

OUR LITURGY

Today we hear of the richness of wisdom. It is more valuable than gold or silver or the power of any throne. The wisdom of God sees into our hearts and knows our every move. Jesus taught that the wealth of this world is of little value compared to the riches of God's Kingdom.



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, October 15, 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:00 For An End to Abortion
- 7:00 Thomas Dorsa requested by Loving Family
- 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

Monday, October 16, St Hedwig

- 7:00 Lillian Cote requested by Debra Howard & Luisa Machado
- 9:00 Innocenzo Paolucci & Michael Tedesco requested by Loving Wife & Family
- 9:00 Ralph Daniele requested by Mate & Maria Kapovic

Tuesday, October 17, St Ignatius of Antioch

- 7:00 Richard & Grace Mullin requested by Phyllis Mullin
- 8:45 Edward Platt, Sr requested by Loving Family
- 8:45 Louis Antonucci, Sr requested by Loving Family

Wednesday, October 18, St Luke

- 7:00 Carmine Randazzo requested by The Wimpelberg Family
- 7:00 For the People of the Parish
- 9:00 Michael Misciagna requested by Loving Father & Mother
- 9:00 Matilda Lenza requested by Lorraine Stiefel

Thursday, October 19, St John Brebeuf & St Jogues

- 7:00 Dolores Gauser requested by Chris & Diane Woolcock
- 9:00 Ria Murphy requested by The Butzback Family
- 9:00 Lee Duffy requested by The O'Flaherty Family

Friday, October 20, St Paul of the Cross

- 7:00 William Biles requested by The Quaranta Family
- 9:00 John Andruszkiewicz requested by Loving Wife
- 9:00 Hermann Kromer requested by Loving Family

Saturday, October 21

- 8:00 Vincent Delio requested by Loving Wife
- 8:00 Assunta Nunziata requested by Lucy Delio

Anticipated Mass for Sunday

- 5:00 Rosemary Gallagher requested by Rosemarie & Jerry McMenamin
- 5:00 Patricia Chetuck requested by The Profit Family

Sunday, October 22, 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:00 For Missionaries Around the World
- 9:00 Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus & Columbiettes
- 10:30 Nadine & John Beneventi requested by Loving Family
- 10:30 Gertrude Corales requested by Virgil & Abeth Rimando
- 12:00 Mary Teofrio requested by Robert Pfeifer, Tom, Lorraine & Allie Treusdall
- 12:00 Anne Uettweller requested by Tom & Millie D'Agostino
- 5:00 Rosemary Gallagher requested by The Grenier Family
- 5:00 Rose Remshaw requested by Margaret Walsh & Family

ALTAR BREAD & WINE

Donated in Memory of
Mary & Campbell Sales
Felix Pedroli, Jr.
Requested by
Loving Family



OUR PRIEST-CELEBRANTS

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

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

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.

Baptisms

- Aydan John DeLiso
- Lexie Grace Gibaldi
- Michael Christopher LoVerde
- Michael Joseph Lucivero
- Lauren Kathryn McCormack
- Danielle Grace McDonald
- Abigail Rose Miller

FROM THE DESK OF FR. MIKE

Last month, on *September 17th*, St. James called us to put our faith into action or works-*"Demonstrate your faith to me without works, and I will demonstrate my faith to you from my works."* James gives us the challenge to move beyond ourselves in our relationship with God and share that relationship with others. It is also a call to act as Jesus would act towards others who are in physical need! Today Jesus challenges the young rich man's notions of faith as well as those of the people, the Apostles, and even us too. The Gospel account tells us that the young man ran up to Jesus with great excitement and tried to get on Jesus' good side by calling Him good. But Jesus does not respond to the flattery, in fact He points out that only God is good and we must not take anything away from God. Notice how Jesus answers his question on what he should do to inherit eternal life. Jesus tells the young man to simply follow the commandments and he quickly responds that he has done this all of his life-**what more should I do?** So, Jesus tells him, *"Go sell what you have, and give it to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven, then come, follow me."* He went off sadly because the young man had many possessions and as a result, his total focus was life in this world. That's what Jesus means when He tells the Apostles how difficult it is for a rich person to enter into the Kingdom of God. The challenge that Jesus places before the rich young man basically is-yes, you have followed all the *"Thou shall nots"*, but what have you done to move outside of yourself? What have you done to change your focus from yourself to others, to the life that is to come, and most importantly God? **Amend your life so you can answer these questions, than you will have eternal life.**

