

OUR LITURGY

Today's first reading recounts that the spirit that was upon Moses is now shared with seventy elders. Moses sees this as a good thing. In the Gospel, Jesus, too, acknowledges the good that others do in his name. James reminds us that earthly treasures will bring us no real gain because they simply corrode and rot away.



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, October 1, 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Respect Life

- 7:00 James Cersosimo requested by Louise & Bill
- 9:00 Court of St Joseph Catholic Daughters of America
- 9:00 Peter Thompson requested by The Marshall Family
- 10:30 Anna Kenny requested by Claire & Jim
- 10:30 Rose Russo requested by Nancy Russo
- 12:00 Gertrudes Corrales requested by Boni & Betty RemoLadof
- 12:00 Helen Bentley requested by The Rainone Family
- 5:00 Bonnie Spucci requested by Laura & Gerard Pray
- 5:00 Virginia Moloney requested by Gil & Rosemary Balkam

Monday, October 2, The Guardian Angels

- 7:00 Frank Volpe (living) requested by Kristine Gentile
- 7:00 Baby Christian Jay Mikos requested by Christopher McCarthy
- 9:00 Marie Greco requested by Mr & Mrs Frank Maccarone
- 9:00 Madelyn Misciagna requested by Richard Misciagna

Tuesday, October 3

- 7:00 Ourania Pallace requested by Loving Children
- 7:00 Cynthia Tubbs & Family requested by Kristine Gentile
- 8:45 Roger C Smith requested by Loving Grandmother
- 8:45 Anne Johnson requested by Stasiowski Family

Wednesday, October 4, St Francis of Assisi

- 7:00 George Gentile requested by Kristine Gentile
- 9:00 Ryan Family requested by Loving Family
- 9:00 Joan Lechleitner requested by The Pernesiglio Family

Thursday, October 5

- 7:00 For the Intentions of the Celebrant
- 9:00 Constance Monge requested by Graham
- 9:00 Lucielle Foran requested by Richard Misciagna

Friday, October 6, St Bruno & Blessed Marie Rose Durocher

- 7:00 For the People of the Parish
- 9:00 Charles DeCeasar requested by Allen Vesting
- 9:00 Nellie Lopez requested by The Kay Family

Saturday, October 7, Our Lady of the Rosary

- 8:00 Theresa DeFilippo & Jean Guidice requested by Marie DeFilippo
- 8:00 Ourania Pallace requested by Loving Husband

Anticipated Mass for Sunday

- 5:00 Mary LeRoux requested by Jane Favale
- 5:00 Pray for An End to Abortion

Sunday, October 8, 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:00 Cornelius J Dunleavy requested by Loving Wife Anne
- 7:00 John T Petrone requested by Loving Family
- 9:00 John Eppolito requested by The McMurray Family
- 9:00 Maria Goncalves requested by Frank & Joan Duarte
- 10:30 Patricia Brennan requested by Loving Family
- 10:30 Patricia Brennan requested by Loving Family
- 12:00 Marie Hein requested by Debra Hartmann
- 12:00 Maria Llago Pagan requested by Jim & Cathy Foy
- 5:00 Rocco Rizzi requested by Richard Affenita
- 5:00 Filomena D'Ippolito requested by Phil & Suzy

ALTAR BREAD & WINE

Donated in Memory of
John Martin

Requested by
Loving Family



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

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.



**Feast of
St Francis**

**October 4
4:00 PM**

**Rectory
Lawn**

Baptisms

Bridgette Rose Agnese

Justin Martin Quillo

FROM THE DESK OF FR. MIKE

Today we see jealousy and fear at work in the readings from Numbers and Mark's Gospel. In Numbers *Joshua* is jealous for Moses because *Eldad and Medad*, who missed the call to go to the gathering, also began to prophesize when God sent the Spirit upon the 70 Elders who had gone to the gathering. Joshua felt that they should not have been allowed to do so because they were absent from the gathering and in a sense defied Moses. Yet Moses tells Joshua not to be upset on his account, after all they were on the list of those chosen to share Moses' burden of leading and ministering to the people during the Exodus Journey, and it seems that God freely gave them a share of the same spirit anyway. Moses tells Joshua he is thinking wrongly, and would it not be miraculous if all of the people would cry out for the Lord! Moses is telling Joshua, frankly, to think outside of the box.

