:00 Mother's Day Novena Intentions
7:00 Jasper & Margaret Indelicato (living) requested by Loving Family
9:00 Salvatore Pancetti requested by Nicholas Caponera
9:00 Thomas Ryan requested by the Hughes Family

Tuesday, May 16

7:00 Dorothy Evans requested by Loving Husband
7:00 Margaret Long requested by Mary & Carlo Verardi
8:45 Mother's Day Novena Intentions
8:45 Francis & Paul Kurtz requested by Loving Family

Wednesday, May 17

7:00 Mother's Day Novena Intentions
7:00 Patricia Cusack requested by Frank
9:00 George Buechner requested by Loving Wife
9:00 Margaret Kolibash requested by Claire & Jim

Thursday, May 18, St John 1

7:00 James J Reilly requested by Loving Family
7:00 Angelo Feliciano requested by Loving Family
9:00 Mother's Day Novena Intentions
9:00 Michael Guerra requested by Marian & Nick

Friday, May 19

7:00 Mother's Day Novena Intentions
9:00 Marlene Maher requested by Mr & Mrs Chiella
9:00 Kathleen Pagliuca requested by Mom & Dad

Saturday, May 20, St Bernadine of Siena

8:00 Francis Crescenti requested by the Ferrara Family
8:00 Mother's Day Novena Intentions

Anticipated Mass for Sunday

5:00 Paul Gomez requested by Loving Family
5:00 Bertha F Scherrer requested by Loving Sister
5:00 Stanley Stasiowski requested by Marcia DiGregorio

Sunday, May 21, Sixth Sunday of Easter

7:00 Thomas J Longboat requested by The Fennololl Family
7:00 Mary Dineen requested by Patrick, Deanna & Olivia
9:00 Court of St Joseph Catholic Daughters of America
9:00 Joseph Onufrak requested by Loving Wife & Family
10:30 Nadine & John Beneventi requested by Loving Family
10:30 Margaret O'Leary requested by Kevin & Kelly Hayes
12:00 Mother's Day Novena Intentions
12:00 Patsy Martino requested by Carol Ann Fortunato
5:00 Charles R Contato requested by Loving Family
5:00 Herman Schlarmann requested by Helen Olewick

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

Talk is cheap, and actions speak louder than words. Or perhaps you would prefer, you can talk the talk, but can you walk the walk? Or maybe, “*Children let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth.*” Saint John in his First Letter is really telling us that the true cost of being a follower of Jesus. Christ’s disciples are not people who just talk or pay the Lord lip service. No, we must truly put the Gospel into practice, we must love one another, we must forgive each other, and do our best to help those in need (physically, emotionally and spiritually)! This is what it means to try to keep Jesus’ commandments to love one another as He loves us.

However, this is not easy to do. Sometimes we cannot help others in need, or we find it hard to forgive those who hurt us or sometimes I find it hard to love others. How can we do these things, how can we give Jesus more than just lip service, and truly walk the walk of Christians? The answer is seen in today’s Gospel Reading. We must realize the unique relationship that we as members of The Body of Christ share with the Risen Lord. Jesus tells us that this relationship is like a branch and its relationship to the vine. This imagery is one that was very familiar to the people of ancient Israel and certainly one that would be familiar to the people of the Roman World when John wrote his gospel. If you have ever seen grape vines grow you can see how the braches are so totally dependent upon the vine for food, water, and life itself. The vine also connects the braches to each other and the soil and the roots. Without Jesus, we cannot truly survive or be able to act in His Holy Name. Without Jesus, to feed us, water us, and give us the spiritual strength we need we cannot walk the walk.

Jesus does not ask us to act in His name without Him, and remember God will never ask us to do anything we can’t truly do. And He will never ask us to do it by ourselves, for He is always there to help us. We also must remember that as branches connected to the same vine, Christ also gives us the help of each other to act in deed and truth. This is the reason why Christ founded the Church in the first place, so that His Holy Body can change the world and produce much fruit for the vine grower-God the Father.

Today is of course Mother’s Day and on behalf of the **Priests, Deacons, our Seminarian Lachlan, and the Parish Staff we wish all our Mothers, a very Happy Mother’s Day.** God bless all our Mothers as we pray for all of our Mothers those living and deceased. If you would like to have your mothers living

or deceased remembered at our Masses during the month of May, please use the envelopes found on the window ledges in the Church or in your envelope packet.

