

OUR LITURGY

The first reading and the Gospel today deal with the sacred institution of marriage. In the creation story from Genesis the relationship between a husband and wife is first defined. In the Gospel, Jesus deals with the question of divorce. He defends marriage as a gift from God.



MASS INTENTIONS

ALTAR BREAD & WINE

Donated in Memory of

Walter Litzko

Requested by

Loving Mom & Family



OUR PRIEST-CELEBRANTS

This Week End

Mass

Next Week

Fr Thomas

5:00 pm

Fr Boyle

Fr Thomas

7:00 am

Fr Boyle

Fr Maffeo

9:00 am

Fr Tapel

Fr Tapel

10:30 am

Fr Maffeo

Fr Boyle

12:00 pm

Fr Thomas

Fr Tapel

5:00 pm

Fr Maffeo

IF ANYONE WOULD LIKE TO BRING UP THE GIFTS AT THE MASSES ON SATURDAY OR SUNDAY, PLEASE CONTACT ONE OF THE USHERS WHEN YOU ARRIVE FOR MASS.

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.



Baptisms

Madelyn Margaret Barone

Giavanna Layla Fazio

Breanna Fernandez

Ramiro Alnesto Grimes

Samantha Marie McCullagh

Amy Melissa Nicol

Maggie Veronica Nicol

Dawn Denise Perricone

Anthony Christopher Spina

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

Monday, October 9, St John Leonardi & St Denis & Companions

- 7:00 Angie Chirico requested by June & Arthur Mayrose
- 7:00 Bill Williams requested by Louis & Kim DeQuatro
- 9:00 Pasquale Delli Carpini requested by Pasquale Assalone
- 9:00 Joseph Riccardi requested by Tom & Dorothy Schiavone

Tuesday, October 10

- 7:00 John Scotti requested by Sylvia Scotti
- 7:00 Marian Sollazzo requested by Loving Daughter
- 8:45 Mary & Patrick Dineen requested by Loving Family
- 8:45 Gerard McCormack requested by The McMenamin Family

Wednesday, October 11

- 7:00 Sara Falsone requested by the Ahmed Family
- 7:00 For the People of the Parish
- 9:00 Brian Goss requested by James, Anna & Ryan
- 9:00 Gloria Cusanelli requested by Louise & Bill Schaaaf

Thursday, October 12

- 7:00 Mary Deary requested by Bill & MaryAnn Connor
- 9:00 Augusto Lucas requested by Loving Family
- 9:00 Edmund Altonji requested by Religious Education Family

Friday, October 13

- 7:00 Michael Matola requested by Walter & Elaina Kedjierski
- 9:00 Edward Szynaka (25th Anniv) requested by Loving Wife
- 9:00 Alison Powell requested by Tom & Nancy Thompson

Saturday, October 14, St Callistus

- 8:00 Dr John Fagan requested by Kyrie
- 8:00 William Sherry requested by John & Laura Feeney

Anticipated Mass for Sunday

- 5:00 Helen Olkuski requested by Alice & James Massio
- 5:00 Angelo Cassar requested by Esther Cassar

Sunday, October 15, 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:00 For An End to Abortion
- 7:00 For Vocations
- 9:00 Joseph Onufrak requested by Loving Wife & Family
- 9:00 Joseph Urcinoli requested by Loving Wife & Family
- 10:30 Rose Hoag requested by Claire & Jim
- 10:30 John Walsh requested by Jean & Roger Marshall
- 12:00 Carmine Cassara Jr requested by The D'Agostino Family
- 12:00 Stephen Nuzzi requested by Lucretia Lucivero
- 5:00 Christina McCormack requested by Nancy & Tom Thompson
- 5:00 Grace Tarantino requested by Frank, Bunny & James

FROM THE DESK OF FR. MIKE

There is a story of a first year Catholic High School teacher who was looking forward to teaching her students about life and their relationship with God. She was filled with enthusiasm and with great anticipation, as she could not wait for the first day of school.

When that day came, she learned that her students did not all come from a "Leave it to Beaver" family situation. As a result of their home life they presented her with many different and sometimes difficult personality traits and/or living problems. Attempting to make the best of the situation, she continued on. However, she was upset when the time came to teach about the Sacrament of Marriage. She wondered, "How can I teach the students about the Sacrament of Marriage, when so many of them come from single parent homes, or have step parents or live with their grandparents?"

