

We can be sure

Dear Friends,

If we have ever doubted or even been unsure about God's love, if we have ever been uncertain that God can forgive any wrongdoing or that God always wants the very best for us, we should take a look at the words of Jesus in today's Gospel. Our Lord uses one of the most powerful experiences of human love, namely the love that a parent has for a child, to make his point about the love of God for all of us.

As the master Teacher, Jesus uses rhetorical questions to make his point: "What father among you would hand his son a snake when he asks for a fish? Or hand him a scorpion when he asks for an egg? If you then, who are wicked, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?"

In asking these questions, Jesus knows that there is no human love more intense, more absolute or more unconditional than the love of a parent for a child. And so he asks these questions to help us understand the intensity of God's love for us. In other words if you parents, who are not perfect, can be capable of loving and providing for your children so effectively, *how much more* will God, who has no imperfections, love and provide for all of you who are his children.

Today's Gospel urges us to ask and we will receive, to seek and we will find, and to knock and the door will be opened to us. As we pray, let us do so in the absolute confidence and trust that God will provide all that we need and that, because of God's love and abiding presence in our lives, we can find joy and peace in him.

Fr. Joe

Please remember in your prayers Sister Ginny, our Director of Human Services and Sister Louise, our Director of Stewardship. Both of them had surgery this past week and we are so grateful that both of them are reported doing fine and recovering well. May God restore them to the fullness of health and may they be blessed for all of the compassion and love that their respective ministries bring to our parish.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, July 25 (Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Gn 18:20-32/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13

7:30am Mary Madden (Living)
 9:00am John V. Trueson
 10:00am (Aud.) No Mass
 10:30am Robert A. Bradbury
 11:45am Joseph Rhodes
 1:00pm Kristine McGrane, Patrick Forde,
 Donald M. Blake Jr., Nancy Leo Calabrese,
 Eugenio Fundaro, Ewhen (Eugene) Skora,
 Page and Jamie Malone
 5:30pm Josephine Librie

Monday, July 26 (Joachim and Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

Jer 13:1-11/Mt 13:31-35

8:00am Robert A. Bradbury
 9:00am Mary F. Smith
 8:00pm Deceased Parishioners

Tuesday, July 27

Jer 14:17-22/Mt 13:36-43

8:00am Sr. Margaret Louise Shea, CSJ
 9:00am Eleanor McCaffrey (11th Anniv)

Wednesday, July 28

Jer 15:10, 16-21/Mt 13:44-46

8:00am James Hamilton
 9:00am Helena Dlugolenski

Thursday, July 29 (Martha)

Jer 18:1-6/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

8:00am Mary Foderl
 9:00am John Robinson

Friday, July 30 (Peter Chrysologus, bishop and doctor of the Church)

Jer 26:1-9/Mt 14:1-12

8:00am George Spoering
 9:00am Joan Walsh

Saturday, July 31 (Ignatius of Loyola)

8:30am Daniel J. DiTroia, MD. (7th Anniv)
 5:00pm The People of St. Joseph Parish,
 William Kramer, Doris Blatt,
 In Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
 Robert Flynn, James Walsh,

Sunday, August 1 (Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Ecc 1-2, 2:21-23/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21

7:30am The People of St. Joseph Parish
 9:00am Isabel Ariola
 10:00am (Aud.) No Mass
 10:30am Michael Diaz-Miranda (4th Anniv)
 11:45am William A. Lange
 1:00pm Nellie Bradley, Paul Fogarty,
 Barbara Pumillo, Rocco Leone
 5:30 Severino Castelli

DECEASED

Please pray for the repose of the soul of
Thil Gilsenan

 **ALTAR SERVERS**

Saturday, July 31

5:00pm Rogers J., Rogers M., Rogers M.

Sunday, August 1

7:30am P. Bradley, J. Morrell, M. Morrell
 9:00am E. McAndrews, A. Rouse, V. Rouse
 10:30am A. Polke, B. Shea, D. Shea
 11:45am A. Africa, A. Franco, M. Franco
 1:00pm A. Grasso, B. Heineman
 5:30pm M. Kennelly, J. McNamara, I. Mercandetti

BAPTISMS



We welcome with joy

Cormick Reilly Bice John Marcus Prisco
Anya Sheila Kayaian
 newly baptized in our faith.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

"If anyone is sick among you, ask the community to pray..."
 Please pray for: Page Accetta, Robert Auricchio, Jennifer Blake, Ryan Bradley, Mary Brosnan, Jacqueline Bruce, Lorraine Cagliostro, Nancy Deegan, Baby Daniel Hogan Cheatham, Gina Corleto, Robert Dolce, Sheila Dollard, Charles Dunleavy, Tony Endre, Mell Farrell, Michael Feeney, Keith Fox, Patricia Gilvary, Joseph Gottlieb, Sr. Mary Hammill, John J. Hassett, Evelyn Hemersbach, Charles Hoagland, Baby Charlotte James, Shirley Jessen, Edward Johnson, John Kelly, Carole Koehler, Jr. James Lasko, Madison Claire Lewinger, David Lieson, Roy Mayer, Donald McCabe, Bobby Menges, Mary Modesto, Margie Martin, George McCrann, Brendan McFeely, James Mulhearn, Jim Molloy, Angela Munnely, Marissa O'Brien, Maureen O'Connell, Cecelia Ortiz, Jack Perlungher, Marianne Piscopo, Kevin Quill, Brian Rey, Joanne Russo, Kathleen Smith, Emma Tynan Quinn, Diana Renton, Stephanie Ryan, Liz Sarno, Charlie Schmitt, Little Julia Schwartz, Timothy Shanley Sr., Richard Strong, James Stumpf, Kathleen Troidle, Little Catherine Vogt, Eleanor Waluk, Michael Winnicki, Carol Woods