Next weekend is our *Seminarian Lachlan’s* last official weekend with us, and we will all miss this fine young man. While Lachlan’s Pastoral Year is complete, his relationship with us is not ending. He will still be here in spirit and in deed as well, as hopefully he will come to visit us throughout the course of the next two years. God willing, in two years time he will be ordained a priest for the Church and The Diocese of Rockville Centre. Please keep Lachlan and his classmates in your prayers and pray for our last year Pastoral Year *Seminarian Lee* as they both continue their journey to the priesthood.

And the end of this month we will begin selling Raffle Tickets for our *Annual Summer Family Festival*. We will be selling them outside the Church and sending tickets to you in the mail. ***The tickets are \$20 each or 6 for \$100-that’s a free ticket if you buy all six.*** If by chance, you can’t purchase all six, try to sell them among your friends, neighbors, or family members, that is why this year we are sending the tickets directly to you so you can help us sell even more. Remember, the Raffle and the Family Festival is one of the two major fund and fun raisers for the parish and we need everybody’s help and support. We of course are always in need of volunteers to work the booths, tickets etc. There will be sign up sheets in the lobby. Don’t forget we will also have wonderful ***Raffle Baskets*** available and nightly ***50/50 Drawings***-there is something for everyone! Also remember the *St. Joseph’s School Annual Golf Outing*. This always provides a great day of golf, a great dinner afterwards, a day filled with fun, and a great opportunity to help support our beautiful school. **The Golf Outing is Friday June 9, 2006-see details in the Church Lobby or in future bulletins.**

Let us close with these Faith Sharing Questions: Reflect on a significant experience of being connected, and on an experience of being cut off? How can you help others in your life make stronger connections to the True Vine?

Happy Mother’s Day and of course Happy Easter
Fr. Mike

PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS

Please continue to remember them in your prayers.

CPL Deborah Alfieri	E2 Matthew Altonji
Tech SGT Louis Barletta	Pvt Richard Bossi
PFC Justin Browne	SGT Michael Bruno
PC Michael Dean Cantley	CPL Glenn Clacher
SPC Thomas E. Corcoran	SGT Ryan Delaney
LTCOL Kurt Diehl	SGT Stephen Gene DiGirolamo
SSGT Tony Elliott	LT Kelly Fletcher
CPL Keith Flick	PFC Adam Franciosa
LT Craig 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
Andy Mezador	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
PVT 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

(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)



Rehearsal reminder for the students who will be receiving First Eucharist on May 20th and 21st.

May 20 th 10:00 am Mass	Rehearsal May 16 th at 4:30 pm
May 20 th 12:30 pm Mass	Rehearsal May 16 th at 6:45 pm
May 21 st 12:00 pm Mass	Rehearsal May 17 th at 6:45 pm

St Joseph's School

Congratulations to a recent graduate of our school, Matthew Wimpleberg, for achieving the Chaminade High School Second Trimester Honor Roll!

Congratulations to our 2nd graders who made their First Communion this Saturday, May 13!

Our school will be participating in a May Crowning on Monday, May 15, 2006 at 1:00PM in the church. All are welcome to join us.

Our Spring Band and Choral Concert is Thursday, May 18 at 7:30PM. Please join us.

Join us for an evening of fun at our Children's Fashion Show on Friday, May 19 at 8:00PM. Come and see our school uniform!

Come and join us for a day of golfing! Our golf outing is scheduled for Friday, June 9, 2006. A limited number of foursomes are available. Please call the school office at 588-4760 for more information.



Several grades are available for registration for the September 2006 school year. If you are interested in attending St. Joseph please contact the school office at 588-4760 as soon as possible for a tour and registration information.

Religious Education

Monday and Thursday 9 am to 4 pm
Tuesday and Wednesday 10 am to 4 pm
The office is **closed** on Fridays.



Early registration will be closing on **May 15th**, classes are filling up. Any child entering 1st grade in September should be registered for Communion prep which is a two year program beginning in grade 1. Call the Religious Ed office at 981-1805 and we will send you the forms.

Important Reminder for the Parents of our **Level 1** students, May 31st is the deadline for your child to go to the Rectory to have his/her prayers heard by one of our Priests, this is necessary in order to be placed into Level 2. Please call the Rectory to make an appointment.

We also have registration forms for Sunday School. This program is for 3, 4 and 5 year olds. Please call our office for registration forms

Registration forms for the Vacation Bible school are available at our office. This program is for grades K thru 4 and will be held from July 24th to July 28th. The fee is \$40.00 for one child, \$70.00 for a family of 2, \$100 for a family of 3 or more. The fee includes a t-shirt. If you wish to register, please call our office.