But after praying a long time on the matter, she received an answer, and the answer she received was that God loves us unconditionally and this love never ends. She began to realize that if she loved her students in the same way she could communicate God's love to them and how Marriage in its ideal and perfect sense is a great union of **unconditional love**. She hoped to show them that Marriage was not a human creation, but a Divine one and it is God who calls husband and wife to live in this community of unconditional love.

Now how was love going to convince her students about Marriage and God? The answer is that by her showing them how true unselfish love can heal all wounds and helps us to do impossible things; they could be able to make Marriage work for them. Jesus, in fact, in today's Gospel is calling us back to the very true nature of what Marriage is all about, of how Marriage should be approached-not as a mere social and legal relationship, **but as a reflection of God's true love for us**. As Our Lord quotes *Genesis*, He reminds the people that Marriage joins a husband and wife in a union which makes them now one body, a new creation that did not exist before the union. Jesus reminds us that this **Martial Union**, instituted and blessed by God should not be severed by human beings- for the couple has become one heart beating in two bodies, and one soul giving life to two persons.

We know, however, how hard it is sometimes for a couple to maintain this in Marriage, and we are painfully aware that 50% of all marriages in America fail-why? Perhaps it is because only one person in the marriage is living the marriage commitment-**for marriage is not 50-50 as so many think, its 100-100**, and if only one person is living the commitment than the marriage fails. Sometimes the marriage fails because of a lack of communication on the part of the couple or each partner has different ideas and ideals for Marriage. Sometimes failure comes from interfering family members who fail to accept or understand that the couple is joined together in this Holy Union and no one

must interfere with it by making a husband or wife chose between them and their spouse. **THOSE, WHO DO THIS ARE COMMITTING A SIN OF A MOST SERIOUS NATURE**-for getting in the way of God's **HOLY WILL** for the couple! Sometimes a marriage does not make it because the couple does not fully understand what Marriage is all about or perhaps they were too immature or so caught up in this world that their marriage can not possible survive.

So, to try to avoid getting into any of these situations, those who are not yet married, but are thinking about it would be better not to enter into this union lightly or without the profound realization that many lives shall be touched and changed as a result of that union. **This most profound union cannot be based on mere feelings or infatuation**. If you are in Marriage, remember it is a sacrament which means it is a direct encounter with Christ, so it carries with it His love for you and the grace of The Holy Spirit to increase your faith and help you to live in this Holy Union with a love beyond all telling-God's love! This great love will help you to survive when finances fail, or when faced with physical or health problems.

Please pray for all of those who are in this wonderful union of heart, soul mind and body that they will grow stronger in their true love for each other and God. Please pray for those entering into this wonderful union that they will be ready to undertake this change in their lives and the lives of those around them and lives they will bring into the world. May they never enter into Marriage without a sincere purpose or a full understanding. Likewise, we pray for those who tried so hard to make Marriage work, but because of life situations could not make it work. Pray that God may heal the wounds, and the pain caused by this unhappy separation and shower down His love upon the former couple so they can move on and make a new life with His help.

We close with the following prayer from the Marriage Ritual.

Father, you made the bond of Marriage a holy mystery, a symbol of Christ's love for His Church. Hear our prayers for (each married couple). With faith in you and in each other they pledge their love. May their lives always bear witness to the reality of that love. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.

Amen

God bless you always.

Fr. Mike

PS. On Saturday October 28th at 11AM we will celebrate our Fall Anointing of The Sick Mass. This Mass is for those who are homebound, about to go into surgery or the hospital, or dealing with a long term illness, or the effects of old age-please join us.



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	Bill Cairns
Ashley Cirigliano	Richard Delamater
Ryan Delaney	Joseph DeMaio
Angelina DeSimone	Brian Devereux
Mary Dougherty	Herbert Eberle
Kathleen Farnell	Angela Ferrante
Robert Filce	Mary Forsythe
Flavio Gabrielli	John Gracey
Pat Gracey	Raymond Harold
Jack Kelleher	Nicholas Liguori
Georgiana Lopez	Pat Lucivero
Marie Mangan	Howard Meeks
Sam Monteleone	Susan Percoco
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
Jesse Taylor	Sr Kathleen Taylor, OP
Stacie Tizzard	Lloyd Turnier
Thomas Vieira	Frank Volpe

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 Pistrutto	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	2LT John Wolven

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

Otto Vitale, Antoinette Molaro, Anne Sayers, Armida Trapani, Gertrude O'Sullivan,
 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 3:30 pm

The office is **closed** on Fridays.