Keep in mind that it is not the young man's money that is his problem; it is his dependence on the things and status quo of this life. Its not that the young man is a bad person, no remember Jesus looks upon him with love, but he is too dependent on the things of this life and refuses to move beyond his comfort zone. Most likely he sought out Jesus because he felt that Jesus would reaffirm his position in the world and how he lived. After all he has everything the world had to offer-which the people believed was a sign of Divine favor and blessings-so they believed that the rich and powerful would be saved, even the Apostles believed this! That is why they too are surprised when Jesus told them it was easier for a Camel to pass through the Eye of a Needle than for a rich person to get into heaven. So now Jesus is telling them that this is not the way it works, so who can be saved? For us

salvation is impossible, but not for God-Jesus is telling them and us to realize that salvation comes from God and the way to salvation **is Christ**, not what people think.

Likewise if its not being rich, it's also not being poor, because many a person who is poor focuses only on themselves and this world and try to get more and more.

Thus salvation does not come according to people's standards; it comes from Christ and from our giving our whole life in service to Jesus and the world. When we do this we will receive 100 times more than we ever give up.



On Saturday October 28th, at 11:30 AM we will celebrate our Fall Anointing of The Sick Mass for all those who are homebound, going for surgery or into the hospital in the near future, suffering from a long term illness, or the effects of old age-please join us.

Remember Backwards Raffle Tickets are still being sold and for only \$100 you get a chance to win the GRAND PRIZE OF \$10,000 or one of the other prizes plus for each raffle ticket purchased you get admission for two to the Raffle Party being held on **Saturday November 25th from 7 PM**. Remember you can buy the tickets on your own, or split it two ways, three, four or what ever! There are only 500 tickets sold, so act now if you haven't bought a ticket yet, and if you have buy, another one to increase your chances of winning. When all 500 tickets are sold, the parish realizes a benefit of **\$35,000**. That money will go a long way to support the ministries of St. Joseph's and to keep the parish going. Where else can you get a chance to win **\$10,000**, come to a great party, and support something as wonderful as our beautiful parish? Also on sale are subscriptions for our **CALENDAR CLUB** (back by popular demand) which also goes a long way to help the parish-they make perfect gifts for Christmas-so don't delay!

Please keep in your prayers all of our young people who will be receiving the *Sacrament of Confirmation on November 27th*. Coming to St. Joseph's to celebrate this wonderful sacrament will be our **Diocesan Bishop William F. Murphy**.

Thank you, for all you do for St. Joseph's

Fr. Mike



REMEMBER OUR SICK

Paul Ahearn	Michael Ambrosio
Bill Barry	Rose Bassett
Richard Berkhout	Richard Bossi
Oliver Bouchard	Mary Ellen Bowers
Hazel Boyce	Mr Michael Boyle Sr
Cynthia Caesar	Bill Cairns
Ashley Cirigliano	Ryan Delaney
Joseph DeMaio	Angelina DeSimone
Brian Devereux	Mary Dougherty
Herbert Eberle	Kathy Errico
Angela Ferrante	Robert Filce
Mary Forsythe	Flavio Gabrielli
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	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
SSGT 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

Rosemary Beck, Madeline Fredricks,
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.



St Joseph's School

school@stjoronk.org

We are so proud to announce our new website. We invite everyone to visit us at www.stjosephronkonkomaelem.org. Thank you to Mr. Jamie Stanco and his Staff at Progressive Marketing, along with Mr. Walter Poggi, Mr. Charlie Kutch, Mr. Bill Abbate and the St. Joseph School Board. A lot of work and effort went into this website and it is a beautiful reflection of the dedication of our parents, alumni and parishioners.

