

**OUR LITURGY**

Despite his suffering, Isaiah affirms his faith and stands strong in defense of the Lord. James tells us that it is through action that one demonstrates one's faith. Peter acknowledges Jesus as *the Christ*, but does not understand his prediction of rejection, suffering, death, and rising.



**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Sunday, September 17, 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- 7:00 For the Intentions of the Celebrant
- 9:00 Joseph Onufrak requested by Loving Wife & Family
- 9:00 Norma Brown requested by Chris & Margaret Marshall
- 10:30 Catherine & James Wedding Anniversary requested by Loving Husband
- 10:30 Marlene Maher requested by Thomas & Deborah O'Brien
- 12:00 Olga Maxwell requested by Frank & Cecelia Vazquez
- 12:00 Irma Honka requested by Norma Negron
- 5:00 Frederick A Longo requested by Loving Mom & Family
- 5:00 Phil Lefavi requested by Vicki & Ashley Donaudy

**Monday, September 18**

- 7:00 Neil Haffey requested by Ken Neumann
- 7:00 Jerry Bartlett requested by Maryann & Al Kunze & Family
- 9:00 Eleanor Rinaldo requested by Loving Daughter & Family
- 9:00 Buell Baker requested by Vito Messina

**Tuesday, September 19, St Januarius**

- 7:00 Charles Jacob requested by Edward & Lisa Spahn
- 8:45 Ann Neubert requested by Claire & Jim
- 8:45 Ann Johnson requested by Loving Family

**Wednesday, September 20, St Andrew Taegon & St Paul Hasang**

- 7:00 Anna Supakoff requested by Loving Family
- 9:00 John Rafferty requested by The Coratti Family
- 9:00 Edward Doyle requested by The Tipa Family

**Thursday, September 21, St Matthew**

- 7:00 For the People of the Parish
- 9:00 Agostino Camilliti & Mr & Mrs Lania requested by The Camilliti Family
- 9:00 Antoinetta Partenope requested by The Onorato Family

**Friday, September 22**

- 7:00 For the Intentions of the Celebrant
- 9:00 Santa Gandolfo requested by Loving Family
- 9:00 Robert Schilling, Jr requested by Dominick

**Saturday, September 23 St Pio of Pietreclina**

- 8:00 Agnes Meehan requested by Loving Sister & Family
- 8:00 Frank Behling requested by Louis & MaryJane DeMaio

**Anticipated Mass for Sunday**

- 5:00 Francisco Rosa requested by Loving Family
- 5:00 Kathy Rooney requested by Judy Moore

**Sunday, September 24, 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- 7:00 Helen Kwiathouski requested by The Kwiathouski Family
- 9:00 Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus & Columbiettes
- 10:30 Jason Remini requested by Sandy Susco
- 10:30 Anna B Kenny requested by St Joseph's Catholic Seniors
- 12:00 Andrew Sheehan requested by Loving Family
- 12:00 Adam Sanabria requested by James Noon & Carlos Sampayo
- 5:00 Rocco Rizzi requested by Laura & Gerard Pray
- 5:00 Virginia (Ginny) Moloney requested by Sherry, Dan & Daniel

**ALTAR BREAD & WINE**

Donated in Memory of

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**OUR PRIEST-CELEBRANTS**

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



**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place every Monday (except holidays) from 2-6:45 PM  
 And on each First Friday from 7:30- 8:30PM  
 Please come and spend some quiet time with the Blessed Sacrament.

**Baptisms**

- Isabelle Grace Barr
- Emily Marie Brooks
- Gianna Lee Curran
- Sandra Elizabeth Day
- John Alan Day
- Brianna Rose Edwards
- Angelina Samantha Edwards
- Ashley Ann Hellberg
- Hannah Grace Lentz
- Shane Patrick Lomascolo
- Samantha Rose Succarotte

## FROM THE DESK OF FR. MIKE

*"What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him?" "So also faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead. Indeed someone might say, 'You have faith and I have works.' Demonstrate your faith to me without works, and I will demonstrate my faith to you from my works."*

Today's reading from *the Letter of Saint James* give us much to think about in the practice of our faith. James calls us back to the true meaning of being a Christian—namely we must do more than just proclaiming Jesus on our lips and we must do more than just go to Church and Pray. Certainly professing Jesus as our Lord and Savior is a basic part of our faith, and certainly going to Mass and receiving the Sacraments and Praying every day (in fact several times a day) are basic parts of our Faith. But if that is all we do, than we are not doing all that Christ calls us to do. Look at *Mathew Chapter 25*, when Jesus speaks about the Last Judgment and relates how the King when he comes will separate the people like a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. Those who are saved are the ones who clothed the naked, fed the hungry, visited the sick, and helped anyone in need. Those who are condemned are the ones who ignored the needs of those around them and are concerned only for themselves. They did not lift the smallest finger to help (yet some of them were the very ones who proclaimed their love and faith in Jesus—for if we knew it was you Lord we would have helped).

Another example of putting our Christian Faith into action is seen in the story of *The Prodigal Son*, also known as *The Loving Father*. Recall the story how the father even though his younger son deeply hurt him still waited for and forgave the son when the son came home. As this loving Father showed forgiveness so should we—as God the Father shows us forgiveness so should we! **Jesus, St. James, St. Paul, and the entire 2000 year Tradition of the Church** reminds us every day that our faith must be more than just saying we believe or just saying our prayers. We must be active in meeting the physical and spiritual needs of others even those we don't know. We definitely do this through the ministries of the Church, but we can also do it through the other charities we support or the time we volunteer to help in the *Soup Kitchen, Parish Outreach, and Religious Education or the School*. There is also the *Red Cross, Volunteer Fire Departments, or the joining the many other organizations like the Knights of Columbus, Right to Life, the Catholic Daughters, Boys or Girls Scouts* and so many more. If we fail to see Jesus in other people and help those in need as if we were helping Jesus

Himself, then we will not see Jesus as He is in every way. If we fail to put our faith into action than our faith is only half of what it can be, and we need to invoke God's help to make it grow.