Religious Ed classes have started.

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 5 digit ID #, you may register as a Parishioner at the Rectory.

For all who missed the **Level 1** Parent/child prayer celebration on Sept 25th, 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.

On **Saturday Oct 14** at the 5 pm Mass and **Sunday October 15th** at the 5 pm Mass our **Level 6** students will receive their Bible.

Although classes have begun we are always welcoming new catechists, we are always in need of subs, please call the office if you are interested.



Outreach

sjpo@verizon.net

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

St Joseph's School

school@stjoronk.org

We had a great September. All committees have met for the school year and we have many things planned.

Our Early Childhood Program is off to a great start. We had a fun time at the Ice Cream Social. All children enjoyed the Movie Night also.

We had the Circus of the Kids on Friday Sept. 29 in our school. All Students in grades N-8 participated in the show. Students in grades 3-8 participated in the class workshops. The students had a great day.

Thank you to the representatives from the Boy Scouts and Girls Scouts for the presentations to our students. Many of our boys and girls are now participating in scouting.

Our band program is off to a great start. We're all looking forward to a great Christmas and Spring Concert.

All our teachers are now CPR and AED trained and certified. This is a great knowledge that is useful in the classroom and for any future emergency.

Thank you to Mrs. Florio and all who helped with the Craft Fair. It was a great success!



CYO
4th Grade Boys
Basketball
Travel Team
Tryouts

St Joseph's will be having 4th grade boys basketball travel team tryouts on:

Thursday, October 12th and Monday, October 16th
at 7PM

Slocum Elementary School
(corner of Johnson Ave & Sycamore).

Boys must attend both sessions.

If you have any questions please call:
366-4673 or 467-6091.



St Vincent de Paul Society

Was founded by people who care about the problems of those around them. We care, and would like you to care with us.



RESPECT LIFE

Thank you to all who brought baby diapers and other items of baby clothing to the bassinet in the Church lobby – honoring Respect Life Sunday. You, the parishioners of St. Joseph's are most generous, and many needy children are the beneficiaries of your generosity, and you should feel good about that. You may be interested to know that the **Baby Bottle Campaign here at St. Joseph's raised \$9,120.54 for the Life Center**, so pat yourselves on the back for that!

On Saturday, October 14, there will be a Respect Life Convocation and all pro-life people are invited. It will be held right here in Brentwood, at the Academy of St. Joseph, and will begin at 9:30 a.m. with a mass celebrated by Bishop Murphy. Registration will start at 8:30 a.m., and conclude 10 minutes before mass is to begin. The speaker scheduled is Dr. Marie Hilliard, JCL, Ph.D., R.N., of the National Catholic Bioethics Center. Questions and answers time after her talk, then the closing, and after that, lunch. The program concludes at 1:30 p.m. This program is free, but you must register no later than 3 days before the event, so register now, don't forget. You can register these ways:

by fax: 516-379-0041, by phone: 516-379-8292, by e-mail: respectlife@drvc.org and finally, by mail: Respect Life Office, 200 W. Centennial Avenue, Suite 204, Roosevelt, NY 11575.

The topic will be Human Fertility & Infertility: The Catholic Church's. Teaching on the Morality of Reproductive Science.

You are urged to contact your federal legislator (Senator and/or Congressional member) locally or in D.C. to support the Child Custody Protection Act S.403 and the Child Interstate Abortion Notification Act H.R. 748. These bills (one in the Senate, one in the House) make it illegal to transport a minor out of state to secure a secret abortion from a state having statutes against doing so. Other features of the bills require parental notification, informed consent, a waiting period and fines or imprisonment of the abortionist. Here is a sample letter: "Dear _____, Please urge party leaders to resolve differences in language in the Child Custody Protection Act S.403 and the Child Interstate Abortion Notification Act H.R.748. This legislation will die if not finalized before the 2006 Session ends."

Sen. Schumer (local phone) 212-486-4430

D.C. phone & fax: 202-224-6542/228-3027

Sen. Clinton (local phone) 212-688-6262

D.C. phone & fax: 202-224-4451/228-0282

Rep. Bishop (local phone) 631-696-6500

D.C. phone & fax: 202-225-3826/225-3143

Rep. Israel (local phone) 631-951-2210

D.C. phone & fax: 202-225-3335/225-4669

To discuss Federal legislation call John Healy at 631-598-0430.