The Religious Ed Staff wishes all the Mothers in St Joseph's Parish a very Happy and Blessed Mothers Day.

Baptisms

Jocelyn Elizabeth Sigman

Madison Grace Stucchio

Brennan Victor Taylor

Religious Ed has several **Entertainment Books** left for 2006, they can be purchased for \$10.00 each. Please come to their office if you wish to buy one.



DRIVER NEEDED

An elderly parishioner (woman) is in need of a ride to Sunday Mass each week. Call Outreach at 981-6888 if you can help.





RESPECT LIFE

On this Mother's Day, as we all say "thank you" to our mothers and reflect on their lives, there is a story connecting mothers and abortion that you may not have heard.

At a February 2006 Stand Up For Life press conference in Washington, D.C., which was sponsored by Black Americans for Life, black mothers stepped up to the microphone to speak out against the destruction that abortion is causing in the African-American community.

The fact that 39% of all abortions—that's almost 4 out of 10- are performed on black women is a horrendous statistic, since blacks are only 12% of the American population and declining. One woman is quoted as saying, "Abortion causes us to give up our blessings, our heritage and our future". For more information contact Day Gardner, 512 10th St. NW, Washington, DC 20004. For crisis pregnancy help or post-abortion counseling, call toll-free 1-800-848-5683.

For both men and women affected by abortion, there will be a Rachel's Vineyard Weekend Retreat at Kellenberg Retreat House located on the grounds of Kellenberg Memorial High School in Uniondale, NY. The dates for this are Friday, June 23rd to Sunday, June 25th. Call Frank Gariboldi @ 516-523-0586 for more information.

St. Margaret of Scotland's Respect Life Communion Breakfast is scheduled for May 20th, following the 8 am Mass. The guest speaker will be Marga Regina, director of the Massapequa office of the Life Center of L.I., with which the above mentioned Frank Gariboldi and his wife Lorraine, are involved. Lorraine is in fact, Executive Director. All are welcome to this Mass and breakfast (and what a breakfast it is!), and you may call Rosanne Jordan at 631-698-1408 or Bob Buchta at 631-696-2995 for reservations. The suggested donation is \$10 for adults, \$5 for students. Don't miss it! **LIFE NEWS, May 2006**

The fact isA woman can *legally* abort her unborn child at any time throughout her entire nine months of pregnancy ...for any reason. This is due to the Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton decisions made by the United States Supreme Court. According to survey data collected by abortion providers themselves, the overwhelming majority of all abortions -95%- are done as a means of birth control or to eliminate an unplanned pregnancy. Only 1% of all abortions are performed because of rape or incest; 1% because of fetal abnormalities; 3% because of the mother's health problems.

Dayton Right to Life, Dayton, Ohio

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

Weekly Offering

Sunday, May 7, 2006 Offerings	\$16,719
Same collection last year	17,735
Number of envelopes	622
Easter Sunday Collection to date	\$ 48,746
Same collection last year	46,096
Poor Box last weekend	\$519
Fuel Collection to Date	\$12,994
Fuel Expenses 9/1/05 thru 4/30/06	31,957

Thank you for your support.
God Bless You Always,
Fr Mike

Banns of Marriage (Second Time)



Ruth Field of Holtsville and
Edward Brace of St Joseph's
Dawn Diana of Selden and
Jeffrey Francisquini of St Joseph's
Keri Lucadamo of St Joseph's and
Jonathan Tsavos of St John Baptist
Serina Sisto of St Joseph's and
Raymond Alvarez Jr of Good Shepherd
Tracy Krupka and Robert Buglione both of St Joseph's

Outreach

For the month of April we serviced 179 clients. Financial assistance amounted to \$2,293. There were 16 new clients added and total services and referrals provided were 310. This included food, living needs, Health Care information, advocacy and housing. Your continued support of the Outreach Program makes all of this possible. Thank you.

Mark Your Calendars

May 13 & 14	Baby Clothing Collection
May 14	May Crowning at 12 noon Mass
May 20	1st Communion 10 & 12 Noon
May 21	1st Communion 12 Noon
May 27	Right to Life Newsletter folding 8AM-12:30
May 29	Office Closed Memorial Day
June 4	Pentecost Sunday / Unity Sunday
June 5	Baptism Class 8PM Rectory
June 9	Golf Outing
July 19-23	PARISH FESTIVAL



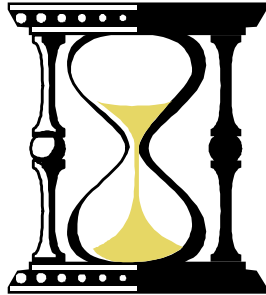
Check Your
Calendar

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL 2006

COUNTDOWN TO OUR GOAL

10-**9**-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1-GOAL!!!!