Look at today's Gospel when Jesus asks the Apostles who do people say that I am they were very free to tell Jesus what everybody else thought. However, when He asks them, **"But who do you say that I am?"** they had no answer. In a sense their faith was weak until the one who had the stronger faith in Jesus proclaimed, **"You are the Christ!"** However, Peter's faith was incomplete because he would not accept what the Messiah had to undergo for the salvation of the world. But in time, Peter's faith and that of the other Apostles would totally grow, and as we see in the *Acts of the Apostles* and *The Letters of St. Paul* and the other *New Testament Writers* they put their faith into action. They preached the Gospel, and went about doing the works that met the physical and spiritual needs of others. Since our Faith comes to us from the Apostles (in our One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church) we do indeed have role models to follow and we know that as their faith grew and was put into action so can ours. So go now and do the same and know that even when it is hard we are able to put our faith into works and follow James' Letter, *"I will demonstrate my faith to you from my works."*

One group of people who do put their faith into action (from the many different groups we have here at St. Joseph's) is those who dedicate their lives to teaching our Young People, Catechumens, and Adult members of the Church. Today we honor and bless them on this **Catechetical Sunday**. Please pray for all of those who share their faith with others and if you have ever considered joining them please call our **Director of Religious Education, Sister Ann Marie Dean**. We close now with the prayer we will use to bless our Catechists today at the **12Noon Mass**:

*Almighty God, we praise you for the gifts of these men and women, dedicated to sharing the message of Your Son. Bless them; grant them the courage to fearlessly proclaim Jesus Christ by the witness of their words and deeds. We ask this through the same Christ our Lord. Amen*

God Bless you always

Fr. Mike

## REMEMBER OUR SICK

Paul Ahearn	Michael Ambrosio
Bill Barry	Rose Bassett
Rosemary Beck	Richard Bossi
Mary Ellen Bowers	Hazel Boyce
Mr Michael Boyle Sr	Cynthia Caesar
Leo Cantelmo	Csaba Csaszar
Joseph DeMaio	Michael DePinto
Angelina DeSimone	Brian Devereux
Nancy DiTrapani	Mary Dougherty
Herbert Eberle	Maggie Errico
James Evans	Kathleen Farnell
Angela Ferrante	Robert Filce
Edward Forsythe	Mary Forsythe
Flavio Gabrielli	John Gracey
Pat Gracey	Raymond Harold
Jasper Indelicato	Margaret Indelicato
Jack Kelleher	Georgiana Lopez
Pat Lucivero	Marie Mangan
Howard Meeks	Sam Monteleone
Peter Partenope	James Peace
Grace C Peshkur	Joseph Poirot
Joan Reilly	Janet Rodgers
Frank Rotolo	Joseph Sabourin
Dawn Saporito	Frances Schiavone
Madison Schulz	Anne Skidmore
Darryll Smith	Pat Stapleton
Sr Kathleen Taylor, OP	Stacie Tizzard
Emma Trapani	Lloyd Turnier
Frank Volpe	Gerard Weber

**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.

## PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS

Please continue to remember them in your prayers.

CPL Deborah Alfieri	E2 Matthew Altonji
Tech SGT Louis Barletta	2LT Stephen Bartoszak
Pvt Richard Bossi	PFC Justin Browne
SGT Michael Bruno	CPL Glenn Clacher
SPC Thomas E. Corcoran	SGT Ryan Delaney
TSGT Timothy Dermody	LTCOL Kurt Diehl
SGT Stephen DiGirolamo	SSGT Tony Elliott
LT Kelly Fletcher	PFC Adam Franciosa
CPT Evan Gotkin	PVT2 Edward Johnston
SGT John W Keohane	SGT Steven Knight
CPL Andrew Kochman	SGT Patrick McNally
PFC William Meyer	SGT Glenn Miller
2LT Heather Miras	SGT Daniel Montville
SSGT Brian Moran	CPT Gregory Mueller
LCPL Thomas Napolitano	LCPL Michael Napolitano
Pvt Todd Nelson	LCPL James Neubauer
LCPL Anthony Notaroberta	SGT Brian O'Leary
SGT Brian Pacella	N/Seal Paul Padro
ENS3 Lucy Padro	CPT Michael Parisi
2LT Anthony Parisi	MAJ Paul E Pinaud
CTR2 Matthew Pistrutto	SGT Edwin Rivera, II
PFC William R Rodgers	SSGT Jason Schiavo
LCPL W.Mason Shehan	SPC James Stanek
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 and branch of service on the cut -out and put it in the 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)

### REMEMBERING OUR TROOPS

Please include the following soldier in your prayers :

\_\_\_\_\_

Name, Rank and Branch of Service

Person making this request: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to Soldier \_\_\_\_\_

Your Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Please place in collection basket or return to Church Office)  
 (Friends can be placed on the silent prayer list only)

## REMEMBER OUR DEAD

Vincent Aliazzo, Betty Mulligan, Matilda Lenza, Angelina MacDougall, for our deceased soldiers and all of our deceased relatives and friends.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen

**Religious Education**

[reled@stjoronk.org](mailto:reled@stjoronk.org)

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



**The Religious Ed Office is now open.**

Children in **Grade 1** should be registered for our First Communion Program. This is a two year program beginning in grade 1. Please call our office and we will mail you the registration forms. You may also go on line at [StJoRonk.org](http://StJoRonk.org). You need to be a registered parishioner with a five digit ID #; you may register as a Parishioner at the Rectory.