So too does Jesus tell *John* and the other disciples to think differently and not be jealous or fearful for His sake. The fear comes from a common belief during the time of Jesus, that people could drive out demons by using the name of someone more powerful (whether it is a more powerful demon's name or the name of one from God). Remember they believed that illness was caused by demonic possession, and so what John noticed is that the two were trying to drive out demons from one who was ill, using Jesus' name because they knew it was so powerful. They were right of course, however, but not for the correct reasons- for they knew Jesus' name was powerful, but not because they knew He is the Son of God. Now we can understand why John was upset, but Jesus told John not to be upset because what ever one does in His name is doing His work-even if they didn't totally understand what Jesus is all about.

The same goes for us, only hopefully we understand what and why we are doing things in Jesus' name. While we may not try to drive out any demons, we should be trying to drive out sin and darkness from our lives and the lives of those who Jesus places in our lives.

This weekend at all of the Masses our young people who will be receiving the **Sacrament of Confirmation will be making their Confirmation Enrollment**, professing their desire to

receive the fullness of the Holy Spirit this Nov 27th at 10:00 AM and 1:30 PM. They will also make their *Confirmation Retreats* on one of two Mondays (October 2nd or 9th from 9:30-3:30PM at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Pond Road). Please pray for them, their sponsors, and their families as our young people make this next step in their faith lives.

As we spoke about a few weeks ago we are selling tickets for the Backwards Raffle for only \$100 each. The sale is limited to only 500 tickets and the more you buy or split with others the greater chance there is to win. There are many cash prizes awarded and a lot of fun at the party when the Raffle is held. This is one of the Parish's Biggest Fund and Fun raisers - when all the tickets are sold we realize \$35,000 to support the work of the Parish. Likewise this year we brought back the Calendar Club see the bulletin for more details, it too helps us keep the Parish going.

Today from 2-3:30PM, the 9th Annual **STAND UP FOR LIFE** will be held (rain or shine) along Routes 25 and 110 in Huntington. Please come and join this peaceful protest against the sin of abortion and the taking of all innocent human life. If you cannot make it, please keep those who are there in your prayers and pray for those who work so hard to change the hearts and minds of those who have adopted the Culture of Death as *Pope John Paul II* pointed out so many times. We have here at Saint Joseph's a very active **Respect Life Group**, if you are interested in being a part of this vital ministry, please call the Rectory for more details.

God bless you always.

Fr. Mike



REMEMBER OUR SICK

Paul Ahearn	Michael Ambrosio
Rose Bassett	Rosemary Beck
Richard Berkhout	Richard Bossi
Oliver Bouchard	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	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
Thomas Vieira	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
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
PVT James 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 Pistritto	SGT Edwin Rivera, II
PFC William R Rodgers	LCPL Anthony M Sbrocco
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

William Biles, 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

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



Religious Ed classes are starting this week.

For all families who registered, your information letter containing class, time and room number has been sent out, if you did not receive it please call the office and we will provide you with the information. We are still processing the late registrations.

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. You need to be a registered parishioner with a five digit ID number, you may register as a Parishioner at the Rectory.

For all who missed the **Level 1** Parent/child prayer celebration last week, you may come into the office between 10 and 2pm on Monday or Thursday to pick up your child's book, calendar and paper work.

This week during class times, October 3, 4 and 5th there will be an important meeting about First Reconciliation and Communion for parents of children in **Level 2 and Sacrament Readiness II**. Please bring your child to class and then come to the Auditorium.

Although classes have begun we always welcome new catechist and we are always in need of substitutes, so please call the office if you are interested in volunteering .

St Joseph's School

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. Do not miss the opportunity for your child to receive a quality, Catholic education.



**Thank You
 for supporting
 St Joseph's School's
 Annual Craft Fair.**

Reconciliation

The sacrament of Reconciliation/ Confession is offered each Monday, Wednesday and Friday after the 7 and 9AM Masses. The priests of the parish are also available on Saturdays after the 8AM Mass and prior to the 5PM Mass from 4-4:45 PM. Please avail yourself of the many graces this sacrament offers to each of us.



Outreach

sjpo@verizon.net

Many thanks to all who donated toiletries. We are so grateful to all our parishioners who so generously lend a hand when we are in need.