Wedding Banns

Glenn Nick – St. Anne, Garden City, NY
Elizabeth Gardner – St. Joseph, Garden City, NY

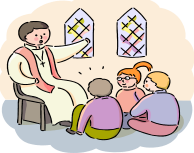
Giovanni Boni – St. Raymond, E. Rockaway, NY
Rosaria Fedora – St. Joseph, Garden City, NY

Brian Lavin - St. Joseph, Garden City, NY
Meredith Stillwell – St. William the Abbott – Seaford, NY

Michael Verambeck – St. Boniface, Elmont, NY
Jennifer Lynch – St. Joseph, Garden City, NY

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Please share your faith with the next generation -



Volunteers for the ministry of Catechesis are **URGENTLY** needed. People who love God, who pray, who are excited about their faith, and who love children are needed to teach in the Religious Ed. Program. Please

consider sharing your faith with the children of the Parish. Please call Susan Mirabella 741-7787 if you can help or would like more information.

We are in need of Teachers as indicated below:

GRADE	DAY	NUMBER NEEDED
3rd	Thurs.	1
4th	Tues.	1
4th	Wed.	2

Also needed are aides for special needs children in all grades. We are in need of two to three aides on each grade level.

WE ARE ALSO LOOKING FOR HELP IN THE PARKING LOT ON TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY AFTERNOONS FROM 3:30 TO 4PM.

The Religious Education Office is closed for the summer. If you need to reach us please call the Office and leave a message and someone will get back to you as soon as possible. Enjoy your summer.



Keep in touch while on vacation.

Check our website for each week's bulletin

www.stjosephchurchgc.com

STEWARDSHIP

A Way of Life



Stewardship Reflection

We could spend many hours reflecting on the simple words, "Ask and you shall receive." While repetitious, the story of Abraham shows us his persistence in praying to God. Not many of us would have the tenacity to keep on "negotiating" and yet God's mercy is revealed in their conversation. Let us take the "TIME" this week to reflect on the different ways God *has answered our prayers*. Oftentimes we see this only when we look back on a situation and not when we are going through a tough time. Ultimately we have to trust that God cared for us and will always provide what we need.

Sr. Louise Cullen RSM - Stewardship Coordinator

We salute and thank the members of the Respect Life Committee for encouraging us to contribute to the Center for Life and other places that help to answer the needs and prayers of their clients.

Financial Stewardship

The following is a comparison of the weekly collection for 2009 and 2010

Sunday July 18

2009
\$21,736

2010
\$22,270

EVER THINK OF USING YOUR COMPUTER AS A PRAYERBOOK?

Here are several sites which you may want to try...

<http://sacredspace.ie>

creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry

www.loyolapress.com

Many religious communities have prayer sites: Jesuits, Franciscans, Dominicans, among others.

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ADULT
FAITH MINISTRY

HUMAN SERVICES

MASS FOR DECEASED – MONDAY, JULY 26, 2010, AT 8:00 PM

There will be a special mass in the Convent Chapel on this evening to remember our parishioners who died in the month of June.

SENATOR HANNON’S JOB FAIR – EMPLOYER INVITATION

NYS Senate Job Fair will be held on Thursday, August 26, 2010, at the East Meadow High School Gymnasium from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. This event will help employers to connect with potential employees. It is aimed at aiding your business to find exceptional employee candidates. Given the current economic situation, this fair is sure to be beneficial for both businesses and job seekers. A large attendance is anticipated and the presence of employers will certainly help make this event successful.

Employer Participants will have their name appear in the Job Fair program and will be featured in numerous advertisements that will be generated to promote our event. If you chose to participate, please complete and return the registration for below no later than August 17, 2010.

**SENATOR KEMP HANNON’S
2010 JOB FAIR – Registration Form**

Organization/Business _____

Contact
Person _____ Title _____

Office Phone Number _____ Cell Phone _____

Business
Address _____

Please respond by Tuesday, August 17, 2010
Senator Kemp Hannon 224 Seventh Street Garden City, NY 11530
www.kemphannon.com

CAREER TRANSITIONS – The unemployment support group meets Wednesday mornings at St. Anne’s Rectory, G.C. from 8:00am to 9:00am. If you have any networking possibilities that you could share with the members of this group, please call St. Anne’s at 352-5199.

Human Services Office will be closed for the next few weeks. Please do not bring any donations of clothing, etc. to the Human Services Office until Sister Ginny returns.

Thank you.
Sister Ginny