

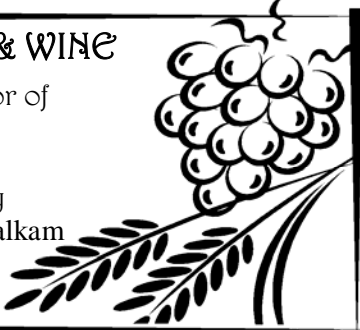
OUR LITURGY

In Acts, Peter comes to the realization that God shows no partiality and that whoever trusts in God will be saved. John's letter imparts the message that love is of God and that those without love do not know God. In the Gospel, Jesus teaches that we can ensure we remain in Him by following His commandment to love one another.

ALTAR BREAD & WINE

Donated in Honor of
Jane Favale

Requested by
Rosemary & Gil Balkam



REMEMBER OUR DEAD

Michael Bovino, Nicholas Mastrandrea, for our deceased soldiers and all of our deceased relatives and friends.

REMEMBER OUR SICK

Paul Ahearn	Rosemarie Aiello	Grace Alvarado
Ann Bannon	Bill Barry	Oliver Bouchard
Mr Michael Boyle Sr	Leo Cantelmo	Denio Castagna
Bud Cecere	Ronald Clifford	Marialen Cooper
Michael DePinto	Angelina DeSimone	Olivia Marie Devine
Barbara DiGirolo	Nancy DiTrapani	Kenneth Donohue
Mary Dougherty	Maggie Errico	Robert Filce
Pat Gracey	Raymond C Harold	Jeanne Hartman
Jasper Indelicato	Margaret Indelicato	Jack Kelleher
Joseph Kelly	Helen Kwiathouski	Nicholas John LaBollita
Georgiana Lopez	Richard Lewis	Anne Mangan Skidmore
Serafina Maraviglia	Michael Marscovetera	Maureen McCann
Sam Monteleone	Nicholas Paduano	Grace C Peshkur
Joseph C Poirot	Raymond Ramos	Salvatore Romagnuolo
Christopher Rubino	Dawn Saporito	Sharon Schneider
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 Thomas
Fr Maffeo	7:00 am	Fr Thomas
Fr Thomas	9:00 am	Fr Rene
Fr Boyle	10:30 am	Fr Maffeo
Fr Tapel	12:00 am	Fr Boyle
Fr Boyle	5:00 pm	Fr Maffeo

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, 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

Monday, May 22, St Rita of Cascia

- 7:00 Anne Bartik requested by Loving Family
- 7:00 Mother's Day Novena Intentions
- 9:00 Lenny Wisniewski requested by Charlie & Debbie Fichter
- 9:00 Josephine Silvestri requested by Loving Son & Family

Tuesday, May 23

- 7:00 Consuelo Ortiz requested by Loving Family
- 7:00 Alan Delgado requested by Mom
- 8:45 Carmine Somma requested by Loving Family
- 8:45 Rosemary Gallagher requested by the Kay Family

Wednesday, May 24

- 7:00 Robert Ortiz & Michael D' Amico requested by Loving Family
- 7:00 Paul Gomez requested by Loving Family
- 9:00 Theresa DeFilippo requested by Marie DeFilippo
- 9:00 Angelo Cassar requested by Esther Cassar
- 7:30 Vigil of the Ascension of the Lord

Thursday, May 25, Ascension of the Lord

- 7:00 For the People of the Parish
- 9:00 For the People of the Parish
- 12:10 For the People of the Parish
- 5:00 For the People of the Parish
- 7:30 For the People of the Parish

Friday, May 26, St Philip Neri

- 7:00 For My Grandchildren (living) requested by Dorothy Klein, PhD
- 7:00 Rev Fr John S Malone requested by Thomas, Michael & Ashleigh
- 9:00 Ettore Nuccio requested by The Kunze Family
- 9:00 Concetta Importuna requested by Louis & Kim DeQuatro

Saturday, May 27, St Augustine of Canterbury

- 8:00 Bernie Vavosa requested by the Loweth Family
- 8:00 Lucy Cramer requested by the Loweth Family