Life News, October 2006

"When men are animated by the charity of Christ, they feel united, and the needs, sufferings and joys of others are felt as their own." Pope John XXIII

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

Weekly Offering

Sunday, October 1, 2006 Offerings	\$17,017
Same collection last year	17,343
Number of envelopes	628
Poor Box last weekend	\$439
Catholic Education of Our Children '06	\$1709
Same Collection Last Year	1564

Thank you again for your generous support.

God Bless You Always, Fr Mike



Bible Study

Fr Boyle has resumed teaching the Bible. The class will be held every Tuesday in two sessions. You can choose mornings 10-11:30 AM or 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. We will begin with the law: Exodus, Leviticus,

Banns of Marriage

(Second 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
Vanessa McMillan of Sts Philip & James, St James and
Jason Hill of St Joseph's



Mark Your Calendars



Oct 8	Unity Sunday
Oct 10	Bible Study Class 10 AM & 7:30 PM
Oct 13	Pre Cana Carew Hall 7-9:30PM
Oct 17	Bible Study Class 10 AM & 7:30 PM
Oct 20	Pre Cana Carew Hall 7-9:30 PM
Oct 22	Columbette Cake Sale after all Masses
Oct 24	Bible Study Class 10 AM & 7:30 PM
Oct 27	Pre Cana Carew Hall 7-9:30

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.

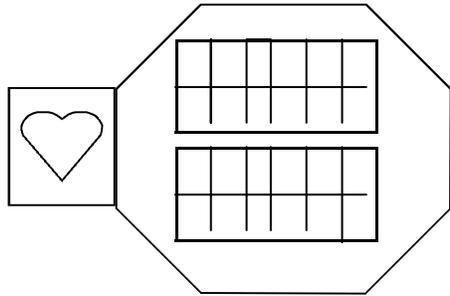
Occupying a prominent position in our Baptistry, and All Saints Shrine, the Tree of Life commemorates our support of St Joseph's Parish. Leaves and stones may be engraved to honor benefactors, highlight or memorialize people or events with special significance in life, or express the sentiments of donors.

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 steps 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

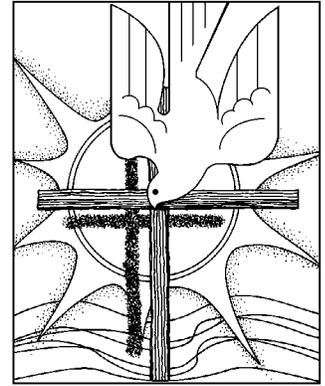
Name _____
 Address _____
 Town _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone _____

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 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, Monday October 9th at the St Regis Knights of Columbus hall. One session is required for each candidate.

On Saturday October 28th at 11AM we will celebrate our Fall Anointing of The Sick Mass.



This Mass is for those who are homebound, about to go into surgery or the hospital, or dealing with a long term illness, or the effects of old age- please join us.

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:
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OCTOBER 2006	Saturday 14	9:00AM-12:00PM 10:00AM-1:00PM 2:00PM-4:00PM	Sacred Heart Academy Kellenberg Memorial HS 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

Evangelization Group

*We Honor Our Mother by
Praying the Rosary in Our Homes*

The Evangelization Group intends to Pray the Rosary daily in the month of October (dedicated for the Rosary) in your homes to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary, and seek Her guidance and protection. Those who invite the group to pray the rosary may invite their families and neighbors. We will pray the Rosary in front of the statue of Blessed Virgin Mary and the Rosary will conclude with blessing of the house. If you are interested in hosting the Rosary in the month of October, you may call the Rectory and set up the date. The Rosary will start at 7:30 PM and last about 30 minutes. We need volunteers to join the team to pray the Rosary.



Join the Evangelization Team

As you may be aware ,we have started an Evangelization Group to reach out to inactive members of our parish. The Church takes its origin from the work of Evangelization by Christ and the twelve Apostles. Accordingly the church begins the work of evangelization by evangelizing herself.



In view of this, we have started the group. As Jesus says “the harvest is plenty but the laborers are few.” Given the size of our parish we need many more volunteers to join the Evangelization Group. We have 6000 families in our parish and of these only 1200 families are active. 4800 families are not worshipping as a community at St Joseph’s.