**Level 1** For all who are registered in **Level 1** there will be a Parent/child Prayer Service on Monday September 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 p.m. in Church. At this time you will also receive your book and calendar.

Religious Ed classes will begin the first week of October. If you have not sent in your forms for the new year, please do so **ASAP**. If you misplaced the forms you received last March, call our office and we will gladly send you out a new set.

Reminder for **Level 8** Confirmation Interviews this week on Tues Sept 19<sup>th</sup> and Thursday Sept. 21, check your schedule. See the "**Confirmation Corner**" for further important information concerning the interviews.

**Catechetical Sunday** Our catechists will be commissioned at the 12:00 Mass today. Please keep them in your prayers as they begin to prepare to educate our children to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation.

If any Catechist was unable to attend the Catechist meeting this past week, please stop in the office and pick up your manuals and lesson plans.



*We are welcoming new catechists!*

Please drop into the office or give us a call if you would like to inquire further.

**St Joseph's School**

[school@stjoronk.org](mailto:school@stjoronk.org)

Final registration for the Fall -2006-2007 school year is being accepted now at St Joseph School in Ronkonkoma. Limited seats are available for our Nursery-Grade 8 programs. Please call the school office @ 588-4760 between the hours of 8AM and 2PM. School begins Wednesday, September 6th. Do not miss the opportunity for your child to receive a quality, Catholic education.



Fall Craft & Gift Fair



St Joseph's School is hosting it's annual Fall Craft & Gift Fair on Saturday, September 30 from 10am to 4pm both indoors in the school gym and outdoors in the school parking lot. There will be something for everyone, handmade and new merchandise, bake sale, moon bounce, fall plant sale and

much more. For information please call Christine Florio at 736-9354



**Outreach**

[sjpo@verizon.net](mailto:sjpo@verizon.net)

The Outreach cliental are in need of toiletries - toothpaste, soap, deodorant, toilet paper, shampoo, etc. - please help them if you can. Also paper towels, tissues and paper napkins would be appreciated. All donations can be left by the Blessed Mother statue in the front of the Church. Thank you.

**SOUP KITCHEN** - open in Carew Hall every Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 6-6:45 PM for those in need.



**The Society of St Vincent de Paul is an international Catholic organization of lay persons, founded in 1833 by Frederic Ozanam and his companions. In the spirit of justice and charity, its members seek to help those who are in need.**



## RESPECT LIFE

### Beauty At Any Cost?

The September 2006 issue of Life News reports this story which needs repeating, if only to let you know there are more mindless,

thoughtless and immoral people in the world than you thought. Here are the basic facts:

“It seems the latest trend among wealthy women around the world appears to be an ‘anti-aging’ stem cell treatment – yes, you guessed it – stem cells taken from aborted 6 to 12 week old fetuses. There is a clinic on the island of Barbados, located in one of the luxury hotels, where, for about 20,000 British pounds, liver tissue obtained from these aborted babies is directly injected into the ‘client’, thereby giving her incredible results, feeling and looking different after a month because these cells supposedly help the body to regenerate itself. The effects last for about a year, before the procedure needs to be ‘topped up’.”

In Moscow, there are more than 50 clinics-the Cellulite Clinic is just one- that “uses loopholes in the law to administer injections.” Nearby Ukraine is home to Emcell, the world’s largest clinic that has openly experimented in stem-cell therapy for the past 15 years and administers hundreds of anti-aging therapies a year. In these two instances, research shows that the fetuses are openly imported from poverty-stricken provinces, preying on the financially desperate to treat vain Western women. Is it a coincidence that Russia and the Ukraine have the highest abortion rates in the world?

In the Dominican Republic a psychiatrist, William Rader from Malibu, CA, runs a clinic, which, for 15,000 British pounds uses fetal stem cells, reportedly from the former Soviet republic of Georgia, which are injected into my fair lady. Rader claims that stem cell therapy is the future, and that it is a shame that there is so much opposition to it in the West, which means the U.S. The ladies who can afford these treatments don’t seem to oppose the methods used to make them more beautiful. Or, to be charitable, maybe they do not fully understand the provenance of the stem cells. Dr. Stephen Minger, director of stem cell biology at King’s College, London, argues that “patients risk at best wasting a lot of money on a treatment that is not proven in clinical trials (because Rader is acting outside America, his work falls outside US regulations on stem cell therapy) and at worst is one that is putting their health at serious risk.” It would have been more impressive had Dr. Minger commented on the morality of what seems to be financially strapped women selling their unborn babies.

The Respect Life Committee will meet in the former Library in the Old School on Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. All interested parties are welcome.

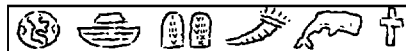
**PREGNANCY CRISIS HOTLINE** -We are here to help you. Please call 981-6888.