Anticipated Mass for Sunday

- 5:00 Jane M Favale requested by Tracey Brett & Family
- 5:00 Vincent Palladino requested by The Baptism Ministry

Sunday, May 28, Seventh Sunday of Easter

- 7:00 Edward T Bially requested by Loving Wife
- 7:00 Helmut Kerscheck requested by Peter, Barbara & Family
- 9:00 Deceased Members of the St Regis
Knights of Columbus & Columbiettes
- 10:30 Filomena Longboat requested by Mary Montato
- 10:30 Jimmy Lyons requested by Marc & Nancy Shnetman
- 12:00 Jane Favale requested by Stasi O'Brien & Family
- 12:00 DeoLinda L Pedra requested by Iberieo Goncalves
- 5:00 Raymond L Griffin, Sr requested by Loving Wife & Family
- 5:00 P. Ulahanau requested by Joyce & Joe Ando

FROM THE DESK OF FR. MIKE

How much does mommy or daddy love you? Is it this much? Have you ever asked your child, or have been asked as a child, this question with the person asking the question stretching out their arms. And of course every so often the child answering the question would refuse to answer or open up their arms (or fingers) just a little bit.

How much does God love you? Well much more than you can imagine (even if you can imagine more than *Hahn Solo* in the 1st or is it the 4th *Star Wars Movie*), and you will never be able to out imagine God's love for you, for us, for the whole human race. John's letter tells us directly that God is love and that all love comes from God. It is the God of love who gave His all so we could have life-a better life here and in the hereafter.

This is wonderful, but how do we participate in this Divine Love? How do we share this love with others? The answer is seen in today's Gospel, when Jesus tells us two very important points. The first is, I no longer call you slaves, I call you friends. A [true] friend is a person who knows everything about his or her friend. In the gospels before this point, the Disciples called Jesus **Rabbi, Teacher, or Master** (not in the context of a slave to his master, but in the context of a student to his teacher), and He accepted these titles from them. We see this in John's account of the Last Supper when Jesus says to the Apostles, "You call me teacher and master, and rightly so, for indeed I am. If I, therefore, the master and teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash one another's feet." However, this relationship has changed, and now I am no longer your teacher, but your friend who has shared all that I have been given by the Father with you, and in fact have shared with you my whole self! Now with all that I have given to you from myself and my Father you can have true life and eternal life. And now that you are my friends you must do what I have done, and that is **to share the Good News with everyone!** But first you must allow the Good News to change your life and than answer this call to friendship.

How do I know that Jesus is calling me to be His friend and thus share the Good News? Well that takes us to the second point that Jesus makes in the gospel. Jesus tells us, "It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain." We who hear and read these words have been chosen by Jesus to be His true friends, to bear His Name, and again to Share the Good News of Salvation that He gave us from God the Father. "Wait a minute", some may say, "He was talking to the Apostles, not to me!" "And I am sure that today He is speaking to the Pope, Bishops, Priests, Deacons and Religious Sisters and Brothers-not to me!" **WRONG!** Christ is speaking to all of us, you and me alike. Yes, we are to serve in different capacities, and each according to our calling and giftedness, but make no mistake about it, we all have been chosen! Now don't worry, you can do what

Jesus has chosen you to do, remember Jesus will never ask you do something you cannot do, and He will never ask you to do it on your own. Jesus will always be there to help you, and all of us together as His Living Body the Church are all working together-through the power and the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

This weekend is **Lachlan's** last weekend with us. He will be leaving us later on this week to attend a Summer Program for Seminarians in *Omaha*. It promises to be a rewarding experience and it will be more exciting than just going to the Mid-West to watch the corn grow. Again, we will all miss Lachlan, and we wish him very well and we will see him at the end of the summer.

This Thursday, May 25th is the Solemnity of The Ascension of Lord into Heaven; a Holy Day of Obligation-please see the bulletin for the schedule of Masses. This is a wonderful day to remember and celebrate the great *Pascal Mystery!* Ten more days from the Ascension and we will be ending the Easter Season with the Great Feast of **Pentecost- the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles, our Dear Blessed Mother and the entire Church-more to come.**

Let us pray: Jesus you call us your friends, and it is in this friendship that we know how much you truly love us. Help us to realize that this love calls us together and we ask for the Grace to truly love one another as we love you. Through the power of The Holy Spirit we offer this and all our prayers and we ask this as you have told us in today's gospel in your Holy Name. Amen!