Pledged to Date \$65,509



I don't know about you, but I am so excited! We are now just a little over \$9000 away from our goal. We are making great progress as we have moved one step closer to the mark of \$74,800. We've come too far to stop now. The generosity of 433 parishioners has gotten us this far and we are very grateful. But we need more of the over 5500 registered families to step up and make a pledge to ensure that we reach the goal and get the largest rebate possible. Let's pray together that every family will consider doing their part to help our parish through the 2006 Catholic Ministries Appeal.

<i>St. Joseph Church 2006 Goal : \$74,800</i>	
80% of goal in payments, your parish receives a 10% share:	\$5,984
100% of goal in payments, your parish receives a 20% share:	\$14,960
\$5,000 over goal in payments, your parish receives:	\$18,960
\$10,000 over goal in payments, your parish receives:	\$22,960
\$25,000 over goal in payments, your parish receives:	\$34,960

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

2006



Diocese of Rockville Centre - PO Box 4000, Rockville Centre, NY 11571-4000
 P 516-379-5210 ext. 2 F 516-379-5043 e-mail catholicministries@drvc.org

Thank you for your support. Please make checks payable to: **Catholic Ministries Appeal**

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

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Parish: 146-St Joseph

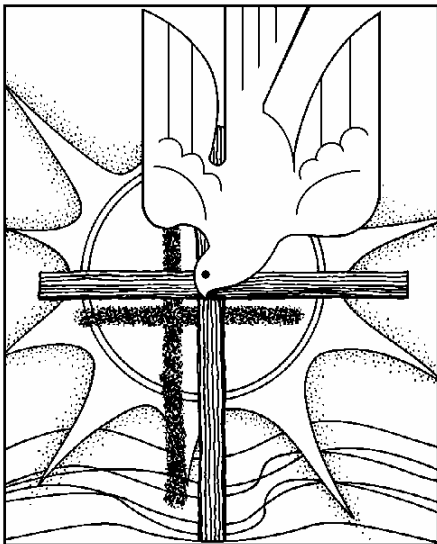
*Touching
the lives of
many
through
Diocesan &
Parish
ministries
and
services.*

*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

A GUIDE TO GIVING

Confirmation Corner



REMINDER

Completed registration forms for the November 27, 2006 Confirmation Liturgy are due by May 16, 2006 at the Religious Education Office.

Registration forms can be mailed or returned in person (except Fridays) to the Religious Education office or to the Rectory on the weekend.

Please make every effort to meet this deadline date. Any questions can be directed to the Religious Education office at 981-1805. Thank You.

Catholic Youth Organization

“United in Sportsmanship”

Invites you and members of your family to the

Family Mass

on

Saturday, June 10, 2006

at 5:00PM



Wear your St. Joe's Team Jersey

A beautiful Catholic Christian way to remember members of your family living and deceased

Refreshments to follow - please let your coaches know how many in your family will be attending.

List the names of those you want remembered and bring the list to the Mass with you. Please list the person's name and their relation to you.

Help Support Joe Scotti's Eagle Project

CANS AND BOTTLES

Please donate your cans and bottles so they can be recycled for the deposit.

Every can helps!!!!

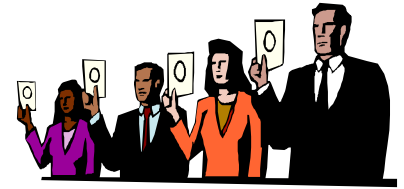
Please bring the cans and bottles to recycling center behind Rectory.

THANK YOU



**LIVE
SPORTS
MEMORABILIA
AUCTION!!!!**

**ST. JOSEPH'S
7TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING
at the
TALL GRASS COUNTRY CLUB**



FRIDAY, JUNE 9, 2006

Golfer's arrive at 11:30am for BBQ Lunch Buffet

Shotgun start at 1:00pm

**LIMITED NUMBER OF FOURSOMES!
COME FOR GOLF OR JUST COME FOR DINNER!!!!
PLEASE SIGN UP EARLY!!!**

Your day will include:

18 Holes of Golf with Cart

**BBQ Lunch includes All Beef Hamburgers and Frankfurters
with Unlimited Soda and Beer served from 11:30am – 1:00pm!**

Beer and Soda cart throughout outing!!!!