## Weekly Offering

Sunday, September 10, 2006 Offerings	\$15,025
Same collection last year	16,734
Number of envelopes	608
Poor Box last weekend	\$371
Diocesan Collection Catholic University ‘06	\$772
Same Collection Last Year	668

*Thank you again for your generous support.*

*God Bless You Always, Fr Mike*



## Bible Study

Beginning Tuesday, September 5th, Fr Boyle will resume teaching the Bible. The class will be held every Tuesday in two sessions. You can choose from mornings 10-11:30 AM and evenings 7:30-9 PM. Registration is no longer necessary, neither is a fee. Classes will meet every week unless otherwise announced. Anyone wishing to learn is welcome to attend as many or as few classes as you want. Feel free to come and go as you please. In September we will begin with the law: Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy. Come and join us !

## Banns of Marriage

(Second Time)

Nerisha Sestoso of St Patrick’s, Glen Cove and

Daniel Madrazo of St Joseph’s

Jessica Potocki and David Kuethman

both of St Joseph’s

Lisa Prisco of St Joseph’s and

Richard DeGiovine of St Andrew’s, Clifton

Deana Diomede of St Joseph’s and

Robert Lobel of St Joseph’s, Kings Park

Brandy Deriso of Good Shepherd and

Michael Parisi of Holy Cross, Nesconset



## Mark Your Calendars



Sept 16 & 17	Plant Sale - Mums
Sept 17	Catechetical Sunday 12 Noon Mass
Sept 19	Bible Study Class 10 AM & 7:30PM
Sept 19 & 21	Confirmation Interviews
Sept 24	Wedding Anniversary Mass 3:00
Sept 26	Bible Study Class 10AM & 7:30 PM
Sept 29	Outreach Chinese Auction 6:30-9:30PM
Sept 30	School Craft Fair 9:30-3:30
Sept 30 & Oct 1	Baby Clothing Collection after Masses



DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE  
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

September 17, 2006

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

“Who do you say that I am?” These challenging words of Christ are presented to us on this Catechetical Sunday as they were to Peter some two thousand years ago. Generations of Catholics have sought the answer!

As “chief catechist of the diocese,” (National Directory for Catechesis) I take this opportunity to remind all that the responsibility of handing on the faith, of assisting others in the search for the answer, lies with each of the baptized. Whether parent or grandparent, catechist or member of one of the many parish teams responsible for sharing faith with others, all are called to renew their commitment to be bearers of the faith as expressed by Peter: “You are the Christ!”

I take this opportunity to introduce the new **United States Catholic Catechism for Adults** to all in the diocese. This outstanding resource (based on the **Catechism of the Catholic Church**, 1997) is the fruit of several years of study by the Bishops of the United States in collaboration with catechetical leadership from each diocese. Unlike the catechisms which many of us grew up with, we now have the truths of the faith presented using stories, meditations and discussion questions to further enhance the doctrine.

On this catechetical Sunday I wish to thank all of you who take the responsibility of handing on the faith to others so seriously. I ask that you join me in praying for those who do not yet see the need of God in their lives. May our prayer and the many catechetical experiences offered, bring all to the point where they may, with Peter proclaim; “You are the Christ!”

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Rockville Centre

# REMEMBERING FRIENDS AND LOVED ONES



Help Us Grow  
the  
Tree Of Life  
At  
St Joseph's

Throughout the ages, trees have symbolized life. The Tree of Life at St Joseph's represents our parish's commitment to life by providing for the spiritual, educational and social needs of our parish. The beautiful sculptures, leaves and stones render a tale of support, friendship, remembrance and dedication.

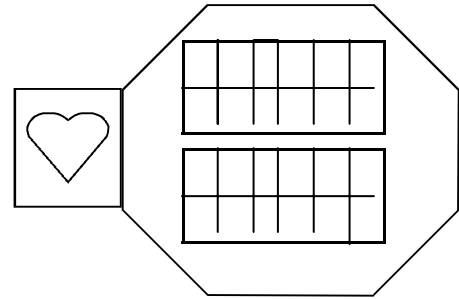
Occupying a prominent position in our Baptistry, and All Saints Shrine, the Tree of Life commemorates our support of St Joseph's Parish. Leaves and stones may be engraved to honor benefactors, highlight or memorialize people or events with special significance in life, or express the sentiments of donors.

### The Leaves

Each inscribed leaf on The Tree of Life represents a gift of \$1,000 or more. Inscriptions may recognize a valued friend and supporter of St Joseph's Church, celebrate a significant event in your family, or memorialize a loved one.

### The Stones

Each inscribed stone permanently recognizes a contribution of \$5,000 or more given by an individual benefactor, foundation or corporation.



### Bricks For The Future

Bricks For the Future welcome our parishioners and friends alike as they enter St Joseph's Church each day. Some stop to read the inscriptions, others to say a prayer in memory. As we hear The Word proclaimed inside the Church building, outside on the step we are witnesses to that faith.

The growth of the Bricks for the Future program at St Joseph's Church through your gift, allows you to have a significant and meaningful part in developing and sharing our Community of faith and love in Jesus. Your contribution helps St Joseph sustain our parish plant and buildings to keep them from deteriorating now and in the future as major projects arise.

Your tax deductible gift gives you the opportunity to share with others those special persons and meaningful events that touch, shape and illuminate your life.

Each brick in the walk represents a gift of \$1,800. Brick inscription allows up to 4 rows of characters, symbols and spaces as shown above (approx 28). If you wish to have a special symbol (shamrock, cross, heart) on the tab of the brick, please contact the rectory.