Happy Easter
Fr. Mike

As the Father hath loved me,
so have I loved you ...

John 15:9



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)

Religious Education

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



We are still accepting registration forms. Please mail them in **ASAP**. Any child entering grade 1 in September should be registered for the two year Communion prep program that begins with grade 1. Call the Religious Ed office at 981-1805 and we'll 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.

Registration forms for the Vacation Bible school are available at our office. If you wish to register, please call. This program is for grades K thru 4. It 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 t-shirt.

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



Congratulations to all our First Communicants. A big thank you to all our Catechists who helped us with the rehearsals and Masses. And most of all thank you for preparing our children to receive their First Communion.

St Joseph's School

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

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

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.



Baptisms

Christian Aaron Rivera
 Gabriel Robert Rivera
 Nicholas Michael Rivera
 Tiana Rose Treffinger

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.



Outreach

Free Food for NY Seniors

The commodity Supplemental Food program/ FAN is offering free food for seniors age 60 and over who are income eligible. The food package includes cheese, milk, cereal, juices, canned fruits, vegetables, meat and more. Those **NEW** eligible include a single senior whose gross monthly income is \$1,062 or less, and a seniors couple, whose gross monthly income is \$1,430 or less. For more information in Nassau or Suffolk please call : (631) 491-4169 or (631) 491-4156.



RESPECT LIFE

It has been more than 30 years since the U.S. Supreme Court legalized abortion in Roe v. Wade – a far cry from the Gospel message to protect, nurture and embrace life, from conception until natural death. Since 1973, a woman has had the legal right to end the life of her unborn child.

The most basic facts about abortion are staggering. According to the National Right to Life organization:

>Currently, there are 1.31 million abortions in the United States each year. >It is estimated that 45 million babies have been aborted since 1973.>Nearly half of the women seeking abortion have had at least one previous abortion. >Most abortions are done for social or economic reasons; only 7% of women cite rape, incest or health concerns for mother or baby. >In 2000, there were nearly 3,600 abortions per day.

To tell Americans the basic facts about abortion, the Pro-Life Secretariat of the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops launched a media campaign called The Second Look Project. One ad states: “Because of Roe v. Wade, a fetus can be aborted: after the heart starts beating –after its arms and legs appear- after all organs are present – after it sucks its thumbs – after it responds to sound – after it could survive outside the womb and after it is partially born.”

Whatever a woman’s age or family situation, when she learns she is pregnant, she often faces uncertainty and even fear – especially if the pregnancy is unplanned. That is why there are more than 3,000 crisis pregnancy centers throughout the U.S. to assist teens and women by providing alternatives to abortion as they make constructive plans for their future. Local agencies such as Birthright and the Life Center provide confidential help, friendship and emotional support, medical referrals, maternity and baby clothes, job counseling, and other practical assistance. Christopher News Notes No. 481

~ Let us take this moment and space to say “thank you” to the parishioners of St. Joseph’s who some weeks ago were asked to take home a baby bottle and to put everyday change in, and to return on Mother’s Day. These monies are the lifeblood of the above mentioned agencies; for how else would the basic bills be paid? Your generosity was wonderful – thank you.

Life Center of L.I. ---631-243-1435

Birthright of Suffolk ---631-277-3888 (Islip)

631-360-7707 (Smithtown)

Baby Safe Haven -- -1-877-796-4673

“Don’t abandon your newborn baby”. You can protect your secret and get help if your newborn baby is received unharmed.

Please join us on May 27 as we prepare for mailing the monthly Life News. We meet in the Old School Gym of St. Joseph’s School, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. You aren’t being asked to stay all day; we will appreciate any amount of time you can give. Complimentary lunch is served. Call 588-4437 if you need more information.