**Buffet Dinner with Carving Station, Dessert and Top Shelf Open Bar
at TALL GRASS COUNTRY CLUB!**

Hole Sponsors * Prizes * Raffles * Give-Aways

**Please RSVP by sending payment of \$160.00 per player
along with the tear-off below by WEDNESDAY, MAY 31, 2006 to:
St. Joseph's School, 25 Church St. Lake Ronkonkoma, 11779**

Attn: Ann Ambrosio

For additional information:

Contact Coordinator Brian Sanders

631-475-9575 or 516-815-1884

Family Name: _____ Class _____

Phone Number: _____

Number of Golfers _____ X \$160.00 per Golfer _____

Number For Dinner Only _____ X\$ 50.00 per person _____

Please list all Golfers on the back of this tear-off

*****All groups teeing off will be in fours.***

Single players, doubles or trios will be combined with other players.**

**ABSOLUTELY NO ONE UNDER AGE 16
IS PERMITTED TO BE ON THE GOLF COURSE**

Collared Shirts are required. No sweat pants, cutoffs or tank tops.

No coolers or food of any kind is permitted.

MULLIGANS AND OTHER HOLE PRIZES WILL BE FOR SALE



St Joseph's "Fiesta" Vacation Bible School

**In just a few weeks,
we're having a FIESTA!**

Location: St Joseph's



Fiesta will last: One Week

Fiesta fun begins at : 9:30 on Monday, July 24

Fiesta fun ends at: 12:30 on Friday, July 28

Who's invited: children in grades K to 4

For more information call: 981-9314

Registration forms are in :

Religious Education Office & The Rectory.

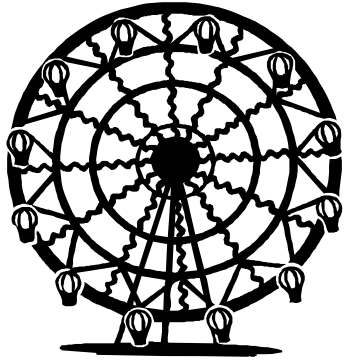
**Fees : \$40 one child/ \$60 family of two
\$100 family of three or more.**



**We are in need of volunteer leaders. A
leader can be an Adult or High School
student with the desire to have a fun
filled week. If you are able to help
please call Mary Lou at 981-9314.**

St. Joseph R. C. Church's

11TH ANNUAL FAMILY FESTIVAL



**FREE ADMISSION
DAILY**

Church Street, Ronkonkoma

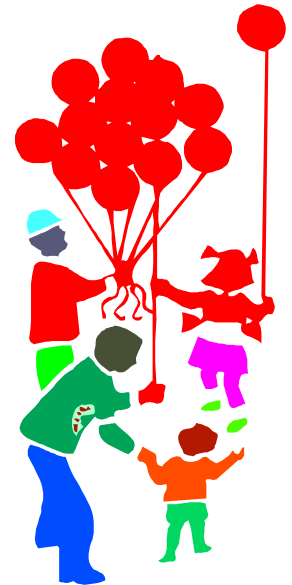
JULY 19 to 23

Wed & Thurs. 7 to 10 :30 pm

Fri 7 to 11 pm

Sat. 6 to 11 pm

Sun. 6 to 10 pm



**RIDES GAMES FUN
FOOD
ENTERTAINMENT
FUN
REFRESHMENTS**

Thurs. & Sun
PAY ONE PRICE
ALL RIDES
\$15.00 Per Person

LAS VEGAS NIGHTS

Wed. Thurs.

7 pm to 11 pm

Fri. & Sat. 7 pm to Midnight

11TH ANNUAL FAMILY FESTIVAL SPONSORS



*Please support our sponsors with
your patronage .
They have been very generous.*

Cancos Tile Corporation
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Dr John S Valente
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D. P. Murphy Co. Inc
Greg & Bill's Auto Collision
American Legion
Skee Containers & Fuel
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Long Island Jet Center Inc
Prestano Bakery of Nesconset
Moloney Funeral Homes
St. Joseph CYO
Sachem Building Supply
Tantone & Gulotta
Long Island Ace Hardware
Commercial Air
Chiarelli Religious Goods

Happy Mother's Day

Loving God,
we thank you for the love of the mothers you have given us,
whose love is so precious that it can never be measured,
whose patience seems to have no end.
May we see your loving hand behind them and guiding them.
We pray for those mothers who fear they will run out of love
or time, or patience.
We ask you to bless them with your own special love.
We ask this in the name of Jesus, our brother.
Amen.