	Single	Annual	Semi Annual	Quarterly	Monthly
Tree of Life Leaf	\$1000	\$334	\$167	\$84	\$28
Tree of Life Stone	\$5000	\$1667	\$834	\$417	\$139
Brick For the Future	\$1800	\$600	\$300	\$150	\$50

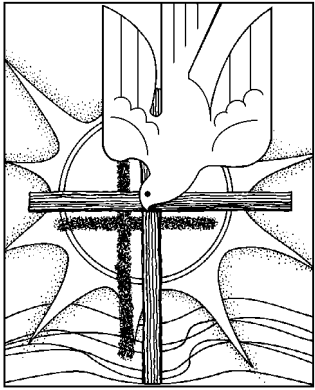
Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Town \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_

*Upon receipt of your down payment we will send you a form for the exact wording of the inscription. For your convenience we will mail you a statement according to your payment schedule.*

# Confirmation Corner

## Confirmation Interview Schedule

<i>Tuesday, Sept 19</i>		<i>Thursday, Sept 21</i>	
A,E & W	7:00-7:15PM	D & I	
C & Q	7:15-7:45PM	B & T	
P & V	7:45-8:00PM	L & K	
F & H	8:00-8:30PM	G	
R	8:30-8:45PM	S	
Mc, N,& O	8:30-9:00PM	M	



Level 8 Confirmation Enrollment at all Masses the weekend of September 30th & October 1st.



Hear Ye! Hear Ye!  
Outreach's Annual Chinese Auction

*It's time for Outreach's Annual Chinese Auction - come bid on the best prizes around!*

The Auction will take place on *September 29th*  
Doors will open at 6:30                      Auction will begin at 7:30  
Admission is \$5.00

## *CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS OPEN HOUSES*

*You are invited to explore the benefits of a Catholic High School Education*  
Feel free to visit our schools during the times and dates listed below.

DATE:	TIME:	SCHOOL:	
SEPTEMBER 2006	Sunday 17	10:00AM-1:00PM	St Anthony's HS
	Saturday 23	11:00AM-1:30PM	Our Lady of Mercy Academy
	Sunday 24	1:00PM-4:00PM	St Dominic HS
OCTOBER 2006	Sunday 1	12:00PM-2:30PM	Holy Trinity HS
		2:00PM-4:30PM	St Mary's College Prep HS
	Saturday 14	9:00AM-12:00PM	Sacred Heart Academy
		10:00AM-1:00PM	Kellenberg Memorial HS
		2:00PM-4:00PM	Chaminade HS
	Sunday 15	10:30AM-2:00PM	St John the Baptist Diocesan HS
	Saturday 21	12:00PM-2:00PM	Academy of St Joseph
	Sunday 22	10:00 AM-1:00PM	McGann-Mercy Diocesan HS



St. Joseph's Church  
45 Church St.  
Ronkonkoma, N.Y. 11779

**Backwards Money Drawing**  
**SATURDAY, November 25, 2006 7:30 PM**  
**Carew Hall**

**\$10,000.00 Grand Prize**

(Last ticket drawn)

**PRIZES**

<u>TICKET DRAWN</u>	<u>PRIZE AMOUNT</u>
1	\$200.00
50	\$200.00
100	\$200.00
150	\$200.00
200	\$200.00
250	\$250.00
300	\$200.00
350	\$200.00
400	\$200.00
450	\$200.00
495	\$300.00
496	\$400.00
497	\$500.00
498	\$750.00
499	\$1,000.00

**LAST TICKET DRAWN \$10,000.00**

**PLUS!!**

**Food- Drink- Music- Prizes** (Ticket Stub Entitles 2 People Entrance to the Party)

**\$100.00 Donation Only 500 Tickets Sold** Winners need not be present.

**Backwards Money Drawing Ticket Order**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

Complete this form and return it to the Rectory.

A numbered ticket stub will be returned to you upon receipt of this form with \$100.00 donation.

Please enclose your donation with this order. Thank You.

You Are Invited to

# Las Vegas Nites

at  
St. Joseph's  
45 Church Street  
Ronkonkoma

**October 6th & 7th**  
*Fri & Sat 7:30PM - Midnight*

In  
St Joseph's Lower Church  
*featuring*

Las Vegas Craps      Black Jack (with Push)  
Roulette                      Big Wheel  
Bell Jars

Refreshments will be served  
**FREE ADMISSION**  
18 years and older  
For information, call 631-588-8456



## Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Basilica Shrine of the Immaculate Conception Washington, D.C.

*Saturday, September 23*

*Bus will be leaving from  
St Joseph's parking lot at  
6:00AM*

### The Puppy That Came to Church

### Or What Became of Peter the Puppy?



Dear Parishioners, A short note of **thanks** goes out to the parishioners of the 9am Sunday services. For the better part of a year, I brought Peter (a Guide Dog puppy) to Mass. Throughout the year, Peter and I would stand along the back wall of the church during the services. My fellow parishioners would do the correct thing, look, smile, and ignore Peter. Following Mass, however, he had the hugs and attention of many of you. This is an important part of socializing for dogs. Peter did not qualify as a guide, but instead was chosen by the Dept. of State for his exceptional talent at sniffing various scents. He was sent to Oman in the Middle East for 'on site' training. The picture shows Peter and many other dogs assisting in the fight against crime by working as trained explosives detecting dogs with the Royal Oman Police. The Smithtown Guide Dog Foundation encourages those of you with a love for animals to consider taking in a puppy for one year. The foundation will supply all needed training and medical care. You supply the food and love. At the end of the year you return the puppy for additional training as Guide Dog for a blind person. If the dog is not suited for this task, it will be offered to ATF (Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms) for training as a drug or explosives 'sniffer', as a canine companion to a handicapped person or to the police for assistance in their jobs. Should the puppy you trained be unsuited for any of the above tasks, it will be offered to you for adoption. Sincerely, Flo Mansuetta

# For the Young at Heart



## YOUTH IN MINISTRY

Every Sunday at 5:00 PM, St. Joseph's Parish offers a modern, upbeat, worship experience designed especially for youth and their families.