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

Weekly Offering

Sunday, May 14, 2006 Offerings	\$16,442
Same collection last year	15,953
Number of envelopes	675
Poor Box last weekend	\$503
Fuel Collection to Date	\$13,174
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
(Third 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
- Robin Schiemel of St Joseph’s, Babylon and
Michael A Luise of St Joseph’s



Mark Your Calendars

- 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
- June 12 Baptism Class 8PM Rectory
- June 13 7:30 PM Mass in honor of St Anthony
- June 18 Corpus Christi Procession after 12PM Mass
- June 18 Father’s Day

July 19-23 PARISH FESTIVAL



CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL 2006

COUNTDOWN TO OUR GOAL

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

Pledged to Date \$65,634

BY THE NUMBERS....

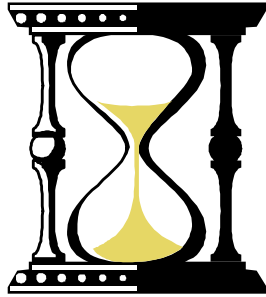
St Joseph's has 5990 registered families.

We have received \$65,634 in pledges from 435 families.

Average pledge approximately \$150

There are 5555 families who have not responded . If each of these families gave \$20, we would have \$76,744 and that would put us on track for \$14,960 in the rebate portion of the Catholic Ministries Appeal (once all pledges are paid in full).

Let us pray that some more families are able to make a pledge at this time.



St. Joseph Church 2006 Goal : \$74,800	
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: _____

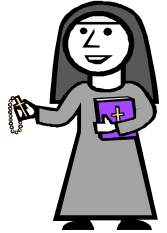
Telephone: _____ Parish: 146-St Joseph

*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

Religious Retirement Fund



The weekend of June 3-4 is the annual collection for the Religious Retirement Fund.

Religious Sisters and Brothers who have been involved in education, health care and social ministry in the Diocese of Rockville Centre need our help. The stipends being earned by young members of religious communities are no longer enough to support the needs of the elderly members of their Communities. The number of elderly Religious in assisted living or nursing facilities continues to rise and health care costs are rising too.

For this reason, the Diocese of Rockville Centre, for the past twenty-one years has committed to return to our Religious Communities a portion of our gifts of treasure, in appreciation for the many years of service to the people of our Diocese of these dedicated servants of Our Lord.

Please come prepared to assist the elderly Religious on June 3-4, with a once a year gift, as generous as your means will allow. These gifts will be distributed among the thirty-one communities who serve our Diocese.

On behalf of the Religious who serve in our parishes and hospitals, we thank you for your generosity.

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



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.

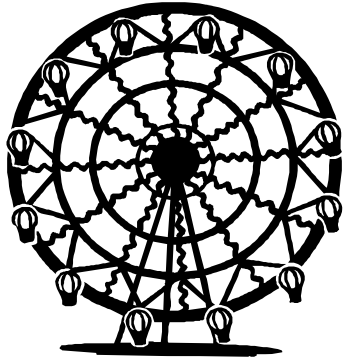
**Fees : \$40 one child/ \$60 family of two
\$100 family of three or more.**



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
Shoreline Electric Company
D. P. Murphy Co. Inc
Greg & Bill's Auto Collision
American Legion
Skee Containers & Fuel
Tax & Financial Services
Dr. Louis Lupinacci
St. Regis Council Knights of Columbus
Alan C. Fricke Memorials Inc.
Hilton Garden Inn
Msgr Francis Midura, St Thomas More Church

Lake Auto Service
Pop's Deli
Lyon Tree Service Ltd
Earthrite Textile Recycling
Bank of New York
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



Congratulations
 To all the
 First Communicants
 of
 St Joseph's Parish

*May you continue to grow in your faith
 and*

May our Blessed Mother keep you in Her loving care always.

Seniors Wanted:

Spend time and share life experience with young people. Volunteer to be a part of the world's largest and most successful youth development program.

Training provided –

Local assignments available –

Handicap accessible -

Call Ryan Bieler at Trailblazer District, Suffolk County Council, BSA - (631) 924-7000 ext. 29 to arrange for an interview.