Our 8th graders participated in a Confirmation Retreat Day on Monday Oct. 9. Our students had a very positive experience that day. It was a great day for everyone involved.

St. John the Baptist H.S. and Mercy H.S. students met with our 7th and 8th graders this week in school. This informal discussion helped our students feel less anxious about the High School Placement Test and also answered their questions about high school.



Religious Ed classes have started.

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.

Reminder for **Level 4** Reconciliation will be on Monday **October 23rd** in Church. Tuesday students please arrive at 7:15 pm, Wednesday and Thursday students please arrive at 7:45 pm.

Reminder for **Level 1** Our first Activity will be held on **Monday October 30th** in the Auditorium at 4 pm and 6:30 pm. You may take your choice of time.

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.

Confirmation Corner

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.



High School News

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS OPEN HOUSES

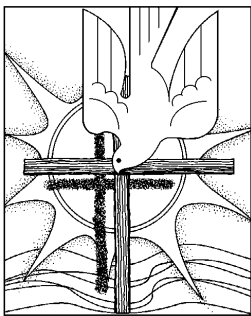
You are invited to explore the benefits of a Catholic High School Education

Feel free to visit our schools during the times and dates listed below.

OCTOBER 2006

- Sunday 15 St John the Baptist Diocesan HS
10:30AM-2:00PM
- Saturday 21 Academy of St Joseph
12:00PM-2:00PM
- Sunday 22 McGann-Mercy Diocesan HS
10:00 AM-1:00PM

Confirmation Preparation



Week 3 October 17,18,19

Week 4 October 24,25,26

ATTENDANCE IS MANDATORY



St. Vincent de Paul Society

The partnership of giving is a special one created by faith, bonded by sacrifice, nurtured by love and blessed by God.

How can we fail, if you remember our Poor Boxes.



RESPECT LIFE

Partial-birth abortion on court's agenda – With the opening of its new term, the Supreme Court of the United States will quickly face cases on the federal law banning a procedure known as partial-birth abortion, which is what it says it is.

(The baby is birthed completely, except for its head. The abortionist uses a sharp instrument to pierce the skull of the infant, which of course, kills it. This sounds unbelievable, but it is true.)

Court observers are eyeing two abortion cases, in which the 9th and 8th U.S. Circuit Courts of Appeals each said the 2003 federal law banning that kind of abortion was unconstitutional, to see if recent changes in the makeup of the Supreme Court will affect the outcome of abortion-related decisions. (In other words, will the two new justices vote “yes” for life.)

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops is among the organizations that filed amicus, or friend-of-the-court, briefs urging the high court to uphold the ban and use the two cases mentioned above to reverse the 1973 Roe v. Wade decision that legalized abortion – abortion at any time for any reason, except that a “medical” reason is needed for partial-birth abortion. Long Island Catholic, 10/04/06

Do You Know Someone Who Is Suffering From an Abortion Experience?

The Life Center will be sponsoring a Rachel's Vineyard Weekend Retreat for healing after abortion, to be held at the Bishop Kellenberg Retreat House in Uniondale, on October 27th (Friday) to October 29th (Sunday). Anyone who has been affected by an abortion, man or woman, is most welcome. Grandparents, siblings and relatives are also invited, as abortion affects the entire family in one way or another, and the person who experienced the abortion is mightily helped by the love and understanding of her family. For further information, please contact Frank Gariboldi, at 516-523-0586, or e-mail at www.rachelsvineyard.org.

Life News, October 2006

With Halloween just around the corner, you will be seeing little people with little boxes saying “trick or treat for UNICEF” - well, be advised that UNICEF funds controversial programs such as the Population Council, which holds the US patent for the RU486 abortion pill, the South African group Lovelife, which encourages girls to have abortions. The group tells girls, “you don't need permission from anybody to have an abortion – it is your right...the abortion is just a gentle suction...you will feel a sense of relief...you're ending a process.” (Not the life of a child!) It's been common knowledge for a long time now that UNICEF helps fund Planned Parenthood. Now, do you really want to contribute to that?