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

On the Street Where You Live



Wherever you live in our parish, there are poor families within walking distance of your home. When, in their need, they ring the Rectory bell, they are in effect ringing your door bell. They are assisted by your contributions in the St Vincent de Paul Poor Boxes.



RESPECT LIFE

Today is Stand Up For Life Day. That means that from 2 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. thousands of pro-life people will line Route 110 in front of Walt Whitman Mall in Huntington, and wrap around the corner to Route 25, also known as Jericho Turnpike. All these people will stand silently, holding signs which will say *Abortion Kills Children* and *Love Them Both*, picturing mother and child. There are never too many pro-lifers anywhere, so everyone is welcome. No sign-up sheets, etc., just park your car in front of Saks where St. Joseph's people will be, and grab a sign. Stay as long as you can. You will feel empowered by the rightness of your action. So join us. Affirm the sanctity of life.

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 U.S. 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."

This information may seem to some to be unfounded; however, be assured, this is all factual. The above information comes from Christopher News Notes

(www.christophers.org) Since 1945, The Christophers have used the media to spread the message that there's nobody like you and you can make a difference. The non-profit organization is rooted in a Judeo-Christian tradition of service to God and humanity expressed in its motto: "It's better to light one candle than to curse the darkness."

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

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS NEWS

The October meeting of Court St. Joseph is scheduled for tomorrow night, October 2nd, at 7 p.m., in Carew Hall. Note the change (temporary) – Monday evening instead of Tuesday. See you there.

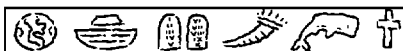
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Weekly Offering

Sunday, September 24, 2006 Offerings	\$15,551
Same collection last year	15,552
Number of envelopes	615
Poor Box last weekend	\$340
Catholic Education of Our Children '06	\$1584
Same Collection Last Year	1401

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

(First Time)

Jennifer Tartaglione of St Francis DeSales &
James (Seamus) Mullahey of St Joseph's
Dana Platania of St Joseph's and
Gregory Wade Koelbel of St Sylvester's
Melissa Murphy of St Joseph's and
John Plorio of St Anthony's, Oceanside
Krista DePrimo of St Joseph's and
Christopher Donohue of St John's, Bohemia
Kelly McGinnis of St Joseph's and
Christian Sarchione of St Paul's, Syosset



Mark Your Calendars



Sept 30 & Oct 1 Baby Clothing Collection after Masses
Oct 1 Sunday School Begins 9AM Mass
Oct 2 Bible Study Class 10AM & 7:30 PM
Oct 4 Blessing of the Animals 4 PM Rectory Lawn
Oct 6 & 7 Vegas Nites 7PM-12 AM Carew Hall
Oct 8 Unity Sunday
Oct 10 Bible Study Class 10 AM & 7:30 PM
Oct 13 Pre Cana Rectory Basement 7-9:30PM

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.

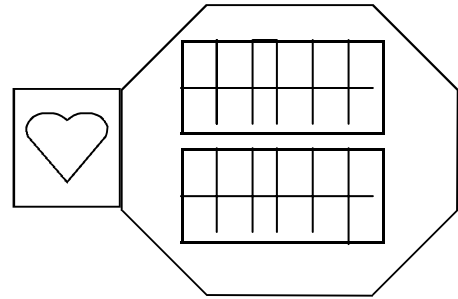
Occupying a prominent position in our Baptistry, and All Saints Shrine, the Tree of Life commemorates our support of St Joseph's Parish. Leaves and stones may be engraved to honor benefactors, highlight or memorialize people or events with special significance in life, or express the sentiments of donors.

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 _____

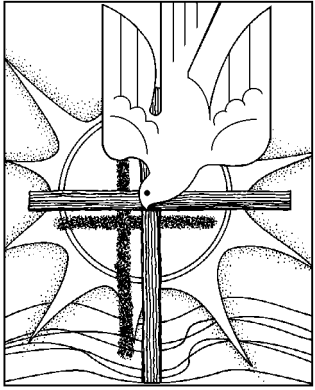
Upon receipt of your down payment we will send you a form for the exact wording of the inscription. For your convenience we will mail you a statement according to your payment schedule.

Confirmation Corner

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

Confirmation Preparation sessions are about to begin!