Warning: *Scouting often causes you to feel younger.*



Our Grace Fundraiser

June 24th, 2006

7PM

Ronkonkoma Firehouse

A night of comedy will be held at the firehouse on Portion Rd in Lake Ronkonkoma. Tickets are \$35 each. For more information call Tom Peshkur at 732-5040 or Gail Griffin at 737-1461.

Grace Catherine Peshkur was born on March 29th, 2002 with a rare, devastating genetic disease. She has the worst possible form of Epidermolysis Bullosa (Recessive Dystrophic). Her condition is so rare that the medical community has difficulty treating it at times. Grace has blisters all over her body as well as internal problems. She has special bandages that must be wrapped around most of her body twice every day. The "dressing" changes require 4 adults and last anywhere from one to two hours. Because Grace needs constant care, Grace's mother is unable to work. Her father works full time for Verizon. Still, he devotes long hours to tend for his daughter. As you can imagine, this is a very difficult way to raise a newborn. Please keep Grace and her family in your prayers. For the millions of you who have healthy newborns, babies, toddlers and children, be thankful every second, every minute, every hour and every day for God's blessings.

Courtesy Announcements

St John the Baptist High School summer Sports Camps including Boys & Girls Basketball, Boys & Girls Lacrosse, Girls Volleyball, Boys & Girls Soccer, Boys & Girls Tennis, baseball, Softball, Cheerleading, Wrestling, Football, Cross Country & Track. Weekly camps June 26 through August 4th. Please call St John the Baptist Athletic office at 631-587-8000 ext 164 for more information.

Cenacle Retreat House - DeMello Spirituality Conference. Friday, June 9th supper at 7:15 PM to Sunday, June 11th lunch. Learn a method of prayer and meditation that can be practiced in every day life. Bring comfortable clothes and an open mind. Call 588-8366 for more information.

Beauty of the Spirit Luncheon the Dominican Sisters of Amityville invite you to their luncheon on Friday, June 23 at 11:30 at their Motherhouse in Amityville. They are celebrating the Beauty of the Spirit of WOMEN - their strength, compassion and wisdom. The keynote speaker is Sr Mary Butler, OP. Tickets are \$50 per person - deadline for required reservations is June 1. Proceeds will be used for our retired and infirm Sisters. For tickets contact Ann Ellingham at 631-842-6000 ext 246.

St Agnes High School (RVC) 1956 - 50th REUNION ! Weekend of June 23-25, 2006. Please contact Elaine Edden Stillwell for information at 516-766-4682 or email elainestillwell@worldnet.att.net.

The Bishop McDonnell Memorial High School Alumnae are planning a 50th year reunion for the classes of January and June 1956. For information regarding the reunion, please contact Patricia Donovan Guerin at 631-474-3819 or Mary Louise Monroe Schuck at 631-331-5085.

Our Lady of Miraculous Medal Church in Wyandanch will commence their **75th Anniversary Year** on June 11th, 2006 with a Wine & Cheese Party in the Parish Hall (donations at the door). We are gathering stories from former members of OLMC to add to it's history. Please contact our Parish Office at 631-643-7568 if you are interested in attending this party and/ or if you have a story to share.

Marriage Encounter Weekends - go from just "good" to GREAT ! If you would like greater depth, growth and enrichment in your relationship you'll love what a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend can do for you. Upcoming weekends are June 2-4 and August 18-20. Reserve your spot now by calling 1-866-499-6354.

Spring Fest 2006, Saturday May 20th at 7PM, 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.

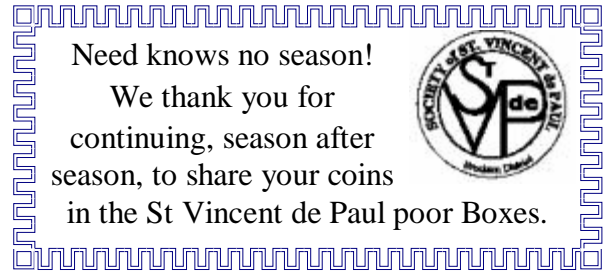
Professional Therapy & Counseling provided by NYS licensed psychologists are available to you through the Catholic Counseling Center, a proprietary professional corporation, which is independent of & not controlled or supervised by the parish or diocese. Most insurance policies are honored. For confidential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

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.



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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