I have been reminded of your sincere faith,
which first lived in your grandmother...
and in your mother...and...now lives in you also.

2 Timothy 1:5



God our Creator, we pray:
for new mothers, coming to terms with new responsibility ;
for expectant mothers, wondering and waiting;
for those who are tired, stressed or depressed;
for those who struggle to balance the tasks of work and family;
for those who are unable to feed their children due to poverty;
for those whose children have physical, mental or emotional disabilities;
for those who have children they do not want;
for those who raise children on their own;
for those who have lost a child;
for those who care for the children of others;
for those whose children have left home;
and for those whose desire to be a mother has not been fulfilled.
Bless all mothers, that their love may be deep and tender,
and that they may lead their children to know and do what is good,
living not for themselves alone, but for God and for others.
Amen.

Mother's Day

The most creative job in the world involves taste, fashion, decorating, recreation, education, transportation, psychology, romance, cuisine, design, literature, medicine, handi-craft, art, horticulture, economics, government, community relations, pediatric, geriatric, entertainment, maintenance, purchasing, direct mail, law, accounting, religion, energy and management. Anyone who can handle these has to be somebody special. *Happy Mother's day from the St Vincent de Paul Society.*



Courtesy Announcements

Marian Night at Christ the King Church, Commack, Tuesday, May 16th, 7:30PM. Rosary, Procession, May Crowning, Hymns, Fellowship & Refreshments. For more information contact Mary at 543-5362.

Spring Fest 2006 on the grounds of the Dominican Village Amityville. Dancing to the Boston Burglars. The dinner dance will feature chefs Mary Spellman & Frank Tromontano from the Food Network. For ticket information please contact Sr Honora Nolty, OP at 841-4803.

St John the Baptist High School, West Islip will be holding their **Family Festival** from Wednesday May 17 - Sunday May 21st. Call for more information at 587-8000 ext 116 or email sureauj@sjbdhs.org.

In honor of the 75th Anniversary of St Stanislaus Kostka School in Maspeth, NY their Church will be having an alumni Mass on Saturday, May 20th at 5PM. After Mass there will be refreshments & the school will be open for visitors. We ask all past & present students to join us at this special event. For more information contact Tina Synnott at 718-639-7225.

St Patrick's Singles Fellowship, Smithtown - Sunday, May 21st, 10AM-1PM - Coffee & Conversation for widowed, single, divorced and separated singles ages 30-60+ years. \$2.00. Call Gail at 366-0124, Monday-Friday.

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

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.

As a member of the **St Therese Prayer Society for Vocations**, you commit yourself to praying in a special way for vocations in the Priesthood and Consecrated Life. There are no dues & no meetings, only the promise of prayers. For more information please call the Vocations office at 631-424-9888 or e-mail us at Vocations@drvc.org.

American Sign Language Classes are being offered by Cleary School for the Deaf. Classes in American Sign Language are being offered from July 3 - August 9th for both children & adults. Call Carolyn Kelly at 588-0530 for information.

Join the **Sisters of St Joseph** in celebrating their **150th Anniversary** on Saturday, May 20th from 10:30 to 3PM. Picnic and festivities on Brentwood Mother House Grounds. Tickets are necessary. Please contact Sr Karen Kaelin CSJ at karenkesj@aol.com or 631-273-1187 ext 46.

Retrouvaille is a program for marriages that are in trouble. It offers a lifeline to couples suffering with relationship problems. No group discussions. The next weekend will be held on June 16-18 at Montfort Missionaries in Bay Shore. For information/registration please call 1-800-470-2230.

Suffolk Catholic Singles Dance Saturday, May 20, 9PM-12:30AM, at the Holiday Inn at MacArthur Airport. Admission is \$20 at the door and includes DJ, Deli buffet and raffle tickets. Neat casual attire. For ages 30's-60's. For more information call Jerry at 516-520-9385.

Natural Family Planning will be held at Christ the King Church in Commack on May 19th at 7:45PM. To register for this class, contact Alycia Gorman at (516) 678-5800 ext. 223 or e-mail agorman@drvc.org.



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)

(Friends can be placed on the silent prayer list only)

PARISH RESTORATION FUND

I/we wish to pledge (or increase our pledge to)

___ \$5,000 ___ \$4,000 ___ \$3,000 ___ \$2,000 ___ \$1,000

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: _____ - _____

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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