Week 1	October 3,4 & 5
Week 2	October 10,11,12
Week 3	October 17,18,19
Week 4	October 24,25,26



*****ATTENDANCE IS MANDATORY**

Parents/ Guardians: Please review Basic Prayers with the child before the Prep Sessions.
 If you have not made corrections to information concerning your child please do so immediately by calling 981-1805.

Confirmation Retreat: Monday, October 2nd and Monday October 9th at the St Regis Knights of Columbus hall. One session is required for each candidate.

St Joseph's Sunday School



Sunday School

We meet on Sunday mornings during the 9:00 Mass. While parents are attending Mass they can be assured that their child is also learning about God. We use story telling, song, play and hands on activities as teaching tools. Your child will love continuing his/her journey to Jesus. Come be a part of St Joseph's Sunday School!

If you have any questions please call: Michael Zakarya at 585-2087 or Maureen Ennis at 648-8025

There is a \$35 annual fee payable when comfortable doing so.

If you would like to register please contact the Religious Education office at 981-1805 for an application.

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.*



High School News

DATE:	TIME:	SCHOOL:
OCTOBER 2006	Sunday 1	12:00PM-2:30PM 2:00PM-4:30PM
	Saturday 14	9:00AM-12:00PM 10:00AM-1:00PM 2:00PM-4:00PM
	Sunday 15	10:30AM-2:00PM
	Saturday 21	12:00PM-2:00PM
	Sunday 22	10:00 AM-1:00PM

- Holy Trinity HS
- St Mary's College Prep HS
- Sacred Heart Academy
- Kellenberg Memorial HS
- Chaminade HS
- St John the Baptist Diocesan HS
- Academy of St Joseph
- 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.

High School & College Age Men & Women

What did you do this weekend?

Join our Venturing Program, part of our parish's
Youth in Ministry initiative.



St. Joseph's Venturing Crew 272

Meets twice a month on Sundays after the 5:00 PM Youth Mass.

Women & men who are age 14 through 20 & have completed the 8th grade are eligible to join.

What Is Venturing?

Venturing is a youth development program for young men and women who are 14 (and have completed the eighth grade) through 20. Venturing's purpose is to provide positive experiences to help young people mature and to prepare them to become responsible and caring adults. Venturing is based on a unique and dynamic relationship between youth, adult leaders, and our parish. Local community organizations establish a Venturing crew by matching their people and program resources to the interests of young people in the community. The result is a program of exciting and meaningful activities that helps youth pursue their special interests, grow, develop leadership skills, and become good citizens. Our Venturing Crew will specialize in youth development **in** parish ministry.

Goals

Young adults involved in Venturing will:

- Learn to make ethical choices over their lifetimes by instilling positive values.
- Experience a program that is fun and full of challenge and adventure.
- Acquire skills in the areas of high adventure, sports, arts and hobbies, and religious life.
- Experience positive leadership from adult and youth leaders and be given opportunities to take on leadership roles.
- Have a chance to learn and grow in a supportive, caring, and fun environment.

Methods

- *Leadership.* All Venturers are given opportunities to learn and apply proven leadership skills. A Venturing crew is led by elected crew officers. The Venturing Leadership Skills Course is designed for all Venturers and helps teach them in an active way to lead effectively.
- *Group Activities.* Venturing activities are interdependent group experiences in which success is dependent on the cooperation of all. **Learning by "doing" in a group setting provides opportunities for developing new skills.**
- *Adult Association.* **The youth officers lead the crew.** The officers and activity chairs work closely with adult Advisors and other adult leaders in a spirit of partnership. The adults serve in a "shadow" leader capacity.
- *Recognition.* Recognition comes through the Venturing advancement program and through the acknowledgement of a youth's competence and ability by peers and adults.
- *The Ideals.* Venturers are expected to know and live by the Venturing Oath and Code. They promise to be faithful in religious duties, treasure their American heritage, help others, and seek truth and fairness.
- *High Adventure.* Venturing's encouragement of high adventure, outdoor activities helps provide team-building opportunities, new meaningful experiences, practical leadership application, and lifelong memories to young adults.
- *Teaching Others.* All of the Venturing awards require **Venturers to teach what they have learned to others.** When they teach others often, Venturers are better able to retain the skill or knowledge taught, they gain confidence in their ability to speak and relate to others, and they acquire skills that can benefit them for the rest of their lives as a hobby or occupation.