“When one door closes, another opens; but we often look so long and so regretfully upon the closed door that we do not see the one which has opened for us.” Alexander Graham Bell

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

Weekly Offering

Sunday, October 8, 2006 Offerings	\$17,355
Same collection last year	15,311
Number of envelopes	623
Poor Box last weekend	\$414
Catholic Education of Our Children '06	\$1811
Same Collection Last Year	1624
Fuel Oil Collection YTD	\$2801
Same time last year 2005	2825

Thank you again for your generous support.

God Bless You Always, Fr Mike

Banns of Marriage

(Third 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



Outreach

sjpo@verizon.net

For the month of September we serviced 117 clients. Financial assistance amounted to \$2494. There were 15 new clients added and total services and referrals provided were 233. This included food, living needs, Health Care information, advocacy and housing. Your continued support of the Outreach Program makes all of this possible.

Mark Your Calendars

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
Oct 28	Anointing Mass 11AM
Oct 28	Pre Cana Closing Mass 5PM
Nov 4	Defensive Driving 8:30-3:00
Dec 2	Advent Decorating Begins at 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.

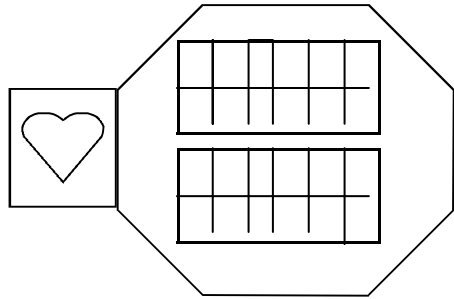
Occupying a prominent position in our Baptistry, and All Saints Shrine, the Tree of Life commemorates our support of St Joseph's Parish. Leaves and stones may be engraved to honor benefactors, highlight or memorialize people or events with special significance in life, or express the sentiments of donors.

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 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.



When a Marriage Ends What 's next?

Last week in my letter for the bulletin I wrote a little bit about the Church's teaching on Marriage, and I looked at some of the reasons why a marriage might not succeed. As was stated in the letter, we should always pray for those couples whose marriage does not last till death do us part, and while we are doing this I thought we should include some information on **Church Annulments**.

The Church does not recognize Civil Divorces (as we follow Jesus' Teaching laid out in last week's Gospel Reading), but it should be remembered that it is not a sin for a person to get a Divorce. Likewise people who get Divorced are in no way separated from the Church or the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist. This separation from these two Sacraments and sin occurs when a Divorced person **remarries without** first getting a Church Annulment and/or by getting married outside of the Church- **this is true of all marriages that occur outside of the Church.**

According to the **Canon Law of the Church**, a couple who is free to marry (without a previous marriage or other circumstances) is to marry before a Deacon, Priest, or Bishop and before two witnesses (usually the Best Man or Maid of Honor) this is called *Canonical Form*. Also in the Diocese of New York State and many other dioceses throughout the country, **two Christians are to marry inside a church building**. A marriage contracted before a Judge, Justice of The Peace, City Mayor, or any other Civil Official is not considered valid by the Church. Likewise if one gets married by a Protestant Minister or any other non-Catholic Clergy, without the permission of the Church this marriage is not considered valid by the Church. Permission can be given by the Church in the cases of mixed marriage-when a Catholic marries a non-Catholic Christian and they desire to marry in the other Christian's church. This is also the case when a Catholic marries a non-Christian and the non-Christian because of the practice of their faith cannot enter into the Church (mostly seen in a Jewish/Catholic Marriage). This permission is called a *Dispensation from Form*, and when it is granted the marriage is considered valid on behalf of the Church. If one marries without this permission or gets married in the City Hall or by **a former priest (no matter what he may say)** the marriage is not considered valid by the Church. If any of these circumstances effect you or someone you know, please contact the Rectory Office and speak to one of the priests to discuss what steps can be taken to make the marriage valid (we are all happy to help you in this very important matter). It is quite possible that we can solve the problem with a **Defect of Form Petition** which is easy to process and does not take very long. With this Petition the Chancellor's Office, on behalf of the Bishop, declares a previous Marriage null because of the lack of Canonical Form.