The Evangelization Group gathers regularly to pray, study and plan out programs to invite inactive Catholics back into our community. It is not a prayer group; nor is it a discussion group. It is an action oriented prayer group. First of all, the group intends to invite active and inactive parishioners of an area for prayer, Mass and fellowship and thus to establish small communities for prayer. We invite them to the Church for further prayer and reacquaint with various ministries and ministers who serve the people of St Joseph. We invite you to join the Evangelization Group to offer your time and talent for the good of the parish by renewing your faith and commitment and sharing it within our community.

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.



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 \$ _____

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)



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.**



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Beth ☎ 737-6299
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Chairman: Henry | Baseball:
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Girls Basketball:
Christine ☎ 275-8321
Boys Basketball:
Frank ☎ 585-6921
Melchiona ☎ 467-6091 |
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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!



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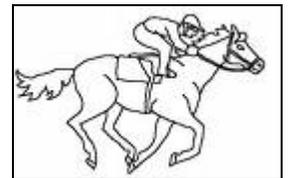
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The St. Regis Knights of Columbus will be conducting a membership drive at all the Masses this weekend. The Knights of Columbus is the world's largest Catholic family fraternal service organization with 1.6 million members. It provides members and their families with volunteer opportunities in service to the Catholic Church, their communities, families and young people.

Membership in the Knights of Columbus is open to practicing Catholic men in union with the Holy See, who are at least 18 years old. A practicing Catholic is one who lives up to the Commandments of God and the precepts of the Church. Application blanks are available after all the Masses October 7th and 8th. You can also contact our Membership Director Gerry McMenamin at 648-3090.

Night at the Races



*Saturday, October 14, 2006
7:00 PM at St. Regis Council
Knights of Columbus Hall*

Come Out For A Fun Night !!

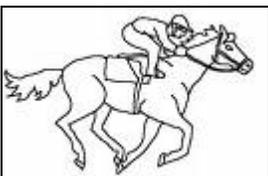
All races looking for Jockeys and Judges
Feel free to bring items to dress your horse.

Bring your friends (non-members are welcome)

Food will be served - cash Bar

\$8.00 per person

Chairlady : Rosemary McMenamin (631) 648-3090



St. Joseph's Parish Monthly Recollection



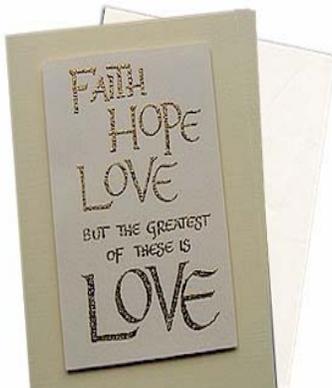
On November 3rd, the First Friday of November, at 7:30 PM, we will begin our Monthly Parish Recollection. This is an hour of prayer, of recollection before our Lord present in the Blessed Sacrament - whose Sacred Heart is the source of immense charity and generous love. The foundation of this prayer is God's presence in our souls as Creator, Preserver, and Author of Graces ("in Him we live, and move, and are" Acts 17:28). God is our Father, and our Friend and is our sweet Guest. We must acknowledge the realization of this of this great truth: God is in each of us, our soul is His Temple.

This prayer of recollection includes the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction, Praying of the Psalms, Silence, Gospel Reading and a

Talk /Reflection on the following topics:

The Cardinal Virtues of prudence, justice, temperance and fortitude. The Theological Virtues of faith, hope and love. The gifts of the Holy Spirit; wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety and fear of the Lord.

*Wisdom Understanding Knowledge Piety
Counsel Fortitude Fear of the Lord*



*Every soul, hungry and thirsty for God,
is invited to this monthly holy hour
to adore, to venerate and contemplate
the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and to have
a quiet dialogue with God.*



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
e-mail Scouting@StJoRonk.org or call 656-8428 (Dr. Louis Scotti).
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Courtesy Announcements



Andy Cooney in Concert - Sunday, October 15 at The Middle Country Hibernians Hall in Selden from 5-9Pm. Admission is \$20 per person and includes Coffee, tea, cake & Irish Soda Bread. Cash Bar. For information & reservations call Marie at 648-4314 or Marilyn at 588-2739.

Suffolk Catholic Singles Dance -Saturday, October 14th, from 9PM to 12:30AM at the Holiday Inn at MacArthur Airport. Admission is \$20 at the door. Neat casual attire. For info call 516-520-9385.

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. For information or to register call toll free 1-866-499-6354. 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 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 34 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.

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!!!