E-mail: Crew272@StJoRonk.org

Phone: Advisor Mike Keller

(631) 467-6468

Visit us online: Crew272.StJoRonk.org

Adults, 21 and over, are invited and welcomed to help advise and assist. Training is provided.

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





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

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| Travel Soccer:
Gene ☎467-0541 | Baseball:
Gene ☎588-1879 |
| Intramural Soccer:
Beth ☎737-6299 | Girls Basketball:
Christine ☎275-8321 |
| Track
Karen ☎588-8636 | Boys Basketball:
Frank ☎585-6921 |
| Chairman: Henry | Melchiona ☎467-6091 |



Boys / Girls Registration dates for Basketball 2006-2007

10/2/06	Slocum School	6-8 PM
10/7/06	St Joseph's Old School	2-4 PM
10/10/06	Ronkonkoma Middle School	6-8 PM
10/11/06	Cherokee St School	6-8 PM

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 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!

9th 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 or call 656-8428 (Dr. Louis Scotti).*

Visit our website: 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.

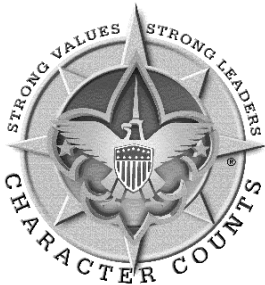
Outdoor Programs. Boy Scouting is designed to take place outdoors. It is in the outdoor setting that Scouts share responsibilities and learn to live with one another. In the outdoors the skills and activities practiced at troop meetings come alive with purpose. Being close to nature helps Boy Scouts 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)

For info about enrolling your son in the Troop or the Pack
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Visit our website: Troop272.StJoRonk.org





BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND
The Calendar Club

**ST. JOSEPH'S 2007 CALENDAR CLUB
 OFFICIAL REGISTRATION FORM**

*YOUR \$25.00 DONATION MUST ACCOMPANY THIS FORM. THANK YOU AND GOOD LUCK!!
 YOUR 2007 CALENDAR WILL BE MAILED TO YOU WHEN ALL RETURNS ARE RECEIVED.*

MAIL ALL DONATIONS TO: St Joseph Church
 45 CHURCH STREET
 RONKONKOMA, NY 11779-3300

*IN ORDER TO KICK OFF THE DRAWING IN JANUARY OF 2007, WE ASK YOU TO RETURN
 YOUR REQUEST AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BUT NO LATER THAN 12/31/06.*

NOTE: If more than 1000 calendars are sold, prizes will be increased proportionately.

MEMBERS NAME: _____

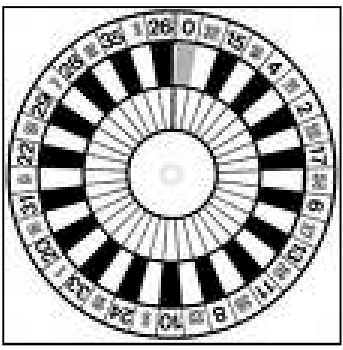
ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

NUMBER OF CALENDARS: _____ **X \$25 = \$** _____ **5 FOR \$100**

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

You Are Invited to
Las Vegas Nites



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

In
St Joseph's Lower Church
featuring

Las Vegas Craps
Roulette

Black Jack (with Push)
Big Wheel

Bell Jars

Refreshments will be served

FREE ADMISSION
18 years and older
For information
call 631-588-8456



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.

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! For info call 382-2181 or www.smithtown.k12.ny.us

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 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 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 convenience 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 or 631-821-9158.

Cenacle Retreats * "OWL" Older Women's Legacy - Memoir writing series Tuesday afternoons 1-3:30PM beginning Oct 3rd to Nov 7th.

Weekend retreats begin with Friday dinner and end with Sunday lunch.

* October 20-22 **Becoming Young Again: A Retreat to Reverse the Aging Process**

* October 20-22 **Knitting Heaven & Earth.** Please bring #8 needles, yarn will be provided.

* November 3-5 **A Weekend with the Women of Luke's Gospel**

For more information concerning these retreats please call 631-588-8366.

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!!!