If a marriage took place in the Church, following Canonical Form or with the above mentioned Dispensation given, and it did not succeed, then any subsequent marriage to be recognized by the Church requires the obtaining of an *Annulment*. The Church does not use the term Annulment, rather it is called a *Declaration of Matrimonial Nullity*. An Annulment is not a Divorce and it is not as many think a "Catholic Divorce". When the Church declares a marriage null, it is not saying that the former spouses never really loved each other, nor does it seek to place blame on either spouse, or that one person is a better Catholic than the other. **It is a determination** that at the time of the wedding one or both of the parties lacked sufficient capacity to enter into marriage. In short what the *Diocesan Tribunal* declares is that what appeared to be a valid marriage in the eyes of the Church actually was not! While a Divorce **destroys something that was**, an Annulment **recognizes that something we thought was there actually never was**. This does not go against Jesus' teaching on no divorce, because the Church is declaring through its investigation that the essentials necessary for a sacramental marriage were not all present at the time of the wedding.

Some of the ways that the Church determines that either one of the parties lacks the capacity to enter into a Sacramental Marriage are:

1. **Age of the Couple**-perhaps the couple was too young or immature to fully understand that marriage is a life-time commitment or they were not ready to enter into any type of commitment.
2. **Freedom**- sometimes a couple enters into marriage because of a lack of true freedom, either they were forced to marry by outside forces or because of some other unexpected developments.
3. **Lack of informed Consent**- sometimes one party does not fully understand or care this is a life-time commitment or can not remain faithful to his/her partner for life (note this does not refer to a single act of infidelity, but a long time series of acts).
4. **Identity of the Parties**-this occurs if one of the spouses is not really what the other spouse thought he or she was (he/she said he/she was this or told me he/she felt this way and he really wasn't that or felt this way). Or one spouse keeps something away from the other or does not tell the truth about him/herself.
5. **Refuse to Have Children**-when one party decides that he/she does not want to have children especially when the other party does. It should be remembered that one of the ends/goals of marriage is to have children-when both spouses are able and no marriage should discount this end.
6. **Many Other Factors**-there are many other circumstances which could stand in the way of a Sacramental Marriage from taking place, please consult with a priest or deacon for more information.

Some people believe they can not get an Annulment if they have children, and that if they get an Annulment their children will be rendered *illegitimate*. In no way is this true, for children will not stop being your children and people, who are made in the image and likeness of God, are never illegitimate, plus remember an Annulment does not declare that nothing happened on the day of the wedding, no it declares that the Sacrament did not happen. **An Annulment takes anywhere from 6 months to a year to process**, because it must go through several levels of investigations and involves a lot of paper work which the person requesting the Annulment must fill out-don't panic because the **Diocese assigns an Advocate to help you throughout the process**. So count on it taking a year and if you are hoping to remarry in the Church (which we truly want you to do) **you cannot book a date or make plans until the Annulment is approved**. The cost of an Annulment is about **\$1,000** this cost helps to pay for the secretarial staff and Tribunal operation costs, which carry out the investigations and the paper work. This can be paid off over a period of time and if you are in true need, the Church will help pay for the cost-**money will not stand in the way of the Church helping a couple get their marriage recognized by the Church**.

For more information, please call the Rectory and speak to a priest or deacon **or you can call the Diocese directly at (516) 678-5800 and ask to speak with someone at the Tribunal Office**.

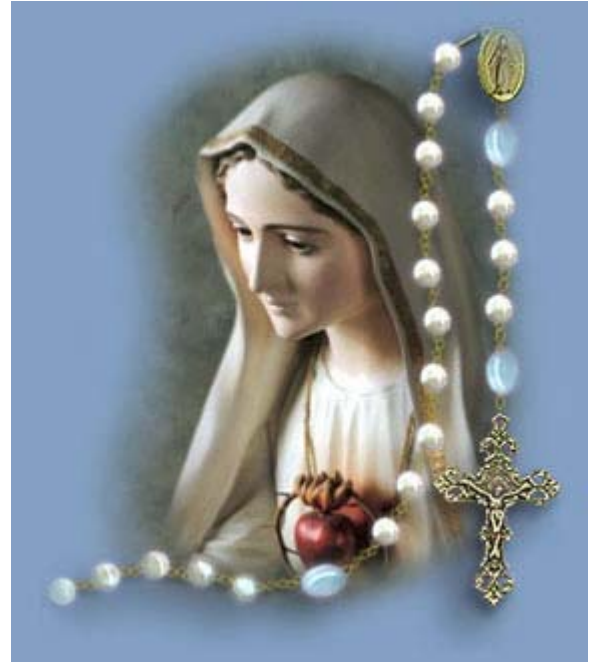
I hope this has been of help to you or someone you know and do know that we are always here to help you in this and other spiritual matters. God bless you always