**Everyone in grades 7-12 is invited to participate.**

We're looking for: Lectors Ushers Musicians/Singers Altar Servers  
Eucharistic Ministers (Eucharistic ministers must be over 18)

**Youth  
Worship  
Service**

For more information about joining *Youth in Ministry*, contact [YIM@StJoRonk.org](mailto:YIM@StJoRonk.org)



**Cub Scout Pack 272  
Boy Scout Troop 272**



St. Joseph's Cub Scout Pack 272 and Boy Scout Troop 272 have fun, exciting, educational, character building programs for boys, age 7 through 17 (*first grade and up*).

For more information or to enroll your child, contact **Dr. Louis Scotti at 656-8428** or e-mail [JoinScouting@StJoRonk.org](mailto:JoinScouting@StJoRonk.org).



Sport for all Seasons  
**ST JOSEPH  
CYO**



Travel Soccer:	Gene ☎ 588-1879
Gene ☎ 467-0541	Girls Basketball:
Intramural Soccer:	Christine ☎ 737-3142
Beth ☎ 737-6299	Boys Basketball:
Track	Frank ☎ 585-6921
Karen ☎ 588-8636	Melchiona ☎ 467-6091
Chairman: Henry	
Baseball:	



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  
Thursday's starting in September at 9:30 AM.**

**There you'll meet other St Joseph's families and spend an hour of fun with other  
children from birth to age 5.**

**For more information please call Sally Miller at 737-5120. Hope to see you there!**

# Respect Life Sunday Diapers for Babies Collection



**Saturday, Sept. 30th  
and Sunday, Oct. 1st**

**The Respect Life Committee of St. Joseph's Parish  
will welcome your donation of diapers for babies and toddlers in need  
at all Masses.**

Keeping the newborn and the toddler in diapers can put a big strain on a tight budget. St. Joseph's Parish Outreach has alerted us to the fact that diapers are the most often requested item when mothers visit Outreach.

For this October Baby Collection we are asking for disposable diapers. If you have not already purchased a gift to donate please consider disposable diapers in Sizes Newborn, 1, 2, 3 or 4. Most needed are Sizes 2 and 3. Please place all gifts in the bassinet at the main entrance to the Church.

To our parishioners who regularly crochet and knit the beautiful blankets and baby sweaters, hats, etc. please continue to do so. We ask that you bring these in October since they are included in layettes for newborns. A sincere thank you to all who help in this important effort.

**PLEASE DO NOT WRAP GIFTS**

Note: Diapers, baby food, and new and used clothing are always welcome at Outreach. Please call the Outreach Office at 981-6888 for office hours and before bringing furniture items. For additional information call St. Joseph's Respect Life Committee at 585-8066, 724-8586 or 588-0168.

# COME! AFFIRM THE SANCTITY OF LIFE!

9<sup>th</sup> Annual

# STAND UP FOR LIFE



Signs to be used will be distributed at site and will say:

**ABORTION KILLS CHILDREN**

and

**LOVE THEM BOTH**

(with picture of mother and child)

**Sunday, October 1, 2006**

**2:00 PM - 3:30 PM**

(rain or shine)

**ALONG ROUTE 25 and ROUTE 110**

**Huntington, Long Island**

Rt. 110 (East sidewalk) beginning at Rt. 25 heading South for 1 mile

Rt. 25 (South sidewalk) beginning at Rt. 110 heading East for 1/2 mile

**ALL WELCOME**

**Supporters Include:**

Holy Innocents Columbiettes  
 Larry & Lenore DiBlasi  
 St. Patrick Church, Bay Shore  
 Deacon Jack McGowan & Family  
 Three Village Citizens for Life  
 St. James Respect Life, Setauket  
 Rev. John & Darlene Roy  
 Sunrise CL#6607 K of C Bohemia  
 Robert Considine  
 St. Philip Neri Respect Life  
 Catholic League of St. Anthony's H.S.  
 Sts. Philip & James R.C. Church  
 Feminists for Life of New York  
 St. Martin of Tours, Amityville  
 Cmdr. John J. Shea Assy. K of C  
 Our Lady of Fatima, Manorhaven, L.I.  
 Knights of Columbus Nassau Chapter  
 Knights of Columbus St. Joseph 4810  
 Good Shepherd #8607 K of C  
 Families for Life  
 Church of the Intercessor  
 Pope Pius XII #4422 K of C  
 Ss. Cyril & Methodius Church  
 Carolyn & George Dlugozima

Gregory & Beatrice Guido  
 Cabrini Pro Life Family  
 Blessed Sacrament Parish  
 OLL of Malverne Human Life Committee  
 Peconic Respect Life Association  
 K of C Msgr. Delaney CL#5983  
 K of C Pope John XXIII Assembly  
 St. Regis K of C Council #4651  
 Our Lady Snow Respect Life Ministry  
 Frederick T. Schrotz, Jr.  
 Our Lady of Victory RTL  
 The Patrovic Family  
 Chaminade Catholic League  
 St. Rosalie's Parish  
 John J. Flannery K of C, East Hampton  
 Els Associates  
 St. Lawrence the Martyr, Sayville  
 NCC Respect Life Group  
 Joseph Barry Council 2520 K of C  
 St. Agnes Cathedral Respect Life  
 Mike Moran Division 8 AOH, Glen Cove  
 Saint Mary's Church of Amityville  
 The Bertolotti Family for V.I.V.A.  
 Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church RTL

St. Anthony of Padua, East Northport  
 Diocese of RVC Respect Life Office  
 St. Anthony's, Rocky Point  
 AOH Nassau County Board  
 OLPH K of C Council #794  
 St. Francis of Assisi RC Church  
 AOH Division 4 Huntington  
 Holy Name of Jesus Woodbury  
 Saint Martin of Tours, Bethpage  
 Our Lady of Grace Respect All Life  
 St. Margaret of Scotland, Selden  
 Our Lady of the Assumption  
 St. Joseph RC Church, Ronkonkoma  
 Holy Name of Mary Pro-Life Committee  
 Blessed Sacrament CL#11476 K of C  
 Holy Innocents Council #3581 K of C  
 Cervellino Family  
 Cisternino Family  
 St. Joseph's Church, Hewlett  
 St. Patrick RC Church, Smithtown  
 NYS Right to Life Committee, Inc.  
 St. Mark's, Shoreham  
 St. Vincent de Paul, Elmont  
 St. Thomas the Apostle, W. Hempstead





# Cub Scout Pack 272



## Why should I involve my son in Cub Scouting?

Today's world is complicated. Work, school, family, religion, sports, and extracurricular activities seem to pull parents and children in several different directions. As a parent, you want your son to grow up to be a self-reliant, dependable, and caring individual.

Cub Scouting achieves these outcomes by combining fun with educational activities and lifelong values. It also helps parents strengthen character, develop good citizenship, and enhance both mental and physical fitness in young boys. Additionally, Cub Scouting provides boys with positive peer groups and tools to shape their future.

In Cub Scouting, boys learn ideals like honesty, bravery, thrift, and respect. These values help boys make constructive decisions throughout their lifetimes and give them the confidence they need to grow and develop.

In Cub Scouting, boys, families, leaders, and our parishes work together to achieve the following objectives:

### **Influence a boy's character development and spiritual growth.**

- Develop habits and attitudes of good citizenship.
- Encourage good sportsmanship and pride in growing strong in mind and body.
- Improve understanding within the family.
- Strengthen a boy's ability to get along with others.
- Foster a sense of personal achievement by developing new interests and skills.
- Provide fun and exciting new things to do.
- Show a boy how to be helpful and do his best.
- Prepare him to be a Boy Scout.

Scouting, as a worldwide brotherhood, is unique and different. It is based on the principles of loving and serving God, human dignity and the rights of individuals, and recognizing the obligation of all members to develop and use their potential. It is a movement dedicated to bringing out the best in people; one of the few left in the world where the emphasis is not on winning as an end result, but on the far more demanding task of "doing one's best."

Educators tell us that an increasing number of young people find they cannot make friends and feel lonely, even in a crowd. They have had thousands of words spoken at them by television, and they have never learned to play, to laugh, to develop their imaginations, and to express their feelings. If we can help nurture courage and kindness, allow boys to play, to laugh, to develop imaginations, and to express their feelings, then we will have helped them grow.

We want them to become useful and stable individuals who are aware of their own worth. Helping a boy to learn the value of his own worth is the greatest gift we can give him.

We're proud of our Cub Scout Pack and what it offers to young people and their families. We believe you will feel the same way as you begin to see just what it's all about.

### **Pack membership is open to boys as follows:**

- **Tiger Cubs - first grade, (or age 7);**
- **Cub Scouts - second or third grade (or ages 8 or 9);**
- **Webelos Scouts - fourth or fifth grade (or age 10 and 11).**

*For info about enrolling your son in the Pack or the Troop  
e-mail [Scouting@StJoRonk.org](mailto:Scouting@StJoRonk.org) or call 656-8428 (Dr. Louis Scotti).*

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



**Grade levels refer to  
Sept. 2006**



# Boy Scout Troop 272



## Why should I involve my son in Boy Scouting?

*As a parent, you want your son to grow up to be a person of worth, a self-reliant, dependable, and caring individual. Boy Scout Troop 272 has these same goals in mind for him. Since 1910, the Boy Scouts of America has been weaving lifetime values into fun and educational activities designed to assist parents in strengthening character, developing good citizenship, and enhancing physical fitness in youth. These values help your son make good decisions throughout his lifetime and give him confidence, as he becomes an adult leader of tomorrow.*

**Boy Scouting**, one of the traditional membership divisions of the BSA, is available to boys who have earned the Arrow of Light Award in Cub Scouts or have completed the fifth grade, or who are **11 through 17 years old**. Our Troop achieves the BSA’s objectives of developing character, citizenship, and personal fitness qualities by focusing on a vigorous program of outdoor activities, fun and purposeful troop meetings, and youth leadership skills development.

The Scouting program has three specific objectives, commonly referred to as the “Aims of Scouting.” They are **character development, citizenship training, and personal fitness**. The methods by which the aims are achieved are listed below in random order to emphasize the equal importance of each.

**Ideals.** The ideals of Boy Scouting are spelled out in the Scout Oath, the Scout Law, the Scout motto, and the Scout slogan. The Boy Scout measures himself against these ideals and continually tries to improve. The goals are high, and as he reaches for them, he has some control over what and who he becomes.

**Patrols.** The patrol method gives Boy Scouts an experience in group living and participating citizenship. It places responsibility on young shoulders and teaches boys how to accept it. The patrol method allows Scouts to interact in small groups where members can easily relate to each other. These small groups determine troop activities through elected representatives.

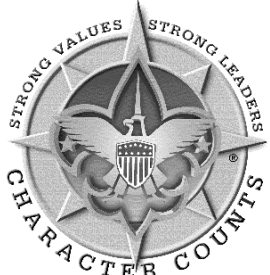
**Outdoor Programs.** Boy Scouting is designed to take place outdoors. It is in the outdoor setting that Scouts share responsibilities and learn to live with one another. In the outdoors the skills and activities practiced at troop meetings come alive with purpose. Being close to nature helps Boy Scouts gain an appreciation for the beauty of the world around us. The outdoors is the laboratory in which Boy Scouts learn ecology and practice conservation of nature’s resources.

**Advancement.** Boy Scouting provides a series of surmountable obstacles and steps in overcoming them through the advancement method. The Boy Scout plans his advancement and progresses at his own pace as he meets each challenge. The Boy Scout is rewarded for each achievement, which helps him gain self-confidence. The steps in the advancement system help a Boy Scout grow in self-reliance and in the ability to help others.

**Leadership Development.** The Boy Scout program encourages boys to learn and practice leadership skills. Every Boy Scout has the opportunity to participate in both shared and total leadership situations. Understanding the concepts of leadership helps a boy accept the leadership role of others and guides him toward the citizenship aim of Scouting.

**Cub Scout Pack 272 is also taking new members.**  
(7 to 10 year olds)

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# The Calendar Club

*Watch this space and your mail for  
enrollment forms !!*

***Join the Calendar Club 2007!***



## Courtesy Announcements



**The 4th Annual Lung Cancer Walk will be held on Sunday, November 5th** at the Town of Oyster Bay Golf Course in Woodbury ,NY. Participant registration is \$35, children 12 and younger are free. All walkers will receive an official Lung Cancer Walk t-shirt. A complimentary breakfast is served from 8:30-10AM. You may begin the walk after 9:15 and snacks will be provided along the way. To register to walk please visit [www.lilungcancerwalk.org](http://www.lilungcancerwalk.org).

**Smithtown Central School District Adult Basic Education Program—Free Classes ! All Welcome!**

Learn English, Earn your GED (High School Equivalency Diploma, Prepare for Citizenship, Gain Basic Computer Skills (Seniors & ESL Students) & Receive Career Counseling! Registration Sept 18 thru 21 - 9:30-12:30PM and 7-9PM. For info call 382-2181 or [www.smithtown.k12.ny.us](http://www.smithtown.k12.ny.us)

**The DaVinci Code: Fact or Fiction** will be presented by Msgr Joseph Curley, in The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church, Centreach on Tuesday, September 19 at 9:30AM and 7:30 PM All are welcome to attend, no pre-registration necessary. For information call 585-8760.

**Married Couples!** Enhance your good marriage by attending a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend!** The next weekend is scheduled for November 3-5 at the Melville Marriot. Registration is limited. For More information or to register call toll free 1-866-499-6354. Please visit our web site at

<http://www.wwmeli.org> or email Dennis & Jeanette Winkler at [DJWinklerME@optonline.net](mailto:DJWinklerME@optonline.net) for more information.

**St Anthony's 50 Plus Singles (Rocky Point)** meet the 1st Sunday of the month at 4PM. Buffet/Dessert \$7.00 For more info call Fran 631-744-4795

**St Anthony's 50 Plus Singles Dance (Rocky Point)** October 1 at 4PM. DJ, Buffet, Soda, Coffee & Cake \$15.00. For more info call Fran 631-744-4795

**St Patrick's Singles Fellowship** - Sunday, September 17th from 10:00 –1PM. Coffee, tea, cake & conversation \$2 . Widowed, single, divorced, separated ages 30 to 60 Plus yrs. For info call Gail 366-0124 Mon-Fri.

**St John's Bohemian Singles** - 55 & Up meets on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of every month in the lower level of our church. Coffee & cake is served. If you are interested in a very active group that offers a full calendar of social events every month. Please call Mary Ann at 563-8982. Admission is \$4.00. (St John Nepomocene Church)

**Professional Therapy & Counseling** provided by NYS licensed psychologists are available to our parish. You may be seen at any of the other 70 participating parishes. This program, under the direction of Dr George Giuliani, has been conducted in the diocese for the past 33 years for the convience of parishioners. It is provided by the Catholic Counseling Center, a propriety 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.

**St Joseph's Class of 1982 Reunion** is in the preliminary stages of planning for the 25 Year Reunion. We are looking for names and current addresses of '82 grads. If you have any information or would like to help serve on the committee, please contact Mary (Dumas) Bernhard at [marypbernhard@yahoo.com](mailto:marypbernhard@yahoo.com) or 631-821-9158.

**Cenacle Retreats** \* September 22-24 Friday 7:15 Dinner to Sunday Lunch. 2 Retreats to choose from:

**“Releasing the Spiritual Potential of your Relationships” or “Spirituality and Story”**

**Hope House Counseling Center** in Port Jefferson is offering Personal Enrichment II on Wednesday, October 4, 11, 18 and 25 from 1:30-3:30. To learn through meditation, journaling & watercolor, a realm of prayer that is too deep for words and must be experienced to know. Call Sr Jean Olsen to register at 631-928-2377 ext12.

### 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.

**INKJET CARTRIDGES** - 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!!!