Fr. Mike

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 reac-

quaint 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 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 great truth: God is in each of us, our soul is His Temple.

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

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.



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

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)

**Youth
Worship
Service**

For more information about joining *Youth in Ministry*, contact YIM@StJoRonk.org

Venturing Events

Sundays in Carew Hall following the 5:00 PM Mass

Venturing Info and Registration

Information sessions for youth and parents, 10/23
(If you're under 18, you need to bring a parent to sign you up.)

Pius XII Faith Discussion Groups

Share with your peers how our faith applies in your daily life.
usually on alternate Sundays (Orientation, 10/29
– Sessions start 11/5)

Table Tennis Clinics

Learn to play "ping-pong" or improve your
current skills. 10/29, 11/5, 11/19

SCCBSA Training for Venturing Adult
Advisors and Committee Saturday, November
18th, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Plans in progress :

Karaoke Workshop

Karaoke is fun for everyone, even those don't usually sing.

Auto Painting 101

Learn by doing – We'll paint one of the parish trucks.

CPR Course

Learn skills that could save a life.

Café Construction Project

Build new equipment for Café De Notre Dame,
our Crew's contribution to the Family Festival.



Attention Catholic Boy Scouts and Venturers...

Earn the Catholic Awards for Scouting.



Our parish has a team of six
counselors/facilitators for the
Ad Altare Dei and Pius XII
religious awards.



AAD meets every Sunday after the 5:00 PM Sunday Mass. Join
us ASAP. Meetings have already begun. See *Venturing Events* for
Pius XII schedule. (open to all troops and crews)



Sport for all Seasons ST JOSEPH CYO

Travel Soccer:

Gene ☎467-0541

Intramural Soccer:

Beth ☎737-6299

Track

Karen ☎588-8636

Chairman: Henry

Baseball:

Gene ☎588-1879

Girls Basketball:

Christine ☎275-8321

Boys Basketball:

Frank ☎585-6921

Melchiona ☎467-6091



5th Grade Travel Basketball Tryouts

Thursday, October 19th & 26th

7:30 at Cherokee Elementary School

For more information contact Vinny at 467-3651 after 8PM

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!



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.

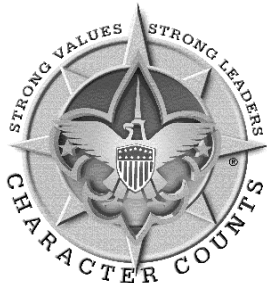
Outdoor Programs. Boy Scouting is designed to take place outdoors. It is in the outdoor setting that Scouts share responsibilities and learn to live with one another. In the outdoors the skills and activities practiced at troop meetings come alive with purpose. Being close to nature helps Boy Scouts 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).
Visit our website: Troop272.StJoRonk.org





Courtesy Announcements

Model Train Show—St Vincent de Paul Church in Elmont - Sunday, October 29 from 10AM–3PM. \$5 admission at the door, Senior citizens \$4. For more information call 516-352-2127.

Halloween Party - St Regis K of C - Saturday, October 28th starting at 8PM. Costumes optional. Prizes for best costumes. Good food, Open bar and Music. Catered by 21Main. \$30 per person. Call Fran or Bob Borut for more information at 648-7901.

Holy Family DHS - All Class Reunion Saturday, October 21st. Mass & Reception. For information email HFREUNION2006@yahoo.com or visit www.holyfamilyhighschool.net

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.

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 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.